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Lieutenant Governor to Dedicate First Canadian 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden in Grimsby, Ontario, May 26, 2010

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On May 26, 2010 the Town of Grimsby, Ontario, will hold a dedication ceremony for the first Canadian 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden.

The event will be attended by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable David C. Onley. His Honour will cut the ribbon, dedicating this site as the Grimsby 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden.

This dedication ceremony will establish the first War of 1812 Bicentennial Peace Garden in Niagara, Ontario, located at the 'Engagement at the Forty' site, next to the Pumphouse, a designated historical site on Lake Ontario.

The Bicentennial Art of Peace Garden Trail is an initiative undertaken by the Binational Economic & Tourism Alliance, Canadian and U.S. Community Partners from Niagara, Hamilton, Haldimand, Norfolk, Brant and Halton Regions as well as the eight Counties of Western New York, and the International Peace Garden Foundation. The goal is to create a cross-border Peace Garden Trail throughout the Niagara Frontier territory of the War of 1812 to commemorate the 200 years of peace that have existed between Canada and the United States since that war. The Peace Gardens will provide a wide variety of cultural programming year-round for residents and visitors to our area, and stand as a lasting legacy to the longest undefended border in the world and the friendship between our two countries.

The ribbon-cutting event is designed to reflect Grimsby's exposure and activities in the War of 1812 conflict. The garden will be circular in shape, about 5,000 square ft., with various plantings used to create the design along with a commemorative trail marker to designate the 1812 connection. A new gazebo, along with benches, natural resting spots and the existing Pumphouse facility, will be used for music concerts and arts events.

Community members are welcome to attend the dedication event on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 447 Elizabeth Street, Grimsby, Ontario, along with invited guests from throughout the binational region. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm. with the dedication at 2:00 pm., followed by a reception at 2:30 pm.

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