



## MEDIA ALERT

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### Fairport to Celebrate World Canal Conference With Cannon, Kilts, Lilliputian Pursuits, and a Good Paddling

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**WHEN:** September 19, 22, 2010  
**WHERE:** Throughout the Village of Fairport  
**WHAT:** The World Canal Conference begins on Sunday, September 19 and Fairport has a slate of activities to celebrate the opening of the conference.

#### **September 19, 2010**

##### **Piping-Out the Fleet**

Beginning at 8:30am Fairport's own Colonial Belle will lead a flotilla that includes the tugboat Urger and packet boats of the Midlakes Navigation fleet from Fairport to Corn Hill Landing in Rochester. Fairport resident Doug Whitney will provide a cannon salute to start the Belle and Urger on their way and Fairport bagpiper Lex Sleeman will pipe out the fleet.

##### **Kayak and Canoe Racing**

Once the fleet has cleared the harbor the first-annual Erie Canal Regatta, sponsored by the Erie Canal Boat Company of Fairport, will get under way. Dozens of double and single canoe and kayak enthusiasts will be racing on an 8 mile course that offers spectacular viewing for fans throughout the heart of Fairport and Perinton. There is also a family fun paddle offered for beginners and novice canoeists. For more information and to register, visit [eriecanalboatcompany@gmail.com](mailto:eriecanalboatcompany@gmail.com)

##### **Doll House and Miniature Show**

This annual regional show and sale for miniature and dollhouse enthusiasts comes to Fairport's Green Lantern Inn for the first time. The show runs 10:00 AM – 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.50 per person, children under 12 with adult, free. Admissions benefit Fairport Perinton Merchants Association charitable fund. Sponsored by Lilliput Dollhouses and Miniatures the show features quality dealers and finely crafted state-of-the-art products. Ample parking; One East Church Street Fairport, New York 14450. For information call: Tom or Theresa Leone at 585-721-0463

#### **September 22, 2010**

##### **WCC Delegates Tour Fairport**

On Wednesday, September 22, approximately 60 delegates of the World Canals Conference will tour Fairport to see for themselves the fruits of redevelopment and tourism promotion efforts in the dynamic Erie Canal village. Guests will be greeted by Mayor Fritz May and then invited to stroll at their leisure throughout the historic central business district and waterfront areas.

For more information on the World Canals Conference 2010 visit [www.wccrochester.org](http://www.wccrochester.org)

