

The Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce serves as an advocate for member businesses, working to promote and enhance our community.

**Dates to Remember:**

**August 2**—Kahshe Country Crafts Show at Rockhaven Inn

**August 6** —DS2 Designs After Hours, see page 2

**August 14—16** Docksides Festival of the Arts

**Dec. 30**—Olympic Torch Relay through Gravenhurst.. Details TBA

**TBA**—HST Workshop (partnering with all Muskoka Chambers)

**Congratulations Due:**

~**Anita Stephenson from Muskoka Gateway Gallery on her first exhibit**

~**Muskoka Bay Club's Grand Opening of their new Clubhouse**

~**Gateway Fibreworks Grand Opening**

# Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce

## July 2009 Newsletter

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### Granite Ridge Retirement Residence

Annemarie Welch  
1097 Bethune Drive South  
Gravenhurst  
(705) 687-0007  
[graniteridgeretirement@bellnet.ca](mailto:graniteridgeretirement@bellnet.ca)

Retirement Residence for independent living providing long, short or convalescent stay. An assisted care floor for those who require higher level of care is also available. Fully monitored, secure building, many suites available to choose from.

#### Wood's End Studio

John & Marilyn deLang  
1205 Sparrow Lake Route D  
Kilworthy  
(705) 689-8831  
[info@woodsend.ca](mailto:info@woodsend.ca)  
[www.woodsend.ca](http://www.woodsend.ca)

Wood's End Studio features intriguingly realistic and elegant bird carvings created by its resident artist, John de Lang. Set at the edge of a forest, the studio offers a panoramic view of the surrounding flora and fauna, nourishing the creativity that inspires this work.

#### Boat Rentals Canada

Luis Filipe  
15A Airview Road  
Etobicoke  
(705) 706-3242

[reservenow@boatrentalscanada.com](mailto:reservenow@boatrentalscanada.com)  
[www.boatrentalscanada.com](http://www.boatrentalscanada.com)

Enjoy the day while cruising in one of our boats or jet-ski's. We have the largest fleet in Canada. Our boats are all newer models anywhere from 12' to 25' bow-riders, pontoon's, wake-

board and jet-ski's. We'll deliver to a location of your choice with no hassle. You'll get all the safety gear including life jackets. Ask about our ski/wakeboard and tube package.

#### Hawkestone Soap Co.

Tanya Evans  
900 Bay Street  
Gravenhurst  
(705) 684-8100  
[soapco@bellnet.ca](mailto:soapco@bellnet.ca)

Make & manufacture bar soaps, liquid soaps, body care products with bathroom accessories and gift baskets, needlepoint, antiques and candles. Seasonal: May – Thanksgiving; December-weekends only.

#### Travel Professionals International

Michelle O'Brien  
Visit my website  
Muskoka  
(705) 689-3052  
[michelle@tropicaldreamdestinations.com](mailto:michelle@tropicaldreamdestinations.com)  
[www.tpiworldwide.com/MichelleOBrien](http://www.tpiworldwide.com/MichelleOBrien)

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**With thanks to Gateway on the Bay for hosting a lovely After Hours event .**

Message from the Manager - by Jodi Holder

Thank you to all those wonderful souls who supported the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Car Show with their sponsorship, time and good humor. The show really could not happen without you. The last two years have seen rainy days for the event but as they say, 'third time's a charm' so we are looking forward to a sunny day next year!

The Chamber Office is getting busier with visitor inquiries as is the License Office with the summer crowd. I hope the activity here is a positive barometer of the activity in general as we move into our community's busiest season.



Our primary focus this time of year is the organization of Dockside Festival which is our largest fundraising event of the year. I know that Brea would be most appreciative of any offers to lend hand during this three day Festival (Aug. 14, 15 & 16).

I will be taking a brief hiatus from Newsletter production in August so this will be your last Chamber Newsletter until September. I hope to see you at the upcoming After Hours event on August 6 hosted by DS2Designs. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Jodi Holder, Manager

### Chamber After Hours Event

What is an 'eco' home?

What does it mean?

Come find out at the newly renovated home showing hosted by:

Tammy Paterson of DS2 Designs, Residential & Commercial Designer

**August 6th, 5pm to 8pm. 390 Sarah St.**



Come and see the "After".

RSVP to Brea  
687-3412

### KAHSHE COUNTRY CRAFT SHOW

Once again the 27th Annual Kahshe Country Crafts Show is giving back to the community by donating all proceeds to Camp Winston. Remember, this is a non profit event. The show is on August 2nd, 10am until 3pm, rain or shine, at Rockhaven Inn, at the end of North Kahshe Lake Road.

We are looking for donations for prizes and the silent auction table. If you can donate either a sale item, a service, or a discount for either, from your business, we will be very appreciative. Cash donations are also very welcomed.

Over the life of the Kahshe Country Crafts Show, we have raised and donated over \$60,000.00 to our community. Please contact Judy Ring 689-6080 (Rockhaven Inn) if you are able to contribute.

### YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

**Public Review of Proposed Accessible Built Environment Standard.** Tuesday was the launch date of a Public Review for the Initial Proposed Accessible Built Environment Standard as part of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. It is important to note that the government does not plan to impose requirements for retrofitting existing buildings at this time. Also, the government does not intend to require Ontarians to make their existing or new single family houses accessible at this time. The public review period to make comments on the SDC's Initial Proposed Accessible Built Environment Standard is from **July 14, 2009 to October 16, 2009.**

Once the public review period is over, the standards development committee will reconvene to consider your feedback. They may make changes to their initial proposed standard based on the feedback prior to finalizing a proposed standard for submission to the Minister of Community and Social Services. Those interested in reviewing the SDC's proposed standard or participating in the accessibility standards development process can find more information on the Ministry of Community and Social Services' website at: [www.ontario.ca/community](http://www.ontario.ca/community) In September, public consultation sessions will be conducted across the province. To participate in a consultation session please call 1-888-482-4317 or toll-free TTY 1-888-335-6611, or email [public.review@oliverwyman.com](mailto:public.review@oliverwyman.com).