



“Community and Government Support for Grey Roots”

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For the past five years Grey Roots Museum & Archive has been steadily growing and is continuing to become an essential component of culture and heritage of Grey County and area. Grey Roots owes this growth in part to the ongoing community and government support it is receiving, most notably with the recent approval of three separate grant applications.

In August, Grey Roots received \$8,500 from the *Canada Cultural Spaces Fund* (formerly called *Cultural Spaces Canada*), to help defray a third of the costs associated with the construction of the 1920's style bandstand in the centre of Moreston Heritage Village. Construction of the bandstand is made possible due to the volunteer support from the not-for-profit group, *The Scenic City Order of Good Cheer*. The Good Cheer Bandstand will provide a performance venue for musical groups in addition to space for enhancing educational programming and shelter to visitors to the Moreston.

The Grey Roots Regional Heritage Fair, held annually in May received a \$600 grant from *Community Foundation Grey/Bruce*. This organization is dedicated to providing local support to preserve Canadian history. This grant assists in providing much needed resources to hold the 2009 Heritage Fair, which housed projects from 64 students from grades 4-8 in Grey/Bruce schools.

In connection with the new three-day *Good People Festival* held in June of 2009, Grey Roots Museum & Archives is happy to announce that they are the recipients of a \$41,000 Museum Assistance Program (MAP) grant from the Ontario Museum Association. This significant grant will be used to produce *The Good People Aboriginal Exhibit* opening on June 21, 2010. Funds from the grant will also enable *The Good People Aboriginal Exhibit* to become a travelling exhibit.

“We are very excited to receive this kind of support for presenting Aboriginal culture in Grey County,” says Brian Manser, Manager of Grey Roots Museum & Archives.

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

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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