

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Dates to mark on your Calendar:

- until Aug 27 -Chapel Gallery, Bracebridge: Hannah Lin's Soft Focus
- Tues Sept 6 BYO Craft. First Monday monthly after that
- Wed Sept 7 Ryde Co-op Executive Meeting, 7 pm
- Thurs Aug 18 Scrapbooking resumes every other Thurs evening from
- Sept 15th @ 7 pm

 Thurs Sept 15 -Ladies' Luncheon Events take place at the Community Centre, 1624 Barkway Rd, unless otherwise noted

Communities in **Bloom**

Do the ongoing gardening efforts at Wit's End give you a lift on your drive to town? If, so, you'll be pleased to know that the Gravenhurst Communities in Bloom judges gave Carol Wagg a Daisy Award in the Front Yard Gardens Competition. Way to go Carol! We have many beautiful gardens in the community, and appreciate the work of those valiant gardeners who persevere in their beautification labours during this very hot dry summer.

Our Garage Sale with a Twist was a Hit!

This year's yard sale saw buyers armed with a map and scavenger hunt list driving the roads of Ryde looking for bargains and mystery items. There were eight sites in the community including three multi-family sites, plus a terrific pancake breakfast at the Ryde Community Centre to provide energy to search for treasures.

Comments from the vendors and buyers were quite positive, and we have the basis for a similar event next year. The winner of the scavenger hunt was a mother and son team from the Doe Lake Road. They will be receiving gift certificates courtesy of McDonalds. ❖



←Jeannie of the Lamp Jean Stephenson hams it up for the camera

↑Fred talks the Wok Fred Zuffery, Jane Braden, Grethe Dahl, & Peggy Beatty try to separate customer Mike Caslin from some of his dough.

→ Hungry Yet? David Jorgensen cooked up pancakes for the hungry of pancakes, sausages, juice and

shoppers who stopped in for a breakfast coffee. Payment was by donation.

↑It's Been a Long Drive Sandy Labelle from Gravenhurst, her grandchildren Cody, Dana and Joshua along with her son Jay and daughter-in-law Gail from Burlington found their way to Ryde for the pancake breakfast.

Town Council Meets at Ryde

There is usually one Gravenhurst Council meeting per year at Ryde. This year it was held on August 2, and included a "by donation" BBQ for Council and local residents who attended. Randy Jorgensen did the honours as chef with help from his son David, collecting some high-school Community Service hours.

Council conducted its regular business, and near the end of the meeting Randy Jorgensen

informed Council of some of the Co-op's activities over the past year, and outlined how the Co-op is using the building to try to draw community members together. Council was also thanked for picking up the costs of running the building, and Randy presented a cheque for \$1000 to Council as the Co-op's contribution to help offset some of those costs. 4



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"Soft Focus" by Hannah Lin:
The Felted Textile works of one of our members, artist
Hannah Lin of Barkway, are on display this month at the Chapel Gallery, 15 King St. in Bracebridge. Hours Tues-Sat, 10-1 and 2-5. Please drop by to see her amazing creations.

Some Ryde History

Snippets from the pamphlet "History of

Ryde Township", written by Robert J.

Boyer and published by Ryde Centennial Committee, 1979. Lumbering in Ryde - In 1861... timber licenses in Ryde were granted... It was the white pine forests which brought the lumbermen to Ryde. Logs could be floated down the Gartersnake River to Kahshe Lake and thence down to the Severn River. ... Red hemlock came into much demand for its bark, the tanbark required for tanning leather. ...Bracebridge became the greatest leather tanning centre in the British Empire, ...made possible through the availability of tanbark in Muskoka. The settlers of Ryde delivered over the roads many loads of tanbark on horse-drawn wagons or sleighs to Bracebridge."

People of Ryde - In Ryde today are families whose names are pioneer names of the descendants of early settlers. There are properties entitled to be called Pioneer Farms. To give a list of families always poses a hazard because of the possibility of omissions, but we might mention such names as Bush, Rebman, Merkley, Pilger, Tingey, Taverner, Goheen, Seehaver, McWade.

Monthly Workshops: All these events take place at the Community Centre, 1624 Barkway Rd, and you are invited to take part. Register with Jane Braden at 684-9482 no less than one week in advance of each workshop.

- Ladies Pot-Luck Luncheon September 15, 2005 Ham to Ipm. Bring a friend and a dish and be prepared to enjoy yourself. \$2.00 charge for use of the community centre.
- Woven Copper & Birch Bark Jewellery Workshop October 20, 2005 9am to 12pm.
 Taught by Carolyn Houlden. Get an early start on your Christmas list. Make one in class and take materials home to make two more. Materials supplied. You will be required to bring some equipment. The cost is \$27.00, pot-luck lunch to follow.
- Painting Watercolour Christmas Card of a Local Scene November 17, 2005 9am to 12pm. Taught by Nancy Hunter, a full-time artist/teacher who makes painting fun and easy. Suitable for beginner, novice and advanced levels. All materials supplied. The cost is \$22.00 and is followed by a pot-luck lunch.
- **Simple and Elegant** December 15, 2005 9am to 1pm. Just in time for holiday gatherings, join Chef Ruth Wagg and learn to make some simple and elegant appetizers and finger foods. Included are: stuffed mushrooms, zesty crab canapés, spanakopita tuxedo strawberries, quick-and-easy truffles and more. Then sample your creations for lunch. Cost per person \$25. All ingredients and take-home recipes provided.

Get Crafty: How would you like to spend some time working on your hobby or crafts, and at the same time chit-chatting with your neighbours? **Jane Braden** invites you to bring your materials to the Community Centre on the first Monday of each month any time between 9 and 3. Note: For September, make it the first Tuesday, Sept 6, then Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5.

Yoga Classes at Ryde: Yoga is scheduled to start up again in September. If you are interested in participating in the Monday night classes, please contact Wendy at 687-4575 or twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca. Cost will be based on number of participants. We require a minimum number to proceed, so we need expressions of interest no later than September 6th to confirm with our instructor. A deposit of \$25.00 will be required to hold your place in the class. No yoga experience necessary - enjoy a relaxing evening out with your neighbours and stretch away the stresses of your day.

Scrapbooking: Next groups are Thursday, August 18 and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays starting in September. 7pm at the Community Centre. Bring your photos, ideas, etc and enhance your current techniques and learn a couple of new ways of doing things. No scrapbooking experience required to participate ... just an interest. We would be like to develop a community scrapbook with photos as a community project. All ages and experience levels welcome. Call 687-4575 for more information or Sherrie at 687-5995.

A Message from the Directors: Thank you for your confidence in electing us to represent you so we can help to make Ryde an even better place to live and work. We've had some success this year in keeping you better informed through regular newsletters, and by involving more people in more events throughout the community and in the community centre. Our plans are outlined in this newsletter, and we'll gladly listen to any suggestions you may have. Please support our efforts: •Become a member. Membership is just \$10 a year per person and we offer reduced fees for some Ryde events. Contact any executive member for more info •Rent the Community Centre for your private events •Attend events that interest you, and invite your friends to come along •Promote your business by sponsoring an issue of *The Ryder*. President Chris Holden 687-5085

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