



Media Release

Grey Roots Celebrates 50 years of Sharing Grey County's History

Come and celebrate Canada Day with us as we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Grey County Museum, now at the new Grey Roots location. The celebration will take place starting at noon on **July 1st 2005**.

The Grey County Museum first opened on June 29, 1955 at the rear of the Buchan Manor on 7th Street East in Owen Sound. The Owen Sound Women's institute and many other women's institutes throughout Grey County played an important role in the founding of the museum.

The museum has changed locations 3 times since opening. The museum first moved to a church on 1st Avenue West where the Tom Thomson Art Gallery now stands and then on to 6th Street East behind the Grey County Building. It is now located on Grey Road 18 at Grey Roots.

In 1955, an afternoon tea was held to celebrate the opening of the museum. The museum will once again be hosting a tea to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Viola Bothwell, one of the women who appeared in the museum opening photo in 1955 will be speaking at the tea.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate our heritage as Canadians and as residents of Grey County." The museum is offering crafts and activities for families to come and celebrate with us. Live music will be provided during the event by local musicians. Come and see the heritage interpreters wearing period costumes, some dating back to the 1850's.

The opening of Grey Root's newest exhibit, *Chains of Office* is also taking place on Canada Day. This exhibit explores the history of Grey County's municipal government. The opening of the Chains of Office exhibit begins at 1pm. The Afternoon tea will begin at 2:00. For more information contact Grey Roots at 376-3690.