



11th Winterfest is all about the fun

Downtown Perrysburg, Inc. (DPI) is excited to announce that this year the 2020 Perrysburg Winterfest is celebrating 11 years!

Winterfest comes back to the downtown Perrysburg community January 10 and 11, and DPI hopes all will join them in bringing this tradition back to the more than 15,000 visitors expected to participate.

This year, DPI will host the People's Choice Professional Ice Carvers Competition.

Check out the schedule of events happening in downtown Perrysburg all weekend:

•FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.-FREE family fun activities presented by Perrysburg Visitors and Convention Bureau.

•Six Live Ice Carvings for the People's Choice Professional Ice Carvers Competition. Look for QR codes to vote for your favorite.

•Horse-drawn trolley rides.

 Commissioned carvings on display from area businesses.

•7 p.m. to 11 p.m., for adults 21 and over-Brews, Bourbon + Barbecue, night

Join DPI and Chris Cricket live for a rustic, country-themed night. Expect to have a variety of delicious food options paired with amazing craft brews from local favorites.

Look for bourbon-influenced craft beers along with a few delicious signature bourbon cocktails.

This event is held in conjunction with the 11th annual Perrysburg Winterfest celebration, and each \$50 ticket includes:

- •Entry to the heated tent
- •Live music and entertainment
- •Barbecue fare
- •One complimentary craft beverage. Additional drinks available for purchase.

Participating breweries: Earnest Brew Works, Inside the Five Brewing Company, Patron Saints Brewery and Wild Side Brewing Company.

Participating restaurants: Benchmark, Swig, Odd Fodder and Batch Please Cookies & Treats.

To reserve tickets, visit downtownperrysburg.org/winter fest/

•SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-FREE family fun activities presented by Perrysburg Visitors and Convention Bureau.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

•Round 2 of the People's Choice Carving Competition with six professional carvers competing.

Look for QR codes around downtown businesses to vote.

•Horse-drawn trolley rides.

•Commissioned carvings on display from area businesses. Heated tent activities will include:

•Laurel Princess Parties featuring Winter Sisters, Marvel Super Heroes and JoJo Characters presented by St. Luke's Hospital.

- •Magic with Eli: two shows-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- •Virtual reality snowball fights.
- •Giant Jenga, big table checkers, corn hole and connect four.

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- •Food samples from local purveyors
 - •One complimentary glass of wine. Additional drinks available for purchase.
 - •Participating Restaurants: Benchmark, Hollywood Casino Toledo, Zingo's Mediterranean, Swig and 7 Little Cupcakes

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terfest sponsors: Signature Sponsor: Welch Publishing; Family Fun Sponsor: Perrysburg Visitors & Convention Bureau; Supporting Sponsors: Maeger Designs, Huntington Bank and St. Luke's Hospital.

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•St. Rose School, Primrose School and West Side Montes-

2020 PEOPLE'S CHOICE

PROFESSIONAL ICE CARVING COMPETITION

sori will offer winter themed crafts and activities. •Cookie decorating.

Noon to 3 p.m.

•Polar Bear Slide (outside tent), 20-foot high.

•A giant ice wall to sign.

For the adults 21 and over:

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

•Après Ice-A Retro Ski Mixer-can't make it to the slopes this year? Join DPI for an evening filled with delicious wines/après ski style cocktails and brews, local fare for eats, and live music and dancing with Venyx.

Drink stations will have a beer option, wine choices-and look for a specialty drink sprinkled

Head to Whistler for a delicious wine from the Pacific Northwest; Aspen for Rosè, Bubbles and shots; Tahoe for a California wine selection or Petoskey for Petoskey Brewing craft beers. Don't miss the ice luge sponsored by Kahlua and the Guinness selfie station.

Retro ski wear is welcome but definitely not required.









Winterfest: A flurry of family fun



Photos above and at right show fun activities from past Winterfests.

Downtown Perrysburg Inc. has organized another weekend of winter fun for families and others

Winterfest will welcome attendees January 10 and 11 to the downtown area. Saturday, January 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be a day of free activities for families.

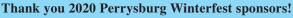
There will be a large heated tent at the intersection of Second Street and Louisiana Avenue in downtown Perrysburg.

Inside that tent will be:

- •Virtual reality snowball fights.
- •Magic with Eli: two shows—one at 11:30

a.m., second at 1 p.m.

- Cookie decorating.
- •Yard games and a variety of children's activities inside the tents.
- •Friday night carriage rides will be available from 5:30-8 p.m.
- •Live ice sculpting stations throughout downtown as well as the Winter sisters and Marvel characters hanging around, compliments of Laurel's Princess Parties.
- •A polar bear slide directly outside the tent and a giant ice wall for those interested in signing it will add to the fun.



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Check out the following ice sculpture displays

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Which sculpture is your favorite?

Friday and Saturday ticketed events for those 21 and older

special features of Winterfest.

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Craft Brews, Barbecue and Bourbon.

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Adults aged 21 and older are welcome to enjoy the following luge sponsored by Kahlua and the Guinness selfie station.

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Ice sculpting's colorful beginnings

The history of ice carving begins with the harvesting of ice. The earliest known record of an ice harvest is found in the Shih Cheng or "Book of Songs" written at about 600 B.C.

This collection of stories describes the everyday life of the Shensi warrior-farmers as they lived in the highlands of northwest China, and mentions their winter routine of flooding with water.

When the water had frozen, ice was cut into blocks and stored in ice-houses. The ice was used in the warmer months to keep fish fresh.

In the 1600s, native hunters and fishermen of the Chinese province of Heilongjiang, on the border of Russia, designed ice lanterns for dark winter nights. They filled buckets with water to make ice, then slid it out, and put a candle in the hole to make a lantern.

The trend spread, and people started hanging decorated lanterns from homes and parading them in carnivals.

In 1897, the Transsiberian Railway was extended through the small Chinese fishing town of Harbin in Heilongjiang, once occupied by Russia.

As a result of the traffic, Harbin grew into a cosmopolitan city. With below freezing winds from Siberia, and ice from the frozen Songhua river, Harbin became the home of the annual International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival.

Currently, this festival features the work of thousands of artists from all over the world. The first well-documented ice palace was built as the setting for a monstrous joke.

On the frozen River Neva, in the winter of 1740, a shivering bride and groom spent their wedding night in a building of ice. The palace was commissioned by the Empress Anna Ivanovna, who like Peter the Great, had a malicious sense of humor.

In St.Petersburg, to distract the people from the bitter cold, Empress Anna had an ice palace built as the stage for a wedding. Anna forced Prince Mikhail Golitsyn to marry her exceptionally ugly servant.

After the church ceremony, the bride and groom, covered in furs, seated in an iron cage fastened to the back of an elephant, headed an elaborate procession including horses, camels, wolves and pigs.

Guards posted outside made sure that they spent the whole night in the frozen mansion.

Harvesting natural ice increased throughout the world until the mid-1800s when ice manufacturing began. In 1834, Jacob Perkins, obtained a British patent for the first ice making machine using ether.

In 1859, Ferdinand Carre invented an ice machine that used ammonia, a much more volatile liquid.

Cans of water were lowered into a 15 degree brine (calcium chloride) solution chilled by an ammonia system

Air was bubbled into the center of the can to make clear ice for carving. By 1920, 750,000 blocks of ice were made every day in the United States alone.

In 1892, Nellie Melba was performing in Wagner's opera "Lohengrin" at Covent Garden. The Duke of Orléans gave a dinner party to celebrate her triumph. For the occasion, Escoffier created a new dessert, and to display it, he used an ice

sculpture of a swan because swans were featured in that opera.

The swan carried peaches which rested on a bed of vanilla ice cream topped with spun sugar.

The Sapporo Snow Festival which began in 1950 is one of Japan's largest winter events.

Every winter, about two million people come to Sapporo to see hundreds of beautiful snow and ice sculptures.

For seven days in February, these statues and sculptures turn Sapporo into a winter dreamland of crystallike ice and white snow. 1955, the Self-Defense Force joined in and built the very first massive snow sculpture, for which the Snow Festival has become famous.

In 1964, Virgil Clinebell invented a machine that produced 15-pound blocks of clear ice. This lead to the CB300 which makes crystal clear 300-pound blocks of ice. Modern carvers use crystal clear ice to make ice carvings.

In recent times Ice carving has become more specialized. Because of this specialization, more and more professional chefs are leaving ice art to join ice carving companies.

Since 1989, Fairbanks Alaska has hosted the annual World Ice Art Championships. More than 100 sculptors come from around the world each year to sculpt large blocks of pristine natural ice.

The competition has two categories: single block and multi-block and each competition is further separated into abstract and realistic sculptures.

In the late 1980s, there was a tool revolution led by Mark Daukas. By winning numerous competitions, he brought attention to the die grinder and angle grinder. Steve Brice has invented numerous tools including many ice carving bits and the nailboard.

The art of ice sculpture is continually evolving; ice is spun on lathes and cut by routers controlled by computers.

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Information from ice sculptingtools.com/history.



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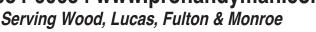
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