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**THINGS TO SEE & DO**



JAPANESE CANADIAN  
 CULTURAL CENTRE  
 日系文化会館  
**May 3, 2014**  
**Annual Bazaar**  
<http://jccc.on.ca/events-calendar/2014-05>

**Pine Tree Potters' Guild**  
**Spring Pottery Show & Sale**



May 1,2,3,4,2014  
 Aurora Cultural Center  
 22 Church St., Aurora



Ottawa - Gatineau  
 May 9 - 19 2014  
[www.tulipfestival.ca/](http://www.tulipfestival.ca/)

**DID YOU KNOW?...**

*The Black Bears in "Cottage Country" will wake up and come out of hibernation from mid-April to early May. They have not had anything to eat or drink for 6 months!!!*

*People travelling in this area are warned to avoid them as they will be VERY GRUMPY!!*



## DAYS TO CELEBRATE IN APRIL



### EASTER

Easter Weekend is made up of Good Friday, (April 18<sup>th</sup>), Easter Sunday, (April 20<sup>th</sup>) and Easter Monday, (April 21<sup>st</sup>). Schools and many businesses, are closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. In the Christian Faith, Good Friday marks the death of Jesus Christ and Easter Sunday celebrates the day he rose from the dead. Easter has also become a very commercialized holiday. Children believe that the Easter Bunny comes to their home on the night before Easter Sunday, and delivers a basket of candy and chocolate to them. These treats are often in the shape of bunnies or eggs. Sometimes the treats are hidden and children have to search for them. This is called an Easter Egg Hunt.

Other traditions include decorating eggs with colourful paints and getting together with family, attending church and having a special dinner.



**シュガーブッシュメープルシロップ・フェスティバル**



Usually between **10:00 and 5:00\*** with Pancakes and Hot Chocolate available to buy for lunch. Also, there are often **guided tours and horse drawn wagon rides for kids.**

- ▶ Bruce's Mill - Souffville (25 mins from Toronto)  
<http://maplesyrupfest.com/home/plan-your-visit.dot>
- ▶ Kortright – Vaughan (20 mins from Toronto)  
<http://maplesyrupfest.com/home/plan-your-visit.dot>
- ▶ **\*Maple by Moonlight April 5 ONLY**  
<http://www.willowgrove.ca/Maple-By-Moonlight>
- ▶ Bronte Creek Mississauga  
<http://www.brontecreek.org/bronte-creek-maple-syrup-festival.htm>
- ▶ For more locations  
<http://www.maplesyrupfest.com/>

### APRIL FOOL'S DAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

**April Fool's Day** is celebrated on April 1<sup>st</sup> every year. It is not a national holiday, but is widely recognized and celebrated in various countries as a day when people play practical jokes on each other.

**Have Fun & Don't Get Fooled!!**



### EARTH DAY – APRIL 22

Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. Almost every school-aged child in Canada will participate in Earth Day activities in their schools and communities. These activities celebrate respect for the environment and inspire changes in behaviour that will lessen our impact on the Earth.



**Something you can do to help the Earth:** Take part in Earth Hour on **Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>**. Millions of people will turn off their lights, televisions, and all other electronics for Earth Hour at **8.30pm** (20:30) in their local time zone. Some people enjoy Earth Hour with a candle-lit dinner or a candle-lit bath, while others host large events or parties, either in darkness or with candles.



白いエンレイソウはとして機能エンブレムとの公式な花のカナダの州のオンタリオ州。それは公式の象徴であるオンタリオ州政府。大きな白いエンレイソウは、オハイオ州の公式ワイルドフラワーである。  
;花への共有接続を考慮して、メジャーリーグサッカーのチームトロントとコロンブスがために互いに競合エンレイソウカップ。

**Trillium Flowers:  
Mysterious Floral Emblem of  
Ontario Canada**

Trilliums, also called wake-robins, are interesting because they grow in shady, woodland places that have not been disturbed by humans in a long while.



Trilliums are called "spring ephemerals," because they emerge and flower very early in the spring.



An interesting thing about trilliums is that their seeds are spread by ants. This is why you do not find them in areas heavily disturbed by human development. Trillium seeds have a fat-rich organ-like appendage called an eliasome. Ants harvest the seeds and take them back to their nests, where they are stripped of their eliasomes. Then, the remaining seed is deposited in the potassium-rich ant garbage dump, called a midden.

Trillium seeds germinate readily in this environment.



Although it's not against the law to pick a blooming trillium, it's a practice that is frowned upon in Ontario. There are two reasons for this. First, it can take a trillium plant up to 11 years to produce its first flower. Second, if the warning is defied and the flower is plucked, the plant that took so long to bloom would die, leaving the species at risk of extinction.

**PLACES TO SEE  
FIREWORKS ON  
VICTORIA DAY**

- ✓ **Canada's Wonderland**  
[www.canadaswonderland.com](http://www.canadaswonderland.com)
- ✓ **Ashbridges Bay, (Toronto)**  
[http://wx.toronto.ca/festevent.s.nsf/ featuredEvents?ReadForm](http://wx.toronto.ca/festevent.s.nsf/featuredEvents?ReadForm)
- ✓ **City of Markham**  
<http://www.markham.ca>
- ✓ **City of Mississauga**  
<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/home>

**Famous Quote:**

*Canada has never been a melting pot: more like a tossed salad.*  
Arnold Edinborough

**MOTHER'S DAY IS  
SUNDAY MAY 11, 2014**



Many people in Canada express their gratitude towards mothers and mother figures on Mother's Day. It is the time for people to thank them for taking the time to care for them and help them through life's challenges.

Some people give cards, flowers, or chocolates, and/or make handmade

items or special meals on Mother's Day. Others take their mothers to the movies, a restaurant, café, or for a day in a park. Some mothers also receive special gifts such as jewelry, clothing, accessories, and gift vouchers for services or products.

**Cherry Blossoms in High Park, Toronto.**



**Many people travel to High Park in early spring to admire the beautiful cherry blossoms. The best time to see the cherry trees in full bloom is in late April or early May. Most of the Sakura cherry trees are located around the Hillside Gardens area of the park. High Park is located at 1873 Bloor Street West. This link will take you to a map of High Park:**

[www.highparktoronto.com/images/highpark\\_map.jpg](http://www.highparktoronto.com/images/highpark_map.jpg)

**VICTORIA DAY IS  
Monday May 19, 2014**



Victoria Day is celebrated in honour of the birthdays of both Queen Victoria and the current monarch of Canada. Queen Victoria was born on May 24, 1819. It is a national holiday and schools and most businesses are closed. Many Canadians use this weekend to get away and celebrate.

**Extra Info:** A "two-four" is slang for a case of 24 beers. Since the Victoria Day Weekend often ends up including the date May 24<sup>th</sup>, the "May Two-Four Weekend" is the weekend you have an extra day to drink, or recover.

**注記:** "two four"とは、俗語で「ビール24本入りのボトルケース」のことを意味します。ビクトリアデーの連休が5月24日を含むことから、"May Two Four"とは、ビールを飲んだり身体を回復させたりする特別な日として考えられています。