

# The Glengarry News

## Fall Harvest Market – Williamstown

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The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Harvest Market was held at the Williamstown Fairgrounds on Sunday.

Over the years, the Fall Harvest Market has transitioned away from produce and homemade jams, jellies, and pies towards more of a craft sale after organizers We 3 Girls & Co. started hosting the event last year.

“I really like hosting events at the Williamstown Fairgrounds,” said organizer Debbie Burns. “It’s such a charming venue and the community always comes out to support local events.”

The largest market yet, this year’s event featured more than 75 vendors from across Eastern Ontario and Quebec offering a variety of goods such as jewellery, needlework, soap, candle and other handicrafts.

Vendors were also impressed at the open space, the crowds and how well organized the event was. “It’s always an awesome event,” said Brett Dersosier of Miss D’s Artsy Accessories. “It’s a beautiful open space and historical site. I love that aspect to it and look forward to the event every year.”

Sharyn Duffy – a peer support worker from the Cornwall Community Hospital – was also on site creating awareness about their new mental health program ‘Project Embrace’. “It’s a great event for spreading information and creating community awareness,” said Ms. Duffy. “The number of people coming to see us, asking questions and engaging is really amazing.”

While the shift made the market slightly less appealing for male patrons, this was compensated by the addition of a cash bar with a designated area where patrons could sit in the sunshine while enjoying lively atmosphere and the company of friends. “It will be easier to bring them back next year,” laughed Apple Hill resident Nancy Charbonneau as her husband JP Charbonneau enjoyed a tallboy while sitting with his friends Shawn Lewis of Embrun and Dan Dumon of Alexandria.

Local businesses also benefitted from a boost in sales as market-goers filled local eateries Ye Olde Bridge Café and Jack’s Pub. “It brings a lot of new people to the village,” said MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry Jim McDonnell who was amazed to see so many people at the event.