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The Pink Lady's Slipper or Moccasin Flower is a fragile sign of spring in Grand River watershed woods. These lovely wildflowers are threatened by habitat disturbance and picking by collectors. Photo by Peter Bisset.



THE BILL, THE BOW, AND THE B AND B

By Liz Leedham

What does a 1954 two-dollar bill have in common with a quiet weekend at an elegant 1920's Bed and Breakfast establishment near Brantford? The answer is the view. From the back garden of the Riverside Glen Estate, you can look out over the Grand River and historic Bow Park Farms—a scene that was used on the back of the two-dollar bill.

The hosts, Don and Patricia Black, have a lot of stories about their quiet retreat and its connection with the human and natural heritage of the area. Their view is still much the same as depicted by the Royal Canadian Mint artist in 1954. On a clear day, when the leaves are off the trees, you can still see the peak of Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks. Originally called St. Paul's, this chapel was the first Protestant Church in Upper Canada and is now the oldest surviving church in Ontario. Built by the Crown in 1785, it was given to those Mohawk Indians led by Joseph Brant who had supported the British during the American Revolution.

Bow Park Farms was established in 1866 by the Honorable George Brown, one of the fathers of Confederation, and named after the "bow" in the Grand River. In this park-like setting, George Brown raised Herefords on 900 acres of rich alluvial river soil. George Brown, an emigrant from Scotland, arrived in Toronto in 1843 and founded the Globe newspaper the following year. Shortly after his arrival in the colony, he stepped into the political arena. George Brown was a reformer and reorganized the Clear Grit Party in 1857. This party supported representation by population, the separation of Church and State, and the annexation of the North-Western Territory. He also fought for Confederation while serving as a Member of Parliament from the 1850s to 1867. Thirteen years after he retired from elected office, he was accidentally shot by an ex-employee of the newspaper and died from the subsequent infection.

In 1978, after 50 years as a seed research farm for Canadian Canners, Bow Park Farms

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was purchased by the Hilgendag family, who still produce quality seed for Canadian farmers.

Guests at Riverside Glen Estates can enjoy a forest stroll to the river, canoeing, or visiting some of the historic sites around Brantford. The area is part of the Carolinian Forest Zone, a special habitat of plants and animals that are characteristic of forests in the more southern areas of the United States, but thrive in the mild climate of the southern Grand River watershed. Tree species of this area include sassafras, tulip tree, hickories and sycamore.

Tourism in the Grand River watershed has many faces. You can experience the thrill of tubing the Grand at Elora, shop till you drop in Cambridge, take in historic sites, fish, visit the theatre, enjoy a drive in the country, or take a lazy canoe trip through lush forests. However you play, at the end of the day you can settle in at one of the Grand's B and B's and unwind in a gracious and unique home, with friendly hosts with a fund of stories. Riverside Glen Estate is just one of many B and B's in the Grand River watershed that provide guests with charming hospitality and a chance to learn more about the special legacy of the Grand.

Many of these quiet retreats are designated heritage homes, with owners who are knowledgeable about the history of their homes and the unique features of their area. Like the Bear's Inn on the Six Nations Reserve at Oshweken, some provide a special cultural experience. The Grand River Heritage Bed and Breakfast Association is a group of B and B's, Inns and Guest Homes with a common interest in heritage establishments and history, as well as a commitment to promotion and conservation of the Grand River. You can learn more about the Association and the membership at their

website at www.bbcanada.com/grandriverheritage.html or by calling the president, Don Black at (519) 758-9362.



MILESTONES

Milestones are progress or products of *The Grand Strategy* Joint Work Plan.

Millennium Successes

In 2000, the GRCA was honoured with a prestigious international award called the Thiess Riverprize, for excellence in river management. This tremendous accomplishment reflects the past and present efforts of the Conservation Authority, watershed municipalities and watershed residents.

In the face of rapid growth, the continued good health and well-being of the watershed and its residents are at risk unless we can minimize our impact on the natural resources that sustain air, water and land. The recently completed Millennium Edition of the Grand Actions Registry describes the activities undertaken throughout the watershed in 2000 to increase heritage appreciation, improve watershed health and celebrate the Grand River. A total of 365 entries were submitted, representing thousands of actions and a tremendous amount of

enthusiasm and commitment. It is reassuring to know that there are so many individuals, groups, businesses, agencies, municipalities and schools who are working to ensure a healthy Grand River watershed for the future.

The Grand Actions Registry is compiled each year by the GRCA on behalf of its partners in *The Grand Strategy* to:

- find out who is actively involved in improving the health and heritage of Grand River watershed;
- give groups, individuals and agencies credit and commendation for their efforts;
- lend credibility and profile for community and individual actions;
- encourage groups to work together and to network by providing contacts and information about voluntary and agency initiatives which are being undertaken in our watershed;
- create opportunities for developing additional partnerships and advancing collaborative watershed management;
- guide community activities to local "hot spots" within the watershed where the resolution of resource issues is critical.

Published yearly since 1995, the number of submissions has increased with each edition. Included in the



The 1954 two-dollar bill shows an artist's impression of the Grand River and the historic Bow Park Farms, Brantford. The peak of Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks can be seen centre left.

Millennium Edition are descriptions of many special community millennium projects and events. The Registry is available on the GRCA website at www.grandriver.ca. Limited copies of the Registry in printed form are also obtainable upon request.

The GRCA is now compiling submissions for the next edition. If you have undertaken or sponsored activities or events in 2001, you are invited to participate by completing the submission form found on the GRCA website by June 30, 2002. For more information contact Barbara Veale. Phone: (519) 621-2763 ext. 274. Email: bveale@grandriver.ca

Draft Wetlands Policy

GRCA needs your input on the draft wetlands policy. Wetlands are important. They moderate water flow by absorbing much of the surface water runoff from the land and then by slowly releasing it. This helps to reduce flooding and to sustain water flow during dry spells. Wetlands discharge water, both to the atmosphere and to surface waters. They improve water quality because they trap sediment and soil-bound nutrients and contaminants. They offer shelter to a great number of species, some of which use the wetland only for a small but important part of their life cycle.

The Grand River watershed has lost 65% of its wetlands over the last 200 years. In some areas of the watershed, this loss exceeds 85%. Despite the existence of provincial, GRCA, and municipal policies and regulations to protect wetlands, they continue to be degraded or lost because they are being filled for development, drained for agriculture, excavated for peat or ponds, and fragmented by roads. Even when land use change avoids wetlands, the flow of surface water and groundwater that sustain them is often disrupted and wetlands are isolated from supporting vegetation units and

larger wildlife corridors. Often the persistent presence of humans also disrupts the habitat functions of wetlands. Given these concerns, GRCA members requested staff to review existing GRCA wetland policies and programs and to recommend changes that would result in better protection and management of wetlands throughout the watershed.

To this end, the GRCA has prepared a draft wetlands policy. It suggests broad management principles, goals, objectives and policies to guide GRCA programs and provides a proposed framework for implementation. The draft policies are intended to encourage a stronger level of protection for non-provincially significant wetlands and unevaluated wetlands in the Grand River watershed and to complement the current Provincial Policy Statement regarding Provincially Significant Wetlands.

The draft wetlands policy is available on the GRCA's website at www.grandriver.ca. We encourage you to read the draft and provide any comments you might have to the GRCA by April 30, 2002. For more information, contact Barbara Veale. Phone: (519) 621-2763, ext. 274. Email: bveale@grandriver.ca

Data on Demand

The GRCA's reputation as a source of good quality data has led to a steady increase in the number of data requests from students and faculty of local universities. The flow of information between the GRCA and the University community is an important aspect of the GRCA's mission, but dealing with these requests has placed an added burden on already busy GRCA staff. In response to this demand, universities can now enter into a University Data License Agreement with the GRCA. Modelled after the first agreement signed by the University of Waterloo in April 2000, these agreements serve several purposes:

- to make available high quality GRCA owned spatial and tabular databases;

- to reduce the amount of staff time spent on handling student and faculty data requests and processing licensing agreements; and
- to encourage scientific research that focuses on critical issues within the Grand River watershed.

To initiate the process, the University signs the GRCA's data licensing agreement and agrees to disseminate the data to their students, faculty and staff. The University map library is provided with a copy of the GRCA's geospatial and tabular data sets along with appropriate documentation. The University library assumes the responsibility for ensuring the security of GRCA's data. Anyone requesting GRCA data from the University library must sign a Data Release Agreement. Use of GRCA data will be limited to teaching, academic research and publishing. Data updates, if available, are provided to the University at the beginning of each academic term. Those wishing to use the data for commercial purposes will be directed to contact the GRCA.

By establishing an agreement of this nature, the GRCA will:

- be able to secure proper recognition of GRCA owned data;
- be recognized and valued in the academic community; and
- communicate to students, faculty and staff that third-party data must be obtained from originating agencies.

These initial agreements with the University of Guelph and the University of Toronto will be in effect for one year, after which time they will be reviewed.

Data sets available through this agreement include municipal and watershed boundaries, natural environment information, water supply and waste treatment and management, geological data, dams, catchment areas, scheduled areas, groundwater and much more. The cost to imple-

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Cheerful volunteers from the September 2000 Working for Wilderness Group pose by the gazebo at Ruthven Park near Caledonia.

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ment and administer this agreement will be offset by the savings that will result from the reduction in staff time needed to process the current volume of individual requests.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Lower Grand River Land Trust Needs Volunteers

by Sami Rehman

The Lower Grand River Land Trust is looking for volunteers to help with ecological restoration activities and improve the natural habitat in the North Cayuga Slough Forest Natural Area.

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists' Ontario Nature Volunteers Program (formerly Working for Wilderness) will be helping with the restoration activities at the Ruthven Park Ecological Demonstration Project. The volunteer group will be working at the demonstration project from April 19-21, 2002, and will be

staying at the Haldimand Agricultural Centre. They would appreciate the assistance of local volunteers. Some of the restoration activities will include planting native trees & shrubs, installing tree shelters and monitoring previous plantings.

The Ontario Nature Volunteer Program is a non-profit initiative that exists to involve volunteers in "on the ground" community conservation projects. A trained volunteer leader will facilitate expeditions with four to twelve volunteers to build trails, monitor wildlife or restore habitat in outstanding natural areas.

The Ruthven Park Ecological Demonstration Project is part of Watershed Stewardship Program and will restore areas of forest, waterway shorelines and meadow to increase wildlife habitat. It is located at the 1,600-acre Ruthven Park National Historic Site, which is just north of Cayuga. The property includes wetlands, farmlands and tracts of Carolinian Canada forest, including part of the provincially significant North Cayuga Slough Forest. Ruthven Park Ecological Demonstration Project can provide guidance for private landowners,

particularly while considering projects on their own properties. If you are interested in volunteering at Ruthven Park on April 19, 20, or 21, or other volunteer days, contact Melissa Larion at 1-866-495-9156 (toll-free). Email: lowergrand@bfree.on.ca or www.lowergrandriverlandtrust.ca

If you are interested in joining the Federation of Ontario Naturalists' Ontario Nature Volunteers Program, phone (416) 444-8419, ext. 222. Email: wfw@ontarionature.org or www.ontarionature.org

Taking Flight

Port Rowan is the place, and programs and partnerships are the backbone of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists 72nd Annual General Meeting and Conference. The theme is *Taking Flight: From the Heart of Carolinian Canada*. Naturalists from all over Ontario will gather from May 31 to June 2, 2002, to explore the common ground of environmental initiatives with co-hosts Bird Studies Canada, the Carolinian Canada Coalition and the Norfolk Field Naturalists. On Friday, planning, restoration and monitoring will be discussed as part of the big picture for the future of Carolinian areas in southern Ontario. Saturday is for the birds, as sessions focus on bird conservation and protection, and celebrate the opening of the new Bird Studies Canada Headquarters and National Research Centre.

On Sunday, participants will explore the unique natural heritage of Norfolk County, with field trips to the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve and other natural areas. For registration information, contact Rose Kirton, Bird Studies Canada at (519) 586-3531, or toll free (888) 448-2473. Email: conference@bsc-eoc.org For FON information call (800) 440-2366. Email: jenniferb@ontarionature.org

Province Contributes to Dam Repairs

The Province of Ontario will pay half the cost of gate repairs at the Conestogo Dam, which is an important part of the GRCA water supply and flood control system. The province has made a special, one-time grant of \$600,000 to the Township of Mapleton, where the dam is located. The township has transferred the money to the GRCA.



The dam, located near Drayton on the Conestogo River, was built in 1957. In April 2000, three of the four gates would not close completely due to wear and tear on the rollers. The gates are critical to the operation of the dam, which is used for both flood control and water supply purposes. The GRCA decided to repair two of the gates in 2001 and two in 2002 at a total cost of \$1.2 million. It asked the province to pay half of the cost, with the GRCA and its member municipalities sharing the other half.

The first part of the work was completed last fall without any assurance from the province that it would agree to pay half of the total cost. The GRCA dipped into its own reserve accounts to come up with the money.

Peter Krause, chairman of the GRCA, said he was pleased with the province's decision to help finance the project. He gave high praise to Ted Arnott, MPP for Waterloo-Wellington, who has worked hard to pursue the support of the provincial government. Arnott raised the issue in the legisla-

ture and caucus meetings, as well as with cabinet ministers and the premier. Mr. Krause also praised the partnership with Mapleton Township, which made the grant request on behalf of the GRCA.

Grand River Quilts

Marking its 7th year, the renowned Waterloo County and Area Quilt Festival will be held on May 16-26, 2002. The festival promotes the art and heritage of quilting throughout Waterloo Region and the surrounding areas.

This year, several venues will feature quilts reflecting the rich history and heritage of the Grand River. The inaugural showing of a travelling exhibition of small quilts celebrating the Grand River as a Canadian Heritage River will be displayed at the GRCA's Administration Centre in Cambridge. Entries received for the School Block Challenge reflecting the Grand River Heritage theme will be shown at the Waterloo Community Arts Centre in Waterloo. Woodside National Historic Site in Kitchener is featuring quilts from designated national

historic sites along the Grand River. Quilts from Guelph and Wellington County will be exhibited at the Evergreen Seniors' Centre in Guelph. Also at the centre, quilts and women from the Grand River area in the 1800s and early 1900s will be celebrated in a live show by Iain Goodall, featuring story telling, drama and songs. For Quilt Festival details call 1-800-483-7812 or check the festival's website at www.quiltcapitalfestival.com

Quilts at Woodside

All quilts are *grand*, especially the ones that will be on display at Woodside National Historic Site in Kitchener from Saturday May 18 to Sunday May 26, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The quilts are on loan from designated national historic sites along the Grand River. Featured will be heritage quilts from Bell Homestead, McCrae House, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Joseph Schneider Haus and other sites. • See page 6



Conestogo Dam gates get much needed repairs over a two year period. This photo shows workmen installing one of the repaired gates at the dam.

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On May 18th at 3:00 p.m., visitors can enjoy a quilt talk at Woodside National Historic Site in Kitchener. *Quilts and Characters: How to Research Quilts and the People that Made Them*, will be given by Iain Goodall—historian, author, playwright and book reviewer. The talk is designed to help people find out more about their quilts, their creators and quilting during bygone eras. Participants will learn how under-used resources are just waiting to reveal stories about quilters and the quilting culture from days gone by. Using lively examples from her play, Iain traces how she uncovered these true tales using archives, libraries, family stories, the quilts themselves and other surprising sources. Listeners will be inspired to find out about their own quilts, or those in their community, and the fascinating people that made them. Please call (519) 571-5684 to reserve a space.

Doors Open Guelph

Do you know the location of Guelph's most spectacular ceiling? Have you ever seen the local 50-foot mural depicting scenes from Guelph's religious history? You can discover these and many more local treasures by taking part in Doors Open Guelph on Saturday, April 27, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guelph Arts Council and the City of Guelph's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) have joined forces to celebrate Guelph 175th Anniversary. Many heritage buildings will be featured that are not generally open to the public, and guided tours will be offered. There will also be scheduled talks by speakers well acquainted with the history and often the renovation of the buildings. Buildings featured in the event include the Wellington County

Courthouse, the Mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery, the Gooderham and Worts building and other businesses, two churches and two private homes.

Doors Open Guelph is also part of Doors Open Ontario, a province-wide initiative to celebrate community heritage. For more information about opening times and tours, contact Guelph Arts Council at (519) 836-3280. Email: gac@sentex.net

DU Thanks GRCA

by Jeff Krete, Ducks Unlimited

On Friday January 25, 2002 Ducks Unlimited Canada presented a major Partner Recognition Award to the GRCA board. At the monthly general board meeting, Mr. Dave McLachlin and Mr. Jeff Krete representing Ducks Unlimited Canada, spoke about the successes of the partnership initiatives between the two organizations.

Since 1984, The GRCA and DU have worked together on several projects in the

watershed. Early wetland enhancement projects in the Luther Marsh area kicked off the partnership and several other initiatives including: a landowner workshop, waterfowl pair pond projects, wetlands working group participation, and initiatives directed at water quality enhancements in the watershed have sustained the relationship. Recent efforts have seen a re-visit to the Luther landscape at Monticello where further joint wetland enhancement and creation projects have occurred.

Kids' Fishing Camps Expand

It's been a common scene for as long as there have been kids and rivers. Pals fishing on the banks of a placid lake or babbling stream. Seeing their bobber sink below the surface, and feeling the tug on their line as they "catch the big one" in the glorious days of summer. But for many kids, their circumstances don't permit the opportunity to venture outdoors and discover the joy of fishing.

That's why, for the fifth summer, the GRCA is pleased to host its series of two-day Fishing Day Camps—offered free of charge to underprivileged children (July 9/10 and 11/12) and physically disabled children (July 17/18) at the Shade's Mills Conservation Area in Cambridge.

New for 2002 is an expansion of the camps to include one session (July 22/23) for children in the Guelph area, to be held at either the Guelph Lake or Rockwood Conservation Areas, and one session (August 19/20) for Brantford and Brant County children at the Apps' Mill Nature Centre.

The camps are funded by the Eddie Lackenbauer Fund of the *Grand River Conservation Foundation*, which pays the children's tuition and related costs.

Boys and girls attending the camps, should be from 9 to 12 years old, and from families who could not normally



Participants at an annual Eddie Lackenbauer Fishing Camp at Shade's Mills in Cambridge admire the one that didn't get away.

afford to send them to summer camp. Children are taught the techniques and fun of fishing, with all equipment supplied by the GRCA.

Space in each camp is limited to a maximum of ten children, to ensure an adequate instructor to camper ratio. Children must be recommended to attend the camps by a school principal or health/children's service agency. Applications are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis, based on receipt of a completed application form to confirm enrollment.

For more information or an application form, phone the GRCA at (519) 621-2763, ext. 240. If you love to fish and want to support this unique outdoor program for kids, "Eddie Lackenbauer Fishing Camp" donations are tax deductible and can be made to the Grand River Conservation Foundation, Box 729, Cambridge N1R 5W6.

Grand Cleanup

On Sunday May 26, 2002, Adam Bell and Billy Braun, students from the Community Environmental Leadership Program (CELP) at Paris District High School, are running a morning garbage clean up on the Grand River. This will be followed by a voyageur canoe race team event organized in cooperation with Grand Experiences and Aromas Café, Paris. Registration is \$30.00 per person, with 12 people to a boat. Forms are available at Grand Experiences, or at the first practice, on April 28 at the Brant Conservation Area at the Grand Experiences Concession. Forms must be handed in by the second practice day, on May 12 at the Brant Conservation Area. Funds raised from the canoe race will go to the GRCA. Funds raised from the river clean up will go to the CELP program. For information, contact Jamie Kent, Grand Experiences, Paris. Phone: (519) 442-3654. E-mail:

mail@grand-experiences.com or Adam Bell or Billy Braun, Paris District High School. Phone: (519) 442-4477, or Jennifer Bell, Aromas Café. Phone: (519) 442-7575.



NOW AVAILABLE

Stewardship Web Portal

Environmental stewardship groups in Canada have an important new tool to use in their conservation efforts. Computer access to a national support system of information and resources is being developed by Wildlife Habitat Canada. stewardshipcanada.ca is a web portal to a *one-stop-shop* for stewardship.

You are encouraged to visit the portal at www.stewardshipcanada.ca and register your organization in the directory, browse case studies, look for funding opportunities, or log your comments on the Canada-Wide Stewardship Action Plan (CWSAP) on-line forum. Please also take the time to review, and comment on the Voluntary Sector Initiative (VSI) National Stewardship Workshops.

Over the past winter, Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC) conducted the VSI National Stewardship Workshops—a series of twelve workshops across Canada. Their purpose was to get input from the volunteer sector on how best to build their capacity and develop a more integrated, supportive stewardship environment. Input was solicited from participants and presented in a series of regional reports that looked at sectoral differences and commonalities within a particular province or territory. Once the regional workshops were completed, information was summarized and presented to a group of representative participants from the regional workshops at a final synthesis workshop in February 2002.

Following a set of guiding principles generated from the regional workshops,

participants at the synthesis workshop developed a framework for a national stewardship support system that should address regional needs and truly support grassroots stewardship. A key issue resonating throughout the national workshop series was the need for stewardship organizations to network in order to share information and resources with one another and with landowners and landusers who are looking for guidance on how to better manage the land.

The idea for an on-line stewardship network that would address this need was first identified at the national stewardship conference, *Caring for Our Land and Water* held in June 2000. Once fully developed, stewardshipcanada.ca will:

- be a source of stewardship information accessible within 'three clicks';
- answer the five W's of stewardship on the site (who, what, when, where and why);
- provide an online funders guide and directory of stewardship organizations in Canada;
- provide an on-line forum in which to discuss stewardship issues and voice concerns;
- include an events calendar for human and environmental events;
- provide access to "best practices" and sound science;
- recognize stewardship activities and outstanding stewards;

Development of the stewardship network began in January 2001 and continues today, as Canadian stewardship organizations learn more about the site.

Songs for a River

Upstream! is a group of artists and scientists dedicated to teaching grades K-8 the importance of their environment, with the focus being on the Grand River watershed. It is an initiative of the Elora Centre for

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Environmental Excellence, a non-profit, charitable organization.

With funding from the Trillium Foundation, the group has put together a CD with well-known area artists who generously donated their music and time. The CD, *Songs for a River*, includes singers/songwriters James Gordon, Nonie Crete, Wayne Bridge, Paul Hock and Gwen Swick.

Money raised from the sale of these CDs will go towards teaching environmental awareness in area classrooms. CDs are on sale for \$10 in several Fergus-Elora area establishments.

They may also be purchased by calling the ECEE at (519) 846-0841.

To find out what Upstream! is all about, visit the ECEE's website at www.ecee.on.ca



DID YOU KNOW?

- George Brown was born in Scotland on 29 November 1818. He died in Toronto on 9 May 1880, from an infected gunshot wound to the leg incurred during a scuffle with a disgruntled ex-employee.



THE GRAND STRATEGY CALENDAR

Saturday April 20, 2002, Sunoco Earth Day Festival, Southwest Optimist Park, Kitchener. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tree planting, Clean Air fair and more. For information contact Jessica MacMillan, (519) 621-2763 ext. 259.

Saturday April 20, 2002. Cambridge City Green Strategy Tree Planting at Churchill Park in Cambridge. All volunteers are welcome. For more information contact Wendy Gawne at (519) 650-9950.

Sunday April 21, 2002, Earth Day Festival at McLennon Park in Kitchener. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Activities include tree planting, the Clean Air Fair and the launch of the new Clean Air "Anti-idling" Campaign.

Saturday, April 27, 2002, Doors Open Guelph. Guided tours and talks. For more information phone: (519) 836-3280. Email: gac@sentex.net

Saturday, May 4, 2002, Tree Planting at Kiera's Forest, Guelph Lake Nature Centre. Drop in any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call (519) 836-7860 for information.

Sunday, May 5, 2002, Doon Heritage Crossroads, 45th Season Opening, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Kitchener, Free Admission. Family fun activities.

Friday, May 10, 2002, GRCA End of Season Tree Sale, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, at GRCA Administration Centre, Cambridge. For a listing of what's available, contact Brenda Armstrong at (519) 621-2763, ext. 250, on Wednesday, May 8, 2002.

Sunday, May 19, 2002. Heritage Plant Sale, Doon Heritage Crossroads, Kitchener, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 6 to 9, 2002, 2002 Dominion Conference of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, at the Waterloo Inn, Waterloo. Hosted by the Grand River Branch. The event includes two tours including a visit to the Royal Chapel of the Mohawks in Brantford, and a tour of Mennonite settlements. For more information contact Claire Machan at (519) 884-1354.

- The first Guelph school was opened in June 1827. John Galt build a shed adjoining the Priory, and Davis, an American immigrant, took it over as a private school. The incumbent departed after several irate parents disagreed with his liberal application of a birch rod to instill knowledge into his students.
- Mrs. James Goldie, wife of the early Guelph industrialist, found life different and difficult when she arrived from New York in 1860. Living in the old stave mill, she cared for three children and cooked for 16 men with little help during the construction of her husband's new mill on the banks of the Speed.

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