



# Friends of the Mindemoya Old School

## NEWSLETTER

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### SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

At last, we are again looking forward to enjoying the great outdoors and with it, all that our wonderful island has to offer. For some of you, time on the island may only be a short holiday. Yet, however brief your stay may be, we hope you will still be able to participate in some of our exciting events this summer...

**Exciting Update!**

FOMOS is happy to announce a new way to donate and **receive a tax-deductible receipt!!!**

Thanks to our collaboration agreement with a registered charity, donations of \$100 and over, are eligible to receive a receipt.

To take advantage of this opportunity, [click here](#). You will be directed to our partner organization, the [Archdiocese of Kingston](#). **"Be sure to select "Community Agreement Funds" AND type "Mindemoya Old School" in the notes section, otherwise the funds don't get to us!"**

All donations, no matter the amount, are gratefully accepted and appreciated as we move forward with our exciting plans for the Mindemoya Old School.

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**Donate direct to FOMOS (no tax receipt)**

### A NEW YARD SALE SEASON – SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 10!

- FOMOS will again be holding a YARD-BAKE-TRUNK sale at the Lions Pavilion behind Mindemoya Old School on June 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Rain or Shine!)
- WHAT IS A TRUNK SALE? Bring your items to sell, park your car, open your trunk and sell your treasures. It would be a good idea to have a table if needed. The fee for this is \$20.
- Antique buffs will have noticed finding antique treasures at auctions and yard sales is becoming harder. Never fear, we are here! This year, we will be incorporating a tool and antique sale. Could this be your lucky day to find that long sought-after treasure?
- FOMOS merch and memberships will, of course, also be available for purchase.
- We know from previous bake sales that some of you are excellent bakers and we're hoping you will again contribute some of your goodies. Just bring them with you to the event, making sure they're priced. If you can't make it on Saturday, Jim and Joanne Smith will accept baked donations at their home on June 9th. Stay tuned for more.

FOMOS' Second Annual General Meeting is also in June – date to be determined. We hope everyone can attend via zoom.



### 2ND ANNUAL ART AUCTION

By now you will have received an email giving advance notice of our second annual art auction. We are so excited to see the creative work that will be donated for this year's event. Last year we included some truly spectacular pieces by our talented members. Learning as we go along, the auction/bidding process will be a little different this year. Details to follow. Winning bids will be announced during our Birthday Bash on August 12.



### 50 / 50 DRAW - GREAT ODDS AWAIT YOU

Tickets for our 2nd annual 50 /50 draw will be sold from May 1 until August 12 at noon, with the draw being held at 1:00 p.m. during our 3rd annual birthday bash (see below)

Tickets are \$5 each and 1,000 tickets will be available for sale. You could win up to \$2,500. Last year's winner took home over \$1,400!

Get your tickets at Williamson's, at island events or by email: [mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com)



### 3RD ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BASH (SAVE THE DATE!) Saturday, August 12 2023 from 11 am - 2 pm

Events will be held around the School, at the Mindemoya Arena and at the Lion's Pavilion and will include BBQ, Local Vendors, Entertainment, Demonstrations, Kids games and activities and announcements of the Art Auction and 50/50 draw results. Crafters willing to demonstrate are asked to contact us. People love to see how things are made and the skills needed.

This bash is also your chance to view lots of photos and displays showing the interior of the school and our renovation plans. We receive a lot of requests to see inside the building but due to insurance issues (and hopefully construction), we can't allow members of the public inside YET.

Going forward, our annual Birthday Bash will always be on the second Saturday of August. This will make it easier for you all to plan your holiday around the date. Thus, next year's event will be on Saturday, August 10, 2024.



### 2023 STARTED WITH A BANG!

[The All-Inclusive Winterlude \( Heritage Week Celebration \)](#)

We held our very first All-Inclusive Heritage Winterlude Market in February. "All-Inclusive" because we all have a heritage to celebrate, right? We welcomed the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation as well as the Central Manitoulin Historical Society as special guests

Northern spirit and fortitude prevailed. In spite of a nasty snowstorm, a dedicated team of volunteers managed to create a warm and inviting atmosphere for this wonderful day out. Extra thanks to all of our regular volunteers and also to those who are new to the FOMOS family. Your assistance was (as it always is) greatly appreciated.

Intrepid local vendors brought their products to sell. The warm and inviting atmosphere allowed lots of socializing time and many connections were forged. Informative historical displays were provided by FOMOS and the Central Manitoulin Historical Society, allowing attendees to brush up on some lesser known local history.

Coffee and muffins were enjoyed while listening to the dulcet tones provided by The Islanders, and Jim and Joanne Smith.

Thanks again to those who braved the elements to support this inaugural event.



### THE GREENEST BUILDING IS ONE THAT ALREADY EXISTS

Why save buildings like the Mindemoya Old School? Part of the answer is in the phrase, "The greenest building is one that already exists." New buildings take an enormous amount of resources – stone and clay quarried, cleaned, and cut or fired; trees harvested for lumber; materials manufactured and shipped long distances, not to mention the actual construction. Think of the energy that goes into new buildings, and the greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere. An existing building can be transformed for new uses with a much smaller environmental impact than demolition and building new.

The National Trust for Canada is an advocate for preserving historical buildings. Chris Weibe, their Manager of Heritage Policy and Government Relations, writes, "It is now broadly recognized internationally that using and upgrading the performance of our existing buildings presents one of the quickest ways to reach our climate action targets.". His article, "Riding the Reuse Wave," in the National Trusts' magazine Locale, identifies some of the barriers to repurposing existing buildings. "Obsolescence studies show most buildings are bulldozed well before they become structurally unsound..." It is essential to remove the systemic barriers to reusing and repurposing existing buildings.

It's about even more than climate action.. Mr. Weibe adds, "[The] UN Environment warns that extractive industries (e.g. cutting forests, digging mines, dredging sandbars) are responsible for over 80% of biodiversity loss as well as half the world's carbon emissions." Protecting our buildings also protects the environment.



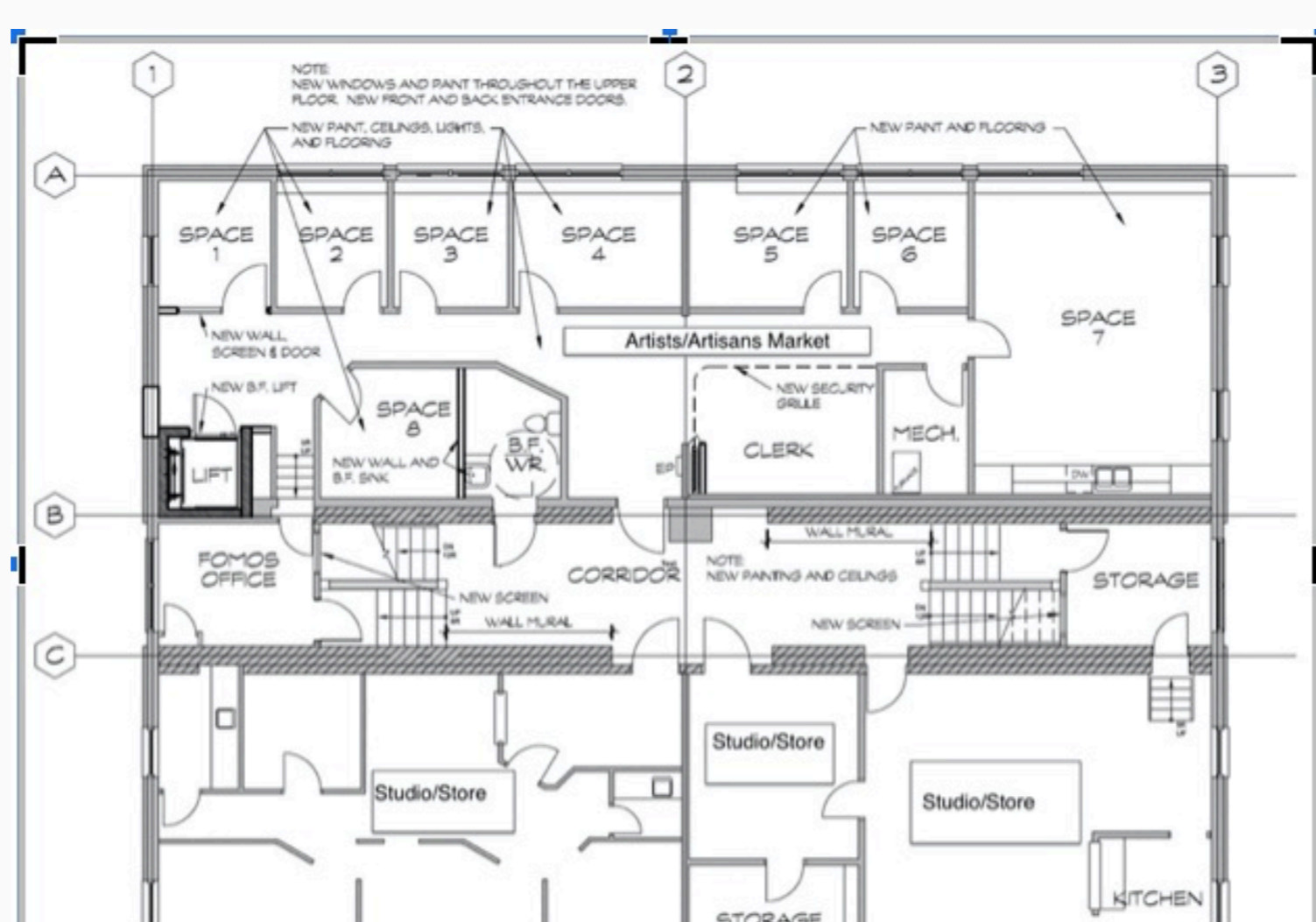
### ODDS & SODS

#### Merchandise for sale

- As always, we have a selection of wonderful and unique merchandise for sale. Great for gifts. Find articles and pricing on our website [Mindemoyaoldschool.ca](http://Mindemoyaoldschool.ca). These locally produced and unique items can also be purchased at the many events where FOMOS is represented.

#### Every Contribution, Big or Small, Counts!

- You can help save this historic building by sending your donation via e-transfer to [mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com), with a message letting us know( a dedicated team of volunteers) it's a gift from you. [Or click here](#), or send a cheque by post. Please note we cannot issue tax-deductible receipts at this time (except as noted in our Exciting News announcement above).



### LAST BUT NOT LEAST - FLOOR PLANS FOR THE ARTISTS/ARTISANS HUB

We are planning to repair and resinglethe the roof this summer! That's the first priority.

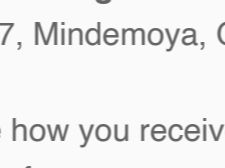
Then we will repair the main level to be an Artists/Artisans Hub. The east side will be a market where artists and artisans can showcase their work.

FOMOS will provide a clerk to take care of customers. The west side will be studios and stores, market where over, or some combination. As always, reach out to us with any input you might have. We wish everyone a wonderful spring!

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