



***“Building on the past to forge a prosperous, green, creative and inclusive future”***

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## **Summer Activities for Everyone!!**

### **An exciting collaboration is underway**

FOMOS is partnering with the Central Manitoulin Historical Society (CMHS) to conduct many exciting workshops during the summer and Fall at the Museum 2207 Hwy 551, Mindemoya. There’s something for all ages. What a great opportunity to learn a new skill or brush up on an old one.

For more information and the summer schedule, check out the [CMHS](#) and [FOMOS](#) Facebook pages, or go to: [cmhsmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:cmhsmuseum@gmail.com) or by phone at 705-377-4383

**Crafts:** Tuesdays 1-3 ongoing to Aug. 27, \$5.

**Learn to Play Bridge:**

Thursday’s 1-3 now to Aug. 29, Free.

**Kids Crafts:**

Tuesdays 10-11 now to Aug 6, \$5.

**Plein Air Art Workshop for beginners:** Wednesday, July 31, Mindemoya Old School, \$30.

## **The Annual Online Auction ends Aug 10th**

**Bidding is NOW OPEN.** Once again we have a great selection of beautiful creations by local artists. Don’t miss your chance to own a piece created by talented supporters of FOMOS.



## 50/50 tickets are 75% sold!

Congratulations to Richard J. winner of the \$500 Early Bird Draw. There's still time to win up to \$5000. Watch for us around town or send an e-transfer to [mindemoyoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:mindemoyoldschool@gmail.com) and we will send your ticket numbers (specify 50/50 in the note section). Get tickets up until August 10th or until sold out.



## Birthday Bash and BBQ is coming soon!

Make sure to save the date **Saturday, Aug 10, 10 am - 2 pm.**

Once again we will have an exciting lineup of activities in and around the Mindemoya arena. Entertainment, demonstrations, food, snacks and vendors are just a few things on offer. The winning ticket for our 50/50 will be drawn and the winning bids for the auction items will be announced. (The pieces will be on display and you have a chance to place a last-minute bid, until noon)

## Renovation Update

The insulation was removed in late spring and most of the required engineering study was conducted. The report is almost complete and after another assessment of the roof area, we are hopeful that the new insulation can be installed very soon.

## Yard/Trunk and Bake sale was a success!

After the initial “washout” for our sale in June, we ended up with a great day on July 13th. Lots of lucky people managed to score some great deals, buy some delectable donated home-baked goods, bid on some raffle baskets and enjoy a yummy chili lunch.

Once again our **wonderful volunteers** donated, baked and helped out to make the day a great success, raising just over \$2000 to help with our mission.

# New Blogs about Green Buildings

This summer everyone is thinking about the wildfires that are heralding climate change. Our eco-friendly retrofit will be a showcase to inspire future retrofits that reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate climate breakdown. Here is a short piece about heat pumps, with much more information on our website [www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca](http://www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca)

In Ontario, heat pumps are fast becoming the technology of choice for both home heating and air conditioning. Why is this the case, and why is a heat pump the best choice for the Mindemoya Old School? **Before answering that question, what exactly do heat pumps do?**

Heat pumps do the work of heaters as well as air conditioners. They heat homes by moving heat from outdoors to indoors. How does that work? First, heat pumps consist of two pieces of equipment, one inside and the other outside. The unit that's outside might be underground or it might just sit beside the building. They move heat like refrigerators. It's not magic, it's just using the idea that **heat always moves from hot to cold**. Think of a refrigerator that moves heat from inside the refrigerator into the kitchen, even though the inside of the refrigerator is colder than your kitchen. The coils in the fridge contain a liquid that's colder than the air in the fridge, so the liquid warms up and then the heat is pumped out the back and warms your kitchen.

Our three new blogs are on our website now: [Making the case for eco-friendly retrofits](#)  
[Cool Roofs](#)    [The new way of heating - with heat pumps](#)

## Your Ongoing Support is Crucial!

We are so lucky to have such great support from so many special people. Because of generous donors like you, we have completed the roof, the insulation removal and the engineering assessment. As you can imagine, all of these things are costly and even though we work very hard to raise money through fundraising activities and grant applications, we still need your help.

### **There are so many ways you can help!**

Do you have expertise in an area like grant applications, letter writing or advertising?  
Do you have some extra time to sell tickets or help at an event?

Would you like to help out financially? Remember we can now issue tax receipts for donations over \$100. Visit [www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca](http://www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca) for details.

**Is there an area where you think you could help that isn't mentioned above?** We would LOVE to hear from you. [mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com)