



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Festival du Sirop d'Érable set to grow at Grey Roots

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École Saint-Dominique-Savio, with the Jardin des Découvertes (Educational Centre) are partnering with Grey Roots Museum & Archives, to host the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Festival du Sirop d'Érable**. This festival, which began in 2002, is a celebration of French language, community, and cultural heritage, and was held at the school until 2008 when the venue moved to Grey Roots. This year, the Festival will be at Grey Roots on **April 4, 2009**.

The Maple Syrup Festival will feature a pancake breakfast with sittings starting hourly at 8:00 am with the last breakfast served at 11 a.m. The country-style breakfast will include a stack of pancakes, lots of fresh maple syrup, beans, sausages, juice, tea and coffee. Tickets can be reserved for any of the four sittings in advance by contacting Grey Roots, or can be purchased (as available) on the day of the Festival.

The Maple Syrup Festival will offer a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. In the Theatre, members of École Saint-Dominique-Savio will present Ontario's Francophone history and culture from 1620 to the present. They will also share stories about maple syrup in both English and French. Members of *Scatter the Cats* will be putting on their long johns to play their old-time music outside in Moreston Heritage Village. Visitors can sample snow taffy, enjoy wagon rides by Gerry Thiel's team of horses, and see sheep shearing demonstrations in the Moreston Barn. In the Blacksmith Shop, our smithy will demonstrate his skills and our village artisans will teach visitors how pioneers made rope. Costumed volunteers will be in the Log Cabin telling their stories from Grey County's pioneer days. Children's games and family fun will be a part of the day. Local maple syrup will also be offered for sale.

The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Festival du Sirop d'Érable** runs from 8:00 am to noon. Festival admission includes breakfast and activities: \$10.00 for adults. \$5.00 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are FREE! Proceeds to benefit the Schoolhouse Project at Grey Roots. Come make a French connection and celebrate spring!

For a complete view of current and future events, visit <http://www.greyroots.com/programs-events/events/>

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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 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.

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