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Elgin County Awards Funding to Local Festivals

CENTRAL ELGIN – Elgin County Economic Development is pleased to announce that the Festival and Event Partnership Program grant recipients for 2015 have been chosen.

Elgin County has granted a total of \$5,000 to local events including Port Stanley Harbour Fest, the Shedden Rosy Rhubarb Festival, the Fred Eaglesmith Charity Festival and Bayham Beachfest (formerly Tub Daze).

“We are very pleased to once again be able to provide financial support to festivals and events in Elgin County,” said Tourism Services Coordinator Lindsey Duncan. “These events are signature experiences in our community, contributing to its cultural vibrancy and attracting visitors from outside the area.”

Applicants selected best met the program criteria, which included, but was not limited to attracting visitors to the County; retaining local spending; and enhancing the quality of place by organizing festivals and events within the community.

This is the sixth year that the County of Elgin has encouraged festivals and events by providing contributions to community organizations that take it upon themselves to organize these events.

Elgin County encourages all local festivals and events in the area and hopes to provide the Festival and Event Partnership Program again in 2016.

For more information on all festivals and events in Elgin this summer visit: www.elgintourist.com

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Photo (from left to right): Leonard and Sharon Degraw, Rosy Rhubarb Festival; Grahame Notman, Bayham Beachfest; Kim Smale, Fred Eaglesmith Charity Music Festival; Lindsey Duncan, Tourism Services Coordinator; Thom Bedlam, Harbour Fest ; Alan Smith, Economic Development General Manager.

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