Our Ontario information comes from several sources. The Ontario Council of Folk Festivals (P.O. Box 160, Victoria Harbour, Ont. LOK 2A0) publish a flyer of events, and their list of member festivals grows each year. The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation (77 Bloor St. W, Toronto, Ont. M7A 2R9) passed my letter on to regional offices, some of whom had responded by press time. The quality of information varies from region to region. Thirdly, the Ottawa regional directory compiled by Sheila White, which will be published in the next issue, provided some information which neither the government nor the council were able to get to us. Obviously there are still lots of events in Ontario which we don’t know about, and Ontario sources of information are very fragmented at the moment.

May 14 to 30, 1993

**FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL***

St. Catherines, Ontario

Donna Bidgood (executive director)
St. Catherines Folk Arts Council Multicultural Centre,
85 Church St.,
St. Catherines, Ont.
L2R 3C7

(416)-685-6589

May 23, 1993

**FEIS***

Ottawa, Ont.

Sue Healy
(613)-825-9230

Traditional Irish dance competition.

June 11 to 13, 1993

**FOLKLORE***

Kingston, Ontario

Darko Beg,
48 Southport Drive,
Ottawa, Ont.
K1T 3G8

(613)-823-6106

"Annual celebration of ethnic traditions, including food, music and art."

June 11 to 20, 1993

**MANOTICK FRINGE FESTIVAL***

Manotick, Ontario

John Whitbread
(613)-692-0548

Celtic, jazz, blues, rock-&-roll.

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June 1 to 20, 1993

ITALIAN WEEK*

Ottawa, Ontario

Reverend Pagano
184 Rochester St.,
Ottawa, Ont.
K1R 7M6

(613)-232-4422

Concerts and competitions

June 12 and 13, 1993

KATARAGUI POW-WOW*

Kingston, Ontario

Joan Mitchell
461 Princess St.
Kingston, Ont.
K7L 1C3

(613)-548-7094

"Traditional pow wow with drums and dancers.

July 9 to 1, 1993

SALUTE TO THE VALLEY*

Arnprior, Ontario

Glen Arthur
(613)-623-7301

July 9 to 11, 1993

NORTHERN LIGHTS FESTIVAL BORÉAL.

Bell Park, Sudbury, Ontario

Sue Arsenault (chairperson),
109 Elm St. W.,
Box 1236, Sta. B,
Sudbury, Ont.
P3E 4S7

(bus.) (705)-674-5512
(FAX) (705)-671-1998

Annual since 1971

"This multicultural festival is celebrating its 22nd year of presenting music, artists and artisans. Set in Sudbury's Bell Park, you can enjoy workshops on a variety of stages and concerts from the 1200-seat amphitheatre, or take a musical cruise on Lake Ramsay. A jewel of a festival!"

July 9 to 1, 1993

BUSKERS' RENDEZVOUS*

Kingston, Ontario

Kingston Tourist Information,
209 Ontario St.,
Kingston, Ont.
K7L 2Z1

(613)-384-3394

"Over 100 street performers and musicians."

July 9 to 1, 1993

STRATFORD SUMMER SOUNDS*

Stratford, Ontario

Stratford Summer Sounds,
129 Bedford Drive,
Stratford, Ont.
N5A 5J7

(519)-595-8458

"This distinctive free festival is filled with fun for
the whole family. The festival provides three stages with both music and the performing arts. The Children's Area is provided by several children's organizations. The Visual Arts and Non-Profit Area has grown. We are all excited about 1993, so 'Lug a Mug; bring a can for Food Link; sign up for the Open Stage; sit back and relax'. Come join in the fun."

July 15 to 18, 1993

HOME COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL*

Victoria Park, London, Ontario

Home County Folk League,
Box 306, Sta. B,
London, Ont.
N6A 4W1

(bus.) (519)-473-5133

"This is the 20th anniversary of this festival, which is presented in London's beautiful downtown Victoria Park. It is renowned for its craft area, offering the wares of some 135 Canadian artists and artisans. Food ranges from carnival fare to gourmet meals to ethnic treats. Concerts take place each night at the new Victoria Park Bandshell. Six daytime stages; open stage."

July 16 to 18, 1993

MISSISSIPPI RIVER DAYS*

Carleton Place, Ontario

Nancy Johnson
(613)-257-8049

July 16 to 18, 1993

QUINTE ETHNIC FESTIVAL*

Belleville, Ontario

Ron Broadbridge,
Belleville Chamber of Commerce,
5 Moira St. E.,
Belleville, Ont.

(613)-962-4597

"Weekend of ethnic events, including music, dance and international food. In conjunction with a Waterfront Festival."

July 17, 1993

STEWART PARK FESTIVAL*

Perth, Ontario

Christina Fraser
(613)-264-1190

Various performances

July 22 to 24, 1993

ONTARIO OPEN FIDDLE AND STEP DANCE CONTESTS

Bobcaygeon-Verulam Community Centre,
Bobcaygeon, Ontario

Chamber of Commerce,
Box 388,
Bobcaygeon, Ont.
K0M 1A0

(705)-738-2202

Annual since 1969

"As well as competitions, the event includes country music concerts, door prizes, and community dinners
and breakfast."

July 23 to 25, 1993

HILLSIDE FESTIVAL*

Guelph Lake Conservation Area, Ontario

Hillside Festival,
123 Woolwich St.,
Guelph, Ont.
N1H 3V1

(bus.) (519)-763-6396

"Celebrating our 10th anniversary! Hillside Festival makes its island home on Guelph Lake. This three-day event offers an eclectic array of musical styles at four stages, including dance, theatre, children’s performances and open stage. You’ll find women’s groups, non-profit community organizations and holistic workshops. All-natural local and international foods make us famous. Thirty Canadian artisans. Child care services. No dogs please. 1992 attendance: 8500."

July 30 to August 1, 1993

BLUE SKIES FESTIVAL*

Clarendon, Ontario

Blue Skies Festival,
General Delivery,
Clarendon, Ont.
K0H 1J0

(bus.) (613)-279-3260

"Singing, dancing, laughing, renewing. This unique festival takes place in a large meadow in the woods. It features holistic and environmental workshops and evening concerts with everything from folk to jazz to rock. The kitchen features full homemade meals and snacks. Camping for 600, with 400 day passes available. This festival sells out its camping passes every year. Book early!"

July 31, 1993

MILL RACE FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL FOLK MUSIC*

Mill Race Park, Cambridge, Ontario

Mill Race Festival of Traditional Folk Music
P.O. Box 22148, Central Galt Postal Sta.,
Cambridge, Ont.
N1R 8E3

"The Mill Race Festival of Traditional Folk Music will be held in the historic centre of Cambridge amidst 19th century architecture. Its focus is on traditional forms of folk music and dance. Weather permitting, the main events will be held in the outdoor theatre at Mill Race Park, with its scenic backdrop of the Grand River. If the weather is inclement, events will be held in a variety of indoor locations within walking distance. Admission is free. Rain or shine!"

July 31, 1993

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE FOLK FESTIVAL*

Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, Ontario

(613)-543-3704

Traditional music

August 6 to 8, 1993

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS

Gage Park, Hamilton, Ontario

John Larocca,
Creative Arts,
401 Main St. West,
Hamilton, Ont.
L8P 1K5

(bus.) (416)-525-6644
(FAX) (416)-525-8292
"The theme of ‘Friends’ is foremost at this festival featuring Canadian music and art. The festival offers a broad range of music from six stages, children’s entertainment and activities, food, and over 150 juried craft booths."

August 7 and 8, 1993

SONGS OF SAIL*

Penetanguishene, Ontario

Songs of Sail,
P.O. Box 339,
Penetanguishene, Ont.
L0K 1P0

(bus.) (705)-527-1982
(Fax) (705)-527-5708

"The fifth Songs of Sail returns to Penetanguishene’s Historic Naval and Military Establishments with concerts, workshops, square dancing, a craft fair and more. This historic site on Georgian Bay provides a backdrop of tallships, sailors, soldiers, horse-drawn wagons and boat rowing. Just 90 minutes north of Toronto, the site also features a restaurant, theatre and chandlery. Family and friends come first at Songs of Sail, making for a relaxing and fun festival."

August 13 to 15, 1993

MARPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL

Olympic Island and other sites, Toronto, Ontario

Mariposa Folk Foundation,
786 dundas St. E,
Toronto, Ont.
M4M 1R1

(bus.) (416)-778-9063
(FAX) (416)-469-2120

Annual since 1961

"The 1993 edition of the Mariposa Folk Festival will combine daytime concerts and workshops on Toronto’s majestic Olympic Island with Friday and Saturday evening programs being staged in seven Queen Street West clubs, concluding with a Sunday evening finale in a single indoor venue. Children’s programs, Canadian crafts, Native music and environmental issues will be featured along with a superb selection of musicians from Canada and all over the world."

August 20 and 21, 1993

ALL FOLKS FESTIVAL*

City Park, Kingston, Ontario

All Folks Festival,
10 Runnymede Rd. #107,
Kingston, Ont.
K7L 1X1

(bus.) (613)-548-7401

"The All Folks Festival takes place in City Park near Queen’s University in the historic and beautiful city of Kingston. The festival promotes both local and travelling musicians. Admission is free; donations are welcome."

August 20 to 22, 1993

SUMMERFOLK MUSIC AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Kelso Beach Park, Owen Sound, Ont.

Margaret Ready,
Georgian Bay Folk Society,
Box 521,
Owen Sound, Ont.
N4K 5R1

(res.) (519)-371-4804
(bus.) (519)-371-2995
(Fax) (519)-371-2973

Annual since 1976
"The Summerfolk Music and Crafts Festival is an annual event which happens the third weekend in August, rain or shine. The dream of summerfolk began in 1976 and became a reality under the auspices of the Grey-Bruce Arts Council, and continues to flourish under the sponsorship of the Georgian Bay Folk Society. Although Summerfolk has grown to international status, its forte is the intimate relationship which has developed between performer and audience, a relationship which is enhanced by the beautiful setting of Kelso Bay Park."

August 27 to 29, 1993

EAGLEWOOD EARTH FESTIVAL*
Pefferlaw, Ontario

Eaglewood Earth Festival,
51 Florence Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.
M2N 1G1

(bus.) (416)-229-0397
(Fax) (416)-975-5636

"The 4th Eaglewood Earth Festival, held at a wheelchair-accessible wilderness camping and recreation facility in Pefferlaw, offers a wide array of high-calibre musicians, crafts, environmental and native displays, horseback riding, fishing, wheelchair-accessible hayrides and good, wholesome food. This non-alcoholic family event promotes equal access to a cleaner, safer future."

August 27 to September 6, 1993

HERITAGE FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL*
Welland, Ontario

Yvette Ward (executive director),
Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre,
23 Division St.
Welland, Ont.
L3B 3Z5

(416)-732-5337

August 29, 1993

PETERBOROUGH FOLK FESTIVAL*
Peterborough, Ontario

Peterborough Folk Festival,
576 Aylmer St. N., Apt. 2,
Peterborough, Ont.
K9H 3W9

(705)-749-3157

"Peterborough Folk Festival will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., next to the water in central Peterborough. This free festival is in its second year as a multi-venue music and folk arts event. The festival is designed to emphasize participation: an all-acoustic, participatory workshop-filled afternoon will be capped with a central mainstage evening performance by well-known musicians. Of course, there are crafts and artisans, a children/family area, great food, storytelling and plenty of opportunity to get involved. Bring your instrument!"

September 18 and 19, 1993

WYE MARSH FESTIVAL*
Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland, Ontario

Wye Marsh Festival,
P.O. Box 100,
Midland, Ont.
L4R 4K6

(bus.) (705)-526-7809
(FAX) (705)-526-3294

Annual since 1986

"Now in its 8th year at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, this eclectic festival includes folk music, a show and sale of wildlife art, conservation displays and activities, and it hosts the Canadian Wildlife
Carving Championships. The emphasis is on families, with many activities for children. Two full days of fun, with a Saturday evening concert."

UNDATED FESTIVALS

DONNY GILCHRIST FESTIVAL (fall): Ottawa Valley fiddle and stepdancing

SHELBORNE FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIPS Shelbourne

FESTIVAL FRANCO-ONTARIEN Ottawa (June) Celebrating francophone artisans and musicians Clément Bouchard, CP 287, Succ. A, Ottawa, Ont. KIN 8V2 (613)-230-0056; FAX 230-0781

GREEK SUMMER FESTIVAL Ottawa (August) Traditional Greek music and dance Eva Maglaras, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 1N2 (613)-225-8016

LEBANESE CULTURAL WEEK Ottawa (November) Traditional music, concerts, dances Tony Yazbek, P.O. Box 7001, Station Vanier, Ottawa, Ont. K1L 8E2 (613)-561-5153; FAX 561-6858

ODAWA POW WOW Ottawa (May) Native drumming and dancing Simone Charette, 396 MacLaren St., Ottawa, Ont. K2P 0M8 (613)-238-8591

OKTOBERFEST Ottawa (October) German music and dance Mrs. Koch, Mapleleaf Almrausch Club, P.O. Box 8794, Ottawa, Ont. K1G 3J1 (613)-822-0737

NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO POW-WOWS
Shelly Bressette, c/o "Nativebeat" (519)-786-2142

OLD FORT WILLIAM TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVALS (summer)
Eric Cline (807)-473-2301

HOMELANDS FESTIVAL (fall)
John Horvath, c/o Ottawa Multicultural Folk Arts Council, 329 5th Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1S 2N6 (613)-232-4032

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATIONS POW-WOW Curve Lake
Fred Taylor (705)-657-8045

CANADA DAY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL Peterborough
Frank Meevis, c/o Multicultural Committee of Peterborough, Box 655, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 6Z8 (705)-799-6919

CELTIC FESTIVAL Kingston; Annual festival celebrating Celtic nations' contribution to Kingston
Kingston Tourist Information, 209 Ontario St., Kingston, Ont. K7L 2Z1 (613)-548-4415

QUINTE SUMMER MUSIC Picton (July) Month-long series of musical events including folk, jazz and classical performances Mary Taylor, Postal Drawer 50000, Picton, Ont. K0K 2T0 (613)-476-5806