

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Dates to mark on your Calendar:

- **June 23** - Gardening at Ryde Community Centre 10 - noon
- **July 2** - Memorial Garden dedication - Muriel Fitchett - at Ryde CC, 10:30
- **July 9** - Canoe and Kayak Clinic at Bass Lake Park 9-2
- **July 10** - Annual Service at Harmony United Church, 11 a.m.
- **July 16** - Housey's Rapids Neighbourhood Club Annual Bazaar - at 1 pm
- **July 23** - Communities in Bloom Tour of Gardens
- **July 30 or Aug 6** - Ryde Community Garage Sale - with a twist.

Communities in Bloom - Memorial Garden

Last year on June 16th, a group of gardeners gathered at the Firehall to rejuvenate the flowerbed around the Ryde Rock and memorial plaque. Muriel Fitchett was an active participant in the gardening that day, and all were shocked by her passing just two weeks later on July 1, 2004. Muriel was Treasurer of the Ryde Co-op and an active member of the Ryde Community. We would like to honour her memory by dedicating a garden at the Ryde Community Centre (former Ryde School) in her name. Please join us on **July 2, 2005** at 10:30 a.m. for a brief memorial service, to be followed by light refreshments.



Last Year's Garden Crew: Olive Cooper, Bruce Stephenson, Wendy Ruttan, Louise Speicher, Cathy Langtree, Stephen Langtree, Jane Braden, Melissa Langtree, Muriel Fitchett, Carol Fraser.

A Gardening Party

A **Gardening Party** is planned for **Thursday, June 23** from 10 - noon. We work rain or shine except in the case of a torrent. We have several gardening volunteers from last year,

but welcome anyone who would like to attend. We will be enlarging the garden at the front entry and adding plants. The location receives about 50% sun / 50% shade. Please feel free to share any plants you would like to contribute and please bring your own gardening equipment/tools. Lunch will be provided. ❖

Announcement for the Ladies in the Community

A series of monthly events is being planned for ladies in the community. The first will be a potluck luncheon on **Thursday, September 15**. In subsequent months, we hope to have a series of half-day or one-day workshops on a variety of crafts or whatever topics interest the participants. We welcome your ideas. What

could we do that would make you want to attend? Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend our first get-together on Sept 15, from 11:30 to 1 p.m. If you have ideas to share, please call **Jane Braden** at **684-9482**. ❖



Canoe and Kayak Clinic

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c/o R Jorgensen
1103 Halls Rd RR 3
Gravenhurst ON
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Visit our web-site at
www.rydecommunityco-op.com

Under the auspices of the Town of Gravenhurst, a canoe and kayak operation and safety clinic will be held at Bass Lake Park on **Saturday July 9th** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Equipment and the accredited instructor Jim McFarlane will be provided courtesy of Swift Canoe. Instruction will be ongoing throughout the day, so you can arrive any time during the allocated times, and leave when you are ready. Instruction will be given in small groups, and a maximum of 30 may register. Registration closes at noon on July 6th. This event is open to all members of the community and the town of Gravenhurst.

There will be a nominal cost of \$5 per person or \$15 for a family to help defray expenses. Please bring your own life jackets and if you wish to paddle your own canoe or kayak, you are encouraged to bring it along. Pre-register by calling **Chris and Barb Holden** at **687-5085**.

Ryde Trivia

Our monthly trivia contest continues... send us your answers together with your name, address and phone and the newsletter edition number (e.g. Volume 2 Number 3—June). Email to twsmpilger@sympatico.ca or mail to **Ryde Trivia Contest** - 1834 Housey's Rapids Road, RR 3, Gravenhurst PIP 1R3

This month's questions

Who was the last Reeve of Ryde Township?

Who was Ben Lake (also known as Ben's Lake) named after?

A Garage Sale with a Twist

We are continuing our plans for the Garage Sale with a Twist, and are looking at a date of either **July 30th** or **August 6th**. Details and a participation form will be in the next Newsletter (July). It will be a community wide garage sale, with a twist. You can have it at your own home or be a part of a group at the community centre. For a small fee you can have a line or two in a special edition of our newsletter advertising your sale, any special things you may have (ie power tools, baby stuff, handcrafts etc). This newsletter will go to over 350 households in the RR 3 mailing area, to our local cottager associations and in town and local media.

The twist - to encourage people to advertise and participate in this event - there will be a scavenger hunt associated with this. At each advertiser's sale there will be a special thing that people need to find. Each person garage saling who wishes to participate in the scavenger hunt portion will be given a list of what items there are to find - they do not need to physically bring them to a location as some may just be too large to carry - just note where they saw it. So, for a small fee, you are getting widespread coverage of your sale and an extra incentive for people to come to your sale as appreciation for your advertising. Please let us know if you are interested: email twsmpilger@sympatico.ca or call 687-4575❖

A Description of Ryde Township in 1879

It contains 39,500 acres of land, and 928 of water, many excellent hard wood valleys and much low and swamp lands, capable of yielding good crops after thorough drainage. The first settlers were Messrs. Housey of Housey's Rapids, Joshua Long, Robt. Benn, Brass (two families), Brooks (two families), Wyle. Mr. Wyle is the father of the first white child born in the township. There are eight or nine German families in Ryde. Seven years ago (say 1872) there were no settlers. Five years ago Ryde came into market. There is a good winter road to Bracebridge, but Gravenhurst is the natural business centre. After the Rusks (two brothers), Daney and Matz (three families) had settled in Ryde they did not know of each others places of residence. Messrs. Downie and Long were settled five miles apart, and each unknown to the other. They came in by different routes about six years ago. Downie heard someone chopping, met Long, and found that he had a near neighbor, and that there was a road to Bracebridge.

Perusal of the atlas indicates 72 dwellings, two schools, and one post office (Housey's Rapids)

From "Guide Book & Atlas of Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts, 1879" – Maps by J Rogers, Sketches by S. Penson. H.R. Page and Co, Toronto.❖

CONGRATULATIONS

to the young people in our community who are celebrating graduations from High School, College or University Programs.