



Grey Roots to host 156th Sydenham Fall Fair on September 24-26, 2009

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The 156th Sydenham Fall Fair is being held once again in the historic Moreston Heritage Village at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. Grey Roots hosted the Sydenham School Fall Fair for the first time in 2008. The Sydenham Fall Fair may very well be the last remaining school-based fall fair in Canada and Grey Roots is helping to keep this school-based fall fair alive and well for many years to come.

Volunteers from the Sydenham Agricultural Society work together with Grey Roots staff to organise the fair. Over 500 students have the opportunity to show off their talents in a wide range of agricultural activities. Sydenham students will attend the opening ceremonies on **September 24, 2009 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 or have pets to show at the fair, while others have made crafts or baked goods, and still others will display the fruits (or vegetables and flowers) 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.

“With the overwhelming success of last year’s fair, we will once again be showcasing the creative talents of our fair participants at Grey Roots.....With everyone participating, our fair can only become bigger and better”, says Fred Manning, President, Sydenham Agricultural Society.

Pioneer demonstrations such as spinning, rug hooking, woodworking, and blacksmithing will be presented by several Grey Roots’ volunteers in Moreston Heritage Village during the fair. Students will also tour current exhibits including *Alien Earths: Are We Alone?*

The last day to view displays will be Saturday, September 26th, 2009.

156th Sydenham Fall Fair Event Details:

Fair Date: Thursday, September 24, 2009

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 25 & Saturday, September 26 (10 a.m.– 5 p.m.)

Location: Grey Roots Museum & Archives

Cost: Free of charge to all teachers, students, and students' parent on September 24. Regular admission applies to the public. Members always free.

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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. 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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