

Hey, what's that smell?

# Ontario Garlic Week

Friday October 29 through Sunday November 7, 2021



Garlic Farmer Bob Baloch from Rodney, Ontario

## Interviews available with Ontario Garlic Week Founder Peter McClusky

Food establishments from Timmins to Toronto are chopping, mincing and pressing garlic, creating mouth-watering feature dishes and desserts, yes, and desserts, in anticipation for the first-ever Ontario Garlic Week.

From savoury to sweet and everything in between, 100 chefs and chocolatiers across the province are preparing the best their cuisine has to offer to celebrate the universally loved bulb.

Garlic farmers are supplying garlic by the armful, from the hot, spicy Rocambole variety, to the sweet caramel flavour of Purple Stripe garlic.

The bulb went off one day for Toronto Garlic Festival founder Peter McClusky after not being able to put on the popular annual garlic festival. And with the countless inquiries from people asking about the Festival, McClusky decided to do something about it.

“Covid made it logistically challenging to put on a large-scale event,” says McClusky. “ I thought, why not do an event that includes restaurants across the province and invite garlic farmers to supply the garlic. The farmers didn’t hesitate for one minute and that’s how Ontario Garlic Week was born.”

There will be more than 100 participating food establishments creating and serving at least one garlic inspired food item from their menu, and selling it to patrons via dine-in, patio, take-out or delivery.

Restaurants register for free, thanks to the generous support from, Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

Ontario made gourmet delicacies including Ontario black garlic and black garlic vanilla are on the menu. ONYX Chocolate is working on a chocolate and black garlic creation.

Garlic lovers across the province will find a nearby restaurant or, chocolatier, with the online Garlic map at [www.torontogarlicfestival.ca](http://www.torontogarlicfestival.ca). The full chef and restaurant roster will be available Oct 25 on the site.

Also featured in the map are 200 farmers’ markets, farms and stores to buy fresh Ontario garlic.

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Everything you need to know about garlic: [Torontogarlicfestival.ca](http://Torontogarlicfestival.ca)

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