



## **First Nations culture, photography, and Grey County fashion featured in new exhibits at Grey Roots**

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Art, culture, and history come together at the grand opening of three new exhibits at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. These exhibits open on **Friday, October 9, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

The first exhibit, *Iroquois Beadwork: Through the Voices of Beads*, is a travelling exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). It features twenty pieces from the ROM's collection, a number of objects from Iroquois beadwork artist Samuel Thomas, and seven beautiful pieces from the Grey Roots collections. Iroquois beadworkers play a vital role in preserving the cultural beliefs of the Six Nations. Through their artistry, they convey the symbols and beliefs of their ancestors and connect many generations from the past, present and future through their work. *Iroquois Beadwork: Through the Voices of Beads* is now open to the public to preview before the official opening on October 9.

The second exhibit featured at the opening is *Robert Flaherty's Northern Focus*. Robert Flaherty is referred to as the father of the documentary film in Canada. Prior to his career in films, he was highly regarded for his photographic work among Canada's Arctic peoples. This travelling exhibit, from Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, features 34 photographs of Canadian Inuit who lived in the regions bordering Hudson Bay between Moose Factory and Baffin Island. The photographs document a lifestyle that has passed into the annals of history. This exhibit is also augmented by pieces from the Grey Roots collections.

The last exhibit opening on October 9 is *Fabric of Our Lives: What Were You Wearing?* Through the years, clothing has marked important milestones in our lives and held many precious recollections. *Fabric of Our Lives: What Were You Wearing?* features some of the clothing from the Grey Roots collection that held memories and meaning for individuals and families who have lived in Grey County.

The triple exhibit opening features the music of Jan Menkel and Stevie Vallance. Light refreshments will be served. A great night of entertainment and culture awaits the community at Grey Roots Museum & Archives!

### **Triple Exhibit Opening details:**

**Public Opening: Friday, October 9, 2009**

**Time: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**Location:** Grey Roots Museum & Archives

**Other Details:** Refreshments provided by Boston Pizza and musical entertainment by Jan Menkel and Stevie Vallance. Regular admission applies. Grey Roots members are free as always.

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/>

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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 2005, 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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