

The World We Live In



The communities close to the Niagara Escarpment do not exist in a vacuum. We are all being affected by decisions and actions that originate south of our border and are causing responses by our national and provincial governments. We're all seeing the alarming prices of groceries and gas. The push to build more housing to create jobs and home markets for Canadian products is being felt by small towns that are bracing for pressures on infrastructure, community resources like drinking water, and loss of farmland. Added to this are the unknown results from changes to or the losses of, local conservation authorities. We have every right to scrutinize and criticize all of these. When every day brings new devastation, mostly from the United States, it's natural to hope for a swift return to international

harmony and good will. There is so much to do to benefit all life on earth, that it's heartbreaking to see so much time and money being wasted in negative and harmful ways.

We've faced greater difficulties before, especially during the COVID pandemic, and most of us got through it without much damage. We will have to overcome the current challenges as well. By continuing to buy Canadian, travel locally and support each other, this time in our lives may become nothing but a distasteful memory. Life will go on and we will be able to resume creating the kind of world we want to live in.

In This Issue

As always, this issue was worked on far in advance and as I always prefer to feature positive stories, our content does not deal with international stresses. Instead, we're celebrating some lovely activities and events from our Escarpment area. Perhaps they will give you ideas for where to go and what to do

this challenging summer!

The cover story is a photo feature that lets you explore beautiful pollinator gardens that were on last year's garden tour offered by Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society. Another common thread among many of the gardens was the inclusion of lovely art pieces. We're happy to be showing the garden owners as well as their gardens.

Boaters who enjoy the North Channel off Manitoulin Island during the summer months have a friend in Roy Eaton, the driving force behind Cruisers' Net, a volunteer organization out of Little Current that provides help, news and socialization. A morning spent in the studio is fascinating.

A great way to spend time on water is by cruising down the Grand River while making and enjoying an Indigenous gourmet meal. Grand River Dinner Cruises offered this last year and we've brought back peeps at the goodies.

Hamilton Conservation Authority has built a

new educational trail in Dundas Valley with a First Nations' focus and Paul Weinberg shares the hike experience here. Be prepared to learn a lot.

New This Issue

My co-publisher Mike Davis likes arithmetical puzzles. I haven't got a clue about them, but I do like some word puzzles, where I have to find words hidden among meaningless letters. I'm joining other publications that have them, and I'm happy to introduce our own version, called Word Tracking, complete with an animal's paw print. Have a look at it on page 51.

Get Back to Me

If anything in this letter annoys you, do get back to me with your own particular view. I always love hearing from you, even if you don't agree with me.

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

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