

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
 - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Open - 7 days a week - 12pm - midnight
 - **The Rosseau** - upscale dining in a beautiful setting. Open 7 days/wk - 12-9pm
 - **Smokehouse BBQ Packages** - pre-order for pick up at WH
 - **Trading Post!** Artisanal goods & produce, charcuterie, souvenirs & more.
 - **The New Spa at Windermere House**
spa@windermerehouse.com
- **Windermere Marina** - open now 7 days a week 9am - 5pm. Fridays & Saturdays are 9am - 6pm. Licensed Patio, serving Piano Piano Pizza and Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream
- **Windermere Golf Club** Private golf club until Labour Day, but open to all for lunch and dinner throughout the season.
 - "**Wing Night**" - 5pm Thurs- live entertainment
 - "**Euchre Night**" every Tuesday @ 5:45pm
\$25 includes dinner.
 - "**Brunch**" - every Sun. 10am-1pm- open to all
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
Mon.-Fri. - 8-5, Sat - 9-5, Sun 10-4
50% off all potted trees.
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!! Pick your own strawberries. Call or check FB page to confirm hours of picking.
 - **Farm to Table Summer Produce Box**
Sign up for one week or all summer - 7-10 items - fruit & veggies - local Ontario.
Order by 6pm on a Sunday. -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. Join our Anniversary Celebration Aug 3rd, 10:30am. Candlelight Taize Music of Unity and Peace - August 5th @ 6:30pm.

With the **Chautauqua Festival** starting in only 10 days in the village of Windermere, we thought it would be a good idea to give some background on Chautauqua - its origin, history and evolution, as well as how it found it's way to Windermere over 100 years ago.

The word "chautauqua" is Iroquois and means either "two moccasins tied together" or "jumping fish."

Chautauqua (*sha-TAW-kwa*) was an adult education and social movement in the United States that began on Lake Chautauqua, New York in 1874 by John Heyl Vincent and Lewis Miller. The intent was educational, and it was never affiliated with any one religious denomination.

The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, showmen, preachers, and specialists of the day. Many towns, especially in rural areas where opportunities for secondary education were limited, established "Chautauquas."

The educational summer camp format proved popular for families and was widely copied by several Chautauquas. Within a decade, "Chautauqua assemblies" (or simply "Chautauquas"), named after the location in New York, sprang up in various North American locations. This reflected the intense desire for self-improvement through education. "Chautauqua" had a strong influence on the rural communities and became shorthand for an organized gathering intended to introduce people to the great ideas, new ideas, and issues of public concern.

The popular movement pretty much died out by the mid-1930s. Most historians cite the rise of the car culture, radio, and movies as the causes. Also, as professional and educational opportunities increased, interest in Chautauquas dwindled. And finally, the Depression itself made Chautauquas economically impossible for organizers and audiences. There are however quite a few Chautauquas that continue to thrive.

There were a number of Chautauqua's across Canada, beginning in the early 20th century. Muskoka Chautauqua was started by Charles Sinclair Applegath in Windermere in 1916. In 1921, he purchased the **Waskada Hotel** on Tobin Island, renamed it the **Epworth Inn**, and thus began the **Muskoka Assembly** of the Canadian Chautauqua. Years later, the Epworth Inn was purchased, re-invented and renamed **Wigwassan Lodge**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 23rd - "Cook's night off" - in the garden at Christ Church - a BBQ - 4:30 - 6:30 - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Dessert and refreshments - Cost is just a donation.

- Aug 2nd - 11-2, Pick'in & Grill'in The Lions Club will be at **Utterson Valley Blueberry Farm** with their delicious BBQ. Blueberry picking opens at 9am.

- August 3rd, 10:30am - Windermere United Church Anniversary Celebration

- August 6th - Community Conversation @ 3:30 pm - Windermere House

- Windermere Bridge Group Monday evenings @ the Diamond In The Ruff Golf Club

- Wing night Thursdays @ WGCC 5-9pm

- Butcher Block Chef's Choice @ WGCC - Fridays

- Euchre Night @ WGCC Tuesdays @ 5:45pm \$25 includes dinner

- Live music - Fridays and Saturdays @ Windermere House - from 7-10pm

- The Chautauqua Festival Aug. 1st - 10th - Program & Tickets - www.muskokachautauqua.com

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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

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- Lions Club

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Hotel Waskada (built by Frank Huriburt in 1906) prospered initially enjoying a reputation for fine dining. Facing financial difficulties due to WWI and a decline in tourism, it closed in 1916

This historic organization, Muskoka Chautauqua, was resurrected in 2010, by Gayle Dempsey and Gary Froude, when the organization previously known as Muskoka Lakes Music Festival, rebranded as Muskoka Chautauqua and aligned itself with the Chautauqua movement. Muskoka Chautauqua's year-round programming is exciting and diverse, including concerts, literary events and authors' talks, culinary celebrations, community forums, art workshops and exhibitions, a children's festival and more.

For a video overview, check out this 10 minute film, based on Patrick Boyer's podcast, "History of Muskoka Chautauqua"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uscTwGqB7yY>

Introducing the Muskoka Chautauqua Summer Students

Alex Goltz and Lara Ross are sixth-generation Muskokans with deep local roots. Alex, going into Grade 12 at BMLSS, lives in the Windermere area and is pursuing her interest in journalism through this summer job.

She's also reconnecting with her heritage—her great-great-grandfather, Francis Forge, was an original Windermere settler, and her great-great-grandfather, Henry Longhurst, was the town's first mayor.

Lara is entering her fourth year at the University of Guelph, completing her third marketing co-op for her BComm degree. She spends summers on Tobin Island, near where the original Muskoka Chautauqua was held.

Her great-great-grandfather, Joseph Vaughan, was one of its founders, making this role especially meaningful.

Both are playing key roles in festival planning and marketing, with their passion for the arts shining through in their work.

You'll see them at the Festival from August 1 to 10.

Muskoka Chautauqua - Events & Schedule

<https://www.muskokachautauqua.com/>

Pick'in and Grill'in

@ Utterson Valley Blueberry Farm

1318 Hwy 141 Utterson August 2nd. Opens at 9am

The Windermere and Area Lions Club will be "cooking up a storm" with their great BBQ
From 11am - 2pm