



Media Release

Grey Roots opens the Heritage Village for tours beginning on Canada Day

Owen Sound, ON, June 28, 2007 – Grey Roots continues to expand their offerings to visitors with the public re-opening of four buildings in the Grey Roots Heritage Village – Moreston on **Sunday, July 1, 2007**. Interpreter led hour-long tours will be available daily at **11am, 1pm, and 3pm** for the Log Cabin, the Log House, the Blacksmith Shop, and the Bluewater Garage.

Construction will continue on other buildings that were moved from the previous Grey County Museum location: the Sawmill, the Barn, and the Farm House. These structures will be restored over time and opened as early as 2008. Two buildings to be built this year include a new Blacksmith Shop (funds generously donated by the Rice family) and a replica Schoolhouse (SS#1 Derby) being built the Grey Unit of the Retired Teachers of Ontario & the Grey Retired Women Teachers' Association. Construction technology students from Saugeen District Secondary School will construct the Schoolhouse supported by teacher Bud Halpin. Among the new structures in the works for the coming years will be the *Nels Maher Print Shop* (currently an exhibit at Grey Roots) and a narrow gauge railway.

Community support from local businesses and contractors has been impressive: work in the Grey Roots Heritage Village - Moreston is being done by the in-kind efforts of over 20 local contractors. Thousands of hours have already been donated to complete landscaping, utilities, restoration of the current buildings, and preparation for future structures.

As a community museum, volunteers are a key part of the effort to open the new and restored buildings. Grey Roots invites the community to volunteer their skills in Moreston and become a living part of the heritage of Grey County.

For a complete view of the current and future development of the Grey Roots Heritage Village – Moreston, visit www.greyroots.com/heritage-village.

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About Grey Roots Museum & Archives:

Grey Roots Museum & Archives has grown and developed into a unique facility from the County Museum's beginning in 1955 and the later establishment of a County Archives in 2000 in order to promote and preserve the heritage of Grey County. With the consolidation of the Grey County Museum, Grey County Archives, and Tourism in 2004, Grey Roots has become a multi-faceted attraction with innovative and informative interpretive programs and demonstrations, rotating exhibits, a heritage village, archival resources and superior customer service create an exciting and educational visitor experience.

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