



## **Grey Roots to host 155<sup>th</sup> Sydenham Fall Fair on September 25-27, 2008**

### **For Immediate Release – September 22, 2008**

The 155<sup>th</sup> Sydenham Fall Fair, perhaps the oldest school-based Canadian fall fair, is being held this year in the historic Moreston Heritage Village at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. Organized completely by volunteers from the Sydenham Agricultural Society, the fair gives 23 classes, over 500 students, a chance to show off their talents in a wide range of agricultural activities. Sydenham students will attend the opening ceremonies on **September 25, 2008 at 10 a.m.** and present their projects throughout the day. The Grey County Warden, Kevin Eccles, and MPP Bill Murdoch will also be in attendance at the opening ceremonies.

Some students have raised farm animals to show at the fair, while others have made crafts or baked goods, and still others will display the fruits (or vegetables) of their labour in garden club displays. Photography projects, creative writing and flower displays are also on display. The hundreds of projects will be set up in several areas inside Grey Roots and out in Moreston.

“As a community museum we embrace this new special event. The new venue allows for a return to the fair’s rural roots as Moreston echoes the look and feel of a small town fair,” says Petal Furness, Grey Roots’ Heritage Interpretation Supervisor.

Pioneer demonstrations such as rope making and blacksmithing will be presented by several Grey Roots’ volunteers during the fair. Students will also tour current exhibits and the Grey County Archives.

Table displays will be up for public viewing until Sunday, September 28th, 2008.

### **155<sup>th</sup> Sydenham Fall Fair Event Details:**

**Fair Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008**

**Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

#### **Activity times:**

10:00 a.m.: Opening ceremony and ribbon cutting with Warden Kevin Eccles and MPP Bill Murdoch officiating in the Moreston Heritage Village Barn

10:15 – 1:00 p.m.: Classes will rotate through activity stations and exhibits

1:00 p.m.: Animal Club Shows – swine; lamb; goat; rabbit; dairy & beef calf

1:30 p.m.: Pet show

2:30 p.m.: Buses load and children back to school

**Public viewing of projects:** Friday, September 26 and 27 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

**Location:** Grey Roots Museum & Archives

**Cost:** Regular admission applies to the public, Members always free

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. Innovative and informative interpretive programs and demonstrations, rotating exhibits, a heritage village, archival resources and superior customer service come together to create an exciting and educational visitor experience.

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