



GREY BRUCE  
HOME BUILDERS & TRADES ASSOCIATION

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## Trades Appreciation BBQ Draw Winners



During our September General Dinner Meeting we drew the names for the prize winners from the August Trades Appreciation BBQ. The names of the winners were as follows –

Zac Taylor from Kemble won the GAF Bluetooth Speaker, Michael Torres from Port Elgin won the Chilli Moose Happy Hour Set, Pete Groeneveld from Barry's Construction won the Orange Chilli Moose Cooler & BBQ set, Sal Gomez from Dale's Carpentry won the Kohltech jacket and hat and Nick Sylvest from Barry's Construction won the GAF Cooler Backpack Bag.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks for attending our Trades Appreciation BBQ. Thanks again to Jeff Gauthier from Port Elgin Home Hardware Building Centre for the donation of

the Orange Chilli Moose Cooler.

## Details – September & October's General Dinner Meeting

Our General Dinner Meetings resumed on September 27<sup>th</sup> after taking our summer break. Our September Pre-Dinner Member speaker was Janice Campbell from Spencer Safety Solutions ([www.spencersafetysolutions.ca](http://www.spencersafetysolutions.ca)). In President Derek Seaman's absence, Vice-President Tim Clancy led the meeting discussion which included a Treasurer's Report and discussion about the upcoming Owen Sound Home Show. We had 12 members in attendance.

October's General Dinner Meeting had 21 members and guests in attendance. Our guest speakers were Darlene Boisvenue from QUILL, Stacey Dufton and Jodi Burton-Scheifley from the Adult Learning Centres in Saugeen Shores and Owen Sound. They spoke about programs for prospective trade candidates and literacy issues (for more info we included the program flyer in this issue).

*Our next General Dinner Meeting is November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Queen's Bar & Grill in Port Elgin.*



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## Welcome New Association Members

Welcome to our newest members of our association. Make sure you visit the website link to learn more about them.

**AM Group Exteriors** - a full-service exterior solutions provider with divisions dedicated to roofing, windows/doors, insulation and aluminum since 1956. [www.amgroupofcompanies.ca](http://www.amgroupofcompanies.ca)

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## Grey Bruce Home Builders & Trades Association Current Membership Totals

**As of November 1st 2023 our current membership sits at-**

15 Home Builders	17 Trade Contractors
10 Suppliers	8 Professional Services
1 Community Partner	

**Total of 51 members. 8 of which are also OHBA/CHBA members**

Did you know that the Grey Bruce Home Builders & Trades Association is one of 27 HBA chapters under the umbrella of the Ontario Home Builders Association? We are also the second smallest, in terms of full OHBA/CHBA members with only 8. Thunder Bay HBA has only 2.

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## Something New For Members – Be A Pre-Dinner Speaker

Before the start of our General Dinner Meetings we will be scheduling one or two different association members to give a short presentation about their respective businesses. Those members can take 5 to 10 minutes each to introduce themselves and to speak about what services they offer the home building industry.

They might mention what type of clients they are looking for, or maybe even let us know about something new that has happened with their business (a milestone, an award or a certification). They could even field questions from the other members in attendance.

Why not take advance of this great networking opportunity. Space is limited for the year. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Jeff Lockwood, 519-379-6085.



## Board of Directors Appointments

During our November meeting we will be conducting appointments for our 2024 Board of Directors. Interested in volunteering your time? We are looking for members interested in volunteering their time as Directors and as volunteers to help with association events, home show related activities, membership and more. If you have any interest in becoming more involved with the association, please contact us or talk with the President or any Directors at our next General Dinner Meeting.

## Yearly Membership Fees

During the month of November you should receive an invoice for your yearly membership fees. We will see some increases this year. Local Association fees have increased by \$40 to \$425. OHBA fees have increased by \$50 to \$400. CHBA fees remain the same at \$350. If you do subscribe to the full membership (local association plus OHBA/CHBA) please make sure you have your membership fees into the office by the due date. OHBA/CHBA requires us to submit their fees before the end of January. If you have any questions or concerns about membership fees please don't hesitate to message or call Jeff Lockwood, Membership Director. Call- 519-379-6085 or email - [lockwoodpainting@gmail.com](mailto:lockwoodpainting@gmail.com).

## Our Association Website - [www.greybrucehomebuilders.ca](http://www.greybrucehomebuilders.ca)

Our association website has undergone some changes over the past few months. Please take the time to visit our site to make sure your company listing has all the correct information, especially any links to email address and your website. Please report any changes to our webmaster – Jeff Lockwood at [lockwoodpainting@gmail.com](mailto:lockwoodpainting@gmail.com).

## Home Show Committee Volunteers Needed

Grey Bruce Home Builders & Trades Association is looking for a few members willing to volunteer on the Home Show committee. Duties would include attending a few meetings with the City of Owen Sound staff associated with the Home Show and volunteering during the Home Show to help coordinate. Our current committee members are willing to help new volunteers transition into the volunteer position. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Tara Hall or Gil Armes through the Association website.



**There's  
strength in  
numbers –  
encourage your  
suppliers to join  
your local!**

## GBHTA General Dinner Meeting Schedule 2023/24

*Social time starts at 6PM. Dinner starts at 6:45PM with a Pre-dinner Feature Member speaker (5-10 minutes) & association business during dinner. Possible guest speaker to be announced as booked.*

*General Dinner Meetings details could be subject to change if we book a New Home Tour, etc. on the same date as a General Dinner Meeting. Please check our Facebook page or our website for more info.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>October 25, 2023</b>	-Joe Tomato's, 1020 10th St W, Owen Sound
<b>November 29, 2023</b>	-Queen Bar & Grill, 603 Goderich St, Port Elgin <b>- Cancelled -</b>
<b>December 13, 2023</b>	- Christmas Dinner Meeting. Details to be announced.
<b>January 31, 2024</b>	-Joe Tomato's, 1020 10th St W, Owen Sound
<b>February 28, 2024</b>	-Queen Bar & Grill, 603 Goderich St, Port Elgin
<b>March 27, 2024</b>	-Joe Tomato's, 1020 10th St W, Owen Sound
<b>April 24, 2024</b>	-Queen Bar & Grill, 603 Goderich St, Port Elgin
<b>May 29, 2024</b>	-Joe Tomato's, 1020 10th St W, Owen Sound

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## DIGITAL SKILLS

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