

# THE SCHOOLHOUSE PROJECT

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**The media event and ceremonial ground-breaking originally scheduled on September 19, 2007 has been re-scheduled for **Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 11 a.m.****

## **Revised Event Details:**

**Time: September 26, 2007 at 11 a.m.**

**Place:** The Grey Roots Boardroom, Grey Roots Museum and Archives, 102599 Grey Road 18, RR 4, Owen Sound

**Details:** Pat Farrar, Schoolhouse Project Chair, will present a short overview, take questions on the Schoolhouse Project, and take media to the schoolhouse site where the Saugeen District students will be building the replica of S.S.# 1 Derby.

The Retired teachers of Grey undertook the Schoolhouse Project, with the support of Grey Roots and the Bluewater Board, to provide a setting wherein students can study, relive, and gain an appreciation of the school experience of their ancestors, and thus preserve educational history of the area.

Preliminary work began at Grey Roots in April to make way for the replica one-room schoolhouse, S.S. #1 Derby, which will become part of Grey Roots Heritage Village - Moreston.

September will now see the construction technology students of Saugeen District Secondary School, with their teacher Bud Halpin, structure the floor and frame the walls and roof to enclose the one-room schoolhouse. At times, they may be joined by students from similar programs in Owen Sound. This project provides the construction technology students a needed "real" experience at this point in their careers.

The Retired teachers of Grey are fund raising and providing volunteer assistance in all aspects of the project. One recent fund raising event, spearheaded by Laurie James, resulted in a donation near \$6000: the Retired Women Teachers of Grey created and stitched a "bear paw" patterned quilt from June to August for the raffle which took place on March 26. Susan Walker of Allenford had the luck of the draw for the quilt. Another fund raiser took place on May 29: a bus tour of one-room schoolhouses in Sydenham and St Vincent Euphrasia.

This educational community of retired teachers, current students and their teachers, along with the Grey Roots organization, are combining talent, skills, and energy to preserve the past and enrich the education of our future citizens. In the words of Pat Farrar, project chair, "*Students of today will be involved in re-creating some of the past for students of the future.*"

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