Canadian Folk Festival Directory 1994

Introduction

As this is third year in a row I’ve compiled this directory, I’m not sure what I can say about it that’s fresh and interesting. But since we’ve got lots of new members, perhaps it’s worthwhile going over old ground.

We try to include all events that have folk music content, not just those that call themselves "folk festivals." So lots of multicultural events (which often use the term "folk" anyway), Highland games, Native pow-wows, buskers’ rendezvous (just what is the plural?), children’s festivals, cowboy poetry gatherings, medieval fairs, and suchlike, show up in the listings; we assume that there’ll be music there that Bulletin readers will be interested in.

We try to include events that are more than just a one-shot concert or a concert series. You won’t find folk club schedules or concert tours here, except by accident; sometimes we get incomplete information and can’t tell otherwise from the name.

We try to contact festivals directly where this is possible, and otherwise get our information second-hand, mostly via provincial governments (although this year we’re indebted as well to the Cowichan Folk Guild for their momentous contribution). It is preferable to get the information first hand, as the completeness of information provided by other agencies is uneven from province to province. Also, we prefer to let festivals speak for themselves in the descriptions accompanying the listing. (A paragraph in quotes implies that the festival has provided the blurb directly, or else we’ve picked up the wording directly from the second-hand agency.)

I’m pleased that this year’s edition lists a lot more festivals than last year. We were able to tap into several sources of information which we haven’t used in previous years in order to get addresses and contact festivals directly; we had the help of the aforementioned Cowichan Folk Guild; and several provinces were more helpful than in previous years. (A few were less so, but let’s be thankful for the improvements!)

Of course, every year I need to re-explain the delicate balance between timing and completeness. Readers of course want their directory as early as possible in order to plan the festivals they’ll get to; but early publication means a lot of festivals get left out. We try to fall between the two extremes, and hope that people sympathize with our compromise.

You can help us! If you notice a festival in your area which does not have a contact address included in its listing, please try to find us its address and send it to us for next year’s edition. And of course, if you know of a festival which we didn’t find out about at all, please send us as much information about it as possible. This includes festivals taking place during the winter; we’re considering making this directory a year-round feature of the Bulletin. There are lots of festivals which took place during the past winter and in May which it would be nice to be able to let you know about in upcoming years.

Lastly, the most important contribution you can make is simply to attend festivals! The kinds of music we all love are mostly not part of the mainstream music industry, so they need all the support they can get in the form of people going to events. The bonus is that in the process of being a supporter of Canada’s cultural riches, you’re almost guaranteed of having yourself a hell of a good time!

John Leeder
ALBERTA

A booklet titled Alberta’s Festivals... Come Join Us! is available from Alberta Economic Development and Tourism; phone (800)-661-8888. Descriptions and contact phone numbers are included, but not addresses.

May 23 to 28, 1994
CALGARY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL, Centre for the Performing Arts, Calgary, Alta. Annual since 1986
JoAnne James (Producer), 205 8th Ave. SE, Calgary, Alta. T2G 0K9
Bus.: (403)-294-7414; Fax: (403)-294-7457
“This festival is of national and international flair. The festival includes puppetry, opera, theatre, music, dance and physical comedy. Theatres include seven mainstage venues as well as open air presentations.

June 17 to 19, 1994
NORTH COUNTRY FAIR, Lesser Slave Lake, Alta.
Carol Weatherall, (403)-433-0649
“The North Country Fair is an annual weekend-long festival in a small northern community that celebrates the summer solstice. First class performances by musicians and artists whose talents blossom in the natural setting by the shores of Lesser Slave Lake. Throughout the weekend fairgoers enjoy arts and crafts, camping, fine food, children’s and family activities, the great outdoors and good friends. “Our fair is a celebration of life and love.”

July 1 to 3, 1994
CARIWEST, Edmonton, Alta. (403)-421-7800
“Come join the tens of thousands as Edmonton’s 124th Street explodes for three days of Caribbean festivities. You will thrive at this extravaganza of pulsating music, exotic foods and colourful costumes that are so much a part of the Caribbean. Many indoor and outdoor activities are planned over this three-day event for the entire family to enjoy.”

July 1 to 3, 1994
VEGREVILLE UKRAINIAN PYNSKA FOLK FESTIVAL, Vegreville, Alta.
Annual since 1974
Ralph Gorrie (Secretary-Manager), Box 908, Vegreville, Alberta T9C 1S1
Res.: (403)-632-3762; Bus.: (403)-632-2777; Fax: (403)-632-2777 with notice
“The festival’s focus is on youth talent competitions, with up to 270 individual and group entries involving up to 1200 youths over the three days. The primary event is Ukrainian folk dance. As well, four grandstand performances provide the professional component balance, which includes folk music and dance. The working language is English but the grandstand show is basically Ukrainian in presentation. Our Ukrainian ethnic dance competition is clearly considered to be the pinnacle of competition, where gold medal performances are without question just that. The other major component is the Folk Arts and Crafts competition, and displays related to the culture.”

July 2, 1994
SYLVAN LAKE CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL, Lions Park and Main Street, Sylvan Lake, Alta.
Annual since 1989
Linda Brimacombe, c/o Sylvan Lake Family Festival Assn., Box 970, Sylvan Lake, Alta. T0M 1Z0
Res.: (403)-887-5341
“The festival is designed to meet the cultural needs of children and adults, as family members and volunteers, through performing, visual and creative arts. This year our festival date ties in with the Canada Day weekend, and through the co-operative efforts of several community organizations it will prove to be a fully entertaining, educational and play-filled headliner for a Sylvan summer!”

July 8 to 17, 1994
EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL STREET PERFORMERS FESTIVAL, Edmonton, Alta. (403)-425-5162
“Join the world’s best street performers downtown for ten unforgettable days of high-energy performances and exciting special events. From noon till night, an international cast fuels Edmonton’s exceptional festival spirit with a dazzling program of street theatre, spectacle, magic, dance and music. More than 1200 outdoor shows for all ages, and ten theatre performances, are part of the lively celebrations.”

July 9 to 12, 1994
CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE COWBOY POETRY FESTIVAL, Agriculture Pavilion, Stampede Grounds, Calgary, Alta. Annual since 1990
Lianne Enderton (Cowboy Poetry Chairman), Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, Box 1060, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2K8
Res.: (403)-948-2158; Bus.: (403)-261-0271; Fax: (403)-262-3067
“Visitors at the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede will have the opportunity to experience the traditions of the Old West during four evenings of outstanding local cowboy poetry and western entertainment. In an atmosphere of good down-home fun, guests will have a clear window through which they can view the life of the cowboy. Admission is free with Stampede entry.”

July 18 to 23, 1994
CALGARY FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL, Calgary, Alta. Annual since 1989
Barbara Cameron (Administrator), Kerry Clarke (Artistic Director), P.O. Box 2897, Sta. M, Calgary, Alta. T2P 3C3
Bus.: (403)-233-0904; Fax: (403)-266-3373
“A week-long celebration of music without borders—roots, worldbeat, klezmer, country, blues, Celtic, folk-rock, and more! Music, dancing and fun in every corner of the city during weekdays—most of it free!—then down to the intimate island setting of Prince’s Island Park for the weekend. Albertan, Canadian and international artists provide continuous music on multiple stages in mini-concerts, jam sessions and mainstage concerts. The island comes alive with street performers, children’s entertainment, visual arts displays, specialty food booths and a beer garden.”

July 19 to 24, 1994
BANFF BUSKERS’ FESTIVAL, Banff, Alta. (403)-762-8562
“A six-day event bringing street performers from around the world to outdoor venues throughout the town of Banff. Share a laugh with folks from around the world as world-class performers entertain you. The 1994 festival will feature over 175 free outdoor performances in a variety of venues, plus street parties, late night vaudeville shows, special appearances of individual artists, workshops for kids and adults, and the ‘Buskers’ Picnic in the Park.’”

July 29 and 30, 1994
JASPER HERITAGE FOLK FESTIVAL, Jasper, Alta.
Sherrill Meropoulis, (403)-852-5187
“The superb setting of a World Heritage Site offers an unrivalled mountain backdrop to enjoy a musical extravaganza. Over two dozen of folk’s finest performers. Listen to roots music, blues, jazz, bluegrass, country, women’s music, traditional, contemporary and ethnic music. An extensive children’s program, international craft market, ethnic food fair and beer garden. Of special interest is a replica Native village and a global awareness area. Some of the best recording and variety artists available.”
July 29 to 31, 1994
BLUEBERRY BLUEGRASS AND COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL,
Stony Plain, Alta.
Annual
Shirley Skinner, Box 5151, Spruce Grove, Alta. T7X 3A3
Res.: (403)-963-5217
"Three days of top bluegrass and country bands from the U.S. and Canada, plus workshops and kiddies’ corner. Rough camping, concessions and craft tables on site."

July 30 and 31 and August 1, 1994
EDMONTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Hawrelak Park, Edmonton, Alta.
Annual since 1976
Dennis Fahman, c/o Edmonton Heritage Festival Assn., 202, 10715 124th St., Edmonton, Alta. T5M 0H2
Bus.: (403)-488-3378; Fax: (403)-455-9097
"Over 50 cultures, from five continents, present their arts and crafts, entertainment and native foods. The festival is a family-oriented activity which is offered at no charge to the general public.

July 31, 1994
HERITAGE DAY, Grande Prairie, Alta.
Annual since 1987
Mitra Zarei, 10404 102nd St., Grande Prairie, Alta. T8V 2W3
Res.: (403)-539-9186; Bus.: (403)-538-4611; Fax: (403)-539-5121
"The Grande Prairie and District Multicultural Association is one of the major sponsors of this festival. Our member groups from different cultures, including Polish, Scottish, East Indian, Latin American, Native Canadian and Métis, will perform dances and play music. You can sample foods and view a show of fashions from around the world."

July 31 and August 1, 1994
CANMORE HERITAGE DAYS FOLK FESTIVAL, Centennial Park,
Canmore, Alta.
Annual since 1978
Ken Rooks, P.O. Box 998, Canmore, Alta. T0L 0M0
Res.: (403)-678-2524
"Join us in celebrating our 17th annual festival! This festival presents some of the finest traditional and contemporary folk music available in North America today. It is a family-oriented event which offers children's activities, food and craft booths and an assortment of other entertainment for everyone."

August 1, 1994
LETHBRIDGE HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL, Sportsplex, Lethbridge, Alta.
Annual since 1978
Mr. Vagn Hansen, Bill Kergon Centre, 207 13th St. N, Lethbridge, Alta. T1H 2R6
Res.: (403)-381-6029; Bus.: (403)-320-1577; Fax: (403)-320-1253
"Ethnic foods, crafts and displays. The fair is followed by a festival of international song, music and dance."

August 4 to 7, 1994
EDMONTON FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL, Gallagher Park, Edmonton, Alta.
Annual since 1980
Richard Davis (Assistant Producer), P.O. Box 4130, Edmonton, Alta. T6E 4T2
Bus.: (403)-429-1899; Fax: (403)-424-1132
"The Edmonton Folk Music Festival is a four-day celebration of the best in local, national and international musicianship. Staged in the natural amphitheatre of Edmonton’s Gallagher Park, the festival features music of many traditions, and entertainment and activities for all ages."

August 13 to 21, 1994
INTERNATIONAL NATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL, Calgary, Alta.
(403)-233-0022
Includes music, dancing and mini pow-wow.

August 19 to 21, 1994
SHADY GROVE BLUEGRASS AND OLD TYME MUSIC FESTIVAL,
14 km east of Nanton, Alta.
Annual since 1990
Rosemary Wishart, Box 846, Nanton, Alta. T0L 1R0
Res.: (403)-646-2076; Bus.: (403)-287-2901; Fax: (403)-243-0472
"This ‘down home’ festival is held on a farm, and features a unique pavilion with a sliding roof. Sunday gospel, back porch pickin’, workshops and open stage. Hog calling contest. Home cooking. Western hospitality in a country setting!"

BRITISH COLUMBIA

We thank the Cowichan Folk Guild for finding many of the festivals in this section for us. In addition, the government of British Columbia is starting to get its act together: a 1994 Calendar of Events is available from Tourism British Columbia, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4. Events are listed chronologically for each town, and towns are arranged alphabetically within each “tourism region.” There are no descriptions and no contact addresses, just dates, event names and phone numbers. So of course, if an event’s name doesn’t tip us off that it includes folk music, we have no way of knowing, and some festivals may be left out because of this. Nevertheless, the B.C. government deserves credit for moving in the right direction!

June 3 to 5, 1994
THE ISLAND COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL, Mill Bay, Vancouver Island, B.C.
Annual since 1987
Laurie Thain, 31905 Woodcock Cres., Mission, B.C. V2V 4K2
Res.: (604)-826-4946; Fax: (604)-826-4946
"This is basically a two-day country music festival with a welcome dance on the Friday night. There are many Island bands performing, with the balance of the artists being Canadian regional and national recording acts. The festival has a community feel, and the proceeds go to the B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities. There are new owners this year, along with a name change. It was formerly ‘The Mill Bay Country Music Festival.’"

June 3 to 12, 1994
SEAFEST, Prince Rupert, B.C.
Annual since 1975
Prince Rupert Special Events Society, Box 306, Prince Rupert, B.C. V8J 3P9
Bus.: (604)-624-9118; Fax: (604)-627-0999
"Come celebrate by the sea! Community celebration of sporting and cultural events. Parade is held every year on the second weekend in June.

June 17 to 19, 1994
ELDERS AND YOUTH POW-WOW, Komasket Park, Vernon, B.C.
(604)-558-5929

June 17 to 19, 1994
SOUTH CARIBOO SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE, 100 Mile House and Lac La Hache, B.C.
Annual since 1956
Bev Abbs, R.R.#1, Hwy. 24, 100 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2E0
Res.: (604)-395-2865
"The South Cariboo Square Dance Jamboree is a three-day weekend with square and round dancing. Friday and Sunday events are held in Lac La
August 7, 1994
A DAY IN SCOTLAND, Waterfront Park, North Vancouver, B.C. (604)-985-7761

August 8 to 14, 1994
HARMONY ARTS FESTIVAL, West Vancouver, B.C., outdoor waterfront venues
Annual since 1991
Colleen Reed (Manager), 750 17th St., West Vancouver, B.C. V7V 3T3
Bus.: (604)-925-3605; Fax: (604)-925-3645
"A week-long multi-art festival, Harmony features two evening concerts each night. Most musicians are local and perform a wide variety of music, including folk, rock, jazz and more. In addition, there is an entire day of hands-on art and entertainment for kids, an art auction, art lectures, art in 100 merchant windows and more. All events are free."

August 12 to 14, 1994
MACKENZIE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, Sports Ground, Mackenzie, B.C. (604)-997-6666

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FESTIVAL LATINO, Plaza of the Nations, Vancouver, B.C. (604)-443-3494

August 14, 1994
UNDER THE VOLCANO POLITICAL ARTS FESTIVAL, Cates Park, North Vancouver, B.C. Annual since 1990
Irwin Oostindie (Youth Art Works), P.O. Box 21552, 1850 Commercial Dr., Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4A0
Res.: (604)-885-9755; Bus.: (604)-255-2787; Fax: (604)-988-2787
"Folk/hiphop/hardcore music on mainstage, poetry stage, visual arts exhibition, children’s programming, information tables, crafts circle, organic food tent, political speakers, First Nations performers, performance art, site-specific arts installations in the forest. 1993 audience 4,000. Admission by donation. Wheelchair-accessible."

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KAMLOOPS POW-WOW DAYS, Chief Louis Centre, Kamloops, B.C. (604)-828-9700

September 2 to 4, 1994
ALPINE FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL, Kimberley, B.C. (604)-427-3666

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CHILLIWACK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, Antique Powerland, Chilliwack, B.C.
Anita Lloyd (Chilliwack Arts Council), 45899 Henderson Ave., Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 2X6
Bus.: (604)-792-2069; Fax: (604)-792-2640
"Great corn, great cookin’, great campin’, great bluegrass... Mix these together and you’ve got the Annual Chilliwack Bluegrass Festival, produced by the Chilliwack Arts Council and held on the grounds of the Chilliwack Antique Powerland, home of the Atchelitz Threshermen’s Association. Now entering its seventh year, it has become known as the best bluegrass festival in the province, possibly in the Pacific Northwest, drawing people from as far away as Texas and Saskatchewan. Much of its success is due to the Arts Council’s insistence on maintaining the family atmosphere of the event with activities such as free nightly corn roasts, corn shuckin’ contests, hayrides, children’s activities and a strict no-alcohol policy. The weekend includes almost non-stop music featuring top bluegrass bands from across Canada and the United States. Open mike sessions, a Sunday morning Gospel Hour and the Annual Western Canadian Bluegrass Banjo, Flatpicking and Fiddling Championships are also highlights. On-site camping attracts several hundred family units, and free parking makes it easy for day visitors to attend. The Seventh Annual Chilliwack Bluegrass Festival is a great way to wrap up your summer."

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Christine Clarke, c/o Strathcona Park Lodge, P.O. Box 2160, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 5C9 Bus.: (604)-286-3122; Fax: (604)-286-6010
"Professionals and amateurs gather together to share musical moments within the warm, cozy atmosphere of Strathcona Park Lodge. Young and old join in square and folk dancing, guitar and fiddle playing, songwriting and singing and old-fashioned crafts."

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Pearl & Kevin Blood, Box 903, Mackenzie, B.C. VO1 2CO Res.: (604)-997-3129
"Club: Blue Diamond Dancers. Friday: Trail In Dance. Saturday: 2:00 p.m. workshop, 7:30 p.m. evening dance and rounds. Sunday: 9:00-11:00 a.m. pancake breakfast and Trail Out Dance. Caller to be announced."

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June 4, 1994
MANITOBA HIGHLAND DANCERS' DANCE COMPETITION, Woodhaven Park or St. James Civic Centre (if bad weather), Winnipeg Man. 
(204)-668-7901

June 5, 1994
BACK 40 MUSIC FESTIVAL, Morden, Man. (204)-822-3095
"Live local and professional stage entertainment with culture/heritage theme, children’s events, games, food, crafts.

June 10 and 11, 1994
INTERNATIONAL OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST, International Peace Garden, Man./N.Dak. (701)-838-8472

June 17 to 19, 1994
HOLLAND OPEN OLD TIME FIDDLING CONTEST, Holland, Man. (204)-526-2064

June 18, 1994
CARPEG CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL, Winnipeg, Man. (204)-663-2852
"Pageant and Calypso semi-final competition (finals August 5 to

June 24 to 26, 1994
ROSEAU RIVER POW-WOW, Roseau River, Man. (204)-427-2312
"Competition, pow-wow, moccasin game tournament

June 26, 1994
SCOTTISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL, The Forks, Winnipeg, Man. (204)-488-4602
"Celebrates the first Highland Games held in Manitoba, in 1906, and includes competitions in heavy games, piping and drumming and Highland dance, Bairn’s Nuic (children’s activity centre and wee heavy games), clan tents, beer gardens, continuous Gaelic entertainment, historical pageant of some dance and narration.

July 1, 1994
CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS, Chinese Cultural Centre, Winnipeg Man. (204)-943-2627
"Chinese folk dance and singing.

July 1, 1994
CANADA DAY, Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach, Man. Annual since 1967
Harv Klassen (Executive Director), Box 1136, Steinbach, Man. R0A 2AO 
Bus.: (204)-326-9961; Fax: (204)-326-5046
"On July 1 we usually have singing and other performing groups, to emphasize the different ethnic groups in our area.

July 1 to 3, 1994
RIVERTON SUMMER FESTIVAL, Riverton, Man (204)-378-2281
Includes old time dance.

July 2, 1994
MANITOBA HIGHLAND GATHERING, Selkirk Park, Selkirk, Man. Annual since 1956
Leona Strong (Secretary), Box 59, Selkirk, Man. R1A 2B1
"The Gathering preserves Scottish tradition and heritage through dance, music, cultural displays, sporting events such as heavy games, canoeing and golf, as well as provide multicultural entertainment.

July 4 to 10, 1994
WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL, Bird’s Hill Provincial Park, Man. Annual since 1984
Pierrot Guérin (Artistic Director), 264 Taché Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2H 1Z9 
Bus.: (204)-231-0096; Fax: (204)-231-0076
"An internationally acclaimed event held in one of Manitoba’s most beautifully preserved natural settings. Music ranging from Celtic to swing, bluegrass to world beat and everything in between can be heard daily from seven intimate stages or each evening at the Main Stage. For the young folk and the young at heart there’s the Family Area, with hands-on activities such as origami, and a stage with entertainment all day. If the shopping bug bites, you can visit our Handmade Village craft market, where over 50 artisans demonstrate and sell their work. Then take a break and treat your taste buds to flavours of the world at our International Food Fair.

July 7 to 10, 1994
PEGUIS POW-WOW, Peguis Reserve, Man. (204)-645-2434
"Held in conjunction with Treaty Days, featuring seven of North America’s best drum groups and competition dancing, special ‘Year of the Family’ events.

July 9 and 1, 1994
PRAIRIE PIONEER DAYS, Killarney, Man. (204)-526-2064
Includes folk fair and fiddle contest.

July 12 to 14, 1994
SIFFON HOMECOMING, Sifton, Man. (204)-665-3303 or (204)-638-9607 
Includes fiddle contest.

July 15 to 17, 1994
FESTIVAL OF NATIONS (SOUTH CENTRAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL), Holland, Man. (204)-453-8247 
"Cultural entertainment, food and activities.

July 15, 1994
FESTA ITALIANA, The Forks, Winnipeg, Man. (204)-638-9551
"Cultural entertainment, food and activities.

July 22 to 24, 1994
CRIFFLE CREEK MUSIC FESTIVAL, Morden, Man. (204)-324-5156
"Festival of bluegrass, country and Gospel music."
July 29 and 30, 1994
CENTRAL CANADA FIDDLER'S FESTIVAL, Austin, Man.
Terry Farley, Box 10, Austin, Man. R0H 0C0
(204)-637-2354

July 29 to 31, 1994
RANCH 1250, Musée de St-Pierre, St-Pierre-Jolys, Man.
Village Office, Box 454, St-Pierre-Jolys, Man. R0A 1V0
(204)-433-7870
A variety of francophone cultural activities.

July 29 to 31, 1994
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION POW-WOW, 15 mi. south of Portage la Prairie, Man.
(204)-252-2731
"Manitoba's largest Native pow-wow, featuring drumming groups competing for prizes, and first class singing."

July 29 to 31, 1994
CANADA'S NATIONAL UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL, Selo Ukraina, 12 km south of Dauphin, Man.
Annual since 1965
Pat Maksymchuk 119 Main St. South, Dauphin, Man. R7N IK4
Bus.: (204)-638-5645; Fax: (204)-638-5851
"The theme is 'The International Year of the Family.' The festival provides a combination of top professional and amateur talent entertainment performing Ukrainian song, dance and music. There's a special children's program, including professional family entertainment. Enjoy some of the traditional Ukrainian cuisine. Browse through the cultural displays and demonstrations. The parade in Saturday morning."

July 29 to 31 and August 1, 1994
PIONEER DAYS, Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach, Man.
Annual since 1967
Hary Klassen (Executive Director), Box 1136, Steinbach, Man. R7N 1K4
Bus.: (204)-326-9961; Fax: (204)-326-5046
"Pioneer Days is our show showing off the early Mennonite settlers' way of life."

July 30 and 31, 1994
MÉTIS DAYS, St-Laurent, Man.
"Fiddling and jigging contests, square dance competition, traditional Métis costume competitions."

July 30 and 31, 1994
GRANDVIEW OLD TIME PICNIC, Grandview, Man.
(204)-546-2661
Includes bluegrass music.

July 30 and August 1, 1994
ISLENDINGADAGURINN, Gimli, Man.
Annual since 1890
Lorna Tergesen, 60 Wildwood Pk., Winnipeg, Man. R3T 0C8
Res.: (204)-284-4518; Fax: (204)-452-1629
"The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba started out as a picnic day for newly-arrived Icelanders, now caters to all people interested. The thrust is very much oriented to family participation. It focuses on the Icelandic-Canadian heritage. Monday is the traditional day; the festival has never really changed: a parade, a traditional program and family sports. Saturday evening music: celebrity concert, special invited guests, ranging from classical to 'words and music' events; paid admission. Sunday afternoon: New Icelandic music and poetry, amateur performers, invitation only; no admission. Sunday evening: folk fest, with varied performances, including established performers and groups just starting out; no admission."

August 5 to 7, 1994
OAK LAKE POW-WOW, Oak Lake, Man.
(204)-854-2959
"Competition pow-wow, singing contest (drum groups), moccasin game tournament."

August 5 to 7, 1994
RED RIVER HOEDOWN, Selkirk, Man.
(204)-663-2852
"King and Queen Carnival competition and Calypso Monarch Finals competition, Carnival street parade, Sunday evening dance and Last Lap Jam."

August 6 and 7, 1994
PINE FOR FORT DAYS, Spruce Woods Provincial Park, Man.
(204)-827-2543
"Celebration of the fur trading era, living history village (primitive encampment), black powder and archery shoots, Native dancing and other theme-related events."

August 12 to 14, 1994
BRANDON FOLK MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL, Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Brandon, Man.
Annual since 1985
Murray Evans, Box 2047, Brandon, Man. R7A 4K1
Bus.: (204)-727-3928
"This year's Decade Celebration will see more than 3,000 people pass through the gates for a fun-filled weekend of music and art. The festival is a showcase for professional Manitoba musicians. Every genre of music is offered during the three-day event: bluegrass, blues, alternative rock and folk music. In addition to music, the festival includes a Family Area, where performers, clowns, storytellers and professional art instructors nurture an appreciation of the arts with the next generation of festival-goers. Under the Canvas, a craft exhibition and sale, provides a venue for Manitoba artisans. Demonstrations in a variety of art disciplines, from stained glass making and painting to pottery and sculpture, are presented throughout the weekend. In celebration of the Tenth Annual Festival, the CBC will air a live broadcast of the Sunday evening mainstage from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on its FM network."
CONGRES MONDIAL ACADIEN/WORLD ACADIAN CONGRESS,
Moncton and Acadian communities to Rogersville
(506)-859-1994
"A grand homecoming of the descendants of the Acadians of 1755.
Includes family reunions, concerts, wine cellars and a fabulous gathering
under the stars. The most spectacular celebration in the history of Acadia!"

September 9 to 11, 1994
CHARLO FALL FAIR, Rec Centre, Charlo, N.B.
Annual since 1973
Ron Guitard, Site 6, Box 20, Charlo, N.B. E0B 1M0
Res.: (506)-684-4910; Bus.: (506)-684-8537; Fax: (506)-684-4481
This typical fall fair includes some Acadian cultural events and a fiddlers’
jam session.

NEWFOUNDLAND
By contrast to their very obliging response in previous years, the
Newfoundland government did not respond to our request for information
this year.

July 8 to 10, 1994
HANGASHORE FOLK FESTIVAL, Prince Edward Park, Rte. 440,
Corner Brook, Nfld.
Annual since 1979
Ron Downey, P.O. Box 341, Corner Brook, Nfld. A2H 6E3
Res.: (709)-632-5918
"Traditional folk music, stories and dancing, craft booths. The purpose of
the festival is to provide an outlet for traditional folk artists, to preserve the
folk art heritage of Newfoundland."

July 8 to 10, 1994
BURIN PENINSULA FESTIVAL OF FOLK SONG AND DANCE, D.C.
Jamieson Academy Gymnatorium, Burin, Nfld.
Annual since 1984
Ruth Matthews (Festival Director), P.O. Box 312, Burin, Nfld. A0E 1B0
Res.: (709)-891-1546
"Indoor event, concentrating primarily on stage show. Featuring authentic
music, song and dance indigenous to our province. Workshops in
traditional Newfoundland dance (basic steps) available on request. Site is
close to Freshwater Pond Provincial Park and Golden Sands Resort."

July 28 to 31, 1994
TWILLINGATE/NEW WORLD ISLAND FISH, FUN AND FOLK
FESTIVAL, Twillingate, Nfld.
Annual since 1981
Andre Dailey (Co-ordinator), P.O. Box 237, Twillingate, Nfld. A0G 4M0
Res.: (709)-884-2678; Fax: (709)-884-3278
"The festival is like the name says: fish first, then fun and folk. The
festival consists of fish meals, craft booths, dances, Newfoundland music,
fireworks, boat tours to see icebergs and whales, search and rescue
demonstration and a parade. Lots of historic sights to visit."

NOVA SCOTIA
A Festivals and Events List was received from the Department of
Economic Development, World Trade and Convention Centre, 1800
Argyle St., P.O. Box 519, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2R7; it includes non-music
events and one-time concerts as well as festivals. Contact addresses, phone
numbers and sometimes brief descriptions are included. (It should be noted
that the listing is far from complete—many of the festivals we learned
about from other sources weren’t included in the province’s listing!)
July 10, 1994
17th MARITIME OLD TIME JAMBOREE, Beazley Sport Field, Caledonia Rd., Dartmouth, N.S. Annual since 1978
James Delaney, P.O. Box 3037, Dartmouth East, Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 3L0
(902)-625-1763
Includes Scottish concert

July 10, 1994
ANTIGONISH HIGHLAND GAMES, Columbus Field, Antigonish, N.S. Annual since 1986
Tom MacIsaac (President, Games Chairman), c/o Captain’s Corner, Main St., Antigonish, N.S. B2G 2C4
Res.: (902)-863-6151; Bus.: (902)-863-1660
“For generations the Scottish way of life has been maintained in eastern Nova Scotia and on Cape Breton Island. The language, the traditions, music and dances, and songs of the Gael, along with feats of strength and excellence, continue to flourish at the Highland Games at Antigonish. Each July, hundreds of musicians, dancers and athletes perform and compete in the oldest continuously running Highland Games outside of Scotland. Includes pipers, dancers, concerts, stage plays, old-time dances, the Highland Ceilidh, Canada’s greatest outdoor Tattoo and the favourite entertainers.”

July 13 to 17, 1994
FESTIVAL OF THE TARTANS, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia Annual since 1987
Daniel Aucoin, P.O. Box 430, Cheticamp, Inverness County, N.S. B0E 3LO
Res.: (902)-634-8011; Bus.: (902)-634-3180; Fax: same as Res., or (902)-634-9568
“For three days and four nights, top local, national and international folk performers share their talent on three spectacular sites: on a waterfront wharf, and the bandstand and in a marquee tent. Sheer joy! Children’s program.”

July 13 to 17, 1994
HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL BUSKER FEST, Halifax, N.S. Annual since 1987
Dale Thompson, 1652 Banington, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2A2
Res.: (902)-423-9124; Bus.: (902)-425-4329; Fax: (902)-425-3173
“The largest busker festival in North America, attracting over 700,000 spectators. Performers come from France, the U.K., Italy, South America, the U.S., Canada, Japan and more. The festival also has a children’s program, an international food festival and many unique vendors.”

July 17 to 24, 1994
LE FESTIVAL DE L’ESCAOUTE, Chéticamp, Cape Breton Island, N.S. Annual since 1977
Daniel Aucoin, P.O. Box 430, Cheticamp, Inverness County, N.S. B0E 1H0
Res.: (902)-224-2652; Bus.: (604)-224-6212; Fax: (604)-224-1579
“This yearly event is a time of celebration which revives the various aspects of Acadian life such as our folklore, traditions, culture, etc. During the festival, tourists may enjoy our local music, folk songs and dancing.”

July 21 to 23, 1994
PIPER’S PICNIC, Earltown, N.S. Annual since 1965
William Martin, Unit 2, Box 4, Tatamagouche, N.S. BOK 1VO
Res.: (902)-657-2346
“An old time family type gathering. Visitors from across Canada, the U.S.A. and many other foreign countries attend for a day of fun and fellowship.”

July 24 to 31, 1994
NOVA SCOTIA BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL, Beecrook Campground, Ardoise, near Windsor, N.S. Annual since 1971
Fulton Isenor, P.O. Box 42, Elmsdale, N.S. B0N 1M0
Res.: (902)-883-2353
“Family event featuring acoustic music, children’s programs, workshops, etc. Field camping included with weekend pass.”

July 29 to 31, 1994
PIPER’S PICNIC, Earltown, N.S. Annual since 1962
William Martin, Unit 2, Box 4, Tatamagouche, N.S. B0K 1VO
Bus.: (902)-657-2272; Fax: (902)-657-2227
“Annual Scottish and Cape Breton music concert; fiddlers; bagpipe players; stepdancers; Gaelic singers; Gaelic milling frolics; singers; etc. Two concerts, followed by square dance and ceilidh to the wee hours of the morning.”

August 4 to 7, 1994
NOVA SCOTIA BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL, Beecrook Campground, Ardoise, near Windsor, N.S. Annual since 1971
Fulton Isenor, P.O. Box 42, Elmsdale, N.S. B0N 1M0
Res.: (902)-883-2353
“Family event featuring acoustic music, children’s programs, workshops, etc. Field camping included with weekend pass.”

August 6, 1994
HIGHLAND VILLAGE DAY, Nova Scotia Highland Village, Iona, Cape Breton, N.S. Annual since 1962
Roderick Chaisson, P.O. Box 58, Iona, N.S. B0A 1W0
Bus.: (902)-725-2272; Fax: (902)-725-2227
“Annual Scottish and Cape Breton music concert; fiddlers; bagpipe players; stepdancers; Gaelic singers; Gaelic milling frolics; singers; etc. Two concerts, followed by square dance and ceilidh to the wee hours of the morning.”

August 6, 1994
PIPER’S PICNIC, Earltown, N.S. Annual since 1965
William Martin, Unit 2, Box 4, Tatamagouche, N.S. B0K 1VO
Res.: (902)-657-2346
“An old time family type gathering. Visitors from across Canada, the U.S.A. and many other foreign countries attend for a day of fun and fellowship.”
August 6, 1994
WINFEST, Tatamagouche, N.S.
Annual since 1989
Marilyn Roberts, R.R.#3, Tatamagouche, N.S. B0K 1V0
"Sponsored by North Shore Bavarian Society to promote Nova Scotia wines in an atmosphere of good food, good music and good cheer. Everyone welcome! Held in large tent, with outdoor seating available."

August 10 to 14, 1994
HECTOR FESTIVAL, Pictou, N.S.
Annual since 1987
Darlene MacDonald, Box 39, Pictou, N.S. B0K 1H0
Bus.: (902)-485-8848; Fax: (902)-485-8828
"Five-day festival celebrating our Scottish heritage and culture. Features outdoor concerts, nightly mainstage concerts—with the best in Celtic, Cape Breton and traditional music; re-enactment of landing of first Scottish settlers aboard the 'Hector'; Scottish tearoom; genealogy corner. Our performers come from all parts of Nova Scotia, across Canada and Scotland. The music is strictly Celtic/Scottish/Cape Breton style music."

August 11 to 14, 1994
NOVA SCOTIA GAEIC MÓD, Gaelic College, St. Ann's, Cape Breton, N.S.
Annual since 1938
Sam MacPhee (Executive Director), Gaelic College, P.O. Box 9, Baddeck, N.S. BOE 1B0
Bus.: (902)-295-3411; Fax: (902)-295-2912
"The Nova Scotia Gaelic Mód is a celebration of the language, culture, crafts and music of the Scottish immigrants who settled here. Competitions in Gaelic language and song, Highland dance, solo piping and drumming and pipe bands, nightly concerts, and cultural demonstrations and displays are featured."

August 19 and 20, 1994
DOWN EAST OLD TIME FIDDLING CONTEST, Sackville Arena, Sackville, N.S.
Annual since 1978
Jim Cullen, Box 25, Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 2S5
Res.: (902)-865-3515; Fax: (902)-865-2174
"The top fiddlers in the Maritimes compete for prize money. Special guests, with fiddling, dancing and other musical performances."

August 20 and 21, 1994
FESTIVAL OF SCOTTISH FIDDLING, Gaelic College, St. Ann’s, Cape Breton, N.S.
Annual since 1973
Betty Matheson, 29 Station St., Dominion, N.S. BOA 1E0
Res.: (902)-849-8476; Fax: (902)-849-8476
"The festival will include workshops, concerts and square dances. The themes for workshops will include fiddle making, fiddling, stepdancing and piano lessons. Our concerts will include traditional, folk, etc., performances. There will be mass fiddling by 100 fiddlers over the span of two days. The very best of fiddling, stepdancing, piano, songs of every origin, piping, Highland dancing and guitar music will be seen at this festival."

September 3 and 4, 1994
STONE MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL, Lynches River, N.S.
Frank Sutherland, 48 Balsam Circle, Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 1A9
(902)-421-6469
Multicultural festival featuring local talent with Scottish, Irish, Native and French flavour.

September 23 and 24, 1994
OKTOBERFEST, Tatamagouche, N.S.
Marilyn Roberts, R.R.#3, Tatamagouche, N.S. B0K 1V0
"Sponsored by the North Shore Bavarian Society. Traditional music, food and costumes for a fun-filled event held in a finely-decorated hall. Something for everyone!"

October 1 and 2, 1994
HELEN CREIGHTON FOLKLORE FESTIVAL, Halifax, N.S.
Annual since 1990
Joleen Gordon (Chairman), P.O. Box 236, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3Y3
Res.: (902)-469-2798
"A celebration of folk music, songs and crafts of Maritime Canada, honouring the work of Canada's best-known folklorist, Helen Creighton."

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The Northwest Territories Explorers' Guide is available from Northwest Territories Education, Culture and Employment, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2L9. Some festivals in the guide are described as including "traditional events", which may involve Native music or other folk music. There were also a number of winter events; we'll try to get dates on next year's winter festivals and include the information in upcoming issues.

June 17 to 19, 1994
POKIAK RIVER FESTIVAL, Aklavik, N.W.T.
Aklavik Gwich'in Office, P.O. Box 118, Aklavik, N.W.T. X0E 0A0
(403)-978-2340
Includes traditional games and a music festival

June 17 to 19, 1994
KINGALIK JAMBOREE, Holman, N.W.T.
(403)-376-3511
Includes square dancing and jigging contest

June 24 to 26, 1994
MIDWAY LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL, Fort McPherson, N.W.T.
Annual since 1985
Fred Bahrens, Hamlet Office, Box 57, Ft. McPherson, N.W.T. X0E 0J0
(403)-952-2428

July 22 to 24, 1994
FOLK ON THE ROCKS, Yellowknife, N.W.T.
Annual since 1980
Patricia Frey (President), Box 326, Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2N3
Bus.: (403)-920-7806; Fax: (403)-873-3654
"Folk on the Rocks originated in 1980 as a venue for Northern performers to work and develop their art alongside performers from the South. Now in its fourteenth year, the festival has had consistent representation from all cultural groups in the N.W.T. and has become a useful means of promoting and supporting the identity and recognition of the performing arts in the North. The festival begins with a kick-off event, Warm the Rocks, which features the festival performers. The festival itself takes place outdoors by the shores of Long Lake, there are five stages. Workshops take place at the side stages during the day, children are entertained throughout the day, jams are held at the beer tent stage, and attention focusses in the late afternoon on the main stage, where the featured artists perform. The plans for this year's festival include an increased number and variety of professional development workshops for Northern performers. These workshops will take place during the week prior to the festival in collaboration with Festival of the Midnight Sun (an annual arts and crafts festival) and on-site during the weekend. The festival lineup will feature a 65/35 combination of Northern and Southern performers, all of whom are Canadian."
July 30 to August 1, 1994
BLACK BEAR JAMBOREE, Norman Wells, N.W.T.
Recreation Director, Town of Norman Wells, Box 5, Norman Wells, N.W.T. X0E 0V0
(403)-587-2238
Includes "traditional drummers".

August (date unspecified)
SAHTU DENE GAMES, Deline (Fort Franklin), N.W.T.
Fort Good Hope Band Office, c/o Gen. Del., Fort Good Hope, N.W.T. X0E 0H0
(403)-598-2231
Includes traditional games and drum dancing.

August ("second weekend")
IKHALUKPIK JAMBOREE, Paulatuk, N.W.T.
Sharon Green (Recreation Co-ordinator), Hamlet of Paulatuk, c/o Gen. Del., Paulatuk, N.W.T. X0E 1N0
(403)-580-3531
Includes drum dances and an old-time dance.

August 18 to 21, 1994
SOUTH SLAVE FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL, Fort Smith, N.W.T.
Annual since 1989
Dennis Bevington, Box 147, Ft. Smith, N.W.T. X0E 0P0
Res.: (403)-872-2899; Bus.: (403)-872-2014; Fax: (403)-872-4345
"A four-day festival featuring local and Northern performers. An opportunity for showcasing talent and for musicians to get valuable experience. Open-air concerts in the centre of town Saturday and Sunday."

ONTARIO

A booklet called Events '94, May-October should by now be available from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont. M7A 2R9; an advance set of proofs was sent to us. Events are listed by type (e.g., "Agricultural Fairs", "Air Shows") and arranged chronologically under these headings. Phone numbers are included, but not contact addresses; for most events, a brief description is included. Also, the Ontario Council of Folk Festivals publishes a directory of its member events (from which their listings in this directory were taken); the address is: Box 160, Victoria Harbour, Ont. LOK 2AO.

April 15 to 17, 1994
HORSESHOE VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL, Horseshoe Resort, near Barrie, Ont.
Horseshoe Valley Folk Festival, P.O. Box 10, Horseshoe Valley, RR#1, Barrie, Ont. L4M 4Y8
(905)-434-1714; Fax: (905)-434-8302; tickets and inn reservations: (800)-461-5627
"The blends and weaves of music's tapestry come to the idyllic setting of Horseshoe Valley when the 'Five Star' Horseshoe Resort and the Vital Spark Folk Society proudly present Ontario's only totally indoor festival of roots music. A unique main stage format features four one-hour concerts each session. As well, workshops begin at noon both days. Mainstage concerts start at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday."

June 2 to 5, 1994
HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL BUSKINGFEST, Gore Park, Hamilton, Ont.
(905)-525-6644
"Street performers from around the world."

June 3 and 4, 1994
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, Magedoma Dr., Brockville, Ont.
(613)-342-7138
"Ethnic foods, ongoing entertainment."

June 3 and 4, 1994
LAKE OF THE WOODS MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, Recreation Centre, Kenora, Ont.
(807)-468-7140
"Ethnic entertainers, ethnic display and food booths."

June 4, 1994
IRISH FESTIVAL, Douro Arena, Peterborough, Ont.
(705)-743-5816
"Local Irish musical talent, crafts, genealogy exhibit, evening show and dance."

June 4 and 5, 1994
HELLENIC FESTIVAL, Richmond Green, Richmond Hill, Ont.
(905)-737-1236
"Traditional Greek food and dancing."

June 10 to 12, 1994
BARRIE NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE COMPETITION POW-WOW, Fairgrounds, Barrie, Ont.
(705)-721-7689
"Aboriginal dancers, singers and drummers from across Canada and the United States, aboriginal arts and crafts, food."

June 11, 1994
GEORGETOWN HIGHLAND GAMES, Fairgrounds, Georgetown, Ont.
(905)-282-2292
"Pipe band and Highland dancing, Scottish heavy events, Scottish heritage animals, crafts and food, ceilidh."

June 10 and 11, 1994
CANADIAN OLDE TYME FIDDLE AND STEP DANCE CONTEST, Duoro Community Centre, Duoro, Ont.
(705)-745-2804
June 10 and 11, 1994
HAWBERRY HOEDOWNERS SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREEE, Horseshoe Valley Folk Festival, P.O. Box 10, Horseshoe Valley, RR#1, Barrie, Ont. L0M 4Y8
(905)-844-7599
"The blends and weaves of music's tapestry come to the idyllic setting of Horseshoe Valley when the 'Five Star' Horseshoe Resort and the Vital Spark Folk Society proudly present Ontario's only totally indoor festival of roots music. A unique main stage format features four one-hour concerts each session. As well, workshops begin at noon both days. Mainstage concerts start at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday."

June 11, 1994
GLOUCESTER GERMAN FESTIVAL, Maple Leaf-Almrausch Club, Nepean, Ont.
(613)-825-4908
"German-speaking festival, choirs, schuhplatter dancing, Austrian folk music ensemble."

June 12, 1994
BURLINGTON MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, Spenser Smith Park, Burlington, Ont.
(905)-335-7704
"Entertainment, food, displays, music, dance."

June 12, 1994
TIMMINS MULTICULTURAL PARADE AND FESTIVAL, Archie Dillon Sportsplex, Timmins, Ont.
(705)-267-1111
"Parade, folk dancing, international food, crafts, displays, 15 nationalities
June 17 to 19, 1994
ITALIAN WEEK FESTIVAL, Preston St., Ottawa, Ont. (613)-562-0064
"Celebration of Italian culture, concerts, folklore shows, sports, Italian food and wine tasting."

June 17 to 25, 1994
FESTIVAL CARAVAN, Toronto, Ont. (416)-977-0466
"International festival, over 45 pavilions representing the cultural capitals of the world, entertainment, foods, crafts, displays, at locations throughout Metropolitan Toronto."

June 18 and 19, 1994
CHIPPEWAS OF SARNIA ANNUAL POW-WOW, Community Centre, Sarnia, Ont. (519)-336-8410 or (519)-332-1831
"Dance competitions for all ages, traditional, fancy, jingle and grass categories."

June 18 and 19, 1994
KW URBAN WIGWAM PROJECT, Memorial Auditorium Complex, Kitchener, Ont. (800)-265-6368
"First Nations cultural celebration."

June 18 to 25, 1994
LA SEMAINE FRANÇAISE, Cornwall, Ont. (613)-932-9106
"Week-long festival celebrating French culture, parade, concerts, dance.

June 21 to 26, 1994
FRANCO-ONTARIAN FESTIVAL, Ottawa, Ont. (613)-565-8250
"Festival of francophone culture and art, singing, comedy, music, visual arts, crafts. Various locations in downtown Ottawa."

June 23 to 26, 1994
MEDIEVAL FAIR, Streetsville, Ont. (905)-858-5974

June 24 to 26, 1994
FESTIVAL ST-JEAN, Auberge Richelieu, Welland, Ont. (905)-735-1802
"Celebration of Welland’s French culture."

June 24 to 26, 1994
FEAST OF ST. JOHN, Wheatley, Ont. (519)-825-4355
Portuguese festival.

June 25 and 26, 1994
GRAND RIVER DAYS, Six Nations Pageant Grounds, Oshwekan, Ont. (519)-445-4528
"Aboriginal performers featuring the Maori of New Zealand, Iroquois dancers, bluegrass music, Aboriginal crafts and foods."

June 26, 1994
CORNWALL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, Civic Complex, Cornwall, Ont. (613)-938-9400
"Multicultural activities, food, costumes, arts and crafts."

June 29, 1994
LOCH SLOY HIGHLAND GAMES, Fort Erie, Ont. (905)-871-6454
"Part of Fort Erie Friendship Festival. Championship supreme, massed pipe bands, Highland dancing, heavy athletic events, sheep dog herding, evening concert."

June 29 to July 3, 1994
FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, Chatham, Ont. (519)-352-4500, ext. 466

June 30 to July 3, 1994
EARTHSONG, Princess Point, Hamilton, Ont. Doris Sanchez, 401 Main St. West, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 1K5
"A multinational experience in arts and artifacts, music and dance, costume and pageantry, foods of the world, featuring roots, authentic representation of country. Free admission, total family fun. Enjoy water activities such as bamboo rafting, boating on a Thai kayak, plus many more culturally and educationally enjoyable activities."

July 1 and 2, 1994
SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO FIDDLE AND STEP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Fairgrounds, Stratford, Ont. (519)-271-5140 or (800)-561-SWAN

July 1 to 3, 1994
N’AMARIND WEEKEND POW-WOW, Fanshawe Conservation Area, London, Ont. (519)-451-2800
"Aboriginal demonstrations and crafts."

July 1 to 3, 1994
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, Victoria Park, Kitchener, Ont. (519)-745-2531

July 2, 1994
COBURG HIGHLAND GAMES, Donegan Park, Cobourg, Ont. (905)-372-1305
"Highland dancing competition, Scottish heavy events, pipe band competitions, clan displays, piping and drumming competitions, Scottish country dancing, food."

July 2, 1994
TARTAN DAY, Victoria Park, Kincardine, Ont. (519)-396-2073

July 4 to 10, 1994
WORLDFEST, Civic Complex, Cornwall, Ont. (613)-936-2222
"Festival of song and dance from around the world."

July 6 to 9, 1994
INTERNATIONAL VILLAGES FESTIVAL, various locations in Brantford, Ont. Annual since 1974
Elfrida Neumann, 288 Murray St., Brantford, Ont. N3S ST1 Bus.: (519)-753-2350; Fax: (519)-753-1687
"Multicultural community festival celebrating the cultural traditions of various ethnic groups in our city—through dance, music, food and cultural displays."

July 7 to 9, 1994
THUNDER BAY SQUARE DANCING, Ryan Hall, Confederation College, Thunder Bay, Ont. (807)-577-1305
July 7 to 10, 1994
KINGSTON BUSKERS’ RENDEZVOUS, Kingston, Ont. (613)-542-8677
"Over 100 street performers from around the world, over 20 busker stations daily, magicians, musicians, comedians, jugglers and mimes."

July 8 and 9, 1994
SUPREME HIGHLAND GAMES, Tecumseh Park, Chatham, Ont. (519)-352-8737
"Friday children’s games, family fun night, haggis hurl, musical entertainment; Saturday caber toss, stone throwing, hammer toss, massed bands, piper and drummer competitions, sheep dog demonstration, beer tent. Highland dancers."

July 8 and 9, 1994
HURONIA OPEN FIDDLE AND STEP DANCE CONTEST, Curling Club, Penetanguishene, Ont. (705)-549-1994
Includes step dance and fiddle competitions.

July 8 to 10, 1994
CARABRAM, BRAMPTON’S MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, Brampton, Ont. (905)-792-1242
"Nineteen different ethnic groups display their culture and heritage through food, drink, song, dance and cultural displays."

July 8 to 10, 1994
WATERFRONT FESTIVAL AND FOLKLORAMA, Belleville, Ont. (613)-673-5070
"This three-day festival packed with summertime fun. Enjoy music, food and dance from many ethnic cultures, water sports, casinos, fireworks, continuous live bands and much more!"

July 8 to 10, 1994
NORTHERN LIGHTS FESTIVAL BORÉAL, Sudbury, Ont. (705)-674-5512; Fax: (705)-671-1998
"This bilingual festival is celebrating its 23rd year of presenting music, artists and artisans. Set in Sudbury’s Bell Park, you can enjoy workshops and concerts from five stages, including the 2,000-seat amphitheatre, or take a musical cruise on Lake Ramsey. A jewel of a festival!"

July 9, 1994
HALIBURTON HIGHLAND GAMES, Head Lake Park, Haliburton, Ont. (705)-457-3555
"Massed pipe bands, heavy events, Scottish country dancing, Highland dancing, tug-of-war, children’s program."

July 9, 1994
SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY CHILI COOKOFF, Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury, Ont. (519)-599-6469
Includes bluegrass music

July 9 to 10, 1994
KETTLE POINT POW-WOW, Kettle Point Park, Ont. (519)-786-6680
"Traditional and fancy dance competitions, drumming, Aboriginal performers and craft and trader booths."

July 9 to 10, 1994
HALIFAX SUMMER SOUNDS, Stratford, Ont. Stratford Summer Sounds, 129 Bedford Dr., Stratford, Ont. N5A 5J7 Bus.: (519)-595-8458
"This distinctive festival is filled with fun for the whole family. The festival’s three stages will provide for both music and the performing arts. The children’s area is an opportunity in itself, with outlets for your child’s creativity. And the visual artists’ and non-profit areas have grown. We are all excited about 1994, so ‘Lug a Mug; sign up for the open stage; and join in the fun’ in this beautiful setting in the hills, with trees and water."

July 13 to 17, 1994
WESTERN FESTIVAL, Wendover, Ont. (613)-673-5070

July 15 to 17, 1994
HOME COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL, London, Ont. Home County FolkLeague, Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Rd., London, Ont. N6G 1G5 Bus.: (519)-645-2845; Fax: (519)-645-0981
"The Home County Festival, marking its 21st year, is held in London’s beautiful downtown Victoria Park. The festival is renowned for its craft area, offering the wares of some 150 Canadian artists and artisans. Food ranges from carnival fare to gourmet meals to ethnic treats. Concerts take place each night at the Victoria Park Bandshell. Six daytime stages include and open stage and a dance stage. New in the plans for ‘94: an acoustic stage."

July 16, 1994
CAMBRIDGE HIGHLAND GAMES, Churchill Park, Cambridge, Ont. (519)-578-2862
"Highland dancing, pipe bands."

July 16 and 17, 1994
WEENGUSHK CELEBRATION, Highbanks Park, Walpole Island First Nation, Ont. (519)-627-2737
"North American Aboriginal performers of various First Nations demonstrating dances and explaining customs, Aboriginal dance competitions, crafts, jewellery and food."

July 16 and 17, 1994
MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL, Rotary Park, Orangeville, Ont. (519)-942-4336
Includes singers, dancers and musicians.

July 17, 1994
ST. ONORIO ITALIAN CELEBRATION, Oldcastle (Windsor), Ont. (519)-578-2862
"Morning mass, picnic, music and dancing."

Home County Festival, marking its 21st year, is held in London’s beautiful downtown Victoria Park. The festival is renowned for its craft area, offering the wares of some 150 Canadian artists and artisans. Food ranges from carnival fare to gourmet meals to ethnic treats. Concerts take place each night at the Victoria Park Bandshell. Six daytime stages include and open stage and a dance stage. New in the plans for ‘94: an acoustic stage."
July 17, 1994
PORT COLBORNE ETHNIC DAY, Lakeview Park, Port Colborne, Ont. (905)-834-7061

July 18 to 31, 1994
RUSSIAN MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL, Toronto, Ont. (416)-973-4000
“Professional modern dance company, Russian folk musicians and singers, and ballet dancers.”

July 21 to 23, 1994
FIDDLER’S FESTIVAL, Community Centre, Noelville, Ont. (705)-898-2843

July 22 and 23, 1994
ALL FOLKS FESTIVAL, Kingston, Ont. All Folks Festival, 10 Runnymede Rd. #107, Kingston, Ont. K7L 1X1 Bus.: (613)-548-6525; Fax: (613)-548-6514
“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. Activities take place on a main stage, second stage and poets’ corner/open stage, with workshop, children’s and craft areas. Admission is free; donations are welcome.”

July 22 and 23, 1994
CANADIAN OPEN FIDDLE AND STEP DANCE CONTESTS, Community Centre, Bobcaygeon, Ont. Annual since 1969 Mary Stockdale, P.O. Box 119, Bobcaygeon, Ont. K0M 1A0 Res. & Bus.: (705)-738-3569; Fax: (613)-527-5629; Bus.: (613)-527-2876
“Fiddling and step dancing for all ages, culminating in both fiddling and step dancing for the Canadian Open trophies and prize money on Saturday evening. Program includes duet fiddle class, and junior and open group step dance classes.”

July 22 to 24, 1994
HILLSIDE FESTIVAL, Guelph, Ont. Hillside Festival Office, 123 Woolwich St., Guelph, Ont. N1H 3V1 Bus.: (519)-763-6396
“A three-day celebration of music, dance, crafts and theatre, Hillside makes its island home at the Guelph Lake Conservation Area. A diverse range of musical styles on five stages offers folk, jazz, rock, worldbeat, children’s performances and an open stage. You’ll find women’s and environmental groups, non-profit community organizations, holistic workshops and a craft area with 30 Canadian artisans. Hillside is famous for its delicious, all natural international foods. Child care services. No dogs.”

July 23, 1994
ONTARIO HIGHLAND SUPREME GAMES, Barrie, Ont. “Piper, drummer and band competitions, dance and heavy events, tug-of-war, sheep dog and Highland cattle display.”

July 23 and 24, 1994
“CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS” POW-WOW, Chiefwood Park, Oshwekan, Ont. “Competition in music, song and dance featuring Aboriginal dancers from across North America, art and craft exhibition, traditional foods.”

July 28 to August 1, 1994
CKCU INTERNATIONAL BUSKER FESTIVAL, Sparks Street Mall, Ottawa, Ont. (613)-788-2898
“Jugglers, fire breathers, mime, musicians, comedians.”

July 29, 1994
GOLDEN HORSESHOE FIDDLE CONTEST, Fairgrounds, Caledonia, Ont. (905)-765-4891

July 29 and 30, 1994
GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES, Maxville, Ont. Annual since 1948 Connie Blaney, Box 341, Maxville, Ont. K0C 1T0 Res.: (613)-527-5629; Bus.: (613)-527-2876 Includes competitions in individual piping, individual drumming, Highland dancing, pipe bands and drum majors, also massed bands and massed Highland fling.

July 30, 1994
MILL RACE FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL FOLK MUSIC, Cambridge, Ont. Mill Race Festival, P.O. Box 22148, Central Galt Postal Sta., Cambridge, Ont. N1R 8E3
“This festival will be held in the historic centre of Cambridge amidst 19th-century heritage 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 30 and 31, 1994
ABORIGINAL POW-WOW, Fort Erie, Ont. (905)-871-8931
“Traditional, blanket, shawl and fancy dances, jingle dress dancing competitions.”

July 30 and 31, 1994
BLUE SKIES MUSIC FESTIVAL, Clarendon, Ont. Blue Skies Festival, P.O. Box 2502, Clarendon, Ont. K0H 1J0 Bus.: (613)-384-1014
“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 1994 is sold out; day passes are available.”

July 31 and August 1, 1994
PIONEER FIDDLING AND STEP DANCING FESTIVAL, Lanark and District Community Centre, Lanark, Ont. (613)-259-2812

August 5 and 6, 1994
CANADIAN OPEN OLD TIME FIDDLERS’ CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sports Complex, Shelburne, Ont. Annual since 1951 Ken Gamble, Box 27, Shelburne, Ont. L0N 1S0 Res.: (519)-925-3013; Fax: (519)-925-3144
“Eight classes, $7,000 in prizes. Broadcast on C.B.C. on Saturday night.”

August 5 to 7, 1994
FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS, Gage Park, Hamilton, Ont. Festival of Friends, 401 Main St. West, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 1K5 Bus.: (905)-525-6644; Fax: (905)-525-8292
“The theme of ‘Friends’ is foremost at this festival. Concerts and workshops feature top Canadian talent as well as up-and-coming acts. The program also includes dance, children’s performers and buskers. The Kidsfest area introduces children to a unique hands-on experience in creativity. Over 150 Canadian artists and artisans offer original handcrafted items. Admission is free.”
August 6 and 7, 1994
SAUGEEN FIRST NATION POW-WOW, Southampton, Ont.
(519)-797-3254
"Celebration of culture with dance competition."

August 6 and 7, 1994
KANYANGEH FESTIVAL DAYS, Ritkernododon Park, Deseronto, Ont.
(613)-396-3424
Includes fiddling and step dancing.

August 11 to 14, 1994
MARIPOSA FESTIVAL, Toronto, Ont.
Mariposa Folk Foundation, 60 Atlantic Ave., Suite 106, Toronto, Ont. M6K 1X9
Bus.: (416)-588-8371; Fax: (416)-588-8974
"The 34th annual Mariposa Festival will once again take place on Toronto's beautiful Olympic Island, with evening programming in clubs in the Queen Street West area. Mariposa continues its tradition of presenting the finest in folk, roots and world beat music, new performers showcases, fine crafts and environmental areas. Children 12 and under are admitted free with adult admission."

August 12 to 14, 1994
EARTH, AIR, FIRE AND WATER: CELTIC ROOTS FESTIVAL, Goderich, Ont.
Warren Robinson, 20 Caledonia Terrace, Goderich, Ont. N7A 2M8
Bus.: (519)-524-2400
"The best of Irish, Scottish and other Celtic traditions are all brought together in a beautiful park by Lake Huron. Whether your taste be for Highland flings or handcrafted jewelry, ballads or Breton airs, Cornish pasty or concertinas, Irish dancers or Irish stew, you'll find them all. Over 25 performing groups, 30 hours of mainstage music, three workshop areas, superb crafts and theme food, are all found in the lovely town of Goderich."

August 12 to 14, 1994
FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES, Fergus, Ont.
Annual since 1946
Patricia Mestern, P.O. Box 3, 2nd Floor, Fergus Market Building, 100 Queen St. West, Fergus, Ont. N1M 2W7
Res. & Bus. (24-hour): (519)-843-5140; Fax: (519)-787-0983
"A full weekend of Scottish activities, Struapuch, Tattoo '94, Highland games, Scottish concert, Kirkin' o' the Tartans, Scottish traditions, total immersion in Scots Heritage Country!"

August 13, 1994
RIVERSIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL, Old Fort William, Thunder Bay, Ont.
Dawn Murray, c/o Old Fort William, Vickers Heights P.O., Thunder Bay, Ont. P0T 2Z0
Bus.: (807)-577-8461; Fax: (807)-473-2327
"Outdoor music venue featuring Canadian performers. Located on grounds adjacent to Old Fort William."

August 13 and 14, 1994
TYENDINAGA'S ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW-WOW, 3 km west of Deseronto, Ont.
(613)-396-3424
"Non-competitive pow-wow, singers, Aboriginal dancing, arts and crafts and foods."

August 14, 1994
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN, Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ont.
(519)-271-5140 or (800)-561-SWAN
"Service of Scottish pageantry, pipe band and swordsmen."

August 19 and 20, 1994
SARNIA HIGHLAND GAMES, Centennial Park, Sarnia, Ont.
(519)-336-5054
"Highland dancing, professional and amateur Scottish heavy events, pipe band and drumming competition, sheep dog demonstration, massed band."

August 19 to 21, 1994
SUMMERFOLK, Owen Sound, Ont.
Summerfolk Music and Crafts Festival, Box 521, Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 5R1
Bus.: (519)-371-2995; Fax: (519)-371-2973
"Located on beautiful Georgian Bay at Kelso Park in Owen Sound, this event features the finest folk performers in North America and abroad. Seven soundstages. A wide variety of foods to suit all taste buds. A juried craft show features 30 quality crafts people. Three days of fun in the sun!"

August 19 to September 5, 1994
CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION, Toronto, Ont.
Annual since 1879
C.N.E., Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ont. M6K 3C3
Bus.: (416)-393-6003; Fax: (416)-393-6259
"One of the world's largest annual exhibitions, the CNE features more than ten stages hosting around-the-clock entertainment during its eight-day run. Musical styles span the full spectrum of popular music and entertainment, from children's storytelling to aboriginal music to rock shows."

August 20 and 21, 1994
OJIBWA KEESHIGUN, Thunder Bay, Ont.
(807)-577-3461
"Festival commemorating the contribution of Aboriginal people to the fur trade. Craft sale, singing and dancing, demonstrations."

August 25 to 28, 1994
WATERLOO BUSKERS CARNIVAL, King St., Waterloo, Ont.
(519)-747-8505
"Acrobats, jugglers, musicians, outdoor entertainment."

August 26 and 27, 1994
KAWARTHA SQUARES 26th ANNIVERSARY OF SQUARE DANCING, Lakeview Banquet Hall, Fenelon Falls, Ont.
(705)-887-3576
"Acrobats, jugglers, musicians, outdoor entertainment."

August 26 to 28, 1994
EAGLEWOOD EARTH FESTIVAL, Pefferlaw, Ont.
Eaglewood Earth Festival, 31 Helendale Ave., Suite #1, Toronto, Ont. M4R 1C5
Bus.: (416)-481-5506; Fax: (416)-481-9319
"This festival, held at the Eaglewood Resort in Pefferlaw, celebrates the Canadian experience with traditional folk musicians and contemporary songwriters. There are craft demonstrations, environmental displays, and an area dedicated to children's play and learning, along with horseback riding, swimming and hiking. The beautiful site and camping facilities are completely wheelchair accessible. Braille programs are available, and all performances are signed."

August 26 to September 5, 1994
HERITAGE FOLKLORE FESTIVAL, Welland and Port Colborne, Ont.
Annual since 1983
Claire Gerencser, 23 Division St., Welland, Ont. L3B 3Z5
Bus.: (905)-732-5337; Fax: (905)-732-0212
"Weeklong festivities where each cultural hall opens its doors to display and introduce its distinct costumes, foods, music, dances and cultural traditions."
August 27, 1994
NORTH LANARK HIGHLAND GAMES, North Lanark Agricultural Society Fairgrounds, Almonte, Ont.
(613)-256-4221
"Dancing, pipe bands and professional and amateur heavyweight athletics competitions, Scottish concessions, Gathering of the Clans."

August 27 and 28, 1994
POW-WOW, Mic Mac Park, Windsor, Ont.
(519)-948-8365
"Aboriginal dancing, drumming, arts and crafts, food."

August 27 and 28, 1994
"THREE FIRES HOMECOMING" POW-WOW, New Credit Ball Park, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Hagersville, Ont.
(519)-445-4528
"Traditional gathering featuring Aboriginal dancers, singers and drummers, traditional crafts and foods."

August 27 and 28, 1994
PETERBOROUGH FOLK FESTIVAL, Peterborough, Ont.
Peterborough Folk Festival, P.O. Box 823, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7A2
Bus.: (705)-749-3157
"This festival is a unique two-part event. On Saturday, the Club Crawl puts a wide range of performers into downtown restaurants, clubs, bars and dance halls—one low price gets you into all venues. Sunday in the riverside park is free, with an emphasis on participation. Acoustic workshops are capped with a mainstage performance by the headlining bands. Enjoy crafts and artisans, a children’s area, great food and storytelling. Lots of chances to get involved, so bring your instrument!"

August 27 and 28, 1994
CKCU OTTAWA VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL, Ottawa, Ont.
CKCU Ottawa Valley Folk Festival, Room 517, Unicentre, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 5B6
Bus.: (613)-788-2898; Fax: (613)-788-4060
"For the first time in nearly 15 years, Ottawa will host a major folk festival celebrating the rich folk and roots tradition of the Ottawa Valley through music, juried crafts, dance and storytelling. Ottawa area artists will be featured almost exclusively. Saturday night’s club crawl is followed on Sunday by events for the whole family in the idyllic setting of Vincent Massey Park. Afternoon participatory workshops are followed by a mainstage extravaganza, and it all ends with music and storytelling around a giant bonfire."

September 2 and 3, 1994
PEMBROKE FIDDLING AND STEP DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS, Memorial Centre, Pembroke, Ont.
(613)-584-3962
"Step dancing and fiddling competition in all age categories."

September 9 to 11, 1994
SIX NATIONS FALL FAIR AND POW-WOW, Fairgrounds, Oshwekan, Ont.
(519)-445-4528
"Aboriginal dancers, singers, drummers, baby contest, midway, chuckwagon racing."

September 9 to 11, 1994
CANADIAN GRAND MASTERS FIDDLING CHAMPIONSHIP, Civic Square, Nepean, Ont.
(613)-727-6641
"Top Canadian fiddlers from each province and territory compete. Sunday variety show."

September 10, 1994
ABERFOYLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OLD TYME FIDDLERS, Aberfoyle, Ont.
(519)-658-5590
"Six categories of competition, from under 10 years of age to 65 years and over."

September 10, 1994
IRISH/SCOTTISH FESTIVAL, Bayshore Park, Trenton, Ont.
(613)-394-4318 or (613)-392-3243
"Bands, dancers, food booths, parade, two mass band performances, local arts and crafts."

September 10 and 11, 1994
CELTIC FESTIVAL, Fort Henry, Kingston, Ont.
(613)-542-7388
"Celtic artists and bands from across Canada, workshops and performances, music, food, souveniers."

September 11, 1994
INDIAN SUMMER, Crawford Lake Conservation Area, Milton, Ont.
(905)-336-1158 or (905)-854-0234
"Aboriginal arts and crafts for sale, traditional drumming and dancing, Aboriginal games, craft making, scavenger hunt."

September 17 and 18, 1994
WYE MARSH FESTIVAL: AN ENVIRONMENTAL CELEBRATION, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland, Ont.
Annual since 1986
John Lister, c/o Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, P.O. Box 100, Midland, Ont. L4R 4K6
Bus.: (705)-526-7809; Fax: (705)-526-3294
"A celebration of folk music, wildlife art, Canadian Woodcarving Championships and conservation exhibits and displays. The two-day event is set in a beautiful area and is full of activities for everyone."

September 17 to October 16, 1994
APPLEFEST '94, Great Lakes Farms, Port Stanley, Ont.
(519)-782-3433
Includes old time fiddle music.

September 18, 1994
MISSISSAUGA FALL FAIR, Bradley Museum, Mississauga, Ont.
(905)-822-1569
Includes square dancing.

September 24 and 25, 1994
CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION POW-WOW AND TRADITIONAL GATHERING, Curve Lake, Ont.
Annual since 1954
Melissa Rose, c/o Gen. Del., Curve Lake, Ont. K0L 1R0
Bus.: (705)-657-8045; Fax: (705)-657-8708
"Dancing and drumming of aboriginal peoples; a traditional gathering and pow-wow, non-competitive; a celebration of our heritage."

October 1 and 2, 1994
NIAGARA FOOD FESTIVAL, Niagara College, Welland Campus, Welland, Ont.
(905)-735-8696
Includes ethnic dancing and music.

October 7 to 15, 1994
KITCHENER-WATERLOO OKTOBERFEST, Kitchener, Ont.
Annual since 1969
Wayne Hussey, P.O. Box 1053, 17 Benton St., Kitchener, Ont. N2G 4G1
Bus.: (519)-570-HANS; Fax: (519)-742-3072
"Bavarian festival featuring over 20 Festhallen, with Bavarian cuisine and entertainment, including bands, songs and folk dancing, plus 50 cultural, general and family events, a parade and a pageant."

October 8 and 9, 1994
THANKSGIVING POW-WOW, Rama Ball Park, Orillia, Ont.
"Demonstrations of dancing, singing, arts and crafts, Aboriginal food and dress."

October 9 and 10, 1994
HARVEST FESTIVAL, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, Ont.
(416)-973-3000
Includes square dancing, storytelling and music.

October 16, 1994
PRATIE OATEN, County of Grey/Owen Sound Museum, Owen Sound, Ont.
(519)-376-3690
"Potato harvest celebration, traditional Celtic food, demonstrations of Celtic crafts, Celtic music and dancing."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
A couple of large concert series dominate the P.E.I. scene; it's debatable whether to include them as "festivals," but we're erring on the side of inclusion (if indeed we are erring!). Also, the Prince Edward Island 1994 Visitors Guide arrived in time to be of use; it lists events with brief descriptions, usually contact names and phone numbers, sometimes addresses. It can be obtained from the Prince Edward Island Tourism Marketing Council, phone 1-800-463-4734.

June 22 to October 1, 1994
MacKINNON FAMILY HOMESTEAD EVENTS, MacKinnon Family Homestead, Richmond, P.E.I.
The Linus C. MacKinnon Family or Cecelia MacKinnon, Richmond, P.E.I. COB 1Y0
Res. & Bus.: (902)-854-2245
June 22: "Amazing Grace" Scottish Concert
June 25: "Welcome to Summer" Scottish Square Dance
June 28: Scottish Ceilidh Under the Stars
July 1: Richmond Canada Day
July 4: Old-Time Scottish Square Dance
July 6: Old-Fashioned Scottish Concert
July 9: Strawberry Fair
July 11: Ceilidh Square Dance
July 13: MacKinnon Family in Concert (held at Lions Club, North Rustico, P.E.I.)
July 15: P.E.I. Tartan Social
July 19: "P.E.I. on the Floor" Square Dance
July 23 and 24: Outdoor Scottish Fiddle and Dance Festival
July 27: "Scott's Delight" Scottish Concert (held at Lions Club, North Rustico, P.E.I.)
August 1: Outdoor Robert Burns Scottish Variety Concert
August 3: Scottish Music and Dance Concert (held at B.I.S. Hall, Charlottetown, P.E.I.)
August 6: Raspberry Social
August 8: Maple Syrup Social Under the Stars
August 10: Sounds of Scottish Music Concert (held at Lions Club, North Rustico, P.E.I.)
August 12: Clan MacKinnon Gathering
August 14: Tribute to Linus C. MacKinnon (Father of Scottish Music and Dance Revival in P.E.I.)
August 16: Tribute to the Clans Square Dance
August 18: Old-Fashioned Blueberry Ceilidh Concert and Tea Party
August 31: "The Kilt is Our Delight" Scottish Concert (held at Lions Club, North Rustico, P.E.I.)
September 3: MacKinnon Clan's Gala Square Dance of the Season
September 5: Christmas Daddies Benefit Dance
September 7: "Music of the Tartan" Scottish Concert
September 10: "Tighten the Shoe Strings and Rosin the Bow" Old-Time Dance
September 11: 18th Anniversary Celebration, Scottish Fiddlers and Ceilidh Dancers Association
September 14: Apple Social
September 17, 1994: Outdoor Scottish Concert
September 21: Tea and Biscuit Social
September 24: Harvest Home Ceilidh Festival
September 28: St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland, Scottish Concert
October 1: Oktoberfest

June 24 to October 16, 1994
'94 CELTIC FESTIVAL, Summerside, P.E.I.
Annual since 1991
Sharon Smith, c/o The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada, 619 Water Street East, Summerside, P.E.I. C1N 4H8
Res.: (902)-887-2456; Bus.: (902)-436-5377; Fax: (902)-888-3860
"Our summer begins with the Summerside Highland Gathering, June 24-26. Events include Celtic entertainment, solo piping, drumming, Highland dancing competitions, pipe bands, as well as athletic competitions, massed bands and special events. Groups and solo performers will also be featured throughout the weekend. Highland Concert Series, June 30 to September 1: Gala performances with a cast of over 40 pipers, drummers, Highland dancers, stepdancers, fiddlers and vocalists. Choreographed numbers and lots of laughs. Concert at Charlottetown Confederation Centre of the Arts, October 16: Gala performance with a cast of over 60 pipers, drummers, Highland dancers, stepdancers, fiddlers and vocalists. A fun-filled evening for everyone. Scottish Historical Exhibit, late June to September 1: Historical display depicting Scottish immigration and settlement on Prince Edward Island. Exhibit consists of static displays including clan histories, family tartans, Highland costumes, musical instruments and numerous artifacts representing the lifestyle of early settlers."

July 2, 1994
LADY'S SLIPPER SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE, Auditorium, Summerside, P.E.I.
James & Laura Paynter, (902)-436-5154
"Mainstream plus star tips and rounds."

July 3, 1994
SOUND OF MUSIC FESTIVAL, Dunollie Travel Park, Fairview, P.E.I.
Kris MacDougall, (902)-675-3061 (bus.)
"Bands, step-dancing, fiddle, bagpiping. In aid of cystic fibrosis research."

July 8 to 10, 1994
BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, Dunollie Travel Park, Fairview, P.E.I.
Kris MacDougall, (902)-675-3061 (bus.)
"Bluegrass bands from Maritime Canada and the eastern U.S.A. Clog dancing."

July 16 and 17, 1994
ROLLO BAY FIDDLE FESTIVAL, Rollo Bay, P.E.I.
Peter Chaisson, (902)-687-2584
"Talent from all over North America. Open-air concerts and old-time Dances."

July 29 and 30, 1994
SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE, Holland College, Royalty Centre, P.E.I.
Andy Vos, (902)-569-3297
"Mainstream square dancing plus tips and round dancing.

August 4 to 6, 1994
KENNSINGTON STEP-DANCING FESTIVAL, Community Gardens Arena Complex, Kensington, P.E.I.
Heather Mountain, (902)-836-3209

August 5 and 6, 1994
HIGHLAND GAMES, Lord Selkirk Provincial Park, Eldon, P.E.I.
Gail Parker, (902)-566-4818; Douglas MacKenzie, (902)-659-2337
"Piping, dancing, traditional athletic competitions."

August 5 to 7, 1994
TYNE VALLEY OYSTER FESTIVAL, Tyne Valley, P.E.I.
Heather Mountain, (902)-836-3209
Gail Parker, (902)-566-4818; Douglas MacKenzie, (902)-659-2337

August 15, 1994
FÉTE NATIONAL DES ACADIENS, Mont-Carmel, P.Q.
(902)-854-2227

August 19 to 21, 1994
FIDDLERS AND FOLLOWERS WEEKEND, Rainbow Valley, Cavendish, P.E.I.
Mary Smith, (902)-963-2221 (summer); (902)-963-2356 (winter)
"Scores of fiddlers from across the Maritimes. Big fiddle shows, step-dancers, barbecues, old-fashioned picnics and lobster parties."

August 19 to 23, 1994
NATIONAL MILTON ACORN FESTIVAL Charlottetown, P.E.I., and across the Island
Annual since 1987
Valerie LaPointe, #101 - 21 Great George St., Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 4J5
(902)-894-8766; Fax: (902)-368-7485

August 21, 1994
SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES, Orwell Corner Historic Village, P.E.I.
Wendell Boyle, (902)-651-2013 (bus.)
"Concert, pipers, fiddlers, singers, traditional Highland games. Sample the haggis!"

September 10, 1994
HERITAGE HALL FESTIVAL, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Elizabeth Sears, (902)-368-4418
"Multicultural and artistic street fair featuring performances, children's activities and international food fair."

QUÉBEC

A festivals listing was received from the Conseil québécois du Patrimoine vivant, C.P. 516, succ. Haute-Ville, Québec, P.Q. G1R 4R8; phone (418)-522-5892; Fax: (418)-647-4439. Some Quebec government departments sent us the same listing, some referred us to that organization. A different listing, covering mostly the same events but with some differences, came from the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications, Secrétariat administratif des milieux culturels, 225 Grande Alle Est, 2e étage, bloc "C", Québec, P.Q. G1R 5G5; phone (418)-646-8348; Fax (418)-643-8457. Both listings are on the barebones side, with no contact addresses and no descriptions of the events; but all the festivals are said to consist of "arts traditionnels et du folklore." The latter government department also announced the forthcoming publication of the first Guide de la danse et de la musique traditionnelle du Québec.
August 5 to 7, 1994
LA CHÂTEAUGUAY, Châteauguay, P.Q.
Annual since 1986
Marc-Henri Vidal, 15 boul. Maple, Châteauguay, P.Q. J6J 3P7
Bus.: (514)-466-3916; Fax: (514)-466-4745
This is a festival where choir singing occupies an important part. The music could be traditional Quebec and Canadian folk song (mostly in French), church choir (gospel, spirituals, classical), Broadway musical comedy, and so on. All this along with popular family-type activities.

August 13, 1994
FESTIVAL FOLK DE JOLEIETTE, Joliette, P.Q.
Mario Forest, (514)-759-3308

August 18 to 21, 1994
FESTIVAL DE L'EXPRESSION POPULAIRE GASPÉSIENNE, Newport, P.Q.
Solange Fullum, (418)-777-2707

September 2 to 5, 1994
CARREFOUR MONDIAL DE L'ACCORDÉON, Montmagny, P.Q.
Annual since 1989
Raynald Ouellet, C.P. 71, Montmagny, P.Q. G5V 3S3
(418)-248-9196; Fax: (418)-248-1436

September 23 to 25, 1994
FESTIVAL PROVINCIAL DE FOLKLORE DE L'AQLF, Saint-Hyacinthe, P.Q.
Pierre Savaria, (514)-252-3022; Fax (514)-251-8038

September 23 to October 2, 1994
RÊVES D'AUTOMNE, Baie St-Paul, P.Q.
Roger Brassard, (418)-435-5150; poste 2123; Fax (418)-435-3315

September 30 to October 2, 1994
FESTIVAL DU VIOLON DES AMÉRIQUES, Valleyfield, P.Q.
Claude Jacod, (514)-373-6141; Alcide Latour, (514)-370-4320; Fax (514)-370-0362

October 1 and 2, 1994
NATIVE CULTURAL FESTIVAL, Vanier College Sports Complex, Montréal, P.Q.
Guy Landry, (514)-524-8552

October 8 to 15, 1994
SEMAINE DU PATRIMOINE VIVANT, Montréal and Québec, P.Q.
Guy Landry, (514)-524-8552

October 9 to 15, 1884
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DES ARTS TRADITIONNELS, Québec, P.Q.
Normand Legault, (418)-647-8552; Fax (418)-647-4439

October 14 to 16, 1994
CQPV/CONGRÈS, Trois-Rivières and Drummondville, P.Q.
Guy Landry, (514)-524-8852

November 4 to 13, 1994
FESTIVAL INTERCULTUREL DU CONTE DE MONTRÉAL, Montréal, P.Q.

Marc Laberge, (514)-279-9545; Fax (514)-272-9101

**SASKATCHEWAN**

Saskatchewan Festivals 1993/94 is available from the Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society, 2431 8th Ave., Regina, Sask. S4R 5J7; phone (306)-569-8980. The booklet has dates, brief descriptions, contact addresses and phone numbers. Of course, as it was produced in 1993, it can be overtaken by events; for example, 1994 dates are given for the Regina Folk Festival, whose 1994 event has since been cancelled.

June 2 to 4, 1994
MOSAIC -- FESTIVAL OF CULTURES, Regina, Sask.
Annual since 1967
Sharon Amyotte (Executive Director), 2144 Cornwall St., Regina, Sask. S4P 2K7
Bus.: (306)-757-5990; Fax: (306)-780-9407
"Regina's Festival of Cultures blossoms into full colour in a city-wide festival with 24 pavilions that come alive with the crafts of skilled artisans, energetic folk dances, lively music and song, and foods from around the world. Shop for souvenirs and crafts. Discover the customs and costumes of other lands. Bus transportation connects all locations. Come alive with the magic of Mosaic!"

June 7 to 11, 1994
REGINA INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL, Wascana Centre, along College Ave., between Broad St. and Albert St., Regina, Sask.
Annual since 1987
Christa Donaldson (Executive Producer), 2347 Cornwall St., 3rd Floor, Regina, Sask. S4P 2L4
Bus.: (306)-352-7655; Fax: (306)-525-6947
"Young audience arts festival featuring international and national theatre, dance, music or other productions. There are over 31 indoor shows and hundreds of outdoor activities. Children and teen programs are scheduled. Festival is centred around families and artists or performers interested in this type of programming."

June 30 to July 2, 1994
GOVAN OLDE TYME FIDDLE FESTIVAL AND SASKATCHEWAN FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Govan Gym, Govan, Sask.
Annual since 1986
Marlene Cardiff, Box 194, Govan, Sask. S0G 1Z0 or Bud Watson, Box 88, Govan, Sask. S0G 1Z0
Res.: (306)-484-2119 or (306)-484-4566; Fax: (306)-484-4321
"A weekend of music, fun and fellowship. Guest performers provide the program, as well as many good fiddlers who take part in the competition and provide music for dances both evenings. 1994 is the 10th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Fiddle Championships, so a special evening is planned for June 30 to start the weekend off with great festivities!"

July 8 to 10, 1994
MOTIF, Happy Valley Park, Moose Jaw, Sask.
Annual since 1974
Eric Chow, 15 Hochelaga St. W, Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 2E9
Res.: (306)-691-0515; Bus.: (306)-693-4677; Fax: (306)-694-0477
"A weekend of music, fun and fellowship. Guest performers provide the program, as well as many good fiddlers who take part in the competition and provide music for dances both evenings. 1994 is the 10th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Fiddle Championships, so a special evening is planned for June 30 to start the weekend off with great festivities!"

July 14 to 17, 1994
NESS CREEK FESTIVAL, 20 km east of Big River, Sask.
Annual since 1991
Cathy Sproule, 824 Broadway Ave., Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 2B9
Res.: (306)-652-0897; Bus.: (306)-664-1992
"The Ness Creek Festival offers a unique blend of various musical tastes presented within the beauty of the northern boreal forest. 100 per cent
Canadian, ranging from alternative to traditional. No electricity, free camping, food services, children's program and much more.*

**August 9 to 11, 1994**

**PRINCE ALBERT POW-WOW,** Exhibition Grounds, Prince Albert, Sask.


Bus.: (306)-764-3431; Fax: (306)-763-3205

"Aboriginal pow-wow and competition; food and handicrafts booths."

**August 18 to 20, 1994**

**FOLKFEST,** various venues throughout Saskatoon, Sask.

Deneen Godjonsin (Festival Co-ordinator), 233 Ave. C South, Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 1N3

"For three days in August, Saskatoon explodes with enthusiasm, and two dozen pavilions bring alive the sights, sounds and tastes of the many cultures that make up Saskatoon's heritage. Volunteers and visitors come together to share their time, their traditions and their way of life. Discover the customs of other lands. Marvel at the timeless art of skilled craftspeople. Shop for souvenirs and crafts. Catch the exuberance of the spectacular folk dancers, singers and musicians. And savour the special tastes of food from around the world. It's all waiting for you at Folkfest."

**September 23 to 25, 1994**

**MAPLE CREEK COWBOY POETRY GATHERING AND WESTERN ART SHOW,** Legion Hall, Maple Creek, Sask.

Doris Bircham, Box 237, Piapot, Sask. S0N 1Y0 or Kim Taylor, Box 1686, Maple Creek, Sask. S0N 1N0

Res.: (306)-558-4414 or (306)-662-3368; Fax: (306)-558-4514

"Begins at 11:00 a.m. Friday with hourly sessions of pickin', singin' and recitin'; continues all day Friday and Saturday. Western art on display (horsehair hitching, rawhide braiding, saddlemaking, silversmithing, glass cutting, boot and knife makers, bronzes, photography and western oils and sketches. Art auction Saturday evening; special Friday and Saturday evening programs; Saturday beef barbecue; western designer fashion show; Cowboy Church Sunday morning; pancake breakfast; buggy rides; jam sessions; stock dog trials; buffalo, beans and bannock booth."

**YUKON**

Tourism Yukon, very forthcoming last year, didn't send us anything this time. You might try writing Tourism Yukon, P.O. Box 2703, Whitehorse, Y.T. Y1A 2C6, for general information if you're travelling to Yukon.

**June 10 and 11, 1994**

**ALSEK MUSIC FESTIVAL,** Haines Junction, Y.T.

Louise Breneman, Box 5467, Haines Junction, Y.T. Y0B 1L0

Res.: (403)-634-2673; Bus.: (403)-634-2753; Fax: (403)-634-2131

"The Alsek Music Festival is an annual outdoor music event showcasing Northern talent. The festival began as a 'Project '92' event to celebrate the Alaska Highway 50th Anniversary, and is now held annually on the second weekend in June. The festival takes place on the arena grounds in a large tent, and opens with a dance on Friday night, features main stage performances all day Saturday, and closes with a dance on Saturday night. An important aspect of the festival is the family atmosphere, with clowns, a story reading teepee, pony rides, craft and food booths, face painting, and a children's 'carnival' area. We're not a 'folk' festival per se, but cover all types of music, performed by 'Northern only' performers. There have been everything from bluegrass, folk, and a seven-piece swing band to country and rock and roll at the dances. We have had musicians from the Yukon and southeast Alaska, and hope to have performers from the Northwest Territories this year. The festival has been very well received by the performers and the public, and offers a wide variety of talent."

**June 24 to 26, 1994**

**YUKON INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL,** Rotary Park, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Wendy Randall, Box 5029, Whitehorse, Y.T. Y1A 4S2

Bus.: (403)-633-7550; Fax: (403)-633-4200

"Every year, storytellers from the circumpolar world gather beneath the Midnight Sun on the banks of the majestic Yukon River. This is the Yukon International Storytelling Festival, a circumpolar celebration of a powerful art form that brings together performers from places such as Russia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Japan, Alaska, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Experience myth, Aboriginal legends, drumming and song. You'll be part of a unique and colourful expression of human history. The Storytelling Festival is an environmentally friendly family event with mime, dance, drama, crafts, face-painting and special children's programs. Our festival encourages the development of both casual and professional storytelling. Our goal is to increase public awareness of and participation in this rich and ancient art. The festival is relaxed, open and joyous."

**July 22 to 24, 1994**

**DAWSON CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL,** Minto Park, Dawson City, Y.T.

Karen DuBois, Box 456, Dawson City, Y.T. Y0B 1G0

Res.: (403)-993-5504; Bus.: (403)-993-5231; Fax: (403)-993-6918

"The Music Festival takes place in a large circus tent in the centre of town. Musical performers from all over Canada, with many Yukon performers as well, play for an audience of 1000 people. The festival caters to wide variety of musical tastes, to satisfy a wide age range, from children to adults. Included are daily workshops to enhance individual talents to smaller, more intimate crowds."