



## **Media Release**

### **Three Log Buildings in Grey Roots Heritage Village – Moreston opening July 2007**

**Owen Sound, ON, May 9, 2007** – Mrs. O'Hara will tell stories again by the hearth in the Log Cabin at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. The first three buildings in the Grey Roots Heritage Village – Moreston are to be opened to the public for guided tours starting in July 2007. These three buildings will include the Log Cabin, the Blacksmith Shop, and the Log House. The renewed Pioneer Program is also being heavily booked by local schools for the months of May and June.

Opened in 1955, the Grey County Museum has undergone many changes in the past several years, including a recent move from its long-standing location in Owen Sound to 20 acres of land donated by Barry More just south and west of Inglis Falls. The seven buildings from the previous location that have been re-located in the last year include: the Sawmill, the Barn, the Log House, the Farm House, the Blacksmith Shop (to be converted to a Stable), the Log Cabin, and the Bluewater Garage.

All seven buildings also are in the process of being repaired and restored now that they are in their new home at Grey Roots. In addition, the entire area is being prepared for additional buildings planned in the coming years. 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.

When tours to the public begin this summer, construction will continue to complete more buildings in 2007. Two buildings to be built this year include a new Blacksmith Shop (donated by the Rice family) and a replica Schoolhouse (SS#1 Derby) being built by the Grey Unit of the Retired Teachers of Ontario & the Grey Retired Women Teachers' Association.

Restoration will also continue on the Farm House, Sawmill, and Barn to be opened as early as 2008. Among the new structures in the works for the coming years will be the Nels Maher Print Shop (currently on display in Grey Roots) and a narrow gauge railway.

Volunteers are a key part of the effort to open the new and restored buildings. Grey Roots also invites the community to share their skills in interpretation and become a living part of the heritage of Grey County.

For a complete view of the current and future development of Grey Roots Heritage Village – Moreston, visit [www.greyroots.com/heritage-village](http://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 2005, 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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