



**NEWSLETTER**

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As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisper, we are pleased to share the latest edition of the FOMOS newsletter. **WE'VE BEEN BUSY!**

**Summer Wrap-Up**

Our second **50/50 raffle** was a great success thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the generosity of local businesses. Dante F of Sudbury, our lucky winner, took home \$2500!

Thanks to 20 very talented and generous artists, some lucky people picked up one-of-a-kind works of art that were featured in our first-ever **Online Art Auction**. Final bidding took place electronically at our Birthday Bash on August 12 and highest bids were announced at the event. The auction raised over \$2,200 for the renovations. We hope to make this easy-to-use platform, an annual fundraiser for FOMOS.

**Our 3rd annual Birthday Bash** was a resounding success!! An amazing number of people turned out to experience numerous activities that were available inside and outside the Mindemoya arena. Attendees enjoyed silent and online auctions, great musical entertainment by the Islanders, BBQ, hot and cold drinks, treats, prize bingo, kids activities, games and lots of local vendors. Our cafe area was a huge hit.

This fun-filled day will be held annually on the 2nd Saturday in August. Make sure to plan your vacation time so you can join us **on August 10, 2024**.



**Priorities for this Fall**

- Leasing space on the main level: Funding agencies want assurance that our business model will work, so we are lining up artists and crafters who are interested in leasing space next year. Many creative people are in the process of choosing spaces, whether it be display space or studio space. If you are interested in seeing the planned layout and perhaps choosing your spot, please contact us.
- A new roof: Thanks to generous donations and lots of fundraising activities, we are now ready to begin the re-roofing phase of our renovation project. We hope to show off our new roof late this fall.

**WE CAN DO THIS...TOGETHER!**

Any donation amount is welcome! You can send a cheque to Friends of the Mindemoya Old School, P.O. Box 107, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0, or send us an e-transfer at [mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com) (please include your name and email address) or go on our website [mindemoyaoldschool.ca](http://mindemoyaoldschool.ca) to [donate online](#).

As you know, Friends of the Mindemoya Old School is a not-for-profit. Not for profits can't issue tax-deductible receipts for donations. However, FOMOS has partnered with the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, so...if you can donate \$100 or more, here's how you can receive a tax receipt...

**The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario** issues tax receipts (for donations to us)! To help us achieve our goal of saving this building from demolition, please make your donation to The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, **with a note that it's for the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School**. They will issue your receipt and your donation will pay for renovations to the Old School.

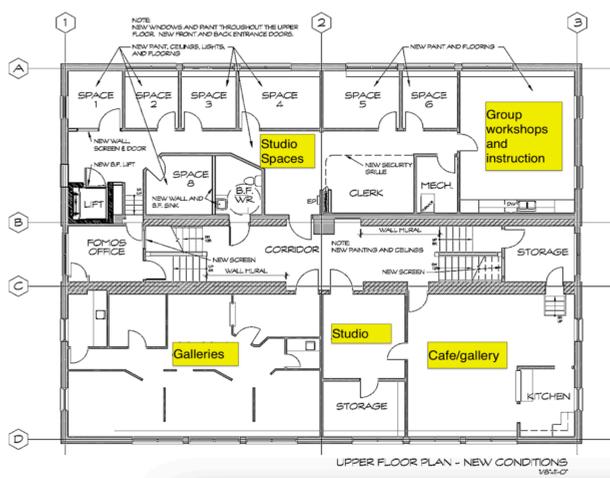
- You can make your **cheque** out to: Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, 401 Richmond St. W, suite 206, Toronto, ON M5V 3A8 Be sure to note that your donation is for the Mindemoya Old School.
- Or you can [donate online](#). You will be asked if you are a member of ACO, just enter "Yes" or "No" , then fill in your last name and email, and it will ask how much you want to donate. Enter the amount. Make sure the Donation Information box says Community Agreements Funds - Mindemoya. Then fill in the rest of the form to donate.

**Please note: Please let FOMOS know the amount and date of your donation so that we can keep track. For confidentiality ACO can only give us the donation amounts, not the name of the donor, but we want to be sure to send out appropriate thank-you notes for your generous donations.**

*Thank you for being a part of our journey!*

*Here it is!*

**The Proposed Floor Plan for the Arts and Crafts Hub**



This design shows just how versatile and useful the main level will be for artists and crafters. It will have display space/galleries, studio spaces, and a space for group workshops and classes. A 3-stop lift from the landing to both the main level and lower level will make the entire building accessible by wheelchair.

**DONATE NOW**

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