

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Working together in a co-operative way to be one voice and one community

Coming Events

Chi Kung & Tai Chi 10 am each Sunday - ends September 24th

Bid Euchre September 14th & 28th from 1 pm

Spaghetti Dinner September 17th at 5:30 pm

3D Felting Workshop Oct. 1st from 11 am

International Potluck Dinner Nov. 19th at 5:30 pm

Sewing/Craft Group now meeting every Wednesday at 10:30 am

The Library at the RCC will be open every Wednesday at 10:30 am

Be sure to check the calendar on the website for additional information and new events

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Remember to submit your news items to rydernews@bell.net for the next Ryder Newsletter by September 26th

Visit the Ryde Community Co-op Website at rydecommunityco-op.com

Community Notices

Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church

The Ryde Centennial Fall Picnic will be September 18th after the morning service, rain or shine. Children 12 and younger are to have an adult with them. If it rains, we'll be inside with inside games, etc. People should bring their lunch and whatever meat - hot dogs or hamburgers - needs grilling, and buns. We'll supply the condiments, beverage, and desserts. Games for inside or outside (depending on the weather) would be appreciated!

Annual Sausage BBQ and Town Council Meeting

Shirley Robinson and Barb Taylor

The Ryde Community Co-op's yearly big summer BBQ was held on August 2nd so we could warmly welcome the Gravenhurst Town Council to their annual meeting held here in Ryde. The Tuesday evening gathering brought out about sixty-five people from our community, summer residents as well a number of council members.

Sausages, hot dogs, corn, salad and ice-cream sandwiches were enjoyed in the beautiful summer evening. Folks socialized informally picnic style at the tables set-up outside or sitting on the large rock in front of the RCC. It was nice to see our mayor, Paisley Donaldson, at the centre of the activities.

Thanks to all of the special people who assisted with the shopping, set-up, barbecuing and food preparation. The clean-up went smoothly with the help of our 'faithful crew' of helpers.

Many of the diners stayed on for the council meeting that followed the BBQ at 7:00 pm. Community concerns were raised to the council regarding the lack of fire fighters at the Ryde Station. This means that the main station in Gravenhurst is meeting responses to emergencies in Ryde. Also raised was the need for trimming the brush and trees that are overgrowing many of the roads in the area causing dangerous driving conditions especially for larger vehicles. Council agreed that these two concerns would be looked at and dealt with. ❖



Bear Problems

Jennie Nice

This summer the residents on Sam Cook Road have been dealing with bears being attracted by garbage, among other things. It has gone from a weekly to sometimes daily clean up of garbage strewn on the road as the bears have discovered there is a regular buffet to be had.

Unfortunately, bears that are attracted by garbage can quickly become a nuisance and also become less fearful of humans. There have been reports of the bears coming up to the doors of some residences along the road.

Chris Staples, who is a bear management technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources, has sent along the following information as a reminder to our community about how to reduce incidents of bear encounters.

BEAR WISE The Ministry of Natural Resources is committed to reducing preventable causes of human-bear conflict in Ontario. Most problems between black bears and humans occur when bears are attracted by

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Bears...

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the smell of and rewarded with an easy meal. When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it, even at your cottage property. If bears are rewarded with feasts of bird food, garbage or pet food, they will return as long as the food source continues to be available. It takes everyone working together to eliminate these attractants and to stop bear problems. Here is some helpful advice:

- Put garbage in containers that have tight fitting lids, and only put it out on garbage day
- Store garbage in a secured bear-resistant container, permanent shed or garage.

Do not store garbage in plywood boxes, old freezers or vehicles

- Do not leave pet food outdoors
 - Fill bird feeders only through winter months. Put away bird feeders and offer natural alternatives like flowers, nesting boxes and fresh water
 - Remove grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease cup underneath after each use
- In an immediate emergency, call your local police or 911.

To report bear problems call: 1-866-514-2327 (1-866-514-BEAR) (TTY 705-945-7641)

For more information, visit our website:
www.ontario.ca/bearwise ❖

A Shower of Good Wishes

Barb Taylor

In July, Karen Webster hosted a community and family shower to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Kristina Sova and Stephen Langtree.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the community to meet some of Kristina's family. All enjoyed the fun and frivolity ... from learning the new skill of 'cookie catch' (and we have some experts) ... to designing 'disposable wedding gowns'.

We all join the families of Stephen and Kristina to wish them love and happiness in their new life within our community. We are blessed to have such an energetic, caring couple choosing this area. ❖



Felting Workshop

Join Tonya Meadows for a fun day making felted 3 D figures. This is another approach to needle felting where you will learn new ways to use the materials introduced in her first workshop. No previous felting experience is necessary.

The workshop fee is \$35.00 that includes all materials. The workshop will run on October 1st from 11 am until 2:30 pm so you will need to bring a brown-bag lunch. Call Jennie Nice by September 24th at 705-687-5234 to register. ❖

Sewing and Crafts Group

Change of day for the Sewing and Crafts Group: Everyone who sews, crafts, knits, quilts, socializes etc., are invited to enjoy a fun session this fall every **Wednesday** starting on September 7th at the RCC. The doors open at 10:30 am and remain open until 4:00 pm. You choose when to come and how long you want to stay. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy the day! The cost is \$2.00.

For more information please contact Katriina Alanko at oknala@bell.net. ❖

The Tree Museum

This Month's Sponsor

The Tree Museum - A Unique Contemporary Art Experience

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• **Sunday October 1st** at 2 pm. - Visit The Tree Museum and join curators, EJ Lightman and Anne O'Callaghan for a free guided walking tour. Bring water and wear walking shoes.

• **September 11th, to October 27th, 2011** from noon to 5 pm - **Items May Shift: A New Exhibition**
Meet the artists - Ken Gregory, Anitra Hamilton, Mike Hansen, Gordon Monahan, Sarah Peebles, E.C. Woodley and guest curator Earl Miller,

The Tree Museum is pleased to announce Toronto-based independent curator Earl Miller as a guest curator of its 2011 exhibition, Items May Shift, an exhibition of sound art by Ken Gregory, Anitra Hamilton, Mike Hansen, Gordon Monahan, Sarah Peebles and E.C. Woodley, artists who

come from both a visual arts and a music background. Items May Shift is an entirely solar-powered, site-specific sound exhibition that does not interfere with the forest and field environment but adds to it sonically, visually and conceptually, creating slight "shifts" in site that allow viewers and listeners to pay more attention to their surroundings. The artists' alterations enhance aspects of the environment and raise attendant environmental issues. Sarah Peebles showcases native, solitary bees and their sounds as they build nests in Pollination Wunder Station, and E.C. Woodley uncovers hidden histories of environmentalism in Canada. Anitra Hamilton installs slightly displaced lawn mower sounds and Gordon Monahan plays fake nature sounds. Mike Hansen uses sound to evoke the footsteps of mythological giants while Ken Gregory integrates solar-run "real artificial life" into a meadow environment.

For more information visit www.thetreemuseum.ca