



Moreston Heritage Village expands with the construction of the Order of Good Cheer Bandstand

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Grey Roots Museum & Archives is growing again with the building of a bandstand located at the centre of Moreston Heritage Village. Construction of the bandstand began a week ago and completion is scheduled for the fall. The Good Cheer Bandstand will provide a stage for local musicians, actors, theatre companies and dancers to display their talents to entertain educate and inform visitors at Grey Roots. It will also enhance educational programming and will provide shade and shelter in Moreston.

Bandstands belong to a variety of garden structures with similar functions, that include gazebos, pagodas, pavilions, kiosks, belvederes, pergolas, and more. These structures are often octagonal, commonly found in parks, gardens, and spacious public areas. They are freestanding, or attached to a garden wall, roofed, and open on all sides; they provide shade, basic shelter, ornamental features in a landscape, and a place to rest. The larger structures built in public spaces are called *bandstands*.

The Good Cheer Bandstand was designed by architect G.M. Diemert to be representative of a bandstand one might find in Grey County in the 1920s. It will be completely accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. The Project Manager is John Hopper.

The construction of this bandstand is made possible due the wonderful efforts of our community partner the *Scenic City Order of Good Cheer*. This not-for-profit group is made up of 11 individuals and their partners: Ted Bluhm; Fred & Styn Furness; Bob & Laurie Gallen; Tom & Katie Gillespie; Bill Jackson & Joy Cook; Lyle & Isabelle Love; Ken McMeekin; Bob & Karrie McLinden; Ed & Doreen Raco; Wayne & Pat Trimble; and Gord & Ruth Woods.

The objectives of this outstanding community minded group are: *"To promote Owen Sound and area"* and *"To actively support and undertake projects and activities of a public nature to improve Owen Sound and area."* Two of their most recent public projects include the beautiful white gazebo outside of the Harry Lumley Bayshore and the Good Cheer Outdoor Ice Rink at Harrison Park.

"We are ecstatic to have the Order of Good Cheer members here contributing funds, expertise and physical labour to build the bandstand here in Moreston Village. We simply could not have built it at this time without them," says Brian Manser, Grey Roots Museum & Archives Manager.

The Order of Good Cheer Bandstand will join eight other existing structures and two other buildings in the Heritage Village set to be completed this fall: the Schoolhouse and the Rice Family Blacksmith Shop. Moreston Heritage Village will be open for daily tours until September 7, 2009, then for special tours and events throughout the fall and winter. Grey Roots Museum & Archives is open daily year-round.

For more information on the Heritage Village, visit <http://www.greyroots.com/visiting/heritage-village/>

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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