



**Huron's
International
Celebrations,
Global Games
Day**

Saturday, June 23
*230 Harbour Rd.
Goderich*



**International
games, music,
dance,
storytelling, crafts,
artisans**

**Team Tug o' War -
Pull Together
Huron**
1-10 p.m.



**International Grill
with Bon Vivant &
International
Culinary Schools**
3-9 p.m.



**International Beer
Garden**
**Hosted by Ted
McIntosh and his
staff from The
Black Dog Village
Pub & Bistro**
3-9 p.m.

Festival celebrates cultural differences in Huron



Huron County is home to people from all over the world and to celebrate our many cultural differences, Huron Arts & Heritage Network is hosting Huron's International Celebration, Global Games Day in Goderich on June 23.

"This is a day to celebrate our differences," said Karen Stewart, event programmer for Huron Arts

& Heritage Network.

Recognizing that Huron is home to a vast number of cultures from around the world, Stewart added that the day will offer the opportunity for people to better understand more about these cultures. To build bridges and change attitudes.

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- Karen Stewart, event organizer

The event will be held at 230 Harbour Rd. in Goderich - on the lawn surrounding the Marine Museum at the town's Main Beach. All are invited to come out to share the tastes, sounds and traditions of an array of cultures at this event. The day will feature outdoor games for children and adults, music, storytelling, performing arts, visual arts. The day will also feature an international grill serving foods of different ethnic flavours and an international beer garden serving beers from around the world. Stories, arts, heritage collections, presentations and much more will ensure there's something for everyone to enjoy while sharing the diversity of those who live right here in Huron.

"We want people to have fun playing together and talking to each other," she said.

One of the highlights of the day will be a Tug o' War contest - a game that spans many cultures. Often thought to be of British origin, Stewart said she was surprised to learn that the sport dates back to ancient civilizations of the Middle East and Asia.

With this in mind, Stewart said they are

encouraging corporate and social groups to salute diversity and come together in a friendly team tug o' war. Playing together is fun and rewarding. Have a blast while making meaningful connections to others in the county. Huron pulls together!

Tug o' war teams require 8 adult participants. They must consist of a minimum of three female members. Multicultural fashion or accessories are encouraged.

Teams must register by May 18 by contacting Stewart at kstewart@ezlink.ca or 519-523-4328.

Global Games Day is produced by Huron Arts & Heritage Network - a not-for-profit organization that provides support for members in the arts, heritage and cultural community of Huron County. This event is supported, in part, by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Visit www.heritageandculture.on.ca for information on membership and other great events taking place in Huron County in 2012.

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