



New art, curator, and Black history exhibit at Grey Roots Museum & Archives in upcoming 4th Annual Emancipation Festival Art Show

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Grey Roots Museum & Archives will host a new collection of fine art and photography created by Black artists in the 4th Annual Emancipation Festival Art Show. The Art Show will open in the lobby and theatre of Grey Roots on **July 17, 2009 at 7 p.m.** For the past three years, Doris Fraser has organized the Art Show. Building on all her good work, Bonita Johnson deMatteis now steps into the role of Emancipation Art Show organizer and curator.

Using the theme, “*Relatively Speaking*”, the participating artists express how the Black community will be remembered. Bonita Johnson deMatteis says the exhibit will focus on storytelling. “Throughout our 147 years of Emancipation in Canada, many stories and links to our history have been lost. Where are the stories that remain, and what will we bring forward to our grandchildren?”

Musician Bobby Dean Blackburn, and instrumentalist and vocalist, Roselyn Brown will provide entertainment for the Art Show opening. Also on display will be the new traveling exhibit, *Enslaved Africans in Upper Canada*, and Grey Roots’ original exhibit, *From Slavery to Freedom: African Canadians in Grey County*.

Come spend a wonderful evening at Grey Roots - refreshments, fun and great art! The Art Show is open to the public, regular admission rates apply. It is on display through ‘til Sunday September 8, 2009.

4th Annual Emancipation Festival Art Show Opening details:

Date: Friday, July 17th, 2009

Time: 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Details: art displays, music by Bobby Dean Blackburn and Roselyn Brown

Location: Grey Roots Museum & Archives

Cost: Regular admission rates apply. Members are free.

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.

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