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Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Nurse Practitioner Station for Ryde Let's Work Together To Make it a Reality!

The Ryde Co-op is not giving up on the idea of having a nursing station for our community. Since the last *Ryder*, we have had the opportunity to see what is going on in other areas including Dorset, Port Carling, and Port Severn, and have gathered more information. Support for Ryde is growing and we need to start taking some action. The RCC Board of Directors is in complete support of this campaign, but we are being stretched thin. We are appealing to our community for volunteers to join the sub-committee to work on feasibility, fund-raising and marketing of a plan to make the Nurse Practitioner Station a reality. We have had some very positive responses but a few more people are needed to share the load. Can you please consider joining the sub-committee for this most worthwhile project? Please contact any Board member for more information. Contact information for the Directors is located on page 2 of the *Ryder*. 🌿



## April Spaghetti Dinner

Join Chef Ivan, (yes, that's right!) on April 26<sup>th</sup> for a spaghetti feast at the Co-op. Please remember to bring your plates and cutlery – help us keep our meals *green*! Members pay \$10 per adult/\$25 per \*family; Non-members \$15 per adult/\$30 per \*family (\*2 adults and children under 16); Children under 5 are free. Tickets are available at Summerland. *If you would like to help with this dinner please call Judy at 705-687-2406.* 🌿

## Bus Trip to Bradford Greenhouses

Thanks to our connections, we are able to offer a bus trip to see greenhouses full of spring blossoms before they are shipped out to nurseries and garden centres. We may also be offered a discount on purchases. What a great Spring tonic! In order to pay for a Hammond bus to transport us to Bradford Greenhouses, we need to sell 20 tickets at \$20 each, therefore we must have a commitment by April 17<sup>th</sup>. *Please call Judy to book. 705-687-2406.* 🌿



## It's Back!!! The May Blackfly Festival...

We had such a positive response to our first Blackfly Festival last year that we have decided to run it again! Especially popular was our Mother's Day High Tea prepared by Chef Larry. Who can forget those creative and imaginative hats that were sported at that event? Design and make your funkiest Blackfly Bonnet to

wear to the event – and not just the ladies! We expect our Ryde men to sport their finest headwear as well! 🌿

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grand opening of The Road to Ryde 135 Quilt Trail
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Lunch'n Learn Nordic Walking
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Wild Foraging Workshop with Laura Gilbert
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Blackfly High Tea and Hat Contest
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Baking with Beckie
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – AGM and Ham Dinner
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Launch of the Muskoka Geocachers Quilt Trail Caches

## Food and Agriculture Charter Workshops

In partnership with the District of Muskoka, we are offering a series of workshops fostering the principles of the draft Food and Agriculture Charter for Muskoka. Our next workshops are "Growing and Brewing Hops" on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and "Seven Products from a Pig's Head" with Maureen Wilson on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The workshops are offered on weekends and run from 1-3 pm. Light refreshments are included. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$15 for members. 🌿



- Sun., April 6<sup>th</sup> – *Growing and Brewing Hops* – Nicholas Schaut
- Sun., April 27<sup>th</sup> – *7 products (at least) from a \$5 Pig's Head* – Maureen Wilson
- Sat., May 10<sup>th</sup> – *Wild Foraging* – Laura Gilmour



## Baking with Beckie

Join the Baking with Beckie class on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for another enjoyable morning! The cost is only \$10 for members. A University of Ryde credit class! *To register please call Beckie at 705-687-2919.* 🌿

## Upcoming Events

- ✓ Bid Euchre – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm.
- ✓ Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> – Growing & Brewing Hops – 1 to 3 pm
- ✓ Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> Baking with Beckie – 9 am – *please pre-register*
- ✓ Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> – Bus Trip to Bradford Greenhouse – *Please call Judy at 705-687-2406*
- ✓ Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner – 5:30 pm – *Tickets available at Summerland*
- ✓ Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> – 7 Products from a \$5 Pig's Head – 1 to 3 pm
- ✓ May 3<sup>rd</sup> Road to Ryde – the official launch of the quilt trail
- ✓ May 8<sup>th</sup> – Lunch 'n Learn – Nordic Walking – 11 am
- ✓ May 10<sup>th</sup> – Wild Foraging – 1 to 3 pm
- ✓ May 11<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day High Tea and blackfly hats – 2 pm
- ✓ May 20<sup>th</sup> – Baking with Beckie – 9 am – *please pre-register*
- ✓ May 24<sup>th</sup> – AGM and Dinner – 5:30 pm
- ✓ June 7<sup>th</sup> – Lunch 'n Learn – Hyperturfa Garden Pots with Larry
- ✓ June 14<sup>th</sup> – Lunch 'n Learn – Make a Bat-Box with Steve – 11 am.
- ✓ Lunch 'n Learn with the Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital – date TBA

Remember to submit news items to [rydernews@bell.net](mailto:rydernews@bell.net) for the next Ryder Newsletter by April 24<sup>th</sup>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

• **Holy Manger Anglican Church**  
Service will be 3 pm for services April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

• **Ryde Free Methodist Church**  
• The congregation of the Ryde Centennial FM Church invites the neighbourhood to a bake sale on Sat., Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>, at the church, from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. You are invited to donate baked goods and/or purchase something to help children go to a summer camp at Wesley Acres, Bloomfield, ON. Our goal is \$6,000 to help sponsor several children. Those who went 2 years ago, really enjoyed it.

• **Summerland General Store**  
• The May monthly \$20 food basket order is due by May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.  
• Pickup for April food baskets is April 17<sup>th</sup> after 2 pm – bring boxes or bags.



### April Food Baskets

If you would like to participate in this popular program, the fee is \$20 cash per basket. The funds are payable at the Summerland General Store before Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, with the pick up on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring your own bags or boxes. The corresponding dates for May are Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. ~

### Build a Bat House at June's Lunch and Learn

Here is a unique idea to help the Co-op, learn a skill, and enjoy a great meal prepared by our own Chef Larry. You can take home a bat house to encourage some mosquito-eating furry friends to your property! Volunteers Randy Powell, Steve Bean and Richard Break have assembled bat house kits from some of our lumber. Participants will help to assemble the kits so that we can sell them at an upcoming event, but as a reward, can take one home. The cost for this Lunch and Learn is only \$20 (includes lunch and materials) for members and \$30 for non-members. *Please note the change of date – from April 12<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>* ~

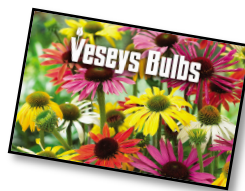


### Ryde 135

Do you have names, pictures or information about soldiers from Ryde that were in the First or Second World Wars? *Please contact Janet Merkley by email at janetgmerkley@yahoo.ca or call her at 705-687-1679.* ~

### Vesey's Fund Raiser

The Ryde Centennial FM Church is offering, for a limited time, seeds and bulbs from Vesey's, as a fund raiser to help send 10-15 children to a denominational summer camp. They would like to raise a total of \$6,000 in our fund-raising events. As soon as the kit arrives, they will do their best to get the word out. They are also going to have the Vesey's materials available for the April 19<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale, also at the church. Please remember that our growing area is "Zone 4" and bulbs may have to be dug up or well-covered for the winter. Cheques only made out to Cheryl Cooper for your purchases expected at the time of ordering. *Please contact Cheryl Cooper for more information.* ~



### Terrence Haight Grant

The Ryde Barn Quilt/135 sub-committee gratefully acknowledges the generous gift of \$2100 from the Town of Gravenhurst's Terrence Haight Fund. This money will be used to help finance our exciting celebrations on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. ~

### Free SMART Fitness Classes

Our free exercise classes are going strong with eight regular participants attending so far. New members (age 55 plus) are always welcome. We meet every Monday and Wednesday morning at 9:30. Pack your running shoes and your water bottle! *For more information please call Judy or Beckie.* ~



### Canada Revenue Agency Tax Clinic

It was good to see the number of people who made appointments rise again this year for the Canada Revenue Agency Tax Clinic at the RCC. This will ensure it will run again in the spring of 2015 for the 2014 income tax returns. The Ryde Co-op thanks Joanne Warren for volunteering her services to make this clinic possible for Ryde residents. ~



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### WANTED

We still have space for 2 **Friends of Ryde** for October 2014 and March 2015 to help support the Co-op. The fee is \$150/year and we use the money to produce and deliver the *Ryder* to all mailboxes in P1P1R3 area. *Please email Jennie at ryde.coop@gmail.com or call 705-687-5234*

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### Community Garden Planning Meeting

*Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 at the Co-op*

We have been lucky enough to receive some funding from the District of Muskoka for our Community Garden this year. It is our responsibility to spend the funds wisely in support of the Food and Agriculture Charter for Muskoka. Please attend; you can do as much actual work in the garden as suits you. Many hands make light work! *Please call Judy at 705-687-2406.* ~

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