

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

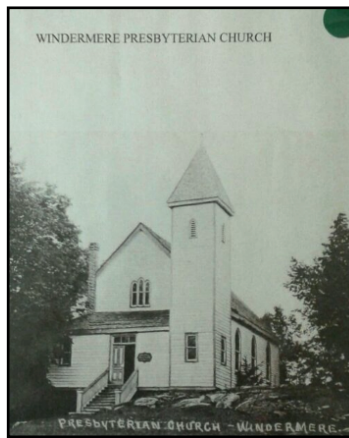
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **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

The week's "Historical Interest" article. The Windermere Presbyterian Church

At one time there were three churches in the small village of Windermere, The Windermere Presbyterian Church, The Windermere Methodist Church and Christ Church, Windermere (Anglican). The two remaining are Windermere United Church and Christ Church. There will be more on them in other issues of the Gazette.

The Windermere Presbyterian church is no longer there. In 1897 the Presbyterian Church in Dee Bank was closed and re-established at Windermere. It sat on a rock across from the "modern" Anglican Church.

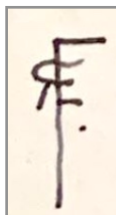


The land was donated by George Paton (Paton Point) in 1895, and the church was completed in 1897. It was a white frame building with a bell tower, and remained open until 1925, when most Presbyterian and Methodist congregations in Canada merged to form the United Church of Canada (pg 19, Windermere by Richard Tatley). The frame construction was made from lumber cut at Clark's Mill, which was located where the Dee River flows into Lake Rosseau. (Archives of the Windermere WI) It was torn down around 1940. Prior to this church being built on this location, there was a small congregation that met in The Mechanics Institute which was housed in a simple old building on the Windermere House property

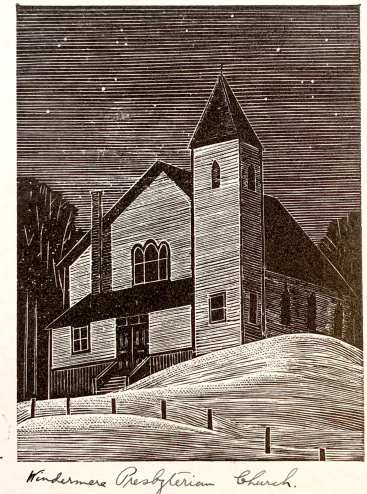
- now Windermere Cottage (formerly Charlie Roper's cottage)



The above information is courtesy of the Archives of the Windermere Women's Institute - from notes by Nancy Hill



We have been told that this woodblock print (right) was done in the 1920's or 30's. The artist's signature is shown here (left). If anyone knows who the artist might be, and what year this beautiful piece was created, we would love to hear from you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 25th** - Wing night with entertainment @ WGCC.
- **July 26th** - Rob Watts @ Windermere House
- **July 27th** - Briar Summers @ Windermere House
- **July 30th & every Tuesday @ 5:45pm** - Euchre Night @ WGCC - \$25 - includes dinner
- **July 26th & Every Friday for the summer**, a lunchtime BBQ at the Windermere Wharf - in support of the Windermere and District Lions Club.
- **August 1st** - Taryn Rose @ WGCC
- **August 2nd - Opening Night** of the Chautauqua Festival - Concert at the Wharf - Northern Lights Steel Orchestra
- **August 3rd** - Karaoke Night at Windermere Golf Club
- **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 &

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **Police - Non-emergency**
(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**
(705)-769-3238
- **Archives**
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- **Lions Club**
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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/>.

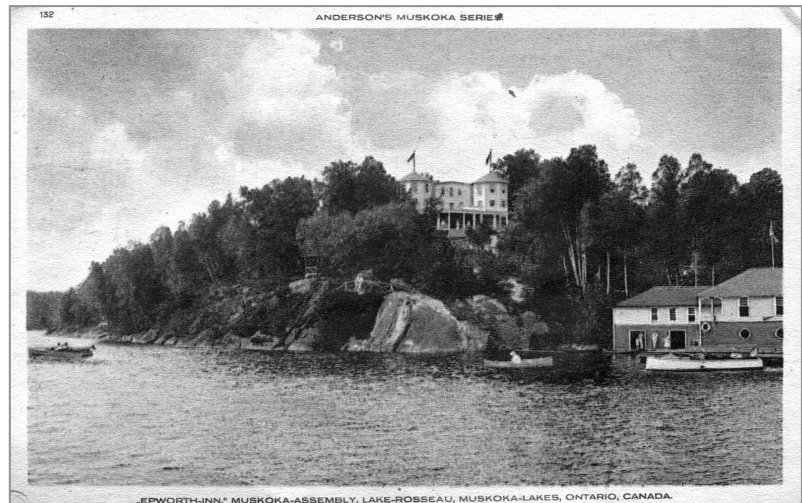
Buy your tickets to the events on Eventbrite - link on the Muskoka Chautauqua website.

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.



Original location of the Muskoka Chautauqua (Muskoka Assembly) - at the Epworth Inn, later to become Wigwagan, on Tobin Island.



Are you all aware of The Little Red Library (shown here in B&W:)? It is a "community library" - take a book - leave a book - such a great way to share books for your summer reading. It is located at Taylor Farms. You can stop in to shop, have a coffee, drop off a book you've read and pick up another!

Pre-order your Windermere 100 years T-Shirt. Pick up during Chautauqua at the Bookstore.
 \$30 - proceeds towards community projects in Windermere

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