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**about the front cover:**

The Black History Cairn in Harrison Park, conceived and designed by artist Bonita Johnson deMatteis with quilt tiles by Jim Hong Louie, commemorates the Owen Sound Emancipation Day Festival (August 1) through symbolism and interpretive plaques.  
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# FROM MY DESK

MARYANN THOMAS • • • • •

Welcome back! The Owen Sounder is a 100% local magazine available throughout Owen Sound and beyond. Supported by our advertisers and available free of charge to our readers, this magazine was established in 1994 and has gone through several iterations over three decades. But we've always maintained our commitment to showcase and support local writers, artists, venues, products, businesses, history, natural wonders, and so much more that surround us.

Check out this issue to discover ArtWalk, the Intersections Wood Symposium 2026, the Emancipation Festival, the Owen Sound Studio Tour, and the Canadian Encaustic Conference all happening here! Learn more about North America's first book town and hiking the Bruce Trail! Take a roadtrip and tour Grey County's Farmers' Markets and then take another roadtrip and visit an enthusiasm of independent bookshops. So much to see and do!

Watch out for the tiny resin mystery sculptures that have been quietly appearing on Owen Sound's downtown utility poles. From snack-shrine collages to tool-box dioramas, the anonymous artist leaves them like urban Easter eggs. Locals and visitors can now wander the downtown core playing an accidental game of **Where's Waldo?, Owen Sound** edition.

Local artist **Frank deMatteis** will be exhibiting his remarkable nature paintings at the Ginger Press this summer. Drop by to meet Frank at 2:00 on Saturday June 27. This is also ArtWalk day, so c'mon down and enjoy everything the downtown has to offer.



Who wouldn't love a **book launch on a boat**? Join Miranda Miller, author of *Flowerpot Island Then & Now* for her book talk and signing on board the Chi-Cheemaun on Sunday June 28 leaving Tobermory at 8:45am and leaving South Baymouth at 11:00. Get your day-passenger now ticket at 1 800-265-3163. See you on the Cheech!

And registration is now open for the **Intersections Wood Symposium 2026**, taking place in and around Owen Sound October 16 to 18. Sessions will explore traditional techniques, artists innovations, and the evolution of woodworking and woodturning for beginning to experienced makers. Deets at [www.intersectionscollaborative.org](http://www.intersectionscollaborative.org).

See you around the Sound!  
- Maryann



# OWEN SOUND EMANCIPATION FESTIVAL

BONITA JOHNSON DEMATTEIS ● ● ● ● ●

Since 1862, descendants of former slaves who settled in this area have come back to celebrate Emancipation Day at the Owen Sound Emancipation Festival. Held annually at Harrison Park, this event acknowledges Owen Sound as the Northern Terminus of the Underground Railroad, the route African American slaves used to escape from slavery to freedom.

This year, the 164th annual, will highlight the theme of the North Star. The Speaker’s Corner, will be held at 7:00pm, July 31st at Grey Roots Museum. Saturday, August 1st, will start off with a freedom walk from Grey Roots to Harrison Park that will take walkers right to the Park’s Black History Cairn to open up the festivities.

Throughout the day, the musical lineup will include Fyrefly Entertainment; Leevon Mahoney; DJ HungryLife with Rob Elder, Pete Devlin and Joel Morelli; and Switchback with Oliver Clark, Jacob Phalan, Dick Berenster, and Frank deMatteis.

On August 2nd, Inspirational Sunday will be held at the Legacy Hall at the British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church, 256 11th Street West in Owen Sound, with music by david sereda and Bobby Dean Blackburn.

Also, in keeping with the Northern Star theme this year, a submission has been made to the City of Owen Sound proposing the renaming of Ryerson Park on 5th Avenue to Northern Star Thomas Green Park. The proposal was submitted by Sibyl Lendore McQuilken, a lifelong Owen Sound resident, along with Pam

Houston; both are descendants of the Thomas Green family. The name reflects generations of the family’s connection to the neighbourhood, including land ownership on 5th Avenue, leadership within the BME Church, and long-standing ties to Ryerson School. The family was also known for quietly helping others in the community through faith, hospitality, and care. This legacy would reflect their enduring presence and continued contributions to this community.

The Emancipation Festival, a not-for-profit organization, is grateful for the support from government, community organizations, businesses, and individuals who contribute time and money to make these events possible. For more event details and ways to get involved, visit [www.emancipation.ca/events](http://www.emancipation.ca/events) or connect with us on Facebook or Instagram.





# CARGILL: NORTH AMERICA'S FIRST BOOK TOWN!

KEVIN MCKAGUE

The idea came, as the best ideas often do, from a conversation with a fellow book lover. A couple of years ago, Maryann Thomas — owner of The Ginger Press and publisher of the Owen Sounder — mentioned something I'd never heard of: book towns. Small rural communities (especially in Europe, but also in Australia and New Zealand) where bookshops, literary culture, and a shared love of the written word had become the foundation for a new kind of local economic development.

The idea stuck with me. I had been a professor of community economic development for 10 years and was intrigued to know more.

When we opened the Bruce County Bookstore in Cargill in 2021, the vision was to help bring the town back to life by creating a cluster of destination tourism enterprises that would bring people into town and generate revenue to restore some of its beautiful old buildings. Today the Bookstore focuses exclusively on Bruce County titles and local authors and publishers.

Learning about the Book Town movement planted a seed. Could Cargill, a village of a few hundred people on the back roads of Bruce County, become part of this global movement? This year, we found out the answer is yes! Cargill has been accepted into the International Organisation of Book Towns, making us the first designated book town in

the Western Hemisphere!

The Book Town movement began in 1961 in Hay-on-Wye, Wales; it has since grown to include member towns in Belgium, Bulgaria, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, New Zealand and Australia. Book Towns are working to prove a unique literary-driven model of sustainable rural tourism. Visitors come for the books and stay for the community and other discoveries. And now, Canada is on the map.

Our designation is a wonderful recognition of our broader community economic development efforts in Cargill. Alongside the Bruce County Bookstore, the Mill Pond Gallery and Café features the work of talented artists, locally roasted coffee, fresh baked goods and Mennonite preserves.

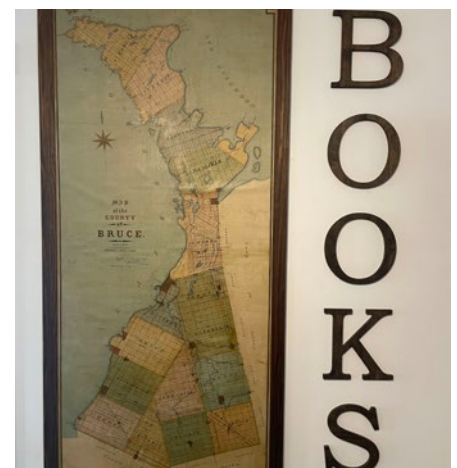
The Dam Ice Cream Bar brings people through the door with some of the best local ice cream from the family-owned Central Smith Creamery. The Cargill Museum tells the story of a community that was once a centre of pioneering industry in the late 1800s, when Henry Cargill harvested old-growth timber from the Greenock Swamp and established the enterprises that built this corner of Bruce County.

Books have become a thread tying it all together — heritage, the arts, local economy, and a reason for people to visit and stay a while.

The Bruce County Bookstore

has also published works of local history including a biography of Henry Cargill and a series of 27 books on the early business histories of Bruce County towns and villages. Every summer we host book launches, author talks, poetry readings, and literary workshops, including authors such as Jennifer Frankum and Cindy Matthews and publishers such as Maryann Thomas. This international designation gives us a platform to build on that programming and connect with other book towns around the world who have been doing this work for decades.

The Bruce County Bookstore is open at 203 Cargill Road in Cargill from the May long weekend to the Labour Day weekend, Thursdays to Sundays, 11:00 to 4:00. Follow us on facebook and Instagram and learn more about the international book town movement at [internationalbooktowns.org](http://internationalbooktowns.org).



# GREY COUNTY HERITAGE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

ELIZABETH MCKINLAY AND KARIN NOBLE • • • • •



The 2026 Grey County Heritage Certificate of Recognition recipient is anthologist Joan Becroft whose compilations have significantly enriched the cultural, social and historical record of our local region.

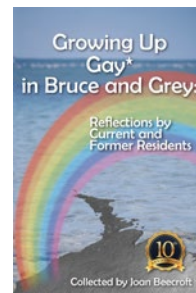
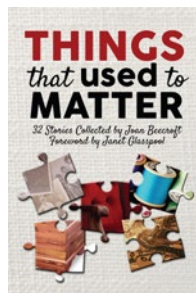
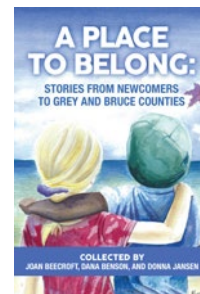
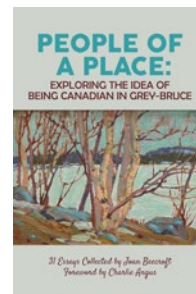
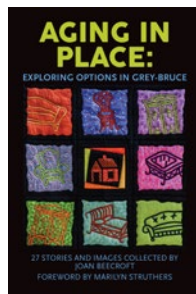
Through her six thoughtfully curated anthologies, Joan has made a significant contribution to the preservation of the lived experiences of individuals and communities whose stories might otherwise have gone unrecorded. Her efforts are a vital contribution to Grey County's collective memory, thus both promoting and preserving Grey County's history.

These first-person accounts from 150+ local writers illuminate the everyday realities that shape a community: the unspoken norms, quiet acts of courage, shifting values, and deeply personal moments that together define an era. By inviting contributors to speak in their own words, Joan ensures that the heritage of Grey Bruce

reflects a fuller spectrum of human experience.

While traditional histories often focus on dates, institutions, and major events, Joan's anthologies remind us that the truest heartbeat of the past lies in the experiences of ordinary people. Personal stories convey truths that official records cannot - revealing how communities evolved, how identities were formed, and how lives were lived in the moments that rarely appear in textbooks. In preserving these voices, Joan safeguards not only the memories but also the emotional landscapes, social realities, and cultural nuances of their time.

Congratulations, Joan!




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# ARTWALK 2026

## A CELEBRATION OF ART AND ARTISTS IN DOWNTOWN OWEN SOUND

10:00 TO 3:00 SATURDAY JUNE 27



- VISIT THE GALLERIES AND SHOPS! • MEET THE ARTISTS! • DEMONSTRATIONS AND ART TALKS!
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- SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF CONTEMPORARY AND VINTAGE VENUES THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN



### **1. BLUEWATER QUILTERS GUILD 769 2ND AVENUE EAST**

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### **2. CURVEY LINES ART SCHOOL & PRINT SHOP 817 3RD AVENUE EAST**

All-day hands-on painting techniques demonstration plus an exhibition of recent paintings by Lesley Bankes and featuring Leslie's newest book, *How to Draw Realism*.



### **3. GEORGIAN BAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS 938 2ND AVENUE EAST**

Located in the iconic Bingo Hall in downtown Owen Sound, this large open-concept space accommodates fully equipped studios for jewellery, pottery, printmaking, stained glass, painting, textiles, mixed media, and digital arts. Demonstrations and details on the many classes for children and adults will be available today.



### **4. GREY GALLERY 883 2ND AVENUE EAST**

This is the final day to view Cindy Norton's exhibition *Fragments*. Meet the artist at 2:00pm. We will also host a watercolour demonstration by artist Raquell Yang from 11 to noon.



### **5. HEARTWOOD HOME 939 2ND AVENUE EAST**

Make your own zine with local artist Heather Murray! What is a zine? It's a non-commercial homemade magazine or mini comic about your favourite topic, personal story, or art. It's often made using collages, drawings, handwritten text, and home printers or photocopiers, usually folded, and stapled. Spend a little creative time crafting your own zine. All materials are provided and there will be an idea jar if you can't think of a topic on the spot. Interesting, weird, or unique: learn to express yourself as a Zinester!



### **6. INTERSECTIONS WOOD COLLABORATIVE 299 10TH STREET EAST AT 3RD AVENUE EAST**

Intersections Wood Collaborative specializes in teaching fine woodworking and wood turning to both beginner and advanced woodworkers of all ages. We will be displaying examples of beautiful wood art produced by our students, instructors, and members. Last chance to register for our upcoming Wood Symposium in October at the early bird price!



*Under the Apple Tree by Lesley Bankes*

**7. JAMES'S EMPORIUM VINTAGE SHOP  
883 2ND AVENUE EAST (BACK ROOM)**

James's Emporium is full of interesting vintage pieces, everything from clothing to kitchenware, glassware, china, cookware, and lamps. James has great taste which shows in his curated collection which includes mid-century modern design, Pyrex, and Fiesta Ware.

**8. OWEN SOUND & NORTH GREY UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY  
824 1ST AVENUE WEST**

Since 1914, the Library has been providing community space, resources and programs for young, old, and everyone in between. Today we will feature the launch of the TD Summer Reading Club with activities for children in the Youth Services Department as well as a special display of books about art and art instruction.

**9. OWEN SOUND ARTISTS' CO-OPERATIVE  
942 2ND AVENUE EAST**

With more than 45 member artists, the Co-op will provide ArtWalkers with a remarkable overview of the local art scene. Artists will be present to talk about their work throughout the day.

**10. OWEN SOUND FARMERS' MARKET  
88 8TH STREET EAST**

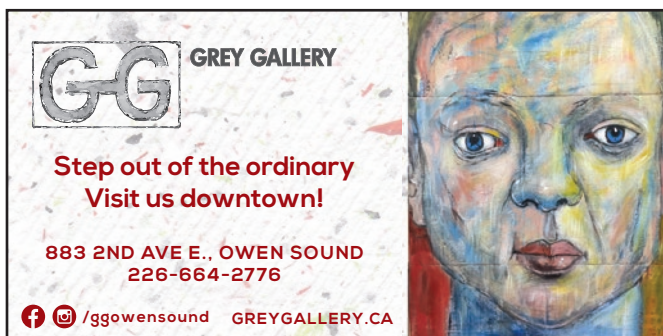
We feature 50+ vendors of food and crafts, including some amazing local culinary artists with savouries and sweets from world cuisines. Open 8:00-12:30, so start your ArtWalk here and enjoy the best selection of the finest food from local farmers.

**11. TOM THOMSON ART GALLERY  
840 1ST AVENUE WEST**

The Tom Thomson Art Gallery is an open landscape for exploring art. Come and see works by Tom Thomson, as well as exhibitions by contemporary artists. The Owen Sound Tourist office is now located here as well, with updated information on Grey-Bruce.

**12. VINTAGE MAGPIE  
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# MUSIC IN THE SOUND

JENN WRIGHT • • • • •

Get ready for another celebration of live music in downtown Owen Sound. The long-running **Harbour Nights** concerts begin at 7:00pm on Sunday evenings throughout the summer. Concerts include **Tianna Woods** (June 14); **Saving Grace** (June 21); **MacKenzie Blues Band** (June 28); **Scott Howarth Band** (July 5); **Mike McCarthy Band** (July 12); **Youth Night** (July 19); **Gracie Jet** (July 26); **Grey Road 1** at 4:00pm and **60s Revisited** at 7:00pm on August 9; and **I, The Mountain** at 4:00pm and **Paul Woolner** at 7:00pm on August 16. The concerts all take place outside the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre at 1155 1st Avenue West. Details can be found at [owensound.ca/harbournights](http://owensound.ca/harbournights).

The **Midweek Music** series takes place Wednesdays at 4:30pm throughout the downtown. **Rock the Sound Choir** starts the series on June 17 on the front steps at City Hall; then **Mid Life Crisis** on June 24 at Kelso Beach at Nawash Park; **Kailey Jane Hawkins & Jonny Armstrong** on June 8 at Grey Gallery Gardens; **Paige Warner** on July 15 at Community Waterfront Heritage



Centre; **Jon Zaslow & John Hume** on July 22 at the Gazebo behind the Bayshore Community Centre; the **Rob Elder Trio** on July 29 at the Owen Sound Farmers' Market; **James Brown Duo** on August 5 on the front steps at City Hall; **Dave Snider & Cowdust** on August 12 at the Owen Sound Farmers' Market; **Gracie Jet** on August 19 at the West Side Boat Launch; **Ain't She Sweet** on August 26 at the green space behind the basketball courts at Harrison Park; the **Belle Bottoms** on September 2 at the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre; **Onion Honey** on September 9 at the Billy Bishop Pollinator Garden; and **Drew Wright** on September 16 at the Owen Sound Farmers' Market. Details can be found at [owensound.ca/midweekmusic](http://owensound.ca/midweekmusic).



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# NEW BOOK

## THEN & NOW: FLOWERPOT ISLAND BY MIRANDA MILLER

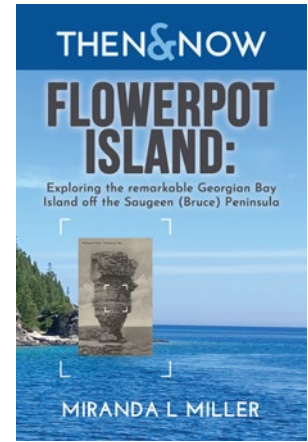


Flowerpot Island is a place where wind, water, and stone tell stories older than memory. Its iconic rock pillars, carved over thousands of years, rise from the Niagara Escarpment at the tip of the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula. Local author Miranda Miller's connection to the island began in childhood and, as its popularity has grown, she has written this book to share its story and provide visitors with what they need to know to hike the trails, explore caves, and visit the historic light station.

*Then & Now: Flowerpot Island*

will be launched onboard the Chi-Cheemaun on Sunday June 28. Miranda will give a short talk and be available to answer questions on the 8:45 sailing from Tobermory to South Baymouth and the 11:00 sailing from South Baymouth to Tobermory. Books will be available for sale (\$20) and signing.

Join us to celebrate the publication of *Then & Now: Flowerpot Island* by Miranda Miller onboard the Chi-Cheemaun on Sunday June 28. You can leave your car in Tobermory and reserve your ticket as a day passenger by



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MICHAEL MCDONALD, CEO, BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY • • • • •

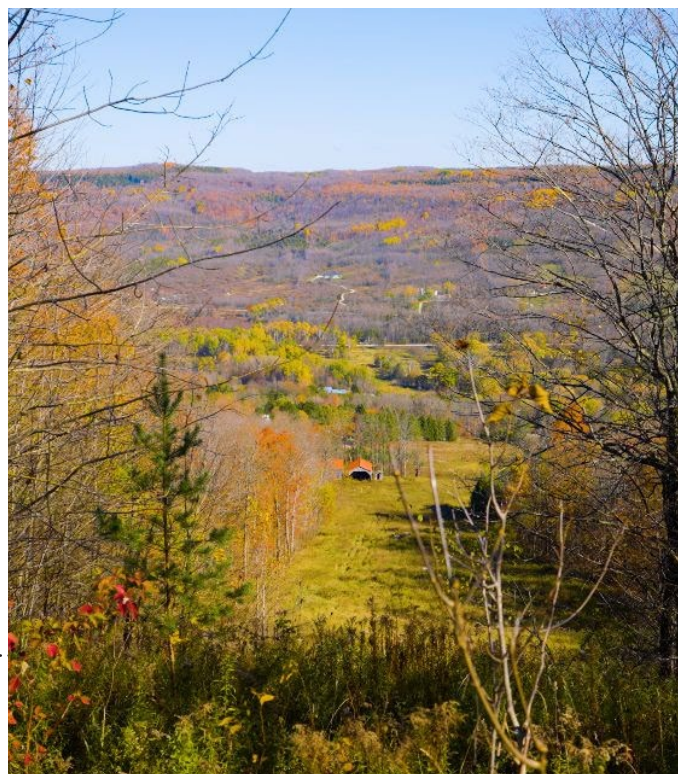
For over a decade, the future of the Talisman Resort lands hung in the balance. After the ski hill closed in 2011, proposals for intensive, large-scale development of the property left many people concerned about what might come next.

When the opportunity arose for the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) to step in, we did not hesitate. Leaning on our sixty years of experience preserving and caring for the Niagara Escarpment, we knew we had the skilled staff, dedicated volunteers, and ecological experience needed to take on this once-in-a-generation project. Bringing this land into the hands of a conservation organization has long been a dream for those who care about safeguarding our natural environment.

Now, together, we can make it a reality. Your donation today will cover the costs to secure 134 acres of Niagara Escarpment land and begin restoring it to its natural state. With decades of restoration experience, the BTC understands landscapes that have been cherished, heavily used, and sometimes scarred. We see these places not as lost, but as opportunities to rebuild habitat and support the variety of species that depend on the Niagara Escarpment.

What makes this property especially significant is the chance to return previously developed land used for resort activities back to nature, forever. The former ski hill structures, including the abandoned lodges, will be removed and the landscape carefully remediated, allowing the land to heal and once again function as a thriving natural ecosystem.

The cost to secure the land, remove the resort structures, and launch one of the largest restoration projects in BTC history is \$7.5 million. Right now, the first \$1.5 million will be matched dollar for dollar by Environment and Climate Change Canada, meaning your donation will go twice as far. Your donation will ensure that Talisman Forest Nature Reserve will be protected and preserved for generations to come. Securing and restoring this iconic property is the most ambitious project in Bruce Trail Conservancy history. For more information and to make a donation, visit [www.brucetrail.org](http://www.brucetrail.org).





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This project is funded in part by the Rural Economic Development Program.



# PREPARE TO BE BLOWN AWAY!

*Wild Weather* is a hands-on, high-energy exhibition that brings the awe-inspiring power of severe weather to life for visitors. On until September 5 at Grey Roots Museum & Archives, this immersive museum experience invites curious minds of all ages to explore the science behind Earth's most extreme conditions. From roaring hurricanes to crackling lightning, Wild Weather blends interactive play with real-world weather and climate science.

Experience Severe Weather - Without Getting Wet!  
Travel through a series of engaging exhibit zones designed to spark curiosity and excitement:

- Research hurricanes from the outer edges right to the eye of the storm;
- Witness the destructive force of tornadoes, one of nature's most unpredictable phenomena;
- Track turbulent cloud formations and lightning strikes in the thunderstorm zone;
- Become a citizen scientist during a raging winter storm;
- Meet a researcher in the lab studying the power of wind and extreme weather;
- Get "blown away" in a staged hurricane photo opportunity.

Be sure to explore *Local Stories: Changing Weather* as well! This new exhibit highlights how individuals and communities in Grey County are responding to changing weather patterns. Developed by the Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Team, *Local Stories: Changing*

*Weather* also includes four panels exploring wild weather themes from a local perspective, displayed throughout the *Wild Weather* exhibit.

Located at 102599 Grey Road 18 near Owen Sound, Grey Roots Museum & Archives is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00 and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00.






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# GREY COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS

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Whether you're a foodie, a health enthusiast, or just love a market stroll, farmers' markets offer a treasure trove of fresh produce, local food and so much more. Imagine the joy of biting into crunchy carrots or a perfectly ripe peach on a bright summer's day. Knowing what's in season in Ontario will help you make the most of your market visit. So, let's embark on this delicious journey together and explore the seasonal delights that await.

Farmers' markets are the perfect place to shop for fresh produce, locally made goods, and get to know talented local artisans and craftspeople. Many markets even feature live music performances and demonstrations. You can find details on each market below; check their individual Facebook pages for more information on vendors, locations, and special events.

## **OWEN SOUND FARMERS MARKET**

The Owen Sound Farmers' Market is open every Saturday, year round, from 8:00am to 12:30pm, but it really blossoms during the summer months. Discover a diverse array of fresh flowers, local produce, fish, meat, delectable baked goods, handcrafted items, clothing, and live music.

## **FLESHERTON AND DISTRICT FARMERS' MARKET**

The Flesherton and District Farmers' Market takes place at the Flesherton Arena every Saturday starting in May from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Come and explore a delightful mix of fresh produce, artisanal goods, and craft goods that will make your weekend unforgettable. Whether you're a local or just passing through, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

## **KEADY MARKET**

One of the larger markets in Grey County, Keady Market runs year-round, every Tuesday from 7:00am to 2:00pm but ramps up in the summer months with outdoor market vendors. Located in the heart of Keady, there is something for everyone from a variety of fruits

and vegetables, deli meats, home baking, antiques, gifts and even livestock auctions starting at 9:00am.

## **HANOVER EAT WELL FARMERS' MARKET**

Every Saturday morning from 9:00am to 1:00pm, enjoy a wide range of vendors set up at Heritage Square in Hanover starting in May. There are vendors selling local food, artisan products and more, with the occasional live performance. Make sure to check it out before the end of the summer!

## **MEAFORD FARMERS' MARKET**

The Meaford Farmers' Market opens in May and is held every Friday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Enjoy fresh, locally grown produce, artisanal goods, and handcrafted items. Located in the Rotary Pavilion along the waterfront, the market is a perfect way to support local farmers and connect with the community!

## **THORNBURY FARMERS' MARKET**

Starting in May, the Thornbury Farmers' Market is open every Sunday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Come by and take a look at all the 25+ regular vendors and get all your shopping done in one place for all things local.



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