

Thank You for Getting Vaccinated



I was very relieved to get my first vaccination against COVID-19 in April. It gives me some protection against the virus, even the troubling new variants. It also helps to protect you, because according to the World Health Organization, if I'm protected from getting infected, I am less likely to infect someone else.

It works in reverse too, of course. If you are vaccinated and less likely to get the disease, you're less likely to spread it to others. To me. So, thank you to everyone who has been able to, or will soon get vaccinated. Together, we can protect each other.

This doesn't get us off the hook of public health measures such as wearing masks and keeping physical distances. We must continue to follow the guidelines of local authorities. Yet it seems that we have a way forward out of this pandemic.

Let's hope that we'll be able to get out in public a bit more this summer. We need to have a break, enjoy warm weather, the natural world and some outdoor socializing.

In This Issue

Our issue for summer has some ideas for outings: powwows, if they can be held, a visit to Grimsby Beach to admire the beautiful historic houses, another section of the ever-popular Bruce Trail, and appreciating the creative dedication of gardeners. If we still can't take part in these activities this year, they will keep as good destinations for the future. Meanwhile, the "armchair experience" will help your imagination take flight.

In addition for this issue, Mike Davis has written the column for The Gift of Land, about his enjoyment of the pond. I have taken a risk myself, by publishing a new short work of fiction. A few months ago, I had mentioned to friends that I had an idea for a piece of fiction, and one of them urged me to write the story. I didn't think I would, but the next day I found myself doing so. Do let me know what you think of it, and whether you'd like to see more fiction in the magazine.

Letters to the Editor

Judging by the wonderful volume of letters to the editor we receive, we expect you will let us know. Our Readers & Viewers department in the magazine seems to keep growing with each issue. That's fine with us, because readers who are engaged with what they see in the magazine are a strong community. And a strong community cares about what happens to it.

This brings us back to the COVID vaccine. Members of a caring community look after themselves and for each other. So again, thank you for caring to get beyond this pandemic by taking the vaccine. Here's to happier, healthier days.


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P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.


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