



## Official Symbols of Canada

Over the past century, the following symbols have become an integral part of our national identity through common use and collective pride, with most having been formally adopted by the Government of Canada as official symbols of our country.

The Beaver	The Coat Of Arms
Hockey	Lacrosse
The National Anthem	The National Colours
The National Flag	The National Horse
The Maple Tree	The Maple Leaf Tartan

## 50th Anniversary of the Beaver as a Canadian Symbol

The beaver is a herbivorous mammal that makes its home in semi-aquatic environments throughout every region in Canada, especially near waterways, lakes, and ponds. It became an official symbol of Canada on March 24, 1975, when the National Symbol of Canada Act received royal assent. This law aimed to showcase the beaver (*castor canadensis*) as one of the symbols of Canadian sovereignty.

The beaver had already been a part of Canadian identity before the Act was adopted. For example, in 1851 the beaver was featured prominently on Canada's first postage stamp. It was also seen on the totem poles of First Nations on the Pacific coast. In fact, the beaver was the first universally popular symbol of Canada, even before the maple leaf.

Long before the arrival of European settlers, Indigenous peoples recognized the importance and value of the beaver. Its fur was used to make clothing and its bones were used to make a variety of tools. Its nutritious meat also made it a valuable food source. Furthermore, a substance secreted by its glands served as excellent bait for other carnivorous species.

Despite these qualities, the reason the beaver became an official symbol of Canada is first and foremost the central role it played in the fur trade that stretched from the 17th to the middle of the 19th century. This period saw a heavy demand for beaver pelts, which were especially important in the manufacture of the waterproof felt hats that were very popular in Europe at the time. The beaver's presence in North America represented a substantial commercial opportunity for Europeans and motivated the exploration and colonization that marked the history of Canada.

While the fur trade played an important role in Canada's history, it was also responsible for the near extinction of the beaver as a species. Towards the middle of the 19th century, the beaver had almost disappeared from the Canadian landscape. Measures were put in place to protect it and, consequently, its populations have recovered throughout the country.

[www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage](http://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage)



## Federal Election Day:

**Monday, April 28, 9am-9pm**

### Vote in person

You can vote in person at any Elections Canada office across the country, any time before 6 p.m. on April 22. 425 River Road W, Wasaga Beach, Toll-free phone : 1 866 281-5091

### Hours of operation

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Vote by mail

You can vote by mail if you apply by April 22, 6 p.m.

### Advance voting takes place on :

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, April 18 - April 21; 9am-9pm

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### Voter's card

If you don't receive your voter information card by April 11, or the information on it is incorrect, use the Online Voter Registration Service to check your registration, register or update your address, or call us at 1-800-463-6868 or 1-800-361-8935 (TTY) for assistance. Voters should be registered by April 22 to vote, however, it can also be done at your assigned polling station on election day. Just bring along proper identification, such as a driver's licence, or utility bill or student ID card.

### Simcoe Grey Candidates

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## Spring 2025 Community Grants Are Open

Contact the office at 519-371-7203 to ensure your project is eligible for funding before filling out an application form or email [foundation@cfgb.ca](mailto:foundation@cfgb.ca)

Applicants are required to read the criteria before filling out an application form. Criteria may vary from year to year.

### Deadline for Spring Applications is April 15th

Community Grant applications may be submitted by charities registered with CRA or by non-profit organizations with a qualified donee or sponsor. The sponsoring body or qualified donee agrees to accept the grant on behalf of the non-profit and be jointly accountable with the applicant for the use of the grant with signed legal documentation. Sponsor agreement forms may be accessed within the application form or by clicking on the pertinent button below.

### Deadline for Fall Applications is September 15th.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce is mandated by the Canada Revenue Agency and is able to only grant to registered charities or qualified donees. [www.cfgb.ca](http://www.cfgb.ca)



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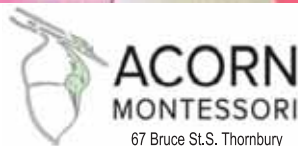
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**Our first meeting is TUESDAY APRIL 15 in the L.E. Shore Library boardroom from 5-6:30pm.**

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if you are interested in attending.

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce & West Simcoe Secures Canada Service Corps Funding to Expand Youth Mentorship Programs

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce & West Simcoe (BBBSGBWS) is excited to announce that it has secured \$1,046,964.00 in funding through the Canada Service Corps (CSC) program. This funding, administered through Employment and Social Development Canada over the course of 2 years, will allow the organization to expand its youth mentorship initiatives by creating new volunteer placements and engaging youth in unique community service projects.

The Canada Service Corps funding provides organizations with the ability to offer meaningful service opportunities for youth, especially those from under-served communities. Through this funding, BBBSGBWS will collaborate with youth to co-create volunteer placements that address local needs while helping youth gain vital skills through fully funded training and development opportunities.

Through this funding, BBBSGBWS will engage youth in co-creating service projects that meet both their interests and community needs while investing directly in their development through paid training initiatives. By supporting projects that contribute to their local communities, youth will gain valuable insights and a sense of purpose while supporting civic engagement and social development.

The impact of investing in young people (under 30) through this project is particularly meaningful in Grey, Bruce, and West Simcoe counties, where local youth face unique challenges. Connecting youth to their local communities fosters a sense of belonging and pride. When young people engage in community service or local projects, they gain an understanding of their community's history, needs, and future vision. Youth in rural areas often face several barriers, including limited access to recreational programs, training, and support networks. Connecting them to community-driven programs can increase community safety, health and wellbeing.

Aubrey hopes by "involving youth in identifying and solving problems in their communities, rural areas can benefit from fresh perspectives and innovative solutions". The Canada Service Corps project will support youth-led service placements where youth can develop and implement ideas that address local challenges.

As part of the Canada Service Corps initiative, BBBSGBWS will offer three flexible, youth-led service placements that ensure participants not only gain essential skills and training but also contribute to concrete results that benefit their communities. These placements will focus on promoting civic engagement, building inclusive communities, and strengthening young people's leadership and competencies. To learn more or to register as a Sr. or Jr. Member, please visit Home | Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce.

### About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce & West Simcoe:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce & West Simcoe is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing youth with the opportunity to reach their full potential through strong, professionally supported, one-to-one mentorship relationships. With a presence across three counties, BBBSGBWS connects young people with caring adult mentors who provide guidance, support, and encouragement to help them navigate life's challenges.



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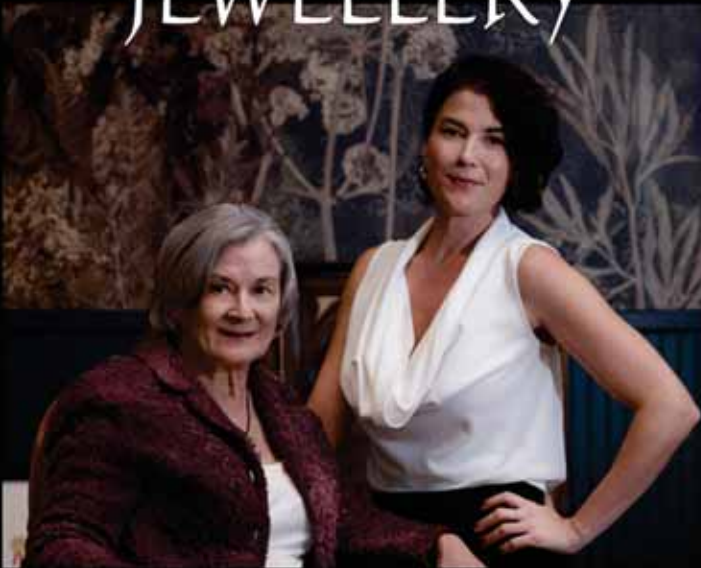
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## Ontario Supporting Cultural Tourism in The Blue Mountains

The Ontario government is supporting the growth and sustainability of cultural tourism, creating jobs and boosting the local economy in the Town of The Blue Mountains. Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey announced that the Blue Mountain Village Association will receive \$30,000.00 in funding through the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (OCAF).

"In addition to its many natural amenities, Blue Mountain also shines when the stars light up the big screen during the annual Blue Mountain Film + Media Festival," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "It's a cultural event that attracts film lovers from across the riding and beyond, our government is pleased to play a role with the OCAF grant."

The Ontario government, through OCAF, is supporting the Blue Mountain Village Association to develop, promote and present The 2025 Blue Mountain Film + Media Festival.

Today's funding announcement is part of the government's overall investment of \$6 million into OCAF projects across the province over the next three years.

"Arts and culture organizations across Ontario enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike by providing one-of-a-kind events that proudly showcase the best that our province has to offer," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "The investments that our government is making through OCAF will help to bring these wonderful projects to life, while boosting local business, creating jobs and enabling audiences of all ages to experience unique, made-in-Ontario programming that will create lifelong memories."

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of this cultural grant, which will play a vital role in elevating the Blue Mountain Film + Media Festival experience for attendees and participants alike. This investment helps us attract visitors and creative talent from near and far, bring in exceptional film content and special guests, and further establish our festival as a dynamic hub for arts and culture."

- Patti Kendall, President, Blue Mountain Village Association

OCAF funds are provided as partially repayable loans, which enable more projects to be supported. For every \$1 that the Ontario government invests, \$1.69 is in turn invested in cultural tourism.

- Since 1999, OCAF has supported more than 990 events, festivals and exhibitions across Ontario, which have attracted over 91 million attendees.
- OCAF provides support to cultural tourism events that range in size from large art and music festivals to smaller events that celebrate local Ontario culture and heritage.

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## Know Where You Are: Respect the Rules Regarding Illegal Motorized Vehicle Use On Conservation and County Lands



Imagine asking your neighbour if you can ride your ATV across their property and then ignoring their answer. Would you? Most people wouldn't. So why is it different when it comes to County and Conservation Authority land?

Bruce County, Grey County, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority are coming together to call for greater respect for trails, beaches, forests, and conservation lands. Illegal motorized vehicle use continues to cause damage, disrupt natural habitats, and divert critical funding away from recreational improvements.

Unauthorized use of ATVs, dirt bikes, trucks, and even golf carts is creating lasting damage on County and Conservation Authority lands. Deep ruts, eroded slopes, and crushed vegetation are not just unsightly, they impact ecosystems, destroy habitats, spread invasive species, and jeopardize the future of our natural spaces.

### Every Dollar Spent on Repairs is a Dollar Not Spent on Recreation

Funds meant for trail maintenance, accessibility improvements, and new recreational opportunities are being swallowed up by costly repairs. When riders damage these lands, the cost of restoring them is left to municipalities, counties and conservation authorities, pulling resources away from enhancements that benefit all users.

### Respecting Land, Respecting Community

Before hitting the trails, riders must "Know Where You Are." Counties and Conservation Authorities have clear rules to protect these spaces. If an area is not explicitly designated for motorized vehicle use, it is off-limits. No county or conservation lands allow for unauthorized off-road motorized vehicles.

"Most people would never assume they have the right to drive through a neighbour's yard without permission. That same courtesy needs to extend to the shared lands we all enjoy. Respect these unique and beautiful spaces; stay out." Donna Lacey, Manager of Forestry and Lands, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

### Enforcement is Increasing

To protect public lands, enforcement efforts are ramping up in 2025. Riders caught operating motorized vehicles illegally may face fines, impoundment, or charges under municipal bylaws and provincial regulations.

By working together, Bruce County, Grey County, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority are committed to keeping lands safe and open for all. But it starts with respect. Know where you are. Respect the land. Ride responsibly.

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## GBPH Advising Public of Possible Measles Exposure Location in Grey-Bruce

Grey Bruce Public Health is advising the community of a potential measles exposure location, identified during a contact-tracing investigation into a laboratory-confirmed case of measles in a Grey-Bruce resident.

The case, whose vaccination status is unknown, attended the emergency department at Brightshores Health System's Owen Sound Hospital at 9:30 p.m. on Wed., April 2, 2025. The case remained at the hospital until about 6:30 a.m. on Thurs., April 3, 2025.

Grey Bruce Public Health and Brightshores Health System contacted all registered patients who were at the emergency department within the exposure window. However, individuals who were not registered, but were in the emergency department during this exposure window may not have been identified and contacted. Anyone who was present in the emergency department within the exposure window is advised to do the following:

- Confirm vaccination status. Ensure all individuals in the household are up to date on measles vaccination. In general, those born before 1970 are considered immune against measles. Two doses of a measles-containing vaccine are recommended for anyone born after 1970. If unsure of vaccination status, individuals should check with their healthcare provider or ICON.
- If not protected against measles, individuals should contact their healthcare provider or Public Health to receive post-exposure treatment, if it's been six days or less since exposure, or to receive a measles-containing vaccine for lifelong protection.
- Monitor for measles symptoms, which generally start 7 to 21 days after exposure. Symptoms can include high fever, cold-like symptoms (cough/runny nose), sore eyes, and sensitivity to light. About three to seven days after symptoms begin, a rash typically appears. The rash looks like red spots and blotchy patches that start on the face then spread down the body, arms and legs.

If an individual develops measles symptoms, they should immediately isolate at home and call a healthcare provider. Household members who are not immune to measles should also

stay home during this period and consult with public health. If medical care is required, call ahead to a healthcare facility before arriving in-person, so the facility can take precautions to prevent the virus from spreading to others.

Ontario is currently experiencing a multi-jurisdictional measles outbreak. As of April 2, 661 measles cases have been reported in 13 Public Health Unit areas. About 95% of the cases did not have immunity to measles or had unknown vaccination status. The latest Grey-Bruce case is believed to be linked to travel outside of the area.

Measles can spread easily when an infected person coughs, talks, or sneezes, and another person breathes in virus particles. People with measles can be infectious from four days before to four days after the rash begins.

Vaccination is the best defence against measles. The efficacy of a single dose of a measles-containing vaccine is estimated to be 85% to 95%. With a second dose, efficacy is almost 100%.

As part of Ontario's publicly funded vaccine schedule, babies should receive a measles vaccine at one year of age and children should receive a second dose ages 4 and 6.

Vaccination is also publicly funded for adults if they have never had measles or been vaccinated.

Adults born before 1970 are generally presumed to have acquired natural immunity to measles; however, susceptible healthcare workers, travellers to places outside Canada, and military personnel should receive a measles vaccine, regardless of birth year.

Infants aged six to 11 months, children aged one to four years, and adults aged 18 or older, born on or after 1970, may be eligible to receive an additional dose of a measles-containing vaccine if they live or will be travelling to an area experiencing a measles outbreak.

Most people who contract measles recover without treatment in two to three weeks, but the virus can be more severe for infants, pregnant women, and those with compromised immune systems. Measles may cause complications, such as pneumonia, brain swelling (encephalitis), or seizures, and, in rare cases, death.

**From October 18, 2024 to April 2, 2025, Ontario has reported a total of 661 measles cases (540 confirmed, 121 probable) associated with this outbreak**

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Theatre Collingwood to present the musical magic of Alan Menken, featuring world-class Canadian performers

**May 15 & 16 at New Life Church, 7:30 PM**

This May, local audiences will be treated to a rare and radiant evening of song and storytelling with **A WHOLE NEW WORLD – THE MUSICAL MAGIC OF ALAN MENKEN**, a musical revue celebrating the iconic composer behind some of the world's most beloved film and stage scores.

Presented by Theatre Collingwood for two performances only—May 15th and 16th at 7:30 PM at New Life Church—this production marks the return of work by the acclaimed performer, writer, and musical theatre educator Adrian Marchuk. Local theatre lovers will remember Marchuk's previous triumph, **ANY DREAM WILL DO**, which played to sold-out crowds at First Presbyterian Church in February 2024. Erica Angus, Executive Director, and Theatre Collingwood have a long history with Adrian and have proudly supported his work in creating a series of shows highlighting great composers. "Adrian has been an amazing performer with a very successful career in shows like *Jersey Boys*, but for me the fun started many years back when we sat down to talk about how Theatre Collingwood could support him in the development of his composer based shows that feature the best of performers. It's been a great relationship", said Erica. Once again, Marchuk brings his signature blend of informative narrative and extraordinary music to the Theatre Collingwood stage, introducing audiences to the life and legacy of Alan Menken, the composer whose melodies have defined generations.

Menken's repertoire spans both stage and screen, with unforgettable works like *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *Newsies*, *Sister Act*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and many more. His music has earned him a record-breaking eight Academy Awards, along with numerous Golden Globes, Grammys, a Tony Award, and the admiration of audiences worldwide.

What makes this production truly unmissable, however, is its cast of celebrated Canadian musical theatre artists, each of whom brings international credits, powerhouse vocals, and deep emotional connection to the songs they perform.

Thom Allison, a Canadian Screen Award winner, is one of the country's most recognizable stage and screen performers. His Broadway debut came in *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, and he has headlined in major productions across Canada including *Miss Saigon*, *The Who's Tommy*, *Rent*, *Into the Woods*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Cabaret*, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

Ma-Anne Dionisio, born in the Philippines and raised in Canada, first rose to fame with her star-making performance as "Kim" in *Miss Saigon* at Toronto's Princess of Wales Theatre. Since then, she has performed on Broadway, London's West End, and on international stages in *Les Misérables*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *West Side Story*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Mamma Mia*, and *The Secret Garden*.

Kelly Holiff, known for her rich vocals and commanding stage presence, has built an impressive career in musical theatre, cabaret, and concert work. She has toured extensively with Colm Wilkinson, and opened for both President George W. Bush and President Bill Clinton.

Matthew Joseph, a dynamic young talent, brings a fresh voice and contemporary energy to the production. A graduate of Sheridan College's prestigious Musical Theatre program, Joseph has appeared in *RENT* and *Richard II* at the Stratford Festival, and in *The Sound of Soul* for Drayton Entertainment.

Together, this all-star ensemble promises to deliver a musical celebration of Alan Menken's unforgettable work—offering not just a concert, but a theatrical experience that brings new insight into the stories behind the songs we love.

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### Notice: Nominate a Resident for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award

Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains is encouraging residents, local service clubs and community groups to submit nominations for the Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award!

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario to recognize an outstanding senior who, after age 65, enriches the social, cultural or civic life of the community. The nominee must be:

- At least 65 years of age
- A resident of Ontario
- A living person who has made their community a better place to live
- Nominated by the Town of The Blue Mountains

Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to any number of fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian activities.

Nominations can be made in the form of a letter, and must be submitted to the Town Clerk by **Wednesday April 16, 2025** at noon. In the letter please include:

- Nominator's name and contact information
- Nominee's name and contact information
- Details on why the Nominee should be considered for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award for the Town of The Blue Mountains

Council will consider the nominations received at a closed session and the nominee selected will be presented with the Ontario Senior of the Year Award in the month of June.

Please contact the Town Clerk should you have questions regarding the nomination process:

**Town Clerk:** Corrina Giles

**Phone:** (519) 599-3131 ext. 232

**Email:** [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)



To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3](http://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3)

### Volunteer Recognition Awards & Fair

Help us celebrate the volunteers making a difference in The Blue Mountains!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025**

Beaver Valley Community Centre

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Volunteer Fair)

5:00 p.m. (Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony)



For more information, visit:

[www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards)



The Blue Mountains & Area

**Sustainability Summit**

**April 24, 2025**

Beaver Valley Community Centre and Arena, Thornbury



Join us for the 2nd Annual Blue Mountains and Area 2025 Sustainability Summit, a free event that will bring together leaders and innovators to explore critical topics in Social Sustainability and the Green Economy. Enjoy networking opportunities with changemakers, industry leaders, and peers throughout the event.

#### Afternoon Session:

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Topics on Social Sustainability, discussing energy poverty, equity and diversity in climate solutions.

#### Evening Session:

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Spotlight on the Green Economy Hub pilot, featuring presentations on sustainable business practices and a film premiere.



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## Today in history:

What memorable events happened on April 9 in history?

**2021** - The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, died at age 99. Strangely enough, he died on the 99th day of the year, on the morning of the 9th day of the month.

**2019** - Dutch ecologists reported that wolves were living in the Netherlands again for the first time in 140 years.

**2003** - US forces pulled down a statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad to symbolize the end of the Iraqi president's brutal reign.

**2002** - Great Britain held The Queen Mother's funeral in London, England. The funeral was at Westminster Abbey, UK. The Queen Mother passed away at 101 years old on March 30, 2002.

**1991** - The Republic of Georgia declared its independence from the Soviet Union.

**1963** - President John F. Kennedy granted Winston Churchill the first-ever honorary US citizenship.

**1960** - NASA publicly announced the names of the first 7 American astronauts. Gordon Cooper, Deke Slayton, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Scott Carpenter, Wally Schirra, and Alan Shepard were dubbed the Mercury Seven as they were selected for NASA's Mercury space program.

**1945** - The 'National Football League' announced on this day that socks were now a mandatory part of the uniform for all football players. Ever since then, no game has been played without this garment.

**1940** - Nazi Germany invaded and attacked Denmark. The battle lasted six hours, by which point Denmark surrendered.

**1917** - The Battle of Vimy Ridge, fought from April 9 to 12, 1917, was a pivotal First World War battle where the Canadian Corps, for the first time as a unified formation, captured the heavily fortified Vimy Ridge in northern France, resulting in a significant victory but at a heavy cost.

**1869** - The Hudson Bay Company gave up its territory to the Commonwealth of Canada.

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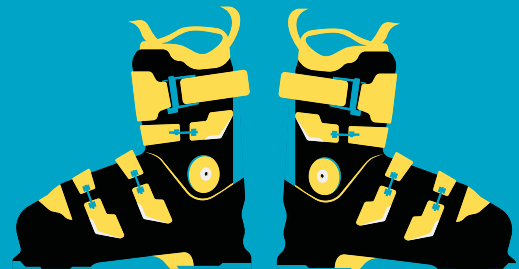
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## Reel Roots Film Screening Series Launches at Grey Roots



Grey Roots Museum & Archives is thrilled to announce the launch of Reel Roots, a new film series that brings classic and contemporary movies to the big screen at the Thomas Wheildon Theatre. The series kicks off Friday, April 11 at 2 p.m. with a special screening of Disney / Pixar's WALL-E.

Reel Roots will showcase family-friendly films on Saturday afternoons and PA days throughout the school year. Films are selected to complement Grey Roots' exhibits, seasonal events, and holidays. The upcoming screening of WALL-E aligns with Earth Day, highlighting the film's message of the importance of caring for our environment.

"We're very pleased to introduce this family-friendly programming to the Thomas Wheildon Theatre," says Zak Erb, Public Relations Coordinator for Grey Roots. "It's a fantastic way to highlight the recent upgrades to the space, and we're curating an exciting lineup of films for the months ahead."

The theatre has recently undergone key upgrades, including a new projector, thanks to generous sponsorship from Thomas Wheildon, a long-term supporter of Grey Roots Museum & Archives. More theatre improvements are planned for the coming months.

Reel Roots screenings are free with a Grey Roots membership or included with regular admission for non-members. Learn more at [greyroots.com/reel-roots](http://greyroots.com/reel-roots).

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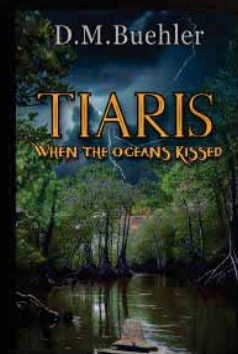
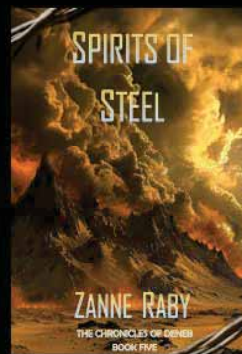
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## Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13th

8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Holy Monday, April 14th

7 p.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

## Holy Tuesday, April 15th

7 p.m. Contemporary Night Prayer

## Holy Wednesday, April 16th

7 p.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

## Maundy Thursday, April 17th

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

## Good Friday, April 18th

10:30 a.m. Ecumenical Service with all churches in Thornbury & Clarksburg  
Hosted at the Blue Mountains Community Church - 219 Bruce Street

## Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

8 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

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An Artist Talk from Beverley Smith



**APRIL 17  
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Beverley Smith invites you on a captivating journey to *La Macina Di San Cresci*, an artist residency in Tuscany, Italy. Beverley will explore how she discovered the residency, her experiences living there, and the impact it had on her both artistically and personally.

The talk will take place amidst Beverley's latest exhibition, which features works created during two residencies at La Macina Di San Cresci.

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## Easter Long Weekend

**Friday, Apr 18 - Monday, Apr 21**

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**APRIL 22ND AT NOON**

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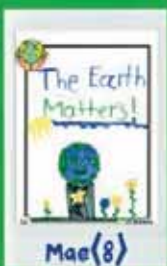


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Thornbury Girl Guides are excited to invite the community to our Cookie Drive-Thru on Saturday, May 3rd, from 11 am to 2 pm. We'll be set up in the parking lot of Thornbury Pharmasave, offering classic chocolate/vanilla cookies for \$6.00 a box. Your support helps girls in Guiding!



A new exhibit is coming to The Gallery at L.E. Shore, **Saturday, May 3rd 2-4pm**. Holly Kee and Delia Eastwood strive to honour the beauty of their home's lakes, rocks and trees through drawing and painting. The show runs May 3-28.

**SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM**

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 Contact Seniors' Chair Bruno Scaturchio – 416-347-0621  
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