

- **Meeting to chart Culture Days plans**

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- The end of Arts Week in September will be the beginning of something new in Peterborough.
- "Culture Days just happens to come at the end of Arts Week, so we're going to see it dovetail nicely," said Ray Marshall, general manager of Showplace Peterborough.
- "We plan to go right out of Arts Week and right into Culture Days."
- Arts Week runs Sept. 18 to 25. Culture Days takes place Sept. 24 to 26.
- "It's a coast to coast to coast event," Marshall said.
- Culture Days is a national initiative aimed at making the arts more accessible to the general public, Marshall explained.
- "The idea is to make it hands-on, to open our venues, our sidewalks, our galleries, to artists so the public can interact with a play, or a musician, or a visual artist."
- Everything will be free, Marshall said.
- The first step is the formation of a steering committee. Marshall has called a lunch meeting for Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Silver Bean Café in order to start putting a steering committee together.
- Plans for Culture Days will take shape after that, he said.
- "I've emailed everyone I know in the arts and cultural scene here, and I've asked them to email everyone they know, so I think I've got first base covered and most of second," Marshall said.
- Anyone interested in taking part is welcome at the meeting, he said.
- For more information, visit [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca).