



## **ACoM Update**

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#### **1) Invitation : Muskoka Tourism's AGM, May 30. Speakers include Paul Portelli**

You are invited to attend Muskoka Tourism's Annual General Meeting on Friday May 30 at 2:00 PM in the Muskoka Boat & Heritage Centre, Gravenhurst. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a financial update, elect directors, network with your peers and be informed about current issues of interest to the tourism industry in Muskoka. This year we have three guest speakers who are ready to share their expertise.

- Paul Portelli, a professional, full time sculptor, will share ideas on how the arts agenda in Muskoka can be moved forward and integrated into the District's economic development plan.
- Bill Allen is President of the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario and former Deputy Minister of Tourism. Bill will address current tourism industry issues and the Industry Competitiveness Study announced by the province of Ontario last fall.
- Ian Turnbull, Chair of the Muskoka Watershed Council, will present the Watersheds Report Card.

RSVP to [info@muskokatourism.ca](mailto:info@muskokatourism.ca) or call 1-800-267-9700

#### **2) Wanted : Blooms-themed art for Gravenhurst Exhibit, Opening July 15**

In association with the Town of Gravenhurst, host this year to Communities in Bloom, ACoM is organizing a blooms-themed art show at the Gravenhurst Opera House's Trillium Court. The show opens July 15 and runs for three weeks.

- Cost of entry: \$10 per piece, up to three pieces, plus a \$20 admin fee if you are not an ACoM member (includes year's membership.) There is no admin fee for current ACoM members. A 30% commission is deducted from sales.
- **For more information:** <mailto:info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com>

#### **3) Wanted : Art. Get your work out there with the Gallery Space Project**

ACoM is calling for artists to sign up to have their work shown on a rotating basis across Muskoka through the Gallery Space Project. Locations so far include Catto Gallery, Muskoka Lakes Museum; Muskoka Tourism; Muskoka Futures in Bracebridge, and more. We hope to dramatically expand the number of venues soon.

- Cost of entry: Free to ACoM members. Commission from sales: 30%.
- **Enquire about submitting your work:** [info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com](mailto:info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com) or call (705) 644-0531

#### 4) **Wanted** : Events Information. **Muskoka ArtBeat** in the Muskokan

ACoM is proud to unveil its new arts events column in The Muskokan: Muskoka ArtBeat. In addition to events, each issue will feature a selected artist or event. In conjunction with our mandate to enrich Muskoka through the arts, ACoM is working to promote all of the arts right across the region. Inclusivity is key here. You don't have to be a member. Keep a lookout for Muskoka ArtBeat.

- **If you have events you'd like listed or you'd like to suggest a featured artist/event:**  
[tamsen@artscouncilofmuskoka.com](mailto:tamsen@artscouncilofmuskoka.com) or call (705) 645-5225

5) **Wanted:** Dressing Up (Store Windows) For Fun. For Communities in Bloom, Gravenhurst  
In conjunction with Communities in Bloom, Gravenhurst, ACoM is looking for artists interested in decorating retailer windows with a blooms theme. Just for the fun and flair of it.

- **Let us know if you'd like to get involved.** [info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com](mailto:info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com) or call (705) 644-0531

#### 6) **Reminder:** Meet 'n' Greet: June 8. **Have you RSVP'd?**

ACoM is revitalizing itself in its mandate to identify, unite, support, promote and facilitate artists and artistic activity throughout Muskoka. What better way than to get everyone together?

- **What:** ACoM's Summer 2008 Meet 'n' Greet
- **When:** Sunday June 8, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Where:** Damsel fly Studio, 1916 Muskoka Rd. 169, the home of visual artist Susan Ware
- **Who:** Artists and friends of artists
- **Why:** To get out, enjoy an afternoon by the lake and network with colleagues and other like-minded folk.

#### **FAQs:**

*How do I get there?*

- ❖ Take highway 169 north past Gravenhurst Wharf
- ❖ Damsel fly Studio is about 10 minutes beyond Gravenhurst on the right, #1916
- ❖ Phone (705) 644-0531 or (705) 684-9632 if you get misplaced

*Who will be there?*

- ❖ We are inviting all of the artists (visual, musicians, writers, performers, craftspeople, etc.) in our growing roster, as well as friends of artists. Spread the word. Feel free to bring a friend who you feel would enjoy this networking opportunity

*Refreshments?*

- ❖ Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be available

*Do I need to bring anything?*

- ❖ Just yourselves
- **RSVP, or for more information;** [info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com](mailto:info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com) or call (705) 644-0531

#### **\*Miscellany\***

- **Is your membership up-to-date?** If not, you can download renewal forms from the ACoM website or give us a shout; [info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com](mailto:info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com) / (705) 644-0532
- **Is your profile on our website?** We are in the process of revitalizing the website. Go and check out your profile and let us know how you like it. You can have a description and up to three photos as well as links to your own site.  
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