

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

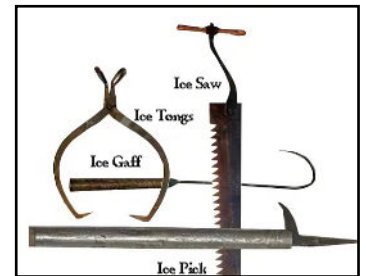
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **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.
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun - Closed.
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.

Summer Ice

(Excerpts from Andrew Hind's book "Vintage Muskoka")

As we are all dealing with the intense heat of summer, we should be reminded of the "Ice Harvest" of earlier years. The primary method of refrigeration in the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century came from the ice painstakingly cut from the many lakes. It was "harvested" for personal use, but it was also vital for the operation of butcheries, restaurants and of course the many summer resorts all over Muskoka. Harvesting began once ice reached 10 - 20 inches in thickness - typically in January. Work needed to be completed before the ice began to melt in March. Snow was removed from the surface with horse-drawn plows, the surface scraped to smooth it out, lines etched into the ice for sawing - similar to the saws used for cutting trees, but with only one handle. Blocks were brought to shore through channels of open water and guided by men with pike poles.



Ice Harvest Tools

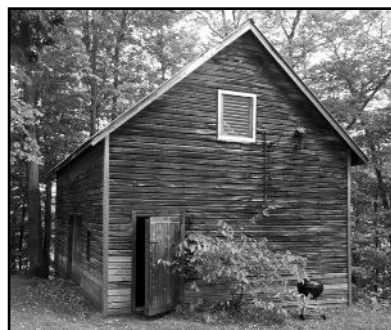


The Ice Harvest on the Lake



Artist Philip James - Lake Rosseau - 1884

Blocks were typically 22 x 32 inches and weighed 100 pounds. The ice was then placed on a horse-drawn sleigh or truck for delivery to an ice house. Ice houses were thick walled structures made often of logs rather than plank, with the walls lined with bales of hay for insulation. Ice was stacked roof high and buried under sawdust up to one foot thickness to prevent melting. In summer, the ice was uncovered and removed as needed. Most farmers harvested their own ice, although many did so for cottagers and resorts as well. Harvesting ice was a dangerous job and it was not unheard of for a man or horse to fall into the frigid waters and drown.



There are very few Ice Houses left today. Remnants are often found on sites of old Muskoka cottages....a pile of sawdust the only clue. This beautifully preserved one can be found in Windermere - located behind the Old Post Office and General Store.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-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

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

-August 25th @ WG&CC - 5:30pm -
"100 People Who Care" (see below for more information)

- 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

Submissions, content, or to subscribe
windermeregazette@icloud.com

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

Upcoming Chautauqua Events

- Aug 1 - 3 - 5pm** Festival Opening @ Gallery in the Woods - FREE
4 - 5:30pm Gallery in the Woods Opening - FREE
7:30 - 9pm Northern Lights Steel Orchestra @ the Wharf - FREE!
- Aug 2 - 10 - 3pm** - Plein aire painting - Gallery
10 - 4pm - Pop-Up Book Store @ Village Hall, Gallery open - FREE
12 - 1pm - Heritage Walking Tour - FREE
4 - 5:30pm - Author Jeff Wilson - "Castor's Choice" - Theatre
7:30 - 9pm - Caroline Marie Brooks of the "Good Lovelies" - Theatre
- Aug 3 - 10 - 4pm** - Pop-Up Book Store @ Village Hall, Gallery open - FREE
12 - 1pm - Heritage Walking Tour - FREE
12:30 - 3pm - Classical Lunch Jennifer Tung & Ivan Jovanovic @ Christ Church
4 - 5:30pm - Author Patrick Boyer - The 3 Faces of Chautauqua In Muskoka - FREE
7:30 - 9pm - Acoustic Evening with Isla-Maria - Theatre in the Woods
- Aug 4 - 9:30 - 10:30** - Spiral Flow Wellness with Audrey Jolly - Gallery
10 - 3pm - Metal Etching with Miranda Britton - Gallery
10 - 4pm - Pop-Up Book Store @ Village Hall, Gallery open - FREE
12 - 1pm - Heritage Walking Tour - FREE
4 - 5:30pm - Author Audrey Jolly - Theatre - FREE
7:30 - 9pm - Folk Night with Beverly Robertson & Friends - Theatre
- Aug 5 - 10 - 12pm** - Archives Tour - Windermere Community Centre - FREE
10 - 3pm - One River, One Flow Arts Workshop - Audrey Jolly -- FREE
10 - 4pm - Pop-Up Book Store @ Village Hall, Gallery open
12 - 1pm - Heritage Walking Tour - FREE
4 - 5:30pm - Author Sean O'Toole - Insights - FREE
6:30 - 7:30 - Candlelight Taize, Music & Meditation - United Church - FREE
- Aug 6 - 10 - 4pm** - Pop-Up Book Store @ Village Hall, Gallery open
12 - 1pm - Heritage Walking Tour - FREE
1 - 3pm - Clay Workshop - Theatre

Please join the Windermere Community Conversation!

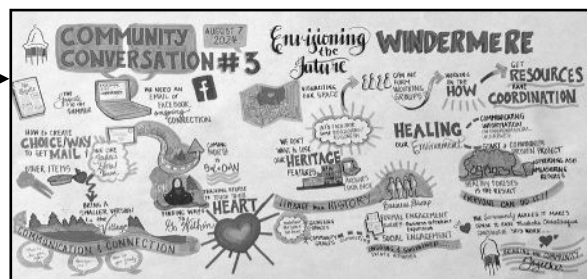
**3:30pm Wed. Aug. 6th
@ Windermere House**

This is a chance to hear all that our community has accomplished over the last 2 years, as well as learn about new initiatives and share ideas!

We are a village with purpose. Together we make it better!

More information:

www.muskokachautauqua.com



Windermere Family Fun Day! August 10th!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE
STEP UP - IT IS FUN! IT IS OUR
COMMUNITY!**

WE NEED YOU! YOU NEED US!

Contact - toriwines@gmail.com

And don't forget the Business Canoe Race!
Enter your business. Compete for fame and recognition....and lots of fun:)

"Muskoka 100 People Who Care"

(support for local charities)

is hosting a public fundraiser at the Windermere Golf and Country Club.
(\$100 donation at the door),

Monday, August 25th Social Time 5:30 - 7:00pm Meeting Time - 7:00 - 8:00pm
3 local charities present about the work they are doing in our community! You vote. The chosen charity will be announced. All money will go to their organization.

Everyone is Welcome! Nomination Window is open until August 1, 2025

<https://www.muskoka100peoplewhocare.ca/>

Registration is open for the event now (here)!

Or email muskoka100pwc@gmail.com