

# Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival back on Center Street this weekend

The 38th annual Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival will take place this weekend – from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday – along Center Street in the village. This popular fall event is hosted by the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce and will feature artisan crafts and myriad food vendors, plus a variety of beverages. In addition, a New York state-designated farmers market will be featured in the middle of the festival at Fifth Street; and local shops and dining establishments will be open to complement the festival.

Chamber President Jennifer Pauly said, “The Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival is a favorite among local residents and visitors. The feeling of fall is in the air, and many of the vendors create seasonal items. The Brickyard Brewing Company will have a variety of beverages available for purchase.”

The Harvest & Hops Festival is made possible by presenting sponsors The Brickyard Brewing Company / The Brickyard Pub & BBQ and Modern Disposal Services; and by Equitable Advisors, 3 Sisters Garlic, Niagara County, New York State Assemblyman Angelo Morinello and Leaf Filter.

Note: Center Street will remain closed for this event on Saturday morning through Sunday evening from Fourth Street to Seventh Street. There will be no vehicular traffic permitted.

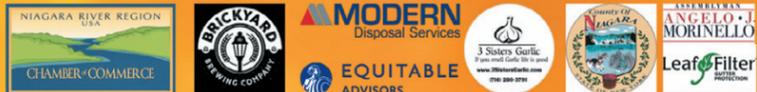
For additional information on the Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival, call the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce Office at 716-754-9500 or visit the event page at [www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com](http://www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com).



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## NACC to stage opera Oct. 21 & 23

Niagara Falls has something to sing about!

Puccini’s masterpiece “La Bohème” is coming to the stage at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

Organizers said, “This passionate, timeless and indelible story of love among young artists in Paris can stake its claim as the world’s

most beautiful and popular opera ever written. Sung in Italian, the story follows the lives of artists who have chosen to take up residence in the Latin quarter of Paris.

“This is the first time such a large opera event has graced the stage at the former high school turned multi-arts center. However, the NACC has been preparing for it for years by celebrating

International Opera Day each year with live concerts and performances by local singers. This year the two will be combined. The performance will feature not only the rich, vibrant and soaring voices of Jenna Washburn, Karen D’Angelo, James Judd, Brandon Mecklenburg, Kyle Botsford, Timothy Flynn and Stephen Edge, but also a live orchestra

conducted by James Welsh.

“This performance is two days only and will raise money for the restoration of the historic building – and help the arts center continue its mission to bring arts and cultural experiences to the community.”

Tickets are now available at Fortuna’s Restaurant, Webster’s Bistro and the NACC.

Each location is also offering diner specials and complimentary shuttle service to the event.

Use this link for opera tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-boheme-opera-at-the-nacc-tickets-341186888167>.

The NACC is located at 1201 Pine Ave. Visit [www.thenacc.org](http://www.thenacc.org) and [www.facebook.com/TheNACC](https://www.facebook.com/TheNACC).

## IN THE NEWS

### Old Falls Street USA to host Oktoberfest

Old Falls Street USA will host the 12th annual Oktoberfest from 1-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. The free event features entertainment and activities for the whole family. This themed festival will have authentic German cuisine, beer and wine, along with music from the German-American Musicians Association.

Organizers said, “Performances by the group include energetic sets of traditional German waltzes, polkas, marches, folk music, modern pop and more to get crowds in a dancing mood. In addition to the live entertainment, the festival

will feature a hay maze and games for kids; and new this year will be a stein hoisting competition. With different categories for men, women and children, each will compete for a variety of prizes, including ice cream vouchers for kids and drink tokens for adults.”

### Ginger Strand presents hidden history of Falls

Submitted by Niagara University

Niagara Falls has stood for a lot of things: the horror of the wilderness, the sublimity of nature, the power of industry, the scourge of pollution, the thrill of a honeymoon, and even the promise of freedom. Ginger Strand, author

of “Inventing Niagara,” will share both the well-known and the hidden history of North America’s most famous waterfall at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Niagara University’s Castellani Art Museum.

The illustrated slide lecture, which is free and open to the public, kicks off the university’s Vincentian Heritage Week celebration, an annual observation that highlights its rich history of education and service in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.

In “The Meanings of Niagara,” Strand will explore the sometimes-surprising meanings layered onto the Falls, introducing mythical Native American maidens, double-crossing town fathers,

fugitive slaves, unknowing Manhattan Project workers, missing pharaohs, and 280,000 radioactive mice. Registration is required; to register, visit [bit.ly/gingerstrand-NU](http://bit.ly/gingerstrand-NU).

A curator-led tour of the Castellani Art Museum’s exhibition, “Niagara in Summer and Winter,” will take place at 1 p.m. A book signing and reception will follow the lecture.

Strand is the author of one novel and three books of narrative nonfiction, and has published essays and fiction in many places, including Harper’s, The Believer, Tin House, The Iowa Review, The New England Review and the New York Times, as well as This Land

and Orion, where she is a contributing editor.

### Bassmaster ranks Lake Erie and Upper Niagara River

Bassmaster Magazine is considered by many to be the worldwide authority on bass fishing, providing readers with tips and advice to improve their success rate on the water. This year, Lake Erie and the Upper Niagara River were ranked eighth on their annual list of the 100 Best Bass Lakes in the U.S..

The formula to determine positioning on this list is based upon several factors, including professional angler feedback, tournament results, quality and quantity of fish, assessment by the local fishery management, and access to the waterway.

2022 is the first year the Upper Niagara River has been recognized for this annual designation, and it has been a number of years since Eastern Lake Erie has cracked the top 10.

“Without a doubt being ranked in the top 10 creates increased interest in visiting the area to see what the hype is about. As bass fishing goes, Bassmaster is the Bible, and people put a great deal of faith in what the magazine publishes in the top 100 listing,” said Frank Campbell, outdoor promotions director for Destination Niagara USA.

Campbell had the opportunity to take James Hall, Bassmaster editor-in-chief, fishing in the Upper Niagara River in June. The trip solidified the eight-place ranking to Hall, who was able to yield 70 smallmouth bass up to 5 ½ pounds.

“This fishery not only deserved its ranking, but should be a priority on every bass angler’s bucket list,” Hall said in the September/October issue of Bassmaster.

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