

Ocean Spray Presents

The 13th Annual Fort Langley Cranberry Festival

Come celebrate the fall harvest of cranberries on Thanksgiving Weekend

Cranberry pie-eating contest, BMX Stunt Show, five tons of fresh cranberries for sale
And many more activities at B.C.'s only cranberry festival

Saturday, October 11, 2008

8:30 am–5:00 pm

Fort Langley, BC — September 22, 2008 — The Fort Langley Business Improvement Association and Ocean Spray are pleased to present the 13th annual Fort Langley Cranberry Festival on Saturday, October 11. Fort Langley plays host to Canada's third largest and B.C.'s only cranberry festival — this is only fitting, since B.C. is the world's third-largest producer of cranberries, with many cranberry farms right here in Langley.

“Fall harvest is a great time to visit Fort Langley and the cranberry festival is a wonderful opportunity for families to have a fun day together here in the jewel of the Fraser Valley,” said Chris Rock of the Fort Langley Business Improvement Association, the body organizing the event. “Visitors will immediately notice the improved parking and access situation, as we now have three additional large parking lots to handle the cars of incoming visitors.”

The festival kicks off at 8:30 am with a Freybe's pancake breakfast at the intersections of Church and Mavis streets. Throughout the day there will be live music, dancers, street entertainers, and an outdoor market with over 80 street vendors selling their unique handmade crafts and gourmet foods. There will be cranberry-themed contests, one of them being the cranberry pie-eating contest that will take place at 12:45 pm on the lawn of the Community Hall. For a five-dollar entry fee, 24 lucky contestants will get the chance to eat their way to victory and win the grand prize — two tickets to a Vancouver Canucks game. There will also be a Cranberry Count contest; the cost is a toonie per ballot and the winner of this contest will also receive two Vancouver Canuck hockey tickets.

10,000 pounds of B.C.'s freshest cranberries for sale

At the Fort Langley Community Hall there will be 10,000 lbs. of bulk Ocean Spray cranberries available for purchase at three dollars per lb. Bulk cranberry orders of 100 lbs. or greater will be sold at two dollars per lb. Bulk orders must be placed in advance and pick-up is on Sunday, October 12. The bulk cranberry sales order form can be downloaded at <http://www.fortlangley.com/cran-moreinfo.html>. Visitors who purchase cranberries can enter to win one of several \$25 gift cards from J.D. Farms Specialty Turkey in Langley that will be given away throughout the day.

Ocean Spray will have a booth showcasing its fine products. Visitors will be able to obtain nutritional information and sample some items.

The Fort Wine Co. will have “Farm Tours” where visitors can view demonstrations on the cranberry harvest process. Free shuttle bus service will be provided between the Fort Wine Co. and the Fort Langley National Historic Site from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Some of the other exciting events that will be taking place at the festival include the following: Bioules Freestyle Productions will perform its high-energy, action-packed BMX Stunt team at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm in the Bedford House Restaurant and Lounge parking lot by the Bedford Channel of the Fraser River. The Fort Langley Canoe Club will have races on the Bedford Channel from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. At the CN train station, visitors can play the nine-hole Bells & Whistles miniature golf. The Fort Langley National Historic Site will be hosting The Great Cranberry Hunt, which will take place all day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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