

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Family Fun Day & Flower Show

The Family Fun Day on August 26th was enjoyed by all who attended. Hot dogs and hamburgers were followed by home-baked goodies donated by several ladies of the community. You had to take part in the "Cake Walk" beforehand to work off those yummy calories! Our thanks to **Gayle Cameron, Carol Break, Olive Cooper, Jane Braden, Carolyn Seehaver, and Carol Wagg** for delicious cakes and cookies. Ice cream cones, courtesy of **Ice Bites** on Bethune Drive in Gravenhurst were enjoyed by all.



BUSINESS DIRECTORY IS OUT

Distribution of the new *Ryde Business & Services Directory* has begun. If you are on RR3, you should have received your copy. It is also available around town, such as at the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce office. Still to come is distribution through the cottage associations and local hand delivery...watch for it!

If you have ideas for places to make the *Directory* available, please email rjorg@muskoka.com or call Randy at 687-9038

Games kept the young and not-so-young amused. Nail-driving, arcade toss, water balloons, and a golf target game made for lots of laughs. The "Back 40" was set up as a 9-hole golf course. Turkey bowling with a turnip/ball, a fish pond, and tractor races were enjoyed. The very little ones dug for treasure in the treasure chest.



Flower Show

10 entrants submitted 42 entries in 12 classes in the Ryde Flower Show. Top prize winner was Barb Taylor with 14 points including four firsts. The youngest entrant was Julia Peters, age 7, whose photo appeared on the front page of the Gravenhurst Banner on August 30th. Judging was by councillor Sandy Cairns, Communities in Bloom chair, and Jackie Budgeon who first introduced Communities in Bloom to the Ryde Community. The bright colours and sweet fragrance of the blooms were enjoyed by all who dropped in to have a look.❖



Internet CAP Site

Our CAP site is still available for use most days.

Hours are now by appointment for time slots with the person's name listed. Please call the person listed the day before to arrange your appointment to use our high speed Internet.

Hours:

Monday 10am-noon
Tuesday 10-noon Carol 687-6992
1pm-3pm Gladys 687-2446
Wednesday 10am-noon Mike 687-6992
Thursday Noon-3pm
Saturday 11am-1:30pm

Hours are subject to change. Check the signs on the door for revised hours. Call ahead to be sure: 687-4200
Problems? Call Randy at 687-9038

Another Successful Kayak Workshop

A good time was had by all when **Jim MacFarlane** of **Swift Canoe and Kayak** brought his trailer load of kayaks to Bass Lake Park for our workshop. About a dozen participants braved the brief drizzle and spent an enjoyable day paddling on Bass Lake. Jim did a great job of reassuring first time kayakers, allowing us to try out various boats and describing their differences.

Jim taught a variety of strokes, as well as some safety procedures, such as how to help your friend who has swamped his kayak.

Our thanks go out to Jim MacFarlane and Swift Canoe for facilitating another great kayak workshop.❖





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YOUR INPUT IS VITAL

While the Family Fun Day was enjoyed by all who attended, attendance was significantly lower than we had hoped. Earlier this summer, the Community Yard Sale had to be cancelled because not enough had registered by the deadline. A significant amount of time and energy goes into planning events, and it is disappointing to both organizers and people who want to take part when an event must be cancelled due to lack of registrations, especially when people call in after the deadline to express their interest. If you see an event that interests you, please make the effort to call the contact person right away. If you have a suggestion for an event that you would like to organize or attend, please contact **Ruth** at **687-6992**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday September 21 – Fun With Flowers and pot-luck luncheon. 10 – 2. Learn to make stepping stones for your garden. \$7 per person to cover cost of materials. Call **687-6992** for more information.

Pumpkin and Gourd Painting Workshop – with Instructor **Ruth Wagg**. Choice of day or evening classes. Create imaginative characters for Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en using pumpkins and bottle gourds. **Wednesday Sept. 27, 9-11:30** or **Thursday Sept 28, 6:30-9.** \$22 per person, all materials supplied, but bring your own paint brushes if you have them. Call **Ruth** to register **687-6992**.

Friday November 17 – Introduction to **Beaded Jewelry Making** with instructor **Gladys Merkley**. Ideal for Christmas gift-giving. 1-4 p.m. \$22 includes supplies for three pairs of earrings to take home. Includes demonstration of bracelet and necklace. Call **Gladys** at **687-7844** to register before November 3rd.

Wednesday, December 13 –Appetizers and Finger Foods for your Holiday Gatherings - Instructor Chef Ruth Wagg. Just in time for your holiday entertaining. Step-by-step ideas and recipes. \$24 per person. Call **Ruth** to register by December 1st **687-6992**.

GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE - On August 2nd the **severe storm** that ripped through our area caused significant damage and inconvenience to our community. We appreciate the prompt attention of our local fire department, Hydro One, Orillia Water Light and Power, Gravenhurst Public Works, and the many community members who helped out by cutting downed trees to clear roads and their neighbour's properties, sharing generators, and generally checking on each other during this lengthy hydro outage.

If you have any humorous anecdotes, tips on how you made the best out of this situation, or suggestions on how to cope in future emergencies, why not drop us a line at rjorg@muskoka.com

SMART SERVE - We will be offering the **Smart Serve** course at the Community Centre. As it is a 3 hour online course with a test at the end, we will offer it in small groups on dates that suit the group, using our high-speed Internet connection. Smart Serve is a requirement for community groups and individuals who wish to work in a licensed event or serve in the hospitality industry. Cost will be \$32.00 for our members in good standing or \$35.00 for non-members. Space is limited - please express your interest no later than **Friday, September 15th** to **Wendy Pilger** at **687-4575** or twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca

FIRST AID - We have had a few persons approach us about offering a **First Aid Course**. If we have sufficient interest, we will set up the course. Maximum class size is 12. Please contact **Wendy Pilger 687-4575** email twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca or **Randy Jorgensen 687-9038** email rjorg@muskoka.com, no later than **September 29th**.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION - November 13th is municipal election day. Gravenhurst and Bracebridge have both chosen the vote-by-mail process. Our association will hold a **"Meet 'n' Greet" evening** in late October/early November. No speeches, no formality; just coffee and conversation. If you are not sure if you are on the voters' list, check the list at the Town office. See the October Ryder for a date and time.

YOGA - We don't have a teacher for yoga at this point. Anyone interested in getting together on a regular basis for yoga practice can send a note to **Arleigh Luckett** via email to arleigh.luckett@utoronto.ca

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The Tree Museum

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We would like to invite you and your guests to the **9th annual** opening at the **Tree Museum**. Just outside of Gravenhurst, it is an outdoor gallery for Contemporary Art. A wonderful combination: NATURE and ART

This museum without walls is located on 200 acres of mixed woodland and pre-Cambrian shield overlooking **Buck Lake** east of Gravenhurst. The site is open year round, and offers a variety of experiences changing with the seasons. Wear hiking boots or runners: this is a walk in the woods with a difference! The access road is also suitable for strollers or bicycles. The first sculpture is located about 1 kilometre from the road, and it is 2.2 km to the centre of the site. There is no coffee shop or washrooms on the site. On the day of the opening - **Sunday, September 17** - the artists' residency will be open with refreshments and access to washrooms.

This autumn we present three new installations. New works by **Diane Borsato**, **Kelly Mark** and **Peter von Tiesenhausen** with an opening reception on **Sunday September 17, from noon to 5 p.m.** You are invited to come in to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

Driving directions: On Doe Lake Rd, 7 km east of Highway 11. Watch for THE TREE MUSEUM sign on the south side of the road. Park in the designated area near Doe Lake Rd.

For Information contact: Anne O'Callaghan, co-curator The Tree Museum 416-537-3627 Email: current@attglobal.net Web: www.thetreemuseum.ca