



David Day
creating a tribute
to Canada



Wallace Edwards,
children's illustrator



Chalk artists of all ages
come out to create

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF CREATIVE FUN AT CHALK THE WALK

By Lorraine Payette

Chalk the Walk, everyone's favourite festival of sight and sound with promises of good times to come, is turning ten years old in 2018. **The whole gang will be spreading their magical colours and sounds throughout Town Park from 10:00 – 3:30 on Saturday, May 26.**

"We're bringing in all of your favourites, some old, some new," said Jan Gravelle, event organizer. "We're hoping lots of sun will keep everything fresh and bright, and that things will warm up a bit by then. And we won't let the construction over at Town Hall slow us down – we'll just celebrate our way around them."

Attendees can expect favourite artists Wallace "Wally" Edwards, David Day and Guy Wales to brighten up the pavement with their dazzling displays of whimsy. Whether cartoon characters, recreations of famous works of art, or eye-popping three dimensional fantasies, their work is sure to delight. Joining them will be other chalk artists old, new and yet to be discovered. **Admission is free, but for a mere \$2.00 to cover costs, anyone can "rent" a space on the sidewalk, grab some chalk and start creating.**

Edwards will be showing off works from his new children's book, "Woodrow at Sea". This spellbinding adventure is sure to be a hit with its bright colours and lively characters invading the pavement.

Day will be working on his new collection of characters for this year – prepare for wookies, ewoks, and all creatures of galaxies far, far away as he brings Star Wars to life.

Guy Wales always keeps his work close to the vest, but those who are familiar with it know the surprise will be worth waiting for.

Also in attendance will be Dr. Kaboom with his balloon twisting, as well as Dr. Orkestro's one man band bringing bright and cheery tunes, and clowning guaranteed to bring a smile to every face.

There will be lots of great live music on the Town Hall Steps from 1 pm - 3 pm, and you can expect to hear all your fun favourites. There will be face painting, and henna tattoos will also be on hand for people of all ages to try. If that isn't enough, bounce your cares away at the air castle.

Lot of favourite vendors and tables will also be there to enjoy, and there will be a community barbecue.

Be sure to bring your favourite girl or boy out for the beautiful baby competition. There are lots of great categories for ages newborn to 24 months, and everyone is sure to get a smile. **For pre-registration Call Florence 613-382-3643 (anytime) Or Lori 613-572-5027 after 7pm (or leave message). Register before 11:00 a.m. at the park and let the cuteness begin.**

Chalk the Walk wants to thank all of its sponsors, partners and supporters. They provide everything the organizers need to keep this family event running from year to year, and without them spring just wouldn't be the same.

"We're delighted to be ushering in the season with as much fun as we can legally bring to Gananoque in a free event," said Gravelle. "We aim to be earth friendly, informative and entertaining at the same time. So get all ten fingers and ten toes going and create some art. What better way to spend a Saturday with family and friends?" **LH**