



New sights and sounds highlight the re-opening of Grey Roots Heritage Village Moreston

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New buildings, new demonstrations, and new faces will mark the 2009 re-opening of Moreston Heritage Village at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. Starting on **June 27, 2009 at 10 a.m.**, Grey Roots invites family and friends to take part in an all-day festival of Grey County's past in Moreston Heritage Village.

Opening for the first time in Moreston is the Bluewater Garage where visitors will be able to see antique vehicles and historic tools. Visitors can tour our expanded vegetable and herb gardens and meet the newest residents of Moreston – the (historically accurate!) sheep and chickens. Also on view are the George Rice Blacksmith Shop and the new outdoor Amphitheatre where special performances and demonstration will be presented later in the summer.

Music and dance presentations are a highlight in the Village during the opening day. Scatter the Cats, a band known for their traditional Irish and North American acoustic dance music, will play as well as Horsefeathers. New to this year's opening celebration are Celtic dance performances by students of the Anne Milne School of Dance in the Grey Roots Barn.

As in years past, the main attractions in Moreston are the many well-trained, costumed volunteers who present pioneer demonstrations. Blacksmithing and storytelling are among the skills presented in five heritage buildings on opening day and throughout the summer. Volunteers will be demonstrating in the Log Cabin, the Blacksmith Shop, the Log House, the Farm House, and the Bluewater Garage.

Visitors to Moreston will have the choice of wandering the Village at their own pace, or taking one of the three daily tours starting at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Admission to the Heritage Village is included with regular admission to Grey Roots.

Children will enjoy the outdoor Scavenger Hunt which will challenge them to find animals located throughout Moreston. Opening day fun will also include heritage transportation - visitors can enjoy tractor rides through the Village. After enjoying the hunt, demonstrations, music, and a special cake made by volunteer Doreen McReynolds, visitors will have the opportunity to take another look at the summer blockbuster, *Alien Earths: Are We Alone?*, and a last look at the award-winning exhibit, *L'Chaim – To Life*, which officially closes with a special ceremony on June 28 from 2-4 p.m.

Moreston Opening details:

Date: Saturday, June 27th, 2009

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Details: Village tours, music, tractor rides, refreshments, and much more!

Location: Grey Roots Museum & Archives

Cost: Regular admission applies

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

Grey Roots Museum & Archives

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