

TWIST

The 7th annual Twist Fibre Festival

An exciting and inclusive event around textile fibre!

- August 15 to 19, 2018 -

Saint-André-Avellin, May 14, 2018 – The Twist Fibre Festival—the largest event celebrating textile fibre in Canada—is back for a seventh year, to be held August 15-19 at the Complexe Whissell in Saint-André-Avellin, a charming village in the Outaouais. This large gathering presented in collaboration with Desjardins hosted more than 23,000 visitors last year, and this year has a program celebrating the arts and textile heritage from here and elsewhere.

Festival founder and organizer Amélie Blanchard says: “Thanks to the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) movement, the Twist Festival has become a key event for all knitting, arts and crafts fans. This major annual gathering is a networking opportunity for companies, artists, designers and thousands of visitors from across Quebec and Canada to celebrate textile fibres and crafts.”

An exciting and inclusive program

The program for the 7th edition of the festival will offer opportunities for networking and new experiences in a festive and relaxed atmosphere with children’s activities, a food fair with a dozen local producers, a textile podcast live from the big top, kiosks for ongoing textile demonstrations, a woolly sheep petting zoo, sheepdog herding and sheep shearing demonstrations.

Here are the activities you won’t want to miss:

Launch party with a Twist – Friday, August 17

A first for the festival! With the twist as the theme, visitors will be invited to come and dance, eat and celebrate in a 1950s setting! Get ready for twist dancing, a DJ and a diner-style meal!

Fifty workshops – Wednesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 19

About 50 textile design workshops will be given by nearly 30 textile artists from here and elsewhere. Denis Caron (Arrow Sash, Qc), Ginette Bérard (Knitting Machine, Qc), Marjolein Dallinga (Felting, Qc), Loretta Moore (Rughooking, On) and many others will be there.

Saint-André-Avellin, Fully knitted – starting Friday, August 17

In partnership with the *Atelier de formation socioprofessionnelle de la Petite-Nation*, locals and visitors of all generations will be invited to decorate the village under the artistic guidance of the festival and its team of volunteers.

Free demonstrations and talks – starting Friday, August 17

More than 20 demonstrations and free talks by professional artists provided to the general public on various textile-related topics. Among them, Mamie Lisette (modern embroidery), Diane Gonthier (the big wheel), Julie Desjardins from ACCROchet (crochet and Tunisian crochet) and more!

The Textile Market – starting Friday, August 17

The Textile Market made up of companies, artists and artisans will offer visitors supplies, equipment, unique pieces, handmade objects and advice on fibre and textile art.

Modern quilting exhibition - starting Friday, August 17

The Montreal Modern Quilt Guild will display six quilts inspired by the work of Montreal abstract painter Guido Molinari.

See the full program: www.festivaltwist.org/en/

About Twist

Created in 2011 by Amélie Blanchard, a former Montréal producer turned breeder of cashmere goats, Twist is remarkable for the variety of activities offered on site and the diversity of its community: amateurs, fibre producers, fibre animal breeders, processors, artists, craftsmen, professionals and curious minds meet to discuss new techniques and current trends and to discover unique creations.

General information

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