



THE ROBOT ZOO takes over Grey Roots with live music and a gala celebration on May 26, 1:30pm

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Grey Roots Museum & Archives proudly announces the opening of its huge summer exhibit for 2007 – THE ROBOT ZOO: How Animals Work. THE ROBOT ZOO features three, larger-than-life robot animals and seven interactive stations in a 2,500 square foot space. We'll be combining two of our current galleries to hold it!

Machinery in the robot animals simulates the body parts of their real-life counterparts. The featured animals include a chameleon, a platypus, and a housefly with a 3-foot wingspan. In the robot animals, muscles become pistons, intestines become filtering pipes and brains become computers. Sensory activities include "Swat the Fly," a test of the visitor's reaction time, and "Sticky Feet," where visitors wearing special equipment can try to stick like flies to a sloped surface. Triggering the "Tongue Gun" demonstrates how a real chameleon shoots out its long, sticky tongue to reel in a meal. Children of all ages will explore the biomechanics of these complex animals to discover how real animals work!

In connection with this exhibit, there is a gala opening celebration, THE ROBOT ZOO themed birthday parties, school programming, three summer KidsCamp adventure weeks (KidsCamp is six weeks in all), and self-discovery tours will be available seven days a week, 10am-5pm.

The Robot Zoo: How Animals Work opens May 26, 2007 at 1:30pm and closes September 9, 2007.

Gala Opening Day Celebration details:

Time: May 26, 2007, 1:30pm-3:30pm (Museum open until 5pm)

What is going on: Live Music with the Owen Sound City Band, refreshments, craft making, and film screenings in the Grey Roots Theatre.

Location: Grey Roots Museum & Archives, 102599 Grey Road 18, RR2, Owen Sound (South of Owen Sound and 2 km west of Rockford off Hwy 6/10)

Admission: Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3.50 for children 5-12, under 5 is free. Members are always free!

For a complete view of the current and future exhibits, visit <http://www.greyroots.com/exhibitions/>.

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