

View From the Editor's Desk: On to Year Two!

This is our fourth issue and we're celebrating because we've now published our first year's worth. This is quite an accomplishment for independent publishers like Mike Davis and me. We couldn't have done it without the artistic skills of Art Director Branimir Zlamalik, who is responsible for making the magazine look so good that the single comment we hear most often is "Great magazine!"

There will be another issue in 2008, because we're moving our winter issue ahead to early December. We're doing this because our advertisers have asked for it. They say they want a pre-Christmas issue, and we listen to our advertisers. We want to thank all the advertisers and subscribers who've supported us this first year. Your recognition of our vision to address a new community of kindred spirits is very encouraging.

So we will be starting a new annual schedule of publication with the next issue. Our winter issue will be published in December, and the next issue will be spring in early March.

We're also listening to our readers and viewers on another topic. Our Events page has covered special occasions that have recently happened along the Escarpment, and while we plan to continue covering them, we're happy to include some free notices of upcoming events as well. Because some of our viewers have asked us to, we've included information about two worthwhile charitable events. See page 7 for details. If you have an event you want us to publicize, contact me.

In the summer issue I called for news of farmers' markets that we had missed in our cover story. I'm happy to report that I heard from the Ottawa Street Farmers' Market of Hamilton, which has been in the city for more than 50 years and just recently moved to their Ottawa Street location. Apparently, all their vendors farm within 80 km of the market. This should be another market to support.

A third new development with this issue is a special map we've created, on page 26. This shows some of the main towns located close to the Niagara Escarpment. We've heard from people, some of whom should know better, that they were surprised that the Escarpment goes as far north as Tobermory and down to Niagara Falls. Now there's no excuse for not knowing how to get to our world-famous Escarpment. This map shows where our article subjects are located, and where our advertisers have free copies of the magazine to give out. Perhaps you'll be inspired to check out the offerings in a town down the road.

This fall, a small-town drugstore is celebrating 50 years of ownership by the same family. Yet our feature on Young's Pharmacy of Georgetown shows that its roots go back to 1907. Hamilton's Around the Bay Road Race has an even longer history. Writer and runner Deborah Serravalle of Burlington took part in this year's race and shares what it feels like to conquer 30 km.

One of our readers, Rita Giuliatti, has contributed an opinion piece on behalf of the community group Friends of the Eramosa Karst. Misty Ingraham prepares us for the fall harvest by sharing her techniques for cooking soups, stews and more. Richard and Eleanore Kosydar bring us a mystical morning as our popular centre photo. Their book *The Dundas Valley* is full of spectacular local views. Can you find the bird on a branch in this one?

Fall is a time for studio tours, and Benitta Wilcox of Erin is opening her home and garden, but she let us explore them first. Her creativity goes beyond her fibre art to every corner of her garden.

Let us know how you're enjoying our first year of bringing you *Escarpment Views*. For us, it's on to Year Two of listening to our viewers, advertisers and contributors.

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This year is an important anniversary for several organizations, including:

Georgetown Bach Chorale, 10th
Eden Mills Writers Festival, 20th
Hills of Erin Studio Tour, 20th
Hamilton Conservation Authority, 50th
Anne of Green Gables, 100th

A racoon tries to sleep in the sun on the Escarpment close to the Bruce Trail.

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