



## **African-Canadian culture celebrated in upcoming Art Show**

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Grey Roots Museum & Archives will again host a new collection of fine art, sculpture, and crafts inspired by Black history and culture in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emancipation Festival Art Show. The Art Show, an important part of the 2008 Emancipation Festival, will open in the lobby of Grey Roots on **July 18, 2008 at 7 p.m.** The Bobby Dean Blackburn Trio and Black Ice Step from Toronto will provide entertainment for the Art Show attendees.

"The range of work we have this year is remarkable. Every artist celebrates their heritage from their personal point of view," says Doris Fraser, guest curator of the Art Show. An example of the art on display this year includes the painting "I Am," by Linda Johnson. The mixed media painting, based on an overwhelming photograph of a whipped slave, honours each of the slave's scars with gold and copper leaf. Another special addition to the show this year is a display of jewellery from Beverly Metzger-Noble and Michael Metzger, well-known designers and goldsmiths from Barrie.

In addition to the Art Show, Grey Roots will also have *From Slavery to Freedom: African-Canadians in Grey County* on display in the Foyer Gallery. This exhibit explores the lives and contributions made by African-Canadians and their descendants through photographs, artefacts and stories. Despite the burdens of racism and prejudice, these Canadians have played an important part in the growth and fabric of Grey County. This Grey Roots Original Exhibit is on display throughout the Art Show and until September 2, 2008 in recognition of the 146th Emancipation Festival in August.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emancipation Festival Art Show Opening details:**

**Date: Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Time: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

**Details: art displays, music by the Bobby Dean Blackburn Trio, & dance by Black Ice Step**

**Location: Grey Roots Museum & Archives**

**Cost: Regular admission rates apply. Members are free.**

**For a complete view of the current and future events, visit [www.greyroots.com/programs-events](http://www.greyroots.com/programs-events)**

### **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.

Grey Roots Museum & Archives

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