

Need something fun to do in your community? Check out all the free and low-cost and accessible events!

October 2025			
<p>Pumpkins After Dark</p>	<p>October – All Month</p> <p>Cost: Price by Admission</p>	<p>Storybook Gardens 1958 Storybook Lane London, Ontario N6K 4Y6</p>	<p>Experience a 1 KM outdoor walk-through where 10,000+ hand-carved jack-o-lanterns come to life after dark! Make Pumpkins After Dark your Halloween tradition!</p> <p>First year in London!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3D monster maze! • Daily flex - come any time passes! • Wednesday pet nights • Live pumpkin carving • Costumed actors • Fall treats, photo ops and more! <p>Special Event Nights:</p> <p>October 5 – Pumpkinverse: A Night of Super Heroes: Capes, courage and pumpkin-powered justice!</p> <p>October 12 – The Pumpkin Strikes Back: Travel to a galaxy carved far, far away...</p> <p>October 14 – Adult Night: Spooky season, grown-up edition.</p> <p>October 19 – Villains After Dark: Dare to party with the wickedest of them all.</p>
<p>Arva Flour Mills Heritage Festival</p>	<p>Oct 4-5 9am-4pm Cost: FREE</p>	<p>Arva Flour Mills 2042 Elgin St. Arva, NOM1C0</p>	<p>Discover the legacy of one of Canada’s oldest operating businesses at the Arva Flour Mill Heritage Festival. Established in 1819, the mill invites visitors to step back in time and experience a weekend of history, culture, and community spirit.</p> <p>What’s Happening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free guided tours of Canada’s oldest operating flour mill

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Woodstock Garlic Lovers Fest	<p>Oct 4 11am-4pm</p> <p>Cost: \$5 Kids 12 and under are free</p>	Woodstock Fairgrounds Farmers' Market 875 Nellis St. Woodstock, ON N4S 4C6	<p>Garlic Lovers – This One’s for You! Get ready for a flavour-packed weekend celebrating all things GARLIC!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An indoor & outdoor vendor market • Free loaded swag bags for the first 30 through daily • Live music, lawn games & a complimentary kids zone to keep the whole fam happy • Garlic-themed photo ops (yes, really) • Free entry into the ultimate grand prize basket • Food trucks and of course—garlicky goodies galore!
FSA Strings	<p>Wed Oct 8 730pm-9pm</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	First-St. Andrew's United Church 350 Queens Avenue London, Ontario N6B 1X6	<p>Music at First-St. Andrew's presents the FSA Strings on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, in London Ontario, with director Igor Saika. "A Celebration of the Piano" features guest artist, pianist Marion Miller.</p> <p>The delightful program includes the Keyboard Concerto by Walter Leigh, The Romance (2nd mvt) from Frederic Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor and selections from Dimitri Shostakovich's "Gadfly Suite" (arranged for piano and strings). Free will donation. It is a free will donation event!</p>
Text as Visual Expression in Islamic Calligraphy	<p>Wed Oct 8 4pm-6pm</p>	London Public Library, Jalna Branch 1119 Jalna Boulevard London, ON N6E 3B3 Canada	<p>Discover the art of Islamic calligraphy through hands-on practice in this beginner-friendly workshop led by Soheila Esfahani. Using traditional tools like the Qalam (reed pen) and ink, participants will learn basic techniques and create their own calligraphy-inspired artwork. The workshop also explores how written language can be both a form of communication and a visual art. No prior experience with calligraphy or language is needed. This program is intended for adults only.</p>

Mystic Market	Oct 10 6pm-10pm Cost: Free	Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum 290 Harris St Ingersoll, ON N5C 1C8	Step into a world of enchantment at Ingersoll's Mystic Market! Wander through the historic halls of the Ingersoll Museum as local artisans and mystics share their treasures. From handcrafted curiosities to ethereal delights & paranormal investigators, discover something extraordinary from 6-10pm. There will be Tarot, Palm Readings, Paranormal investigators, jewelry, Herbs Food Trucks, candles, live entertainment, crystals, mediums and much more!
The Cozy Coven Market	Sat Oct 11 11am-3pm COST: Pay what you can event	Centennial Hall 550 Wellington St. London, Ontario N6A 3P9	The Cozy Coven Market at Centennial Hall on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 11 AM to 3 PM, in London Ontario. From the organizers that brought you the Swiftie Markets & Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun Market - shop local & handmade with this cozy, witchy, spooky market! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swag bags for the first 50 people • Craft Station • Photo Booth • Raffles and more! Pay what you can admission donated to The Ronald McDonald House.
Thanksgiving Day at Fanshawe Pioneer Village	Mon Oct 13 10am-4pm Cost: General Admission	Fanshawe Pioneer Village 1424 Clarke Road London, Ontario N5X 4A1	Getting ready for the fall harvest! Join for the last day of the public season! Explore the inside of the Heritage homes one more time. During the day, come and learn about the fall harvest, watch baking demonstrations, and see how early settlers prepared for winter. Enjoy the crisp autumn air and take in the beauty of the changing season at Fanshawe Pioneer Village.
October Market at Covent Garden Market	Sat Oct 18 3pm-7pm Cost: Free	Covent Garden Market 130 King Street (corner of King and Talbot) London, Ontario N6A 1C5	Join them from 3 PM - 7PM at the Covent Garden Market in Rotary Square for our shop local market hosted by The Mom Market London! Explore up to 35 local businesses, service providers, crafters, bakeries and more! Scoop up something special!
Chinese Music on Western Instruments	Oct 19 6pm-8pm Cost : Free	Riverside United Church 695 Riverside Drive London, ON N6H 2S3 Canada	Please come to experience East meets West in a free concert of Chinese melodies on Western instruments !

Newcomer Youth Night	Wed Oct 22 5pm-8pm Cost: Free	Ignite Youth Centre 745 Talbot St. St. Thomas, ON N5P 1E3 Canada	New to Canada and aged 10–17? Join us October 22 at Ignite for games, snacks, and fun! Meet friends & explore your new community!
Gallery Painting Group annual art show and sale	Oct 23-26 Cost: Free	First-St. Andrew's United Church 350 Queens Avenue London, Ontario N6B 1X6	The Gallery Painting Group presents annual art show and sale at the First-St. Andrew's United Church from Thursday, October 23 to Sunday, October 26, 2025, in London Ontario. Over 300 paintings of local scenes with free admission and refreshments. Timeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, October 23: 5 PM to 8 PM • Friday, October 24: 10 AM to 8 PM • Saturday, October 25: 10 AM to 4 PM • Sunday, October 26: 11:30 AM to 3 PM.
Third Annual Halloween Town Market	Sat Oct 25 11am-4pm Cost: Free	Centennial Hall 550 Wellington St. London, Ontario N6A 3P9	Third Annual spook-tacular Halloween Town Market, hosted by The Mom Market London, invites visitors to shop handmade and local products. With free entry for all, attendees can explore over 50 local vendors, enjoy trick-or-treating, win giveaways, participate in a costume contest, and capture memories at the photo booth. It's the perfect opportunity to start holiday shopping at the spookiest event in London.
Pumpkin Fest	Oct 25 12pm-4pm Cost: Free	Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum 290 Harris St Ingersoll, ON N5C 1C8	Pumpkinfest is back! Join us at the Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum on Saturday, October 25th from 12–4 PM for an afternoon of fall fun! The Ingersoll Kiwanis Club will be handing out <i>free pumpkins</i> (while supplies last), and you can enjoy a great lineup of vendors, delicious food, and live entertainment. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season—don't miss it!
November 2025			
Holiday Market at The Covent Market	Sat Nov 8 10a-3pm Cost : Free	Covent Garden Market 130 King Street (corner of King and Talbot) London, Ontario N6A 1C5	Join them from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Covent Garden Market inside (and upstairs) for shop local market hosted by The Mom Market London! Explore up to 20 local businesses, service providers, crafters, bakeries and more! Scoop up something special!
Holly Jolly Weekend Market	Nov 8-9 10am-4pm	Hellenic Community Centre 133 Southdale Rd W	Holly Jolly Weekend Market is back at Hellenic Community Centre on November 8 and 9, 2025, in London Ontario. From 10 AM to 4 PM each day.

	Cost: Free	London, Ontario N6J 2J2	<p>A celebration of Creativity and Festivity - The Holly Jolly Market is an annual market that brings together local creatives to celebrate the festive season.</p> <p>Find an array of unique handcrafted goods, jewelry, cozy knitwear, festive decor and delicious holiday treats to tempt your tastebuds! The perfect place to find gifts for everyone on your list and supporting local creatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free admission • Ample parking • Delicious Greek lunch available to purchase.
Lighting of Museum Square	Nov 14 530pm-730pm Cost: Free	Woodstock Museum National Historic Site 466 Dundas St. Woodstock, ON N4S 1C4	Experience the magic of the holiday season in Downtown Woodstock! Join us as we illuminate Museum Square, with the lighting of the lights, joined by special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claus!
Annual Boutique	Sat Nov 15 9am-1pm Cost: Free	Civic Garden Complex 625 Springbank Drive London, N6k 4T1	The Annual Boutique fundraiser in support of their programs at Ronald McDonald House, Anova, Wellspring, The Boys and Girls Club and Parkwood Institute is on November 15, 2025. They are open from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be available urn inserts with fresh greens, handmade soaps and cards, as well as a huge selection of handmade decorations for the Home and Christmas tree. Tearoom for beverage and treats. Cash or card will be accepted.
Santa Claus Parade Woodstock	Nov 15 6pm Cost: Free	192 Wellington St. S Woodstock, ON N4S 3J3	<p>Join us as we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year! The Santa Claus Parade will feature holiday themed floats, marching bands, inflatables, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus and more. This year's parade theme is <i>A Very Disney Christmas</i>.</p> <p>Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item if you're able. Volunteers will be collecting food donations along the parade route.</p>
43rd Woodstock Arts & Craft Show	Nov 15 9am-330pm Cost: \$5	875 Nellis Street Woodstock, ON	Over 100 Artisans in one place. Come on down and find that special something for that hard to buy individual. There is something for everyone!

	Kids under 12 are free		
London Santa Claus Parade	Nov 15 6pm	Route Starting at Dundas & Ontario proceed west to Ridout st ending Ridout and Dundas	Since 1956 the London Santa Claus Parade has celebrated the season as well as our London Middlesex Community. Each year the parade is made possible by the countless volunteers and sponsors. With the support of the community, our corporate sponsors and dedicated volunteers the parade is able to help kickoff the giving season. 2025 Theme – Santa Rockin Wonderland
Christkindl Market at German Canadian Club	Nov 21-23 Cost: \$2	German Canadian Club 1 Cove Road London, N6J 1H7	Join them for opening night of the annual Christmas market at the German Canadian Club. Come for the quality gift ideas and delicious food, stay for the merriment. Entry is free with a Food Bank donation or \$2 each. Always free for kids under 12! Friday 5 PM - 8 PM Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM Sunday 11 AM - 5 PM
St. Thomas Santa Claus Parade	Nov 22 6pm Cost Free	Downtown St. Thomas Route: Starts at Talbot Street and First Avenue, heads west along Talbot Street to Elgin Street.	Theme: A Charlie Brown Christmas
December 2025			
Selfies With the Father Christmas Standee	Dec 1-Jan 1 12pm-5pm Cost: By Donation	Eldon House 481 Ridout Street North London, Ontario N6A 2P6	Take your photo with Father Christmas on the front lawns of Eldon House. Go inside and take part in a self-guided tour to enjoy the sights and scents of classic Victorian Christmas traditions. No registration required.

Eldon House's Victorian Christmas	Dec 1-Jan 1 12pm-5pm Cost: By Donation	Eldon House 481 Ridout Street North London, Ontario N6A 2P6	Enjoy the sights and scents of Victorian Christmas. Visit London’s oldest family residence and experience the beautiful holiday decorations of the past. This special exhibit is displayed throughout Eldon House and is available for viewing during their regular hours of operation by donation. No registration required.
44th London Christmas Craft Festival	Dec 4-7 Cost: \$7 Kids under 12 are free	The J-AAR Expo Centre 845 Florence St London, Ontario N5W 3V9	Step into the festive spirit and help them to celebrate 44 magical years of the Christmas Craft Festival at the J-AAR Expo Centre (formerly the Western Fair District Agriplex!) This cherished London tradition brings together over 230 of Canada’s most talented Artisans and Crafters under one roof, offering an incredible selection of unique, handmade gifts and holiday treasures. It’s a place where craftsmanship shines, small businesses thrive, and the warmth of the season is felt in every aisle. Whether you're finding that perfect gift or simply soaking in the festive atmosphere, this is your chance to support local and experience the creative hearts. Show hours are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, December 4: 1 PM - 9 PM • Friday December 5: 12 PM - 9 PM • Saturday December 6: 10 AM - 5 PM • Sunday December 7: 10 AM - 4 AM Admission \$7 (tax incl). Ages 12 and under free. Free parking. Lots of prizes!
Lucan Santa Claus Parade	Sat Dec 6 6pm Cost: Free	Main Street Lucan Starts at OPP building and ends at community Centre	Santa is still out enjoying summer but we wanted to make sure you mark your calendars.
Holly Jolly Holiday Market	Dec 5-21 Cost: Free	Covent Garden Market 130 King Street (corner of King and Talbot) London, Ontario N6A 1C5	Their fourth year of the Holly Jolly Holiday Market will be here before we know it! There are so many highlights of Holly Jolly, from crafts to cocktails, hot chocolate to horse rides, to local bands & the FireGuy, there is truly something for everyone. Activations/Attractions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge Christmas Tree on the Market Square • Outdoor / indoor food & artisan vendors

- Christmas cocktail garden
- Workshops (cookie decorating, ornament decorating, letters to Santa, etc)
- Horse & carriage rides
- LED lounge + swings (outside)
- Live music & entertainment
- Pictures with Santa

Hours

- **Fridays** outdoor & upstairs mezzanine 4 PM - 10 PM
- **Saturdays** outdoor & upstairs mezzanine 10 AM - 9 PM
- **Sundays** outdoor & upstairs mezzanine 10 AM - 5 PM

Please note on Fridays and Saturdays after 7 PM, the mezzanine can be accessed through the King Street elevator or stairwell to access the washrooms, live music, indoor seating and more vendors!

Friday, December 5

6pm to 9:30pm Gingerbread on stilts
6pm to 9:30pm Horse & carriage rides

Saturday, December 6

4pm to 7:30pm Horse & carriage rides

Sunday, December 7

12pm to 3:30pm Horse & carriage rides

Friday, December 12

6pm to 7pm The FireGuy Show
6pm to 9:30pm Horse & carriage rides

Saturday, December 13

4pm to 7:30pm Horse & carriage rides

Sunday, December 14

12pm to 4pm Gingerbread on stilts
12pm to 3:30pm Horse & carriage rides

Friday, December 19

7pm to 8pm The FireGuy Show
6pm to 9:30pm Horse & carriage rides

Saturday, December 20

3pm to 7pm Gingerbread on stilts

			4pm to 7:30pm Horse & carriage rides <u>Sunday, December 21</u> 12pm to 3:30pm Horse & carriage rides
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