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MEDIA RELEASE

CELEBRATING THE HERITAGE OF HURONIA DOORS OPEN HURONIA JUNE 7 and 8, 2014

Doors Open Huronia offers the opportunity to take a peek into the past and explore local sites of interest - for FREE! During the weekend of June 7 and 8, 2014, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene and the Townships of Tay and Springwater will be opening their historic doors to over 25 sites, for all visitors and residents to enjoy.

Doors Open Huronia 2014 is a celebration of the area's local history and heritage, offering access to historically significant sites that may not usually be open to the public. Sneak a peek at hidden historically significant places in our area that are featured as part of Doors Open Huronia.

The first Doors Open Day took place in France in 1984 and soon spread to neighbouring countries. In 1991, these events were united as European Heritage Days as an initiative of the Council of Europe. In 2003, all 48 signatory states of the European Cultural Convention participated in European Heritage Days.

The Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario in 2002, the first province-wide event of its kind in Canada, of which Doors Open Huronia was a part.

From April to October, residents are invited to discover Ontario's hidden heritage treasures, some of which have never been open to the public. Every year, Doors Open attracts large crowds across Ontario and since the program was launched in 2002, nearly 4 million visits have been made to heritage sites participating in this exciting initiative.

Don't miss your opportunity to take part in Doors Open Ontario 2014, now considered a cultural phenomenon, with hundreds of communities participating across the province.

For further event and site details pertaining to Doors Open Huronia, visit <http://doorsopenhuronia.wordpress.com/> or www.doorsopenontario.on.ca or "Like Us" on Facebook