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Highland Games, Traditional Foods, Music, Dance, and more at Genesee Country Village & Museum’s Annual Celtic Faire

Mumford, NY (May 25, 2022) – The sounds of bagpipes and drums will fill the air at Genesee Country Village & Museum’s annual Celtic Faire, coming up Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visitors will find a pan-Celtic celebration of heritage music, dance, and authentic food and drink, with an artisan fair, clan booths, Highland Games, Irish Dancing, a talk about tartan in the John L. Wehle Gallery, and more.

Tickets for the Celtic Faire are on sale now at https://www.gcv.org/events/celtic-faire/ - advance purchase is recommended, as this event sold out in 2021.

Music and Dance

Visitors will enjoy the sounds of A Bit of Irish Street Band and Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Éireann of Rochester while exploring the Museum grounds. Listen as the campus echoes with the thrum of traditional pipe and drum melodies as played by Celtic Spirit Pipe Band and Rochester Scottish Pipes & Drums. Watch demonstrations by ROCeltic and Rochester Academy of Irish Dance, and even join in for a group ceili (group dance) led by Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Éireann of Rochester.

Exploring Pan-Celtic Traditions

From the Scottish Highlands, Emerald Isles, and rugged Welsh coastline to the Genesee Valley, Celtic traditions and roots run deep. Visit the booths of a number of Scottish clans represented in the Greater Rochester area to learn more about family history and lineage. Clans present will include: Clan Blair, Clan Masonic, Clan Cumming, Clan Sinclair, Daughters of Scotia, Clan Stewart, Clan Ferguson, Clan Hannary, The Scottish Heritage Society of Rochester, and Clan Kerr. After learning about family history at the clan booths, visit the John L. Wehle Gallery to explore samples of tartan and historic garments from the Susan Greene Costume Collection on display.
Highland Games

Circle around the Great Meadow to experience the fierce competition that is traditional Highland Games. Cheer on the Buffalo Heavies as they compete in historical Scottish demonstrations of strength, agility, and skill. Don't miss the Adult Sheaf Toss, Roc City Gaelic's hurling demonstrations, and the Children's Feats of Strength competitions. New for 2022, visitors to the Celtic Faire can try their hand at the sheaf toss and learn the tricks of the trade from our athletes for a $5 fee.

Food and Drink

Enjoy a bite to eat or a historical craft beer the Museum’s Depot Restaurant and Freight House Pub, or venture out into the festival to try specialty food vendors, including Dottie’s Lemonade, Infamous Welsh Cookie Co. The Historic Confectionery’s Bread Cart will be out in the Village with a variety of warm, freshly baked breads until 2:30 p.m. (or until sold out), and the D.B. Munger & Co. Confectionery will be open, featuring a number of 19th-century baked foods.

Around the Historic Village

A ticket to the Celtic Faire also includes admission to the Historic Village at GCV&M. Explore buildings throughout the Historic Village to find a number of trades, demonstrations, and activities related to Celtic heritage in the Genesee Valley region. Learn about skirting fleeces and sheep shearing on the Pioneer Farm, see Irish flax processing, spinning linen, and dyeing at Keiffer House, smell Irish soda bread baking in the Livingston Backus Kitchen, explore Irish crochet and Celtic lace demonstrations in the Town Hall, and more.

“Tartan and Plaid Mania” in the John L. Wehle Gallery

On Saturday, June 12, at 2 p.m., visitors will have the opportunity to attend a curator-hosted talk in the John L. Wehle Gallery: “Tartan and Plaid Mania.” This talk traces the history and tradition that is plaid and tartan, exploring this fabric taken the world by storm, and how has it changed over the ages. The program is paired with plaid and tartan items from 19th-century America, and will be hosted by Brandon Brooks, curator of the John L. Wehle Gallery. Admission to the John L. Wehle Gallery, and Saturday’s Gallery Talk, is included in general Museum admission.

Artisan Market at the Celtic Faire

Shop our artisan market to find everything from kilts, to traditional Welsh cookies, to jewelry and knits. Featured artisans and vendors include:

- Blue Toucan Studios – Fairy Doors
- Carriage House Creations
- Celtic Hearth
- Dacian Falx Leathersmith
- Dragon Moon Creations
- Dottie's Lemonade
- European Sheep Skins
- Infamous Welsh Cookie Co.
- JES Designz
- Knapp Farms
- Larkin Tea Co.
- Lazy Acres Alpacas
- Lilla Rose
- Lords of the Seas
- Meadow Sparkles Fairy Hair
- Mostly Celtic Beadwork
- Penelope's Treats
- Positively Mystic
- Rencraft
- Scottish Store Online
- Sleeping Satyr
- Spangler Forge
- TeaLicious Trendz

**Purchase tickets online in advance and save**

Tickets for Celtic Faire are currently available online at [https://www.gcv.org/events/celtic-faire/](https://www.gcv.org/events/celtic-faire/), and purchasing tickets in advance is recommended to get the early bird discount. Celtic Faire tickets are $23 for adults, $20 for seniors (62+), $20 for students (13 – 18), $17 for youth (12 and under), and children under 2 are free when purchased online before 5 pm on Friday, June 10. Museum Members can attend Celtic Faire for FREE and are guaranteed admission. [Click here](https://www.gcv.org/events/) to learn more about becoming a GCV&M Member. Visitors are encouraged to buy tickets online and save – there will be a small additional fee for tickets purchased at the door.

Tickets and more information about upcoming events can be found online at [https://www.gcv.org/events/](https://www.gcv.org/events/).
Photo 1: Savor the sounds of bagpipes across the Museum grounds at the annual Celtic Faire, coming up Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12!

Photo 2: Watch displays of strength and cheer on the athletes during traditional Highland Games at the Celtic Faire, coming up Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12!

Photo 3: Shop an artisan fare, explore Celtic traditions throughout the Historic Village, learn about the history of tartan, and more—all at GCV&M’s Celtic Faire, coming up Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12!

Additional photos and b-roll are available by request. To request an interview, or be removed from this mailing list, contact pengard@gcv.org.

GCV&M is the largest living history museum in New York State with the largest collection of historic buildings in the Northeast. The Museum, with its John L. Wehle Gallery, working brewery, vintage baseball park, and Nature Center, is located in Mumford, NY, 20 miles southwest of Rochester and 45 miles east of Buffalo. Visit www.gcv.org for more information.