



Ontario Power Generation recently donated \$5,000 to the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation to support the purchase of a new ultrasound machine. Taking part in the presentation were, from left to right: Kirstie Smith, fundraising director DRDH, Jennfier Gardiner, public affairs officer, OPG, Mike Watson DRDH Foundation chair, Gerald Filion, OPG Des Joachims GS, and Lianne Wheeler, DRDH chief nursing officer.

Photo: Terry Myers

OPG supports purchase of new ultrasound unit

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) continues to show its support for community health care.

This spring, OPG donated \$5,000 to the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation to support the purchase of a new ultrasound machine.

The new machine will increase the scope of testing available at the DRDH and decrease wait times and the need to drive long distances for

more involved testing.

As well as extending its thanks you to OPG for its yearly contribution, the DRDH Foundation is taking this opportunity to launch its new Corporate Giving Campaign.

This program is an opportunity for local business to contribute to the present and future health of the community which it serves.

By making a yearly pledge to the foundation, local businesses and

corporations make it possible for the hospital to purchase new and replace capital equipment.

There is no government funding provided for the purchase or replacement of capital equipment - the money must be raised by the community.

Currently the program includes Tim Hortons, Northern Credit Union, and Brian Kendrick - TravelOnly, to name a few.

In the next few months the foundation will be expanding its membership to surrounding communities to support and improve the high quality of health care residents receive at the DRDH.

If your business would like to join the club or if you have any further questions, please contact Kirstie Smith, fundraising director, at foundation@drdh.org, or call 584-1266 ext. 203.

Nuclear Society to celebrate 50 years of nuclear power

On June 4, 1962, electricity from the Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) reactor in Rolphton, Ontario flowed into the local grid, demonstrating for the first time in this country, the technology that has safely and reliably powered homes and businesses for five decades.

The Canadian Nuclear Society - Chalk River Branch is teaming up with PEO Algonquin Chapter and Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd to organize an event on Wednesday,



June 20, starting at 5:30 pm, commemorating the 50th anniversary since the start-up of NPD.

The event will take place at the JL Gray Building in Deep River (back entrance only).

The event celebrating the begin-

ning of Canada's nuclear power program will include speakers such as Fred Boyd, John Hilborn, Jon Jenkens, and Jean Pierre Letourneau.

Their talks will draw upon their work at NPD and discuss the impact of the reactor on nuclear power in Canada.

For example, Fred Boyd will discuss his involvement in the first design team working on the pressure vessel design and the first "Hazards"

Report (currently referred to as the Safety report), while John Hilborn will give an account of the first approach to critical, first demonstration of a self-powered neutron detector and fuel management.

Refreshments will be served. The event is open to the public.

For more information, please email chalkriver@cns-snc.ca or call Ashlea Colton at (613) 584-3311 ext. 43551 or Ruxandra Dranga at ext. 46856.

...and it all began right here

The following is a statement made by MPP John Yakabuski in the provincial legislature on June 4, 2012.

Fifty years ago today, history was made when a switch was flipped and the Nuclear Power Demonstration reactor - NPD - near Rolphton, Ontario, in my riding of Renfrew-

Nipissing-Pembroke, sent power to the grid.

This was the first nuclear power that flowed into our electricity system. It began what has been a long history of success, not only for our Candu reactors and their technology but also for the prosperity of the province of Ontario.

By proving that nuclear power could be produced reliably, safely and economically, it ensured that Ontario would have a sustainable supply of power as its biggest indus-

trial growth period coincided with the nuclear era.

What was Canada's first delivery of commercial nuclear power has grown into a system that provides over 50% of our power today.

In fact, reactors at Pickering, Darlington and Bruce Power produced 57% of Ontario's electricity in 2011.

The NPD is no longer in service. In 1987, after 25 years of success and far exceeding all of its original goals, it was retired.

It had been used extensively as a training reactor for generations of Canadian and international staff on the safe operation of Candu power plants all over the world.

Access to safe, reliable, affordable electricity is part of the foundation of a successful economy from which our standard of living evolves.

I am proud to say that it began right in my backyard, and I commend all of those whose faith and vision made history and changed our world for the better.

Arts co-op

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With almost-free lumber from a member's woodlot and the carpentry expertise of the "two Bobs," a significantly upgraded showroom was completed.

The customer base grew in numbers and the displays grew correspondingly to accommodate an increased volume of goods.

After a tragic fire in downtown Deep River in 1999, Fraser's clothing shop relocated to a vacant store next door, and the co-op had a temporary neighbour.

In 2000, Fraser's relocated back to the town core, and, for some members, the adjoining vacant space beckoned. The walls were slatted, facilitating the hanging of wall art, the space was about 400 sq. ft. larger and the move would be relatively simple and easy - but could the co-op afford it?

Some members were eager to put on a special Christmas exhibit next door - in the annex - on a trial basis only for the month of December.

Again, artisans from the community and area were invited to participate to fill out the exhibit.

It was a tremendous success, and the response was gratifying both for exhibitors and customers alike.

Based on this experience, the notion to move into the larger space was seen as feasible. The proposal was put to a vote and the co-op was on the move again - but only across the hall!

By June 1, 2002, the move was completed. The display problems that had been encountered in the past were finally addressed, the emphasis being to improve the aesthetics of the layout while providing wheelchair access to most aisles.

Since the number of display spaces in the room was finite, a waiting list was instituted for new artists wishing to join.

Today, all the major arts are represented:

- wood-turning, woodworking and woodcarving
- pottery: stoneware, porcelain, raku, sculptural plaques, slab work and clay furniture
- fibre arts: quilting, weaving, knitting, sun- and tie-dyeing of clothing, millinery, painting on silk, silk batik, puppetry and embroidered landscapes
- jewellery: silver smithing, beadwork, lamp work
- glasswork: glass fusion, stained glass
- wall art: paintings in water-colour, acrylic, and oil, as well as collages, and charcoal drawings
- photography
- basketry
- cards and calligraphy
- metalwork: wrought iron sculptures
- and even folded paper wall-hangings and cards: the art-with-no-name.

Activity at the co-op continues 25 years after it all started on a shoestring.

The Valley Artisans Co-op is now vigorous and thriving with over 30 artisans, and a "must see" focus for the arts in our community!

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