
“Christmas in the Country” Activities throughout Brome-Missisquoi

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – The “Christmas in the Country” promotion is back for 2009, from November 30 to January 4. On the menu, an array of Christmas activities to encourage buying local in the municipalities of Bromont, Cowansville, Farnham, Brome Lake and Sutton! Live the magic of Christmas in our region, and take the opportunity to support our artists, artisans, merchants and local producers!

Tourists and residents from the region will be able to live a magical Christmas by having a “Zen” shopping experience along three themes, namely Christmas in our towns and villages, Christmas in our art galleries and Christmas in our wineries. On the menu: fun tours, old time markets, boutiques, special exhibitions in our art galleries and visits to the region’s wineries.

Share in the discovery of wonderful finds that will warm the hearts of your family and friends!

Christmas in our towns and villages

The pleasure of joyously celebrating a family Christmas by taking part in numerous activities and taking the opportunity to shop in a “Zen” atmosphere in the numerous charming boutiques in our towns and villages!

Bromont is a happy addition to the promotion this year by offering two fun activities. Take part in **It’s Bright in Bromont** between November 30 and January 4. Bromont offers a shopping tour that will allow you, thanks to the participation of many boutiques, to discover the number of lights at the Ski Bromont.com ski hill. Participants can win a gift basket worth \$500 at one of the participating boutiques. **Christmas in art and colours** will be presented at the Berick Gallery at the same time. The gallery offers a group of interesting artists for Christmas as well as many small format gift ideas.

In **Cowansville**, the Bruck House will be hosting Christmas activities by offering a **living manger children’s theatre** on December 5 and 12 as well as the Roy-Côté family **folk music show** on December 12.

The town of Farnham is offering a **Gift Market** this year on December 5. It is in discovering the craftspeople, the jewelry, tole painting, etc. that visitors will discover the charm of an old time market. Also, on the 12, 19 and 23 of December, Farnham will turn into the **Marché de la station gourmande** where numerous local products will be brought together under the same roof to charm the most gourmet tastes.

Brome Lake will also be hosting from November 30 to January 1 the celebrated **Festival of Lights**. Discover the magic of Christmas in Knowlton – Brome Lake and enjoy the décor, the street activities on Saturdays, concerts, unique shopping, in an

enchanting winter atmosphere. As a couple, a family, or between friends, Brome Lake will warm your hearts with this festival. **Fireworks** will also be held on December 27 at Coldbrook Park.

It's in **Sutton** where fans of improv will gravitate around an **all-star match** at the **Cœur du village** on December 11. Skiers and snowboarders are also invited to celebrate **Mont Sutton's anniversary day** on December 17 when a lift ticket will be only \$5.

Christmas in our art galleries

Live the pleasure of offering unique and original gifts made by our talented regional artists and artisans! Many of the region's art galleries have joined together to offer a varied selection of the most sought after gift ideas.

Arts Sutton Gallery: Annual meeting from December 5 to 23 for those who want to find original and exclusive creations for a holiday season gift. The Arts Sutton Christmas Market brings together no fewer than 65 visual and other artists this year.

Come choose between the array of presented works; you will have an abundance of choices: ceramics, paintings, drawings, photographs, water colours, engravings, inks, sculptures and mixed media! The works on display are all small format and prices vary between \$25 and \$250.

Galerie Relais des Arts: Discover the creations and works of art of some 40 artists and artisans at the Stanbridge East gallery from November 30 to December 23,.

Galerie Knowlton: A magnificent gallery to discover! The "Small Works of Christmas," beautiful sculptures and other works of art in the smallest formats are offered at affordable prices. Also unique Christmas decorations.

Cœur Nomade: In this gallery-boutique in Frelighsburg, discover the works of many artists from the Brome-Missisquoi region.

Galerie l'Art d'Aimer: To come into this charming gallery in Sutton is to discover an impressive assortment of works of art to offer the most beautiful gifts to your loved ones for Christmas. Your host, Dany Goyette, will welcome you with pleasure into a completely restored heritage home with an extraordinary décor. Each room has a theme and some 50 regional and international artists are on display.

Christmas in the wineries of the Wine Route

The pleasure of celebrating around a bottle of good wine made in Brome-Missisquoi! Offer the taste as a gift or have a unique winemaking experience with the family. Go to www.laroutedesvins.ca to learn more about the Wine Route or the many Friends of the Wine Route, such as agrifood producers, restaurants, inns, B&B's and more...

Vignoble Gagliano: Wine tasting. An excellent red wine by the name of *Trinita*. Try our *Levante* white wine, our *Portofino* fortified wine and our *Dolce Vita* late harvest wine.

Domaine Les Brome: Guided tours, tastings, sales of products and gift packages. Every day in December between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Domaine du Ridge: Discover these excellent wines, which have won numerous prizes, with your family and friends! By buying directly from us, you will be making a local and ecological purchase. Holiday specials. Delivery.

Vignoble de l'Orpailleur: Located in the heart of the Wine Route. For 28 years the winery has been known for the quality of its wines. The people of the winery will be pleased to have you live the "Orpailleur" experience.

**Find all of the program details,
opening hours and addresses by visiting**

www.brome-missisquoi.ca/tourisme

You can also get additional information from the cultural development advisor of the Brome-Missisquoi CLD at 450-266-4928, extension 243 or at clangevin@cldbmq.ca

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