

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

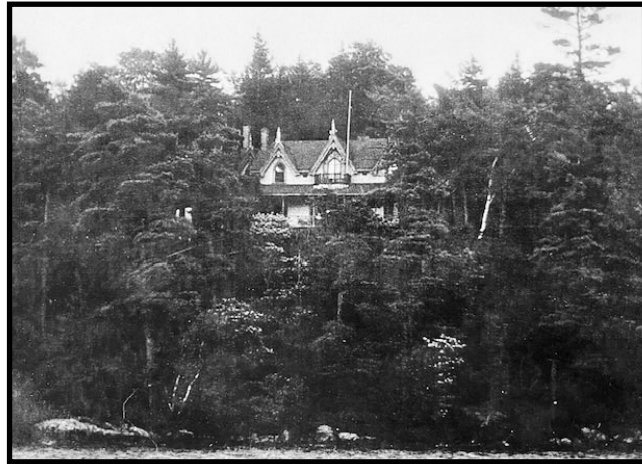
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere celebrates 100 years since incorporation.** It was founded in 1870, but in 1924, under the leadership of Henry Longhurst, the village applied for independent village status with the government of Ontario. Longhurst became the first Reeve (Mayor) of Windermere.
- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH this summer. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
 - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Lunch & Dinner served 7 days/wk. Enjoy the entertainment - Fri.&Sat. 7-10pm
 - **The Rosseau** - upscale dining in a beautiful setting. Open 7 days/week - 12 to 9pm
 - **High Tea** - Sundays in summer, 2-4pm
 - **The Trading Post is open!** Artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** -open - Sun.-Thur. 9am - 5pm, Fri, Sat. 9am - 6pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - private golf club for July & August. Open to all for lunch and dinner throughout the season.
 - **"Wing Night"** -every Thursday with live entertainment.
 - **"Euchre Night"** every Tuesday @ 5:45pm - \$25 includes dinner.
 - **"Brunch"** - every Sunday 10am - 1pm - open to all
- **Windermere Garden Centre** Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!!
 - **Farm to Table Summer Produce Box** - Sign up for one week or all summer - 7-10 items - fruit and veggies - local Ontario. -Small or Large Box. Order by 6pm on a Sunday. Pick up at Taylor Farms on Thursdays, Crossfit in Port Carling on Thursday. or Bracebridge on Wednesday. **More details at taylorfarms.ca/market.** Or email strawberries@taylorfarms.ca
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am

SANS SOUCI ISLAND – LAKE ROSSEAU

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Sans Souci Island in the Windermere neighbourhood, and third island from Windermere Village, has a somewhat famous / infamous prior history. In early Muskoka times, a very wealthy gentleman from Hamilton, Senator W. E. Sanford, decided he wanted a fine Muskoka summer cottage instead of his earlier remote hunting lodge. He purchased Sans Souci Island for \$100 in 1884. Mostly hidden by ancient hemlocks, Sanford built his cottage, in grand Victorian style. The cottage, a masterpiece, with 34 rooms, stained glass entrance, billiard room, barber shop, and dark room for photography for himself, family, guests and his two Russian Wolf-hounds.



Senator Sanford commissioned a 68 foot steam yacht in 1890, the Naiad, (a water nymph), in the same style as Queen Victoria's yacht, with the Queen's permission, of course. After many years of Sanford cruises, the Naiad was sold to Cameron Peck in 1939, of Lake of Bays, and restored. She then went to Lake Temagami for passenger use and finally destroyed in 1967.



The Naiad

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 18th**- Wing night with entertainment @ WGCC.
- **July 19th** - James Gray @ Windermere House
- **July 20th** - Cam Galloway @ Windermere House
- **July 23rd & every Tuesday @ 5:45pm**- Euchre Night @ WGCC - \$25 - includes dinner
- **July 19th & Every Friday for the summer**, a lunchtime BBQ at the Windermere Wharf - in support of the Windermere and District Lions Club.
- **August 2nd - Opening Night of the Chautauqua Festival** - Concert at the Wharf
- **August 4th - Anniversary Service** at the United Church - 10:30am
- **August 11th - Christ Church** celebrates 120 years - Anniversary worship service @ **10:30**, followed by lunch & **1pm concert** in the garden- with Neil Barlow & the Orillia Silver Band!

Many thanks to the **Windermere Garden Centre** who have so kindly offered to supply and plant the flowers in the planter on the pier! And also to **Windermere House** for keeping them watered!!

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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(705) 645-2211
- **Fire Department**
(705)-765-3156
- **District of Muskoka Office**
(705) 645-2100
- **By-law Office Township**
(705) 765-3156
- **Wharf Master**
(705) 769-3611
- **Windermere Golf Club**
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- **Windermere Marina**
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- **Windermere House**
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- **Taylor Farms**
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- **Windermere Garden Centre**
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- **Lions Club**
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Notable society Sans Souci guests included Governor-General Lord Stanley, giver of the Stanley Cup, in 1890. In 1894, Prime Minister Sir John Thompson visited at a new guest cottage, called Lorelei behind Sans Souci. Another notable, Billy Bishop, visited in 1922 with his float bi-plane to the Sans Souci or Windermere dock.



Very tragically, Senator Sanford drowned off Sans Souci in a rowboat accident in 1899.

In the 1960s, the CBC filmed a spooky children's TV program at Sans Souci called "The Mystery of Lynx Lodge."

Unfortunately, the magnificent Sanford cottage burned in 1969. Currently, the boathouse, coal house for the Naiad, and pump house all remain, now re-modelled and repurposed.

The Muskoka Chautauqua Arts and Culture Festival is starting soon in Windermere!

From **August 2nd to August 11th**, there will be a "packed" 10 day program of music, dance, arts workshops, speakers, morning wellness activities, literary events, walking tours and more. Check out all the events at

<https://www.muskokachautauqua.com/2024-events/>.

Buy your tickets to the events on Eventbrite - link on the Muskoka Chautauqua website.

NEW THIS YEAR! Enjoy a **10% discount** on all food and beverage from Windermere House during the festival! Show your tickets to the staff for the discount to be applied. Enjoy!

Don't miss the **FREE Windermere Family Fun Day** August 11th - 11am - 4pm at the Windermere Wharf, and the next Community Conversation on August 7th @ 4pm at Windermere House

Chautauqua is looking for volunteers for the Festival - August 2nd - 11th.

Lots of different volunteer spots available - artist's assistants, events, tickets and admission. A fun way to participate in a great community festival.

E-mail - mci@artsinmuskoka.com for more information or questions.

Windermere United Church is open **Fridays 9:30-12** in July and August for unplugging / praying / or chatting, and weather permitting they will have the labyrinth up, a wonderful space for contemplation, meditation and prayer.

They also collect clothing donations for the Kidney Foundation.