

MERA Presents

NORDIC LABYRINTH FESTIVAL

Pre-Festival Workshops



Build a Troll House April 29th & May 6th

Thursday, April 29th the Troll House construction gets under way. Come help weave the fence that will surround the Troll House or perhaps gather straw for the thatched roof. If possible bring maple saplings, grapevine, loppers or pruners.



Thursday, May 6th continues with the Troll House, possibly making a birch table and chairs or a bench. Anyone who would like to assist, please call Pat Furlong 278-2868, Ankaret Dean 278-1203 or signup at the Schoolhouse.

Community Art Mural

During the first part of April, members of MERA and the community will have the opportunity to work with artist Marie-France Nitski from Chelsea, Quebec, to paint a large Nordic mural in McDonald's Corners. This is part of the festival preparations that will transform the huge blank wall of the works building which faces the Schoolhouse, into a large pictorial mural.



Straw Figures and Mobiles Workshop May 15th - 16th

Liisa Rissanen of Maberly will be teaching two pre-festival workshops on the weekend of May 15-16. On Saturday she will be teaching how to make Finnish straw mobiles using straw and coloured string, and on Sunday how to make straw figures. You are asked to leave your straw mobiles or figures to decorate the Schoolhouse and the village for the festival and then take them home afterwards.

All materials will be provided but if you have any of the following please bring them: Straight straw or tall (5'-6') reeds (phragmites) from the side of the Maberly road in lengths of 12"- 24"; coloured cotton (red if possible); sharp scissors and a large eyed needle.

There will be no charge for the workshop as it is sponsored by the Canada Council. To register for this workshop, please call Mona Stopford 278-2091 or Ankaret Dean 278-1203.

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Willow Lantern Workshop June 8th - 12th

Karima Ellis, from England, has been making willow lanterns with communities for several years. She makes structures using willow, then covers them with wet strength tissue paper, which, when lit by a small candle inside, creates a glowing lantern. The



structures may take the form of an animal, a bird, a boat or car, a sun or moon, or, for the festival she may suggest Nordic forms. They will be fastened

to a stick and carried in the parade that will be held on the evening of the Nordic Festival, June 19th. After the lanterns have been displayed and paraded at the festival, they are taken home by their creators.

The willow lantern workshops will be held during the week of June 8 - 12th. There will be a \$5.00 materials fee but no charge for the instruction as this is funded by Canada Council. All materials for the lanterns will be provided, but please bring garden pruners (to cut the willow) scissors, pencil, ruler.

To register for the workshop please call Mona Stopford 278-0291; Ankaret Dean 278-1203 or the Schoolhouse 278-0388.