

TWO NATION CELEBRATION (Niagara Falls, Ontario) July 1-4. Daytime activities include interactive theater performances, performances by leading musicians, fireworks, Niagara Symphony on July 1 with fireworks at 10pm. www.niagaraparks.com

VICTORIAN DAZZLE FESTIVAL (Fredonia) July 14-15. Experience the art, history and romance of the Victorian era. Period costumes, cemetery ghost tours, lectures and demonstrations, antique vendors, architectural tours and more. (1-888-373-3664) www.fredchamber.org.

WAR OF 1812 PARADE & COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES (Wehrle and Aero Drive, Cheektowaga) June 11, noon. Parade from Wehrle and Aero to the War of 1812 Cemetery. (897-7207) www.tocny.org

WATERFRONT ART FESTIVAL (Kershaw Park, on the north shore of Canandaigua Lake) July 29, 10am-5pm. Fine arts and fine crafts along with the natural beauty of the Finger Lakes Region. \$3 (www.waterfrontartfestival.com)

WILLOWFEST (Willow Creek Winery, Chapin Rd., Silver Creek) June 23-24, noon-11pm. Wine tasting, food vendors, live bands, midway rides, fireworks preview Friday night, and Chautauqua County's biggest fireworks display at dusk on Saturday. (934-9463)

WINES IN THE WILD (Buffalo Zoological Gardens, Delaware Park, Buffalo) July 26, 6pm-9pm. Sample food, beer and wine while enjoying live music, and animal ambassadors. Tickets are \$30

presale or \$35 at the door. Must be 21 years or older. (837-3900x131) www.buffalozoo.org

WELLSVILLE BALLOON RALLY (Wellsville) July 21-23. Annual balloon festival in historic Wellsville. Balloon launches on Friday at 6pm, Saturday at 6am and 6pm and Sunday at 6am (weather permitting). (585-593-3752) www.wellsvilleballoonrally.com

WESTFIELD ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL, (Moore Park, Rts. 394 and 20, Westfield). July 28 & 29. Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-4pm. More than 250 exhibitors, free parking and shuttle service. (326-2011)

WILDLIFE & RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, (Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 655 Luther Rd., East Aurora). July 29 & 30, 11am-4pm. Live music, tours gardens, art auction, food, flying bird show and animal encounters, including eagles, owls, hawks, falcons, ocelot, porcupine and more. Adults \$12, child \$6. (652-8646) www.hawkcreek.org

WOOFSTOCK (The St. Lawrence Market Neighborhood, Toronto) June 10 & 11. The largest outdoor festival for dogs complete with fashion shows, makeovers, and a canine parade. Free. (www.woofstock.ca)

YOUTH MARCH (Lafayette Square, Buffalo) June 7, 4pm, rain or shine. Starts at the Lafayette Square, in front of the Buffalo Public Library, ending with a rally at Niagara Square in front of City Hall. (855-1522 ext. 25)

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INDIAN SUMMER

Native American powwows open doors to a neighboring nation

The Native American powwow is a festival with roots in early American Indian culture and continues today with gatherings that can last as long as a week. The gatherings in the Buffalo area reach an average crowd of 7,000 people per day, according to Alan Jamison of Native American Community Services. Filled with traditional drum chants and fancydancing, powwows immerse those who attend in the culture of the host nation. Dancers wear traditional regalia, much of which is handmade and passed down from generation to generation, and participants compete for large cash prizes. The fair-like atmosphere also includes Native American food, like corn soup and fry bread, as well as arts and crafts.

There will be two major powwows taking place in the area this summer, both hosted by the Seneca Nation. The first will be held July 14-16 at Lackey Plaza, 310 4th Street in Niagara Falls. The **Border Crossing Powwow** will feature Competitive dancing, traditional arts and crafts, food and other activities. The second event, **Veterans Powwow**, will take place July 21-23 at Veterans Park in Salamanca. Both events are considered competitive powwows and will give away almost \$100,000 in prize money to the winning dance teams.

Before heading out to one of the many in the area, there are points of etiquette to consider. Try to arrive early to the event so as not to interrupt the grand entry or

dance. No alcohol or drugs are allowed on the grounds. Also, before snapping photos or using any type of recording device at a powwow, be sure to ask permission. Generally it is accepted, but it's always courteous to ask. For more information on Native American events, tune to the Voice of Reason, AM 1270, at 9pm on Wednesday nights for *Native News*.

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