

Escarpment Community



Shirley Boxem of Mulmur, one of our subscribers, recently sent us the kind comment “You are successful in making readers feel like part of a wonderful community through stories of people doing good things for the environment.” I don’t think we can take credit for actually making people feel like part of a community. I think that when we started the magazine, we believed that a community already exists, of people with physical, emotional or spiritual ties to the Escarpment, the entire long, spread-out Niagara Escarpment in Canada, and that we could reflect parts of this community to others.

This issue does celebrate the fact of community in some of its feature articles. The greatest example is in the town of Lion’s Head on the Bruce Peninsula. We had already planned to have Sandra J. Howe show the summertime appeal of

Lion’s Head when we learned of a terrible fire that damaged Hellyer’s Foodland last year. We immediately contacted a long-time contributor to the magazine, and resident of Lion’s Head, Chris Hamilton, asking him to give us the story. His tale of how the community of Lion’s Head and indeed the whole Bruce Peninsula, rallied to fill the huge gap left by the loss of Foodland, is emotionally moving.

Equally inspiring is the revelation that owners Kyle and Kara Hellyer decided not to move to a new building in a new location out of town, but to repair and rebuild the store where its roots go back to the 1800s. The reason? Community. The customers are neighbours and many depend on the store for necessities.

Chi-Cheemaun Community

This year is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry. Over many years of sailing on her, we were fortunate to develop a friendship with one of her captains, Kerry Adams. Through photos and comments, we highlight some special moments we enjoyed as part of the community of regular passengers on this beautiful ship.

Anchor Inn as Home

Chi-Cheemaun, the “big canoe,” of course goes to big Manitoulin Island, which has a big sense of community. Late last year, community spirit solved a problem for people on the island who couldn’t find

shelter due to the shortage of available housing. Denise Callaghan, owner of Anchor Inn in Little Current, met the need by offering rooms for long-term rental at a modest price. Even a conference room was changed to a residence to fill the demand. When care for people outweighs the profit motive, community spirit is active.

This issue also shares the beautiful gardens of the Niagara community of Grimsby, and the beauties of the natural world in Cootes Paradise near Hamilton.

Centre Spread Photographs


We have opened the centre spread in each issue to other photographers, and this time we’re happy to publish a beautiful, unusual view of Georgian Bay by Sandy Richardson. If you have a special photograph taken from, on or of the Niagara Escarpment, with a view we haven’t already published, we may be happy to pay to publish it. Contact me to discuss this opportunity, but realize that we have only four issues a year, and have already received several wonderful images we’re planning to use.

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P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

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