

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

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## The Road to Ryde Opens!

The rain didn't stop the opening of the Ryde Barn Quilt Trail. Deputy Mayor Jeff Watson, with the help of Ward 4 Councilor Randy Jorgensen and District Councilor Sandy Cairns, cut the ribbon and declared the Road to Ryde open. 🌿



## AGM and Ham Dinner

Please make a point of joining us on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. After enjoying another outstanding Chef Larry meal of ham and scalloped potatoes, please stay for the AGM following the meal. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect the new Board of Directors and vote on proposed amendments to the Co-op bylaws. As members of the Co-op, you are selecting a Board of Directors who will make decisions that will impact the Co-op for the coming year. In addition to selecting new Board members, we will also gladly add new members to our many committees. "In every community there is work to be done. In every heart there is the power to do it." - Marianne Williamson. Don't wait to pick up your tickets at the Summerland Store - only \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. 🌿

## Mother's Day High Tea

Chef Larry has planned a lovely family friendly High Tea to honour the Mothers in our community. Who can forget those creative and imaginative hats that were sported last year? 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! Steve and Myrna Bean have donated 4 mosquito-repelling plants as prizes. Prices: \$10 for Adult, \$5 for Child's Tea (under 12) or \$3 for Child's Milk & Cookie Plate. Tickets sold in advance at Summerland General Store. 🌿



## Food and Agriculture Charter Workshops

We have been very pleased to the response to our series of workshops. We have been able to attract some new members, learn how to become more self-sufficient, and support the draft Muskoka Food and Agriculture Charter. We are planning a fall series. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, please let us know. Our final workshop in the Spring series is Wild Foraging with Laura Gilmour, on Saturday, May 10 from 1 - 3 pm. Light refreshments are included. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$15 for members. Laura wants to limit the course to 20 people, so sign up early! To register call Judy at 705-687-2406. 🌿

## Community Vegetable Garden

Some members of the community gathered to put together a preliminary order for our garden patch. We decided to go in some new directions this year, in keeping with playing our part in the draft Food and Agriculture Charter. We will be planting:

- An herb garden
- Ancient corn
- A cover crop of buckwheat
- Heirloom vegetables
- Perennials including elderberries, haskaps, nuts & currants

Many thanks to RCC Sponsor, Lynn Wilson of the *Donkey Shack*, who has donated a large collapsible water container for our use. This handy item can be filled placed in a wheelbarrow, filled with up to 20 gallons of water, and taken to where it is needed in the garden! 🌿



## Nordic Walking Lunch and Learn

It has been far too long since we've had one of Chef Larry's wonderful lunches! Join us for some gentle exercise with some instruction and a chance to try walking with poles. Our guest instructor, Marianne Ford, will show us the ropes. Participants will have the option to buy some poles for \$69.99. This

University of Ryde course is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please register by calling Judy at 705-687-2406. 🌿



## Upcoming Events

- ✓ Bid Euchre - Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm.
- ✓ **FREE** ~ VON SMART Exercise program every Monday and Wednesday starting at 9:30 am.
- ✓ **NEW** ~ W.I.S.E. Clubhouse - May 6<sup>th</sup> & June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30 am - Fee \$3
- ✓ 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 - Doors open at 1:30, tea served at 2 pm. Tickets required - available at Summerland General Store.
- ✓ May 20<sup>th</sup> - Baking with Beckie - 9 am - please pre-register
- ✓ May 24<sup>th</sup> - AGM and Dinner - 5:30 pm. Tickets required - available at Summerland General Store.
- ✓ June 7<sup>th</sup> - Lunch 'n Learn - Hyperturfa Garden Pots with Larry - 11 am. Limited to 15 participants, please pre-register 705-687-5234.
- ✓ June 14<sup>th</sup> - Lunch 'n Learn - Make a Bat-Box with Steve - 11 am. To purchase a Bat Box call Steve at 705-687-9826
- ✓ **FREE** ~ June 14<sup>th</sup> - Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital - 1 - 3 pm
- ✓ June 28<sup>th</sup> - Strawberry Dinner
- ✓ July 15<sup>th</sup> - Annual BBQ and Gravenhurst Council Meeting
- ✓ August 16<sup>th</sup> - **CELEBRATE RYDE'S 135<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - all day!

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Holy Manger Anglican Church**  
Service will be the third Sunday in May.
- **Ryde Free Methodist Church**
  - June 7<sup>th</sup> Family BBQ starting about 4:30, with Rev. Ms. Jenn Wagar as speaker. (She was our Youth Retreat speaker, was asked by other adults in the congregation to return here for this pre-Father's Day family BBQ.) People are asked to bring something for a BBQ, like a salad, dessert, etc.
- **Summerland General Store**
  - Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream is here! Summer must be coming!
  - The June monthly \$20 food basket order is due by June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am.
  - Pickup for May food baskets is May 15<sup>th</sup> after 2 pm - bring boxes or bags.





### Nurse Practitioner Station for Ryde

The Ryde Community made a deputation to Town Council on Tuesday, April 15 to request the Town's assistance with our efforts to establish a nursing station in Ryde. Although we did not get the Town staff support that we requested, we agreed that we would keep the door open for further discussion with the Town. The dedicated people on the Ryde Nursing Station committee will come up with a feasibility plan for implementation of this worthwhile project. *Show your support for the Nursing Station by wearing one of our new buttons – available by donation at the RCC.* 🌿

### Make Hyperturfa Plant Pots at June 7th Lunch and Learn

A University of Ryde credit course! Join Larry Peck for a workshop using Hyperturfa. Hyperturfa is a mixture of Portland cement, perlite (or vermiculite), and water. Create at least two original and rustic looking containers and one leaf shaped birdbath for your garden or deck. All this and lunch too for \$25! *The class is limited to 15 people, so register by calling 705-687-5234 early to make sure you have a spot!* 🌿



### Free: Learn About Our Endangered Turtles at RCC

The Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital, located at Scales Nature Park, began the Saving Turtles At Risk Today (START) project last summer. Of the 8 species of turtles in Ontario, 7 are 'species at risk', meaning they are on their way to extinction. Come to this free turtle outreach program on June 16<sup>th</sup> and see live Ontario turtles. Learn about the species you can find right in your own backyard and how you can help save them! Of special interest are the Blanding's turtles (ones with bright yellow chins) that live in our area. Notify Scales Nature Park at 705-327-2808 if you see one of these turtles or you find a turtle that has been hit by a car. 🌿

### W.I.S.E. Clubhouse

We are very fortunate that Sandra Winspear has found time in her busy schedule to add the Ryde Co-op to her list of Clubhouse locations. Clubhouse is a group that meets to socialize, learn, prepare and enjoy food and have lots of fun. Although the Clubhouse is aimed at Seniors, anyone can attend. The topics for each month's meeting will depend on the participants' needs and wishes. Come on out for a couple of hours of relaxing fun! The only cost would be \$3.00 towards the food. Please join us! *For more information you can call Sandra at 705-644-4397.* 🌿



### Baking with Beckie

Join the Baking with Beckie class on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 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.* 🌿



### Lots to Learn from the Wilsons!

Those attending the workshop of the 7 products from a pig's head will tell you ~ it was an interesting and worthwhile afternoon!

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YOUR HOSTS: Paul Cook and Marcel Waters



### Community Flower Garden

With the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ryde fast approaching, we want to spruce up the flower gardens at the Ryde Co-op and also at the Fire Hall. We sure could use the help of some willing weeders and planters to help us get the gardens into shape and keep them that way over the summer. Also welcome are donations of perennials that we can plant in the gardens. *For information or to volunteer, please contact Jennie Nice at 705-687-5234.* 🌿

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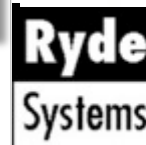
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### WANTED

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*