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# We’re hosting a Lunchtime Lecture by Dave Schultz on

**The Past and Future of the Grand River Watershed**

# Thursday, May 8, 2014

# 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

## KITCHENER, ONTARIO: Homer Watson House & Gallery is happy to invite you to the May edition of our 2014 educational Lunchtime Lecture Series! Join us for an insightful lecture on Thursday, May 8 from 12-1 pm featuring the Grand River Conservation Authority’s Communications Manager, Dave Schultz. In honour of the 20th Anniversary of the Grand River Heritage Designation, Dave will outline the past, present and future challenges of improving the ever-changing Grand River Watershed in his lecture. The event will also include a question and answer period with the local Grand River Conservation expert, as well as tasty appetizers donated by local food suppliers!

Dave Schultz, a graduate from the Waterloo Lutheran University (now Wilfred Laurier University), has over 25 years of journalism and editing experience. His interest in communications has lent a helping hand to the GRCA and its celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Heritage Rivers’ Designations in his lecture titled *The Past and Future of the Grand River Watershed.* The changes in the river and its surrounding lands in the 19th and early 20th centuries led to some severe environmental issues that threatened the health and economic vitality of the communities of the watershed. The creation of the GRCA in the 1930s, coupled with investments by municipalities and the provincial government, as well as new anti-pollution laws, have resulted in a significant improvement in the river and the watershed.

However, in the 21st century the GRCA faces new challenges, such as high population growth and climate change. In his lecture, Dave Schultz will highlight how the agencies with responsibility for water issues are coming together to develop a plan that will address these challenges.

## In addition to our educational and interesting lecture, we will also serve light refreshments and provide tours of Homer Watson’s former home. Please remember to bring a lunch!

## Admission for this event is $10.00 per person. Complimentary admission is offered to those who hold a valid membership.

For more information, please call 519-748-4377 or visit our website at [**www.homerwatson.on.ca**](http://www.homerwatson.on.ca/)**.**

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