

1624 Barkway Road, Gravenhurst  
Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Community Meeting Update

Just over thirty community residents gathered on Saturday evening to learn more about the possibility of having a Nurse Practitioner Station in our community. Nurse Practitioner Donna Kearney told the group about services that could be provided to us

on a half time basis. Currently, provincial Health funding is based on our permanent population which we know surges on weekends and holiday times. The nursing station would make primary health care available in our community for all who need it. The caveat is that the municipality or community would be required to provide the site and pay for the renovations needed to meet the clinic needs. After some research, the Ryde Co-op Directors determined that we do not have either the facility or the funds to be able to do this in our community at this time. The Co-op Board feels that while this would be a wonderful asset to our community, the proposal in its current format would create a financial burden that this community cannot bear. While we support the proposal in principle, we feel that the funding must come from a higher level of government. We would like to add our voice to those requesting better access to medical care in rural Muskoka and have written a letter to support this initiative. Copies will be available on line and at Summerland if you wish to add your support to this effort. ~

**Thank You!**

## A Big Thank You!

Ryde Community Co-op has received \$2000 from the Town of Gravenhurst's Terrence Haight Fund to help with our 135 celebrations on Saturday, August 16. The 135 Committee is very grateful for this assistance. ~

## March Stew Dinner

We are celebrating the luck of the Irish a little late in March, but it will be a great way to start Spring! Come on out on Saturday, March 22 at 5:30 for a delicious Irish stew meal. Our community dinners are always a treat not-to-be missed. 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.* ~



## FREE Gentle Fitness Classes Coming to Ryde

Ryde Community Co-op is pleased to offer the SMART program of fitness classes through the Victorian Order of Nurses. These classes are intended for people 55 years old and up and will be offered twice a week on Monday and Wednesday mornings starting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The classes are designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility. All movements are performed on a chair or standing; there are no floor exercises or weights. *It's not*

*too late to register! On Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, please bring a list of medications, your reading glasses, OHIP and emergency contact information to register. Call Judy at 705-687-5234 for more information.* ~



## Exciting New Programming for 2014

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. This document proposes to encourage sustainable, local and healthy food, while promoting the revival of agriculture and culinary talents in the area. We have been fortunate to book some well-known experts in their field.

- Be Self-sufficient in Small Fruits - Steven Biggs - **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- Growing and Brewing Hops - Nicholas Schaut - **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**
- 7 products (at least) from a \$5 Pig's Head - Maureen Wilson - **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Wild Foraging - Laura Gilmour - **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Award-winning garden journalist, author and speaker Steven Biggs is our guest presenter on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm. He will explain how we can become self sufficient in no-fuss small fruits. This workshop is only \$15 for members or \$25 for non-members. Remember, a Ryde Co-op membership is only \$10! Light refreshments will be available. Join us this Spring for this series of workshops and become more self-sufficient. *Register early as space is limited. Call Judy at 705-687-2406.* ~

## Upcoming Events

- ✓ Bid Euchre – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm.
- ✓ Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – Tax Clinic – 10 to 3pm
- ✓ Mar, 18<sup>th</sup> Baking with Beckie – 9 am – *please pre-register*
- ✓ Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Paddy's Stew & Biscuits Dinner – 5:30 pm – *Tickets at Summerland*
- ✓ Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Growing Small Fruits – 1 – 3 pm
- ✓ Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> – Growing & Brewing Hops – 1 – 3 pm
- ✓ Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> – Lunch 'n Learn – Make a Bat-Box with Steve
- ✓ Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> Baking with Beckie – 9 am – *please pre-register*
- ✓ Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> – Bus Trip to Bradford Greenhouse – *more info TBA*
- ✓ Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner
- ✓ Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> – 7 Products from a \$5 Pig's Head – 1 – 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
- ✓ May 10<sup>th</sup> – Wild Foraging – 1 – 3 pm
- ✓ May 11<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day High Tea and blackfly hats
- ✓ May 20<sup>th</sup> – Baking with Beckie – 9 am – *please pre-register*
- ✓ May 24<sup>th</sup> – AGM and Dinner

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Holy Manger Anglican Church**  
Service will be on the first Sunday of the month.
- **Ryde Free Methodist Church**
  - The Good Friday Service with Communion will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday service will be at 11:00 am.
- **Summerland General Store**
  - The April monthly \$20 food basket order is due by April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.



### Baking with Beckie

Join the Baking with Beckie class on Tuesday, March 18 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.* ~

### March 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, March 4, with the pick up on Thursday, March 20. Remember to bring your own bags or boxes. The corresponding dates for April are Tuesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 17. ~



### March 15<sup>th</sup> Is Tax Day with Joanne

Joanne Warren is a volunteer for Canada Revenue Agency - the government agency that collects our income taxes. As a CRA volunteer, she is offering to prepare tax returns *FREE* for Ryde residents who meet the criteria. On March 15<sup>th</sup> only, Joanne will be at Ryde Centre between 10 am and 3 pm to offer this service. Appointments are required and you must be registered with Joanne by March 1<sup>st</sup>. *Please call Joanne for more information or an appointment at 705-687-2600.* ~



### Ryde Bus

We are looking into the possibility of assisting our residents by providing a low cost bus ride into Gravenhurst for grocery shopping at Your Independent Grocer. This is being explored with the District of Muskoka. The plan is to book a wheel-chair accessible Hammond bus that would make three local stops; at the Housey's Rapids Free Methodist Church, the Co-op and the

four corners in Barkway and then an additional stop at Lofty Pines community in Gravenhurst before arriving at YIG for an hour or so of shopping. Terry, the manager of YIG, has offered to throw in a free coffee. We hope to keep the cost down to between \$5 to \$10 for a round trip. The bus would most likely run on Tuesdays. Of course we would need at least 20 passengers to make the run cost-efficient. Would you use such a service? *Please call Judy at 705-687-2406 to indicate your interest.* ~

### Historic Seed Offer

One of our newest members, "Crazy" Bob Beach, has a very exciting project in the works and he needs our help. Bob has some historic corn seed that he wants to test in our area. He is looking for volunteers to grow a 6 x 8 patch of 9000 year old corn in their garden. Can you help? Bob would need access to your garden 3 or 4 times during the growing season, and would take the harvest, returning some seed to the volunteers. This project fits well into our partnership with the District of Muskoka's Food and Agriculture Charter. *If you are interested in helping Bob with this project please call him at 705-323-0403.* ~



### Ryde 135

Everyone is getting excited about August 16th, our great 135 Ryde celebration. Time to open up those cedar chests and see what is in them. The lovely ladies at Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church have offered to have the airing of the quilts for Doors Open that day.

So we need to know who has vintage quilts to lend. They will be carefully looked after and will not be handled by anyone other than the committee and that is only to display them. *Please contact Louise Taverner at 705-687-2401 or Janet Merkley at 705-687-1679. We can pick them up or you can deliver them to the church closer to the date.* ~

### Help Wanted



We are looking for a few good men and women to help utilize all that fine lumber that is at the Ryde Co-op. We need help beautifying the shed that is there, building benches for around the building and bat houses to sell at the 135th. These items will not hardly scratch the surface of all the lumber, so bring on your ideas of how best to use the lumber. *If you are interested (that means you ladies as well) in helping, please give Steve Bean a call at 705-687-9826 or email him at classicbean@bell.net* ~



### WANTED: Willing Gardeners

Still thinking of the Food and Agriculture Charter, the Ryde Co-op's community garden is branching out to include some new and unusual vegetation. Would you like to be a part of the planning and planting?

*Please call Judy at 705-687-2406.* ~

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### WANTED

We still have space for 4 **Friends of Ryde** 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.