



Friends of Ferris



Presents our Eighth Annual

DRY STONE WALL WORKSHOP



**Saturday August 26th &
Sunday August 27th**
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

at

**Ferris Provincial Park
Campbellford**

with

John Scott
Certified Instructor

**To PARTICIPATE
in the 2-Day Workshop**

Register: jeffers.bill@gmail.com

Fee: \$200

Includes: Hands-on Workshop
2 Lunches
Coffee/Refreshments/Snacks
FREE Camping non-electric site

To VIEW the Workshop

Walk-ins are **FREE**

Drive-ins are **\$5.00/car**

Proceeds to Friends of Ferris projects. Donations welcome.

LEARN MORE: www.drystonecanada.com - click on events

OR www.friendsofferris.ca

See reverse for more information



Ferris Provincial Park Dry Stone Wall History

One of the special features of Ferris Park is the network of old stone walls that crisscross the landscape. These stone walls were built more than a hundred years ago by a Scottish caretaker of the Ferris family farm. Clarke brought the “dry stone” technique to Canada as did other European settlers. No mortar is used to build a dry stone wall but rather stone pieces are carefully selected to fit perfectly together. The finished structure is steady and sound and “moves as a series of expansion joints, unlike other walls built with mortar that freeze and crack”.

Approximately, seven kilometers of dry stone walls can be found at Ferris Park today but they are in trouble. Over the years, the walls have suffered neglect, many have been obscured by vegetation and other sections have been pillaged. The Friends of Ferris are working with drystonecanada.com to restore the walls to their former glory.

Rebuilding Dry Stone Walls at Ferris Provincial Park

This August will be our ninth workshop. Two sections of the wall have been restored. The Friends of Ferris invite you to take a closer look when you visit the park and our website at: www.friendsofferris.ca. Our short term goal in 2017 is to continue work on the portion of the wall which can be seen near the playground. Our long term goal is to show visitors that the walls are being taken care of, to help us appreciate this part of our cultural heritage and to encourage everyone to maintain our local historical past. The more registrants for the workshops, the sooner we reach our goals.

Dry Stone Canada is a not for profit association of professional and amateur wallers who promote the art, craft and science of dry stone walling and dry stone features in Canada. The aesthetic appeal and natural beauty of stone creates a wonderful accent to any landscape, urban and rural, and the association intends to increase awareness to the general public of the advantages and possibilities of working with stone.

By building relationships across Canada with like-minded individuals and groups, the association hopes to assist in the development of a truly unified Canadian dry stone community. In support of this philosophy, the association will also be providing opportunities for training and education to enhance and develop the skills of the trade.

Instructional Workshop Fees

The cost is \$200.00 per person for a full two days, hands-on, instructional workshop led by professional wallers. You will learn everything about the dry stone method of construction as you repair a portion of our historic walls. With these learned skills, you will be able to create walls and garden sculptures in your own backyard. All you will need are the stones! Register for this years' August workshop at: jeffers.bill@gmail.com.

Ontario Parks and Friends of Ferris provide participants with FREE coffee, snacks, lunch and plenty of water and juice on both Saturday and Sunday. Participants arrange for their own accommodation but, FREE non-electrical sites will be provided. Registrants must identify themselves as participants at this Dry Stone Wall Workshop and book campsites with Ontario Parks at Ferris Provincial Park 705-653-3575.