

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.
 - **"Bridge Night"** - Mondays
 - **"Euchre Night"** every Tuesday @ 5:45pm \$25 includes dinner.
 - **"Brunch"** - every Sunday 10am - 1pm - open to all
- **Windermere Garden Centre** Mon.-F.ri. - 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 United Church



Original church of 1887 (left), Newer church of 1894 (right)

Church services in early Windermere consisted of sermons conducted by travelling ministers (often known as saddlebag ministers) that would preach and board at the Fife House. In 1884, David Fife donated land for the construction of a Methodist Church, which was completed in 1887. As the congregation grew, the need for a larger church became

necessary and more land was acquired from David Fife in 1892 with a new church being compiled in 1894. The old church was moved and became the Sunday School. With the merger of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations into the United Church of Canada in 1925, the new building had become overcrowded and deteriorated by the late 1940's. A building committee was established in 1950, the wood frame church was torn down and a new stone church with a basement that was designed in the mid-century modern style with gothic references was erected in its place. It was completed in 1951 from the donations of money, labour and materials from village residents and cottagers. Robert Simpson Company was the architect, Milton Goltz was the contractor, Adrian Hicks did the blasting for the basement, and Clifford Smith and John Bunn did the stone work. This new church was dedicated in 1951. It is a Mid-Century Modern style of architecture with Gothic influences and gable roof. The interior features stained glass windows, notably depicting Christ in a Muskoka setting.



Newer Methodist Church

(Archives of the Windermere Women's Institute)



Under construction, 1950's



Completed Stone Church

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 1st**- Wing night with entertainment - **Taryn Rose** - @ WGCC.
- **August 2nd** - Sawyer Lance @ Windermere House
- **August 3rd** - Cam Galloway @ Windermere House
- **August 6th every Tuesday @ 5:45pm**- Euchre Night @ WGCC - \$25 - includes dinner
- **August 2nd & 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 - *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 & **1pm concert** in the garden- with *Neil Barlow & the Orillia Silver Band!*

Submissions, content, or to subscribe
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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**
(705) 769-3381
- **Windermere Marina**
(705) 769-3661
- **Windermere House**
(705) 769-3611
- **Taylor Farms**
(705)-769-2368
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
(705)-769-3238
- **Archives**
windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com
- **Lions Club**
windermere@ar2lions.ca

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

<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.

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

Friday, August 2

Festival Welcome and Opening
 Teachings & Traditions on Turtle Island with Terry & Lucia Sahanatien
 "The Wilding" Book Launch with Author Sandra Morris
 Gallery in the Woods Art Gallery Exhibition Opening
 The Northern Lights Steel Orchestra at the Windermere Wharf

Saturday, August 3

Gemstone Bracelet Making with Mala Lisa
 Find Your Flow with Acrylics & Mediums Demonstration with Linda Montgomery
 A Conversation with Stephen M. Stigler

Sunday, August 4

Acrylic Explorations Workshop with Linda Montgomery
 Watercolour Plein-Air Workshop featuring BEAM Paints with Linda Montgomery
 Muskoka Embraces the Roaring Twenties with Patrick Boyer

Monday, August 5

Cellphone Photography Workshop with Sandy Nicholson
 The Literary Process with Roy MacGregor and Musical Interludes by Leah Leslie

Tuesday, August 6

DSLR Photography Workshop with Sandy Nicholson
 This is Soul Discussion and Sound Bathing with Hillary Bowring & Kathy Ashby

Wednesday, August 7

Multi-Generational Plein-Air Painting Workshop with Greg & Sue Hindle
 Windermere Community Conversation at Windermere House
 Toronto All-Star Big Band Concert

Thursday, August 8

Plein-Air Painting Workshop with Greg & Sue Hindle
 Lucille Joseph & Terry Stevens: Authors in Conversation

Friday, August 9

Pottery Workshop with Sharon Wagner Chazalon
 Learn the Harmonica Workshop
 Forest Bathing with Terrill Maguire
 Reggae Roots Concert

Saturday, August 10

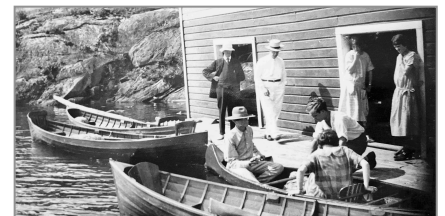
Ukulele Workshop with Laurie Pfaff
 Dances & Tales of the Forest with Terrill Maguire
 Muskoka Music Showcase

Muskoka Chautauqua is an artistic community that nurtures curiosity and creativity.

It is one of Muskoka's longest-running and iconic cultural institutions encompassing the arts, education and reflection, and springs from a tradition that started over 100 years ago when the region attracted North America's leading thinkers to its tranquil retreats. The vibrant arts community continues to entice participants to experience personal growth and to share innovative, creative ideas. The Chautauqua movement has a long history in Muskoka. At

the turn of the 20th century, Muskoka was known as Canada's Literary Summer Capital. In the years 1916 and 1917 conferences were held at Windermere House and Elgin House to provide study, sport and spiritual uplift. Chautauqua was part of a larger American movement established to bring education, religion and the arts to communities, most often in beautiful outdoor settings.

Tobin Island, Lake Rosseau, post WW I, was the location of the first permanent Canadian Chautauqua Institution....also known as the Muskoka Assembly. It was hosted at the Epworth Inn, formerly the Waskada Inn. The Epworth Inn later became Wigwassan.



Windermere Garden Centre

Until August 4th - all Hydrangeas 30% off, all 1gallon day lilies buy one get one free, 10-14" hanging baskets 19.95, all annuals 40% off. Also starting August 4th our location will be closed Sundays.