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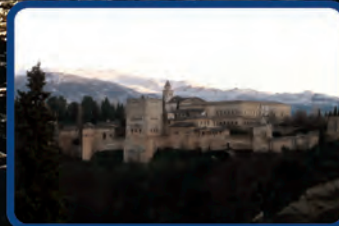
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The next issue will be published in October 2016.

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and as a full-colour book to be picked up at the Hayloft.

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The President's Article



SPRING GENERAL MEETING

The Spring General Meeting of the Association was held on May 29 and this was the first general meeting for the new BVA 2016.

The membership approved the financial operating and capital budgets for 2016/2017 which will result in a slight reduction in the annual membership fees from \$812 to \$800 for this year. Our Treasurer John Smith and all of the Directors are to be commended for the management of their expenses and budgets.

The membership also approved an additional amount of up to \$40,000 in the capital budget, subject to a study and approval by the board, for the addition of an air conditioning system for the Party Room.

In addition, five additional amendments were made to the new set of Bylaws of the Association dealing with:

- "members in good standing and Association contracts and business"
- "hardship cases and the payment of membership fees"
- "lease or rental of members' properties for periods of less than 12 months"
- "limiting access to BVA facilities and events to previous members that have opted out of the Association"
- "confirmation of the initiation fee as approved by the membership in 2015"

EMERALD ASH BORER

While there have been no confirmed infestations of the borer in Bayshore so far this year the EAB committee has recommended to the board that:

- a meeting of the members be held to provide current information on the borer and an update on last year's meeting;
- funds be placed in the budget to cover the costs of injecting trees, tree removal when needed and the planting of new trees on BVA common lands;
- members be encouraged to visit the County of Simcoe web site to learn more about the borer, its history in Ontario, how to identify if the borer is in your ash trees, what can be done to protect your trees, qualifications for arborists who have experience in tree injection;
- small signs will be placed on properties where trees are to be removed and where proper approval by the Association has been obtained.

VOLUNTEERISM

One of the unique characteristics of the Association has always been the commitment by members to volunteer their knowledge, skills and experience when needed to work on all

manner of projects on behalf of the Association.

Through your efforts we have been able to keep our annual membership fees low and have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars each year because of the countless hours members give to the Association.

I extend an invitation to all of our newer members to "get involved" and assist where ever and whenever you can as a "Bayshore Volunteer." Just contact the office or any of the Directors and they can provide you with the necessary information.

As your President and with Sherrill's assistance we have had the opportunity to meet with all the new members of the Association shortly after they move into their new homes in Bayshore or after they have purchased a lot for future development and to share with them just what Bayshore is all about, the Association, and about what Lake Simcoe, Orillia and Brechin have to offer them as new residents.

FINAL REPORT

This will be my last report as President of the Board as Sherrill and I will be leaving Bayshore in August and moving closer to our children and four grandchildren in Mississauga. Moving has been one of the most difficult decisions we have ever had to make. Bayshore is a unique place to live and we know we will miss it.

I have had the great opportunity to serve on the BVA board for the past six years as both your Vice President and President and I thank you for your support.

I have enjoyed working with the membership over those years and have had the pleasure to work with a variety of board members, who work very hard on your behalf to make Bayshore Village a better place for all the members.

We will stay in touch through the many members who have become our friends and we extend all the best to the members of the Association.

Doug Colling, President BVA



Director of Harbours, Storage Yard



Dave Meharg
Director

Boating season has arrived at Bayshore

I would like to welcome our new members to the Bayshore boating community. If you have any concerns or need advice on boating, please feel free to contact your Harbour masters.

We will be issuing a contract shortly to have the entrance to Harbour 33 dredged, repair a number of docks in 33 that have shifted, repair the main dock in 66 which has shifted, and install two new finger docks in 99. There are a number of rocks along the entrance to 66 that have encountered the odd propeller. I would ask the members who have knowledge regarding these to mark them with a jug as we will have them removed as part of the contract.

The Bayshore Yacht club had a number of outings cancelled last year due to weather. To overcome this variable we will be asking for e-mail addresses from all boaters interested in getting together on the water. This will allow us to notify members by e-mail of a planned outing with short notice.

Some of the outings could be lunch in Orillia followed by raft and swim at Chief Island, on-water picnic at Thorah Island, lunch at Lagoon City and swim off beach, raft, picnic and swim off Strawberry Island.

We are looking for a couple of boaters to volunteer manage this once e-mail list is in place. Contact Dave Meharg for details.

Looking forward to getting together on the water this summer.

Dave Meharg, Director, Harbours and Storage Yard

Common Lands



John Aukema

Common lands are assets owned collectively and available for use by members of the Bayshore Village Association, who are responsible to manage and underwrite the maintenance thereof. Common lands comprise the golf course, green space, various flower beds, the entrance, etc. These assets, along with many other amenities (e.g. hayloft, harbours, tennis courts, swimming pool, etc), strongly influence an active lifestyle community, pleasing aesthetics and property value. Therefore, it is in our interest to keep our assets in a quality condition. In that regard, it has become very evident to me that people in this community demonstrate a "pride of ownership" in BVA assets. Many volunteers spend time and energy making our community look great.

The golf committee, consisting of several dedicated volunteers, has improved the quality of the golf course and work continues to make it even better. The committee also coordinates several golf activities during the week, as well as special events such as the Golf Classic and Ryder Cup.

Numerous devoted volunteers have planted and are maintaining flower beds scattered throughout Bayshore Village. These flower beds are nicely designed and add a lot of color and ambience.

Although we need to monitor and adjust their quality of workmanship from time to time, a contractor (The Grounds Guys) maintains green spaces within Bayshore in keeping with the look of the village.

There are a number of small projects in progress or yet to be done. Remedial work is being done on two paths to address issues such as spring run-off, weeds and surface quality. Several trees on common lands require trimming and some are to be removed and replaced. Contracts must be put in place by end of year for grass cutting and snow removal (Hayloft parking lot). Hedges by the Hayloft and storage yard will be trimmed.

I am very grateful and amazed at the number of volunteers and the pride they take in this community. I invite BVA members to contact me with any advice, questions, concerns and offers of assistance.

*John Aukema
Director, Common Lands*



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Social Happenings



Kathy and John Alden, Doug and Sherrill Colling.

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Spring Fling

I don't think that anyone can say that residents of Bayshore Village cannot adapt! Whether it's attending a Pub Night in February with our coats on indoors because the furnace was giving us problems, or dealing with soaring temperatures for our Spring Fling Event, we truly take whatever comes our way. Summer temperatures certainly came with a blast of hot air on the "Night at the Oscars."

Guests were greeted by our wonderful photographer, Ted Gryzick. Ted had us pose for our "Toast to the Oscar" photos which were printed for all to pick up the following week. The Hayloft was transformed into Oscar Night with décor by our talented Lynda Bertrand and Sherrill Colling. Humphrey Bogart met you as you climbed the stairs and Curly, Larry & Moe were at the top to greet you. Many pictures of past Hollywood stars lined the staircase.

The event was also attended by special guests and Oscar winners... Miss Lauren Bacall & her love Mr. Humphrey Bogart (aka Lynda & Mark Bertrand), Miss Lucille Ball (aka Laura Malarczuck) and 007 Mr. James Bond (aka Glenn Downie). Bob Bell (aka Jack Nicholson) was our entertaining emcee for the evening.

Actual prizes were awarded to the best costume design and the winners were Carol Marshall and Bob Bell. A "Share the Wealth" draw was held in support of our Canada Day Celebrations. Ticket sales raised \$154.00 and sharing the pot was winner Scot Cherry.

Following the meal many of us spilled out onto the deck to enjoy the great spring evening. As temperatures cooled slightly we danced to a selection of music put together by Dawn Smith.

At this time I would like to acknowledge the Social Committee who has worked hard and volunteered many hours on the events over the past year. Many thanks to:

Kay Beacham, Lynda Bertrand, Sylvia Child, Sherrill Colling, Kathy Hutchison, Shirley Linton, Wendy Lucas, Laura Malarczuck, Joanne Morehouse, Bill Pike, Carol Rosa and Dawn Smith.

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions. If you have any, please don't hesitate to pass them on.

Canada Day

My Canada Day Report is really reiterating what I said in my thank you message to all the members of our association, and that is, that although the sun was seldom seen on this year's Canada Day celebrations, Bayshore Village rose to the challenge and in spite of the weather we had our Opening Ceremonies, the Fishing Derby, the Golf Scramble, Face Painting, BBQ Lunch, Pet Contest and the start of the Children's and Adults' Games. Even when we thought the Parade would be a "no go," it took off and many were outside their homes to cheer it on in true BVA style. The weather did not dampen our spirits and as I looked at all the happy faces having lunch inside the Hayloft I could see our community spirit shining.

This was my first time as a volunteer overseeing the BVA Canada Day Celebrations and I have to admit that before I began I had no idea of the number of amazing people that are involved. We are truly a community of dedicated members who are ready and willing to offer their time and effort.

I would also like to mention that we have received several great suggestions and ideas for next year's celebrations. Please keep them coming and do not hesitate to contact the committee if you are able to assist in any way, your input and assistance are always welcome.

Upcoming Events in Bayshore

Saturday, July 16th – Golf Classic

Saturday, September 10th – Ryder Cup

Sunday September 18th – Newcomers Reception

Sunday, September 25th – AGM

Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2 – Art Show

Catherine Downie, Social Director



Photos by Ted Gryzick

Canada Day Games 2016

We had some great sponsors for the Canada Games this year. Many thanks to Ria and Robin Searle, Home Hardware, The Source, Dairy Queen, Canadian Tire and BVA for the many prizes and gift certificates donated for the games. Due to the thunder and rain that forced us to cancel most of the events, we were unable to award many of the donated prizes. Lorna Tye, who arranged many of these sponsors will be holding a weekly draw to raffle off the donated toys from Home Hardware, The Source and Canadian Tire. An e-mail will be sent out to BVA families with information on where and when the draws will be held.

Unfortunately, the rain and thunder caused us to run for cover just after the shoe toss (the 2nd event on the schedule). However, we do have results for the Cutest Pet contest! In 1st place was Emiline S and her pug Rory, 2nd place went to Courtney Morehouse with her Boston Terrier Scout and 3rd place went to Sally and her puppy Malley. The Pet Contest was well attended this year and enjoyed by all. The contestants did a great job strutting their stuff, showing off their costumes and performing tricks for the audience:)

Thank you to all the Canada Games volunteers who helped set up and run our events this year. John Alden did a great job announcing,

Dorothy O'Halloran and Debby Capes ran the prize table, PJ Sherron from Lagoon City judged our Pet Contest, and Joanne and Glen Morehouse, Wendy and Glenn Lucas, Wayne Sharpe, Dave Meharg, Melissa Meharg, Laurie O'Halloran, Randy and Arlena Hutcheson, and Noel Cooper helped set up and hand out ribbons.

Let's hope for better weather next year!

Kathy Alden

Canada Day Fishing Derby 2016

Again this year, the Bayshore Village Children's Fishing Derby was held on Canada Day and a fun morning was had by all. Although inclement weather interfered with this year's derby, boys and girls, aged 2 through 16 years, participated and caught 68 fish. All fish caught were released 'live' after measurement and recording.

Overall winners in each age group, boys and girls, received a 1st place trophy. Medals were also provided for largest and smallest fish, boys and girls. All participants received at least one prize.

Joe Sokolowski

Bayshore Bylaws

Beginning on December 1, 1976, the Bayshore Village Association enacted a series of Bylaws to provide management of its common properties, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges and to enforce all the covenants, restrictions, agreements, easements, charges and liens contained in the Covenants and Restrictions that applied to all lots in Bayshore Village.

On January 1, 2016 a new set of Bylaws came into effect after eight meetings of the Association in 2014 and 2015 and a Special Membership meeting in July of 2015.

The Covenants and Restrictions which had been in place for over 40 years, were no longer in effect after December 31, 2015.

The Bylaws of the Association cover the following areas:

1. Bylaw 2016.001: This bylaw relates to the transaction of the business and affairs of the Association:

- Purpose and Objectives of the Association;
- How the Association is managed on a day to day basis;
- Financial management, reporting, banking and Auditing;
- Rights, Privileges and Responsibility of members;
- Board, committee and meeting responsibilities and processes;
- Easement, complaints process, suspensions of membership etc.

The contents of this bylaw are part of most “not for profit”, service organizations, golf, curling and tennis clubs that many members might have been part of over the years.

2. Bylaw 2016.002: This bylaw deals with all matters related to the management and operation of the common properties and facilities owned by the Association – General Rules, Regulations and Definitions:

- Hayloft, Swimming Pool, Golf Course, Tennis/PickleBall Courts;
- Parks and Walkways, Ponds, Harbours and Storage Yard.

3. Bylaw 2016.003: This bylaw deals with all matters related to rules, regulations of the Architectural Committee and their mandate to review and approve all new homes, changes to the external surfaces of existing homes and new decks, ramps and other associated structures.

The bylaw includes detailed information on:

- the planning, review and approval process;
- type of construction, heights of homes, building materials;
- a detailed list related to constructions timing, what can and can't be built, propane tanks, lanterns, dog runs, culverts etc.

This type of bylaw is unique to the Association in that to become a member of the Association, members must not only

comply with the responsibilities and rules associated with membership, their properties and their homes must be in compliance with the Architectural requirements of the Association.

New owners that purchase existing homes or lots in Bayshore now have the option to join or not join the Association. Up until December 31, 2015 membership in the Association was mandatory because of the Covenants that were in place, but the laws of the province of Ontario do not allow for the Covenants to exist beyond 40 years. As noted above, membership is now optional.



4. Bylaw 2016.004: This bylaw provides a detailed list of General Planning, Building and Storage Requirements that apply to members of the Association including:

- occupancy, storage of vehicles, RV's, mobile homes, trailers, boats and watercraft;
- signs, storm water, fences, lights, sheds, trees, garages, storage.

5. Bylaw 2016.005: This bylaw includes a list of Dues, Fees, Penalties and other Charges for the Association.

The bylaws have been received as a positive force in guiding the development and management of the Association over the past 40 years.

Some potential owners might not like or support the bylaws and they will decide to purchase a home or lot outside of Bayshore.

We have found, in discussions with new members and with real estate agents, that on many, many occasions the bylaws have been exaggerated on what members may or may do with their properties.

The Board of Directors of the Association is charged with the management, maintenance and review of the Bylaws on behalf of the membership.

From time to time, the board will recommend to the membership, after careful review and analysis of the potential impact on the membership, at a General or Annual General Membership meeting, after proper notice to the membership, that an amendment be approved. Only by a vote of the membership can bylaws be added, changed or deleted.

Members can submit any suggestions to the Board at one of their monthly meetings, for review and consideration. The board may accept the member's suggestion or it might be rejected based on the impact on the entire membership.

Members also have the right to make a recommendation at the spring General Meeting or the fall Annual General Meeting of the Association.

I encourage all members to have an understanding of the Bylaws of the Association. You can obtain copies of the Bylaws from the office or they are posted on the BVA web site.

Doug Colling, President

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Ponds and Lawns



Paul Thomas,
Director,
Common Waters

Years ago I had the pleasure to invite two guest speakers to do a presentation regarding irrigation and lawn care. They both gave excellent presentations and the audience was invited to speak with them after. Both gentlemen emphasized the fact that most people over water their lawns. Lawn care companies do not adhere to the 15' rule when fertilizing the rear lawn near ponds and because of this, when it rains, the water runs off and takes the fertilizer to the pond. If you are doing your own lawn "Do not fertilize within 15' from the edge of your pond. As a matter of fact I would like to see everyone on ponds STOP fertilizing all together. Bold of me to say this, right? The reason I can say this is because I know and experts have told me that the water chemistry of our ponds have so much nutrition that you will never have to fertilize your lawns again. As long as you are irrigating your lawn using the water from the ponds you will be saving yourself some money (no lawn care companies). The bacteria that we use to combat algae is beneficial to your lawns and will make them healthy. Here is what the manufacturer claims: ESAE improves the water quality or irrigation ponds by breaking down ammonia salts and other contaminants before they reach the turf. ESAE enhances turf health. The microbes used in ESAE are natural soil and water bacteria that are a essential part of the mechanism for the efficient transport of nutrients from the soil into the turf roots. By not fertilizing you would also be saving even more money because less phosphorus and nitrogen get into the water therefore creating less algae. By having less algae we do not have to use as much bacteria therefore saving you and everyone in Bayshore Village money.

*Paul Thomas
Director of Common Waters*



Marg Sharpe, Councillor Ramara Township Ward 2



New Generator

A new generator has been approved by Council and tenders have been received for Sewer Main Station 1 in Bayshore. No date yet when that will be installed.

Community Safety Zone

The Community Safety Zone signs are up and fines will double if anyone is caught speeding through Bayshore.

I have asked for a speed control monitor to be placed in Bayshore, it went before the Policing Committee and expecting a report to Council this month. Once that is in place it will give information on the speed of vehicles are going and the times, I understand this will give the OPP a better idea of the best time to set up their radar. In the meantime, watch your speed! The limit is 40 km/h.

Glenrest Drive

The work on Glenrest Drive is finished for this year. The base will need to settle and in 2017 the hardtop will be done.

Whitesell Report

It is a long slow process, but Staff are working on the Whitesell Report recommendations and a report is coming from Dr. Whitesell to Council in September. Everyone will be notified the date and time.

Dr. Whitesell was hired by the Township in early 2014 to review, research and make recommendations in organization and performance management.

The Township will be putting a questionnaire in your next tax bill. Please review, fill out and return as instructed. Your feedback is important.

Township Finances

Council should receive a report on the Township finances, June 27th or mid-July. It is long overdue.

Doggie Park

There is a new Doggie Park in Brechin. It is located in the Brechin Park on 47 just before the railroad tracks. Double gated, well fenced, picnic tables, beautiful large area with cut grass and some woods if they like to explore. It is next to the Ball field. Enjoy, take your doggies and have fun.

Please do not hesitate to phone or email me with any questions or concerns

Everyone have a safe and happy summer.

*Marg Sharpe
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Janet Ko

Former owner of a Bungalow on Thorah Park Blvd.



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Bayshore Yard Sale



A heartfelt and special thank you to all who participated in the 2016 Annual Bayshore Village Garage/Yard Sale. This was again a very successful yard sale with 44 participants. We hope you parted with lots of great and memorable treasures and had fun doing so.

The weatherman dealt us a hot and humid day for the Garage/Yard Sale. Everyone had lots of "stuff" in their driveways and traffic was hectic on every road in Bayshore Village...some streets had traffic jams!

The Garage/Yard Sale got off to an enthusiastic and early start this year with some folks experiencing their first sale approximately 7:15am. The "treasure hunters" like to start their "pickin'" early. When driving around after 12:00 Noon, there were still plenty of "treasure hunters" in Bayshore Village.

To the Folks who gave out packages and registered/collected for the Garage/Yard Sale...

Nancy & Joe Marzano - 1 Park Lane

Kristina & Rick Frise - 120 Bayshore Drive

Wendy & Glenn Lucas - 226 Bayshore Drive

Kathy & Brian Hutchinson - 18 Maple Gate

Mary LaMantia - 154 Bayshore

PeggyPowell/Doug Pollard - 192 Bayshore Drive

Betty & Ted Gryzick - 3 Thicketwood

Pete & Cindy Cavers - 40 Southview

Bill & Anne Pike - 19 Maple Gate

Thank you for making a big job, not so big after all. Many hands make work light.

A special thanks to Betty & Ted Gryzick for placing the signs in self-directing locations so traffic could be spread throughout Bayshore Village instead of just the first part of the Village. When driving around Bayshore Village, I noted the amount of traffic on Southview Drive was also great. Kudos for a job well done to Betty & Ted.

After expenses, the balance will be donated to Bayshore Village for Canada Day Celebrations. Advertising included: 2 ads May 20th and 27th in both Orillia Today and Orillia Packet & Times; all 3 or 4 Probus Clubs in Orillia, numerous posters from Beaverton to Orillia on any place where it could be pinned up, and of course, word of mouth. The Annual Bayshore Village Garage/Yard Sale has become a must-do event every year.

Pat Bellamy

Line Dancing

We have been line dancing since the beginning of April and finished for the summer on June 21st, 2016.

This session we had a very enthusiastic and fun group who were willing to be challenged each and every week. They did not seem to mind laughing at their own mistakes. Even the Instructor made a few every once in a while, and they are amazed when they get it right!!!

We celebrated our season of dancing with a Pot Luck lunch on June 28, at Pier 99 on the Bellamys' boat. Lot of great food, lots of laughs, lots of stories and wonderful folks aboard.

We will start up again Tuesday September 20th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and our last dance of the season will be Tuesday December 6th, 2016.

Line dancing offers great mental and physical exercise with lots of laughter. You do not need a partner to line dance.

Pat Bellamy



Front row from the left: Artena Hutchison, Catherine Plue, Jane Davies, Catherine Downie, Lou Anne Gent. Back row from the left: Paul Thomas, Pat Bellamy
Absent from picture - Betty Gow, Cindy & Pete Cavers, Sue Latham, Wendy Hurst, Shirley Aukema, Carol Rosa.

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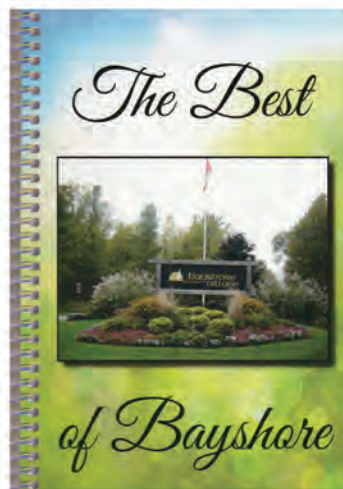
After two years of hard work, challenges and fun, our new cookbook, "The Best of Bayshore" was launched on May 26 at a reception in the Hayloft, with goodies in the form of appetizers taken from the recipes which are in the book, and prepared by members of the cookbook committee offered as refreshments.

The original cookbook, "Century's Best," was created to celebrate the turn of the millennium in 2000. This cookbook, "The Best of Bayshore," was designed and timed to celebrate Bayshore's new system of governance. The committee, with input from the community, selected about 100 of the favourite recipes from "Century's Best," and with lots of input from the community, ended up with a total of 313 recipes. With the assistance of our excellent publishers, Gateway Rasmussen of Winnipeg, we are able to sell the book for \$10.00 a copy.

Books have been on sale through May and June, with many people buying multiple copies to use as hostess gifts, stocking stuffers and Bayshore mementos. One person bought the book in the afternoon and went home and made three recipes from the book that evening!

Much thanks to our hardworking cookbook committee: Kay Beauchamp, Pat Cooke, Nori Drysdale, Mary LaMantia, Carol Marshall, Nancy Marzano, Fran McVie, Marielle Montemurro, Dawn Smith, Claudette Smith and Eva-Marie Stosch, co-ordinated by Pat Beecham-Cooper, Catherine Hermans and Sue Latham. Mary LaMantia and Eva-Marie Stosch were also on the original "Century's Best" Cookbook Committee.

We also owe a great debt of gratitude to Wayne Richardson who helped set up our wireless operations, Ted Gryzick for his photographs, Dee McLeod for her administrative support, Doug

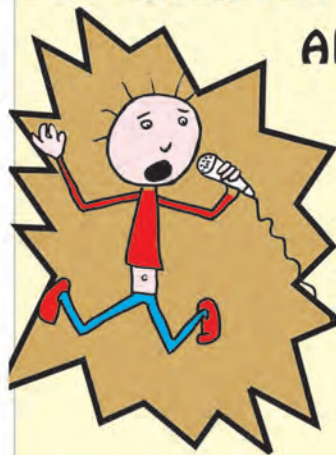


Colling for his input, and Des and Victoria Barnes, Karleen Bradford and Carol Marshall for their creativity and assistance.

At this point, we do not have any specific sales times set up, but if you want to purchase books, please get in touch with Pat Beecham-Cooper (0221), (beecoop@cottagecountry.net), Sue Latham (5007) (rlaths@msn.com) or Catherine Hermans (705 242-9624) (hermansfamily@hotmail.com) and we will make sure you get as many copies as you need. You can pay by cash or by cheque made out to BVA.

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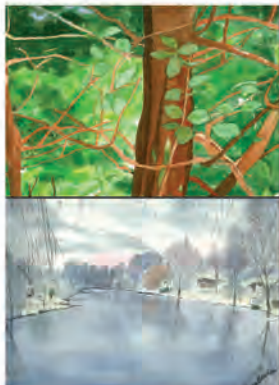
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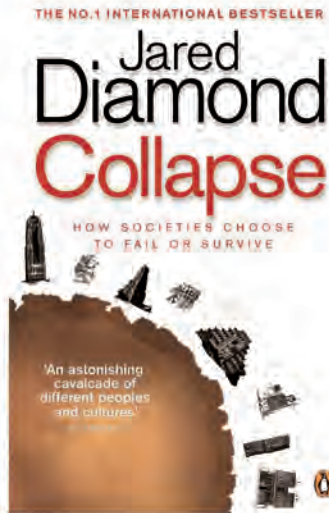


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Book Review: *Collapse*

Collapse, by Jared Diamond
(Viking Press, 2005)



Jared Diamond is a UCLA professor of geography, and a well-known “pop scientist” who combines insights of anthropology, ecology and evolutionary biology in his best-selling writings. His most famous book, *Guns, Germs and Steel* (1997) won a Pulitzer Prize for its discussion of why some societies succeed better than others. The book contends that Eurasian peoples con-

quered and displaced indigenous peoples on other continents not because they are more intelligent, but because the environment – plant and animal life – in Europe and Asia is better suited to support agriculture and complex social structures.

Collapse explores past and present failed societies to try to discover why many of them ended, literally when the last member of the society starved to death. Diamond presents such societies as the Polynesians of Easter Island, the Norse in Greenland, the Mayans, and the complex Pueblo civilization of Arizona/New Mexico. He considers the difference between the contemporary “managed society” of the Dominican Republic and the uncontrolled society of Haiti, societies which share the same island with vastly different results.

Of course, the purpose of *Collapse* is to help us readers consider what we must do to ensure that our grandchildren will not find themselves living in a society that is hurtling towards extinction. In the historical societies discussed in this book, decline began very soon after the summit of their success, because the requirements of an expanding human population outstripped the available resources; the demands of their economy destroyed their environment.

One example discussed in a late chapter of the book is today’s China. Diamond believes that China’s efforts to lift its billion-plus inhabitants to a “first-world” standard of living will inevitably result in horrifying disaster unless there is a fundamental change of direction, and that we who already enjoy our standard of living have no right to object to their efforts. Because of the “cumulative human impact” on China’s environment, though, he seems to predict that air and water pollution will be followed by exhaustion of the soil and desertification, followed by unmanageable waves of refugees. (You think Syria has produced unmanageable waves of refugees?? Think about China!) He fears that the region of the

planet we know as China will become uninhabitable, and only immense mountains of garbage will remain in a vast desert. (They’re already importing garbage from other societies as a source of revenue; air pollution issues are becoming legendary.)

Diamond presents twelve major environmental problems that have to be dealt with simultaneously in today’s world. He repeatedly speaks of the collective impact of human activity on the environment, and claims that leaving even one of the twelve problems unsolved will lead to disaster, because every factor interacts with all the other factors. If humanity fails to moderate the effect of our economy on our planet’s environment, says Diamond, our current wealth will eventually earn for our more prosperous descendants only the privilege of being the last to starve.

By the way, I borrowed the book online from the Ramara public library, and read it on my iPad without having to carry the weight of a book with me on our winter holiday. If you have a library card and a tablet, you can download an app called OverDrive, and get access to the entire library system of Simcoe County (and beyond). If you don’t have a library card, do yourself a favour and drop in at the library. We all drive past it every day on our way to and from Bayshore.

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Ramara Speaks Her Mind

Hello again. Here I am. Drowning in a sea of writer's block. I have crouched over the keyboard, frozen. Frozen, that is, in trepidation that nothing is entering my furry little head. Nothing. Nothing at all. Well, that is not entirely true, having been tormented by global warming and its effects on my fellow creatures. However nothing to write about in *The Banner* which won't depress you readers, that is. Until... voila!... my mistress Gail has finally decreed that life should be more interesting.

Up to now she has drifted through her daily duties, like watering her garden which is flourishing uncontrollably. She mows the lawn in which the grass is sadly being vanquished by indigenous, albeit green, invaders. She sweeps the front porch like a pro. Glen has suggested she make use of the broom to travel to town thereby saving a great deal of money. She did not take kindly to that advice.

To continue on... I hope you haven't gone to sleep, dear reader... Gail keeps the interior of the house passably free of cobwebs and dust. She lurches along aisles in grocery stores, stretching to top shelves, lunging at lower ones, seeking interesting food and deals.

She changes my kitty litter, gasping through horrid emanations I cannot believe I am responsible for. That, and feeding me, truly seals the devotion I feel for her.

In order to make her life more interesting, Gail has determined to shrink her ecological footprint on this earth. She has joined Weight Watchers! A large body of women (tongue in cheek, I must point it out, in case you missed it) right here in Bayshore have joined together in their commitment to reduce in size. I find this type of thing eminently boring; however, Gail is tickled pink. She says it is a pursuit which unites the group in positive support, friendliness, and even fun. Something to look forward to every Friday. The ladies line up and chatter nervously. Have they lost weight in a week? The scale doesn't lie.

Nowadays I watch as Gail consults her little Weight Watchers points booklet. She actually determines the amount of calories, saturated fat, sugars, and protein in each morsel of food.

She says she enjoys this but I must say her face connotes misery, especially when she is preparing a carefree, fat-wise, dinner for Glen. Yes. I forecast even more misery in the ten weeks to come if Gail sticks to this diet. Fortunately she has always favored fruits and vegetables, being vegetarian. Nevertheless, even as determined as she is, she told me that she actually craves food saturated with saturated fats!

Yes.

I wouldn't lay any bets at this point in time. But... She will carry on in her dull household routines. She will carry on gardening, mowing, and shopping. Will she carry on in her decision to lose weight? Will she continue her commitment she feels toward her friends in the Weight Watchers group? Is life more interesting now that she must judge the value of every bite? Probably. '*Shauri a mungu.*' "It's up to the gods," as they say in Uganda... which, by the way, will be my next topic. Live well, dear reader. Until next time.

Yours, Ramara
as told to Gail Carter



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Travel Tales: from Andalucia to the Algarve



Jim and Astrid Bruce enjoying an al fresco tapas lunch at Benahavis

Flamenco, tapas-feasts and Fiestas...

The Bruce 2014/2015 winter escape began when we hired a car in Calais and enjoyed a wonderfully interesting drive through rustic France to our first Spanish stop in Barcelona where we stayed 3 days in the Gothic Quarter visiting all the iconic sights, principal among them Gaudi's unfinished Gothic Cathedral (La Sagrada Familia) and generally absorbing all the considerable flavours and delights that the city had to offer.

It was the commencement of a leisurely road trip through Andalucia, first to historic Valencia where we stayed in the old quarter, all confusing alleys and quaint courtyards... and orange trees!

Leaving Valencia we drove along the Costa del Sol, stopping briefly in Malaga and visiting the Marina (The sea is always a Bruce magnet!) but this year we were embarked on a tour high above sea level!

Retreating to the Sierra Nevadas we crossed over to incredible Granada with the supremely imposing Alhambra towering over us (and always in view). We stayed in the Albayzin (the ancient quarter) in a typical Andalusian inn, Santa Isabel la Real. Its very name evokes a vision of the internal tiled courtyard with its tinkling fountain that our room overlooked. Daytime wandering of the steep alleys and plazas included an eclectic assortment of tapas bars, fountains, green parks, ancient churches and smart shops... and of course a visit to the Alhambra! To which we took the free reticulated tourist "bus" that snaked its way terrifyingly through the old city to the heights.

One evening before enjoying the

Flamenco we had planned for our dinner entertainment, we climbed up to the Mirador de San Nicholas, the popular place to gather to watch the sun go down over the Alhambra. Its name is said to derive from the Arabic description of its red walls, all the more vibrant at sunset. On this occasion we had a bonus... a serenade by three Spanish guitarists.

All too soon we pressed onward to the delightfully quaint village of Benahavis, where we based ourselves for three days to visit the surrounding mountainous area. One day we drove the circuitous mountain road to Casares, and on to spectacular Ronda with its ancient Bridge structure, Bull Ring and birds-eye view of the valley far below. On our way up and down we glimpsed the "Rock" (Gibraltar) another destination in our itinerary. [Actually the day we spent in Gibraltar we got a flat tire for our pains. Not only flat, shredded! We were obliged to install the 'donut' and drive on it back to Malaga, where they had the only available replacement car. So, our Spanish odyssey wasn't without drama!]



Gibraltar's Barbary apes look across the Strait to North Africa.



Granada's Alhambra palace (a souvenir from Spain's Muslim era) at sunset, with Sierra Nevada (Snowy Mountains) in the background.

From Benahavis we dipped down to sea level again to explore the glitz and glamour of Marbella and Puerto Banus, with its spectacular luxury cars parked adjacent to equally spectacular yachts! How the other half live!! But we preferred our hairy drive to Ronda and Casares over the Sierra de la Nieves mountains.

Seville was our favourite. We had some interesting adventures along the way negotiating narrow streets etc. Again I had booked a hotel in the older "Barrio" quarter (Hotel Murillo).

It was wonderful and just the experience we had envisioned, but a challenge to our TomTom!! (because the hotel was in an alley with only pedestrian access!)

We ate marvellous Tapas, and quaffed wine ++ (as you do!) enjoyed Flamenco and impromptu street guitar recitals. All in all, enjoyment every day!

It was only a few hour's drive into Portugal and we were very soon in the Algarve and taking possession of the lovely villa in the village of Olhos d' Agua (near Albufeira) which we had rented for February and March. We soon found our favourite sardine restaurant on the beach beside the fishing boats. Cliff walks in the mornings whetted thirsts for the ever-plentiful fresh squeezed orange juice (2 euros for a 5 kilo bag at every roadside).

One day we drove up to Loule to enjoy their colourful "Mardi Gras" fiesta – floats, bands, balloons, and streamers everywhere!

From our villa base we enjoyed retrospective visits to the marinas of Lagos, Vilamoura, Sines, and Lisbon – all places in which we had spent some months prior to our first Atlantic crossing in 1997 on the original "Astridos".

In Oporto we floated up the river Douro past the famous Port houses, before being tempted to stop by the cellars of Sandeman for a tasting!

All too soon we were boarding a flight back to Canada... and our Andalusian, Algarve adventure became yet another travel memory that we periodically take out and relive.

Astrid Bruce

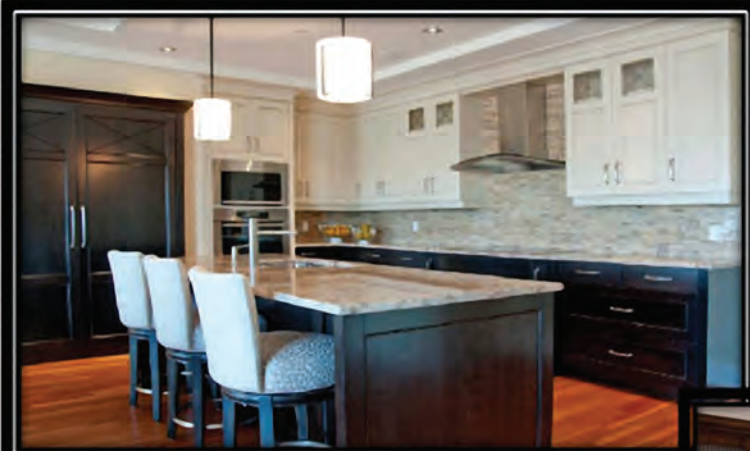
Background photo: bird's eye view from Ronda

Travel Tales: Arizona



Dave and Liz Meharg recently headed south again to explore the Grand Canyon and Sedona. The picture on the right shows them on the Skywalk, which is a glass platform 4000 feet above the Grand Canyon. Quite the experience! They then headed to Sedona for three days and took over 500 pictures of the incredible canyons, mountains and rocks surrounding Sedona (picture above). They recommend a good pair of running shoes or even hiking boots in order to really enjoy the rocks and mountains of Sedona. They highly recommend these two destinations for Bayshore residents who are looking for an adventure.

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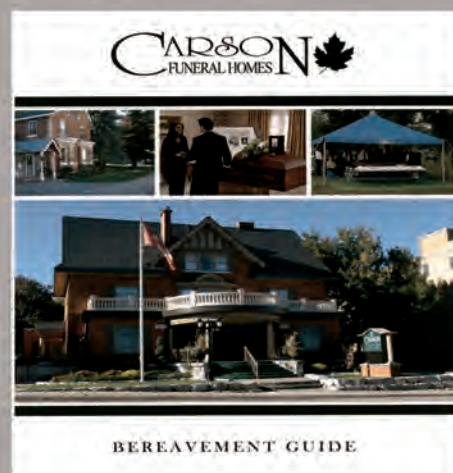


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From the Fashion Desk: Summer in Bayshore 2016

Welcome summer! As we enjoy the sunny hot days, let's keep on looking casual and cool in our summer wardrobe. Trending this summer are some great looks.

Think white, in everything – pants, skirts, shorts, dresses and shoes. Look at lace, a new trend worn by most of Royalty this year. Cool white cotton tees and shirts can be both casual or dressy.

Denim, a stand-by in most of our wardrobe: from jeans to dresses, try a touch of glamour by adding lace, rhinestones or unique beading on pockets or down the seams or on the hem. Treat yourself to a pair of patterned denims. Very popular now are leggings to complement your longer tops. Buy them in bamboo or cotton which are very cool on the skin.

One shoulder tops and dresses for casual or that evening out. Soft fabrics in pastels or go bold in bright colours. Or go for tops and dresses that expose the shoulders and neck to show off



that summer tan.

Knit cotton tops in bold stripes paired with your favorite blue jeans, white jeans or shorts for the cottage or shopping town. Think nautical, red, white and navy.

Be daring and unique in knit mesh. Wear over a camisole for a sexy casual look with those white jeans. Buy a longer mesh top as a swimsuit cover-up.

Secret tip of the day: When trying on swimsuits or clothes, always look in different mirrors at your image. We store owners buy what we like to call “thin” mirrors that make you look at least 10 lbs. thinner.

Have a wonderful summer and be sure to watch your skin; use sunblock and lots of moisturizer.

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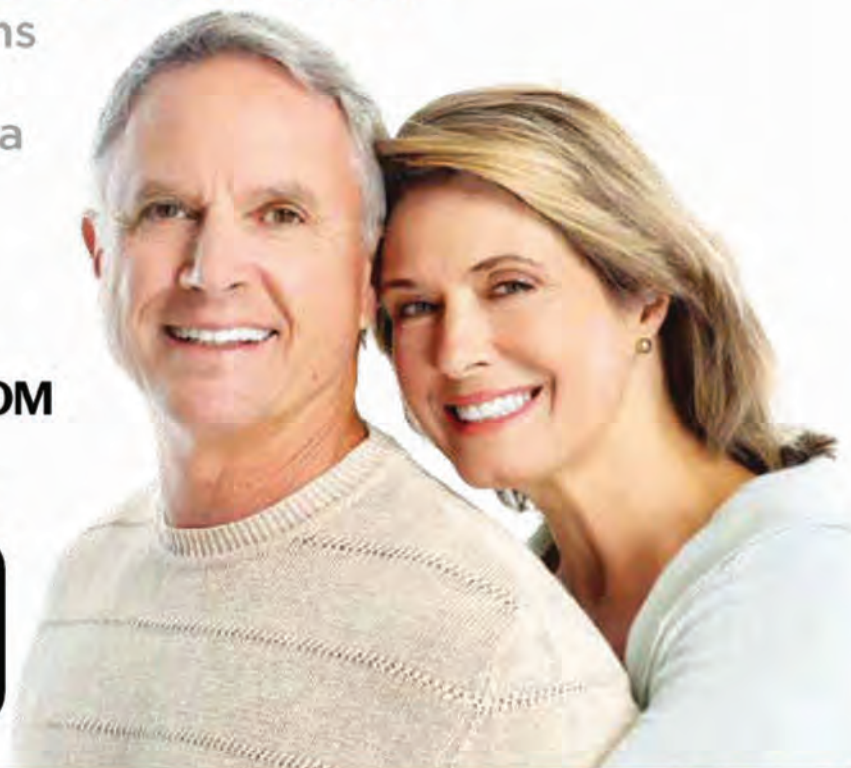


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Bayshore Heartbeats in the Big Bike saddle(s) again.

We all appreciated the sunshine on May 12, and the return to the more congenial venue of Couchiching park.

I had successfully recruited twelve new riders to supplement the "old" guard led by ace fundraiser Jack Parker. Both Jack and Bruce Naylor always answer the call despite having moved away from the Village. Obviously both their hearts are still in Bayshore. Of course, our 99-year-old energetic mascot Ida Herbert similarly looks forward to the annual event and occupies the queenly position in the "Guest" seat which she has already reserved for next year when she will be 100 years old and counting!

So 29 riders proudly wearing their hearts on their backs (expertly attached by Julie Murray as usual) pedalled enthusiastically around the new route and even didn't mind "the burn" when halted on the West Street hill for the red light. All the 'newbies' were in agreement that it was a fun way to raise funds for a worthwhile cause... and more importantly declared "sign us up for 2017."

Our total this year was \$11,000 plus. Apparently our one day total on Thursday exceeded the combined total of the 5 Wednesday teams!

Over the past 15 years the Bayshore Heartbeats have raised \$190,000 for HSF, and is the largest fundraiser for HSF north of Barrie.

Thank you to all the Heartbeats who rode, donated and raised funds this year, and in the past.

Astrid Bruce, 2016 Big Bike Captain

Milestones: New Neighbours

Wayne Perzel and Donna Wilson

79 Bayshore



Wayne and I moved to Bayshore Village in June of 2015. We were apprehensive about leaving all of our friends in Caledon East, but the warm welcome we received here made up for our misgivings. We are looking forward to a great summer on beautiful Lake Simcoe with our new Bayshore friends.

Wayne retired from a 40 year career as a Millwright at Coca Cola in April 2015 and he has been busy with our backyard this spring, in between rounds of golf with the boys of Bayshore on Wednesday mornings. As most of you know we had a big mud wrestling pit for a few weeks in the spring while our rocks were being placed along our pond shoreline. It was worth the mess and we are happy with the outcome.

I retired five years ago from a bookkeeping career and I am enjoying aquafit, yoga, walk fit, the pool, darts, painting class and all of the social functions that keep both Wayne and me out of trouble.

Thanks to everyone in Bayshore!!!!

Donna Wilson

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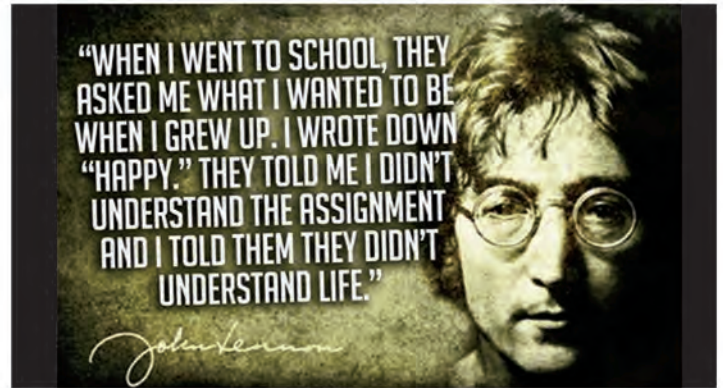
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ΒΣΦ Μυ Ετα Pancake Breakfast



Mu Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority celebrated their 15th Pancake Breakfast on Sunday May 15th, 2016. It was a resounding success! Residents and guests enjoyed quality fellowship time, pancakes, sausages, fruit skewers, juice, tea and coffee. Two successful 50/50 draws helped boost our charitable contributions to \$861.70. Thanks to the community for supporting our annual fundraiser.

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12 Foods You Don't Have to Buy Organic

Organic fruits and vegetables are by definition grown without the use of pesticides. But some find the expense of organic foods prohibitive.

Of the 43 different fruit and vegetable categories in the Guide to Pesticides, (based on over 40,000 tests), the following twelve foods had the lowest pesticide load when conventionally grown. Consequently, they are the safest conventionally grown crops to consume;



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| • Broccoli | • Kiwi | • Pineapple |
| • Eggplant | • Asparagus | • Sweet corn (frozen) |
| • Cabbage | • Avocado | • Sweet peas (frozen) |
| • Banana | • Mango | • Onion |

The biggest study ever into organic food – a four-year EU funded project – found that organic food is FAR more nutritious than ordinary produce, and can help improve your health and longevity. This study may have considerable impact, as its findings may even overturn government advice – at least in the U.K. – which currently states that eating organic food is no more than a lifestyle choice.

For example, this study found that:

- Organic fruit and vegetables contain up to 40 percent more antioxidants.
- Organic produce had higher levels of beneficial minerals like iron and zinc.
- Milk from organic herds contained up to 90 percent more antioxidants.

Food grown in healthier soil, with natural fertilizers and no chemicals, simply has to be more nutritious. Does this mean that you should ditch all of your conventional produce and meat, and only buy certified organic foods? Well, yes ... and no.

What Should You Buy Organic?

Aside from the fact that organic food contains higher levels of vital nutrients, organic foods are also lower in other residues and compounds that are seriously detrimental to your health, such as herbicide and pesticide residues.

That said, however, certain fruits and vegetables are subjected to far heavier pesticide use than others. And with food prices rising, many are looking for ways to buy the healthiest foods possible at the lowest cost. One such way would be to focus on purchasing certain organic items, while “settling” for others that are conventionally-grown.

Of the 43 different fruit and vegetable categories tested, these 12 fruits and vegetables had the highest pesticide load, making them the most important to buy or grow organic:

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| • Peaches | • Nectarines | • Grapes (imported) |
| • Apples | • Strawberries | • Pears |
| • Sweet bell peppers | • Cherries | • Spinach |
| • Celery | • Lettuce | • Potatoes |

Conventionally-grown strawberries, in particular, were found to be highly toxic due to a poisonous blend of pesticides.

But be VERY careful, as the list above is for fruits and vegetables. Non-organic meats have far higher concentrations of pesticides than all of the fruits and vegetables. And the highest concentration of pesticides is actually in non-organic butter.

So if you can only buy one organic food item it should be butter. Next priority would be meats and once those are addressed, you will want to focus on the fruit and vegetable list above.

“Genetically Modified” or GMO

While you may have heard about the most common GMO food sources, such as corn, many people are unaware JUST HOW MUCH of your produce is now available in GMO varieties. And, perhaps even worse, just how many deliberate GMO field trials are actually going on, all across the world. (Many believe that GMO foods are not healthy for us, but this is a subject for a future article).

Although the U.S. does not require GMOs to be labeled, you can still find out whether or not your produce is genetically engineered, by looking at its PLU code. For example:

- A conventionally grown product carries a 4-digit PLU code (Ex: conventionally grown banana: 4011)
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Remember, if you can't afford to purchase all organic food, at least aim to buy produce that has a lower toxic load and is non-GMO.

Ref: www.mercola.com – use the search bar – I invite you to research the GMO topic.

This article is condensed by Steve Goulter for use in the Banner.

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This article expresses the point of view of the author. Readers are encouraged to consult their health professional for a further opinion.

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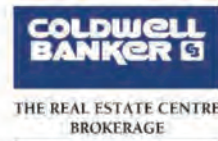
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8th Annual Creative Arts Show at Bayshore: October 1-2, 2016



Moise Farm House by Lia de Roeper

The eighth annual Creative Arts Show at Bayshore will be held on Oct. 1 and 2, this year in the Hayloft.

You will notice that this year, the art show is before Thanksgiving, not after as in previous years. This will give snowbirds a chance to shop at leisure.

We are planning lots of exciting events around the art show. This year, the art show coincides with Culture Days across Canada. Various artists will be demonstrating techniques involving their art. Look for demos of card making, jewelry making, water colour techniques, acrylic techniques, pottery making and other art and craft forms. You may even find a short workshop to try your hand at.

So, remember: Mark those dates on your calendar. October 1 from 10-4 and October 2 from 12-4. See you there!



A NEW NEIGHBOUR: MALI

Mali is the newest member of the family of Sally and Doug McPherson, 9 Misty Court.

Mali, a yellow lab, was born on Jan. 27, 2016. In this photo at 12 weeks of age, she is getting to know Lynda Bertrand's granddaughter Abby.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS, ARTISANS, AUTHORS, CRAFTERS!

This year, Bayshore Village will be hosting its 8th Annual Creative Arts Show and Sale on Oct. 1 and 2.

The show is open from 10:00-4:00 on Saturday, Oct. 1, and 12:00 to 4:00 on Sunday Oct. 2.

Set up is on Friday, Sept. 30 at 1:00 p.m.

This year we are aligned with Culture Days Canada, and Culture Days, Orillia, which will give us more exposure and promotion. We are asking participants if they would be able to give a demonstration or a short workshop on their specialty during the show. This is optional.

If you would like to take part in the show, please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper at 705 484-0221, or at beecoop@cottagecountry.net for further information.

Spaces for exhibition can be whatever size you require, ranging from a card table to an 8 foot booth. Display boards are available to show your work. We especially welcome residents. We'd love to see your work.

If you know of anyone residing in the Village who you think should be showing their work, please encourage them to take part.

The show is limited to residents of Bayshore to participate, but we hope to have lots of visitors from outside Bayshore to see the show and purchase some of the beautiful creations by our Villagers. It is a way of promoting a different side of life at Bayshore.

I'm waiting to hear from you!

Pat Beecham-Cooper



Louisbourg Lighthouse by Patricia Beecham-Cooper

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Milestones: In Memoriam

Gerald (Gerry) Meharg

Original Bayshore Developer



Passed away peacefully in his 86th year at Markham Stouffville Hospital on June 27, 2016.

Gerry (my uncle) and his partner were the visionaries who in 1973 saw the potential of McGinnis Point to be developed into a special community on the shores of Lake Simcoe. Although not involved with Bayshore Village after 1981, he was very pleased with the final results. He had many visits to Bayshore assisting us (Dave and Liz Meharg) in selecting a lot and advising us on home design. He always enjoyed getting his copy of the

Bayshore Banner during our recent visits with him.

Following his involvement with Bayshore Village, Gerry went on to build a successful real estate business in Stouffville and did land development work on Jack Lake near Apsley where he built a number of cottages.

Gerry will be missed by his family and his many friends.

Bayshore Village is a special place due to his vision.

Dave Meharg

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Political Meet and Greet Breakfast



Ontario PC leader Patrick Brown, MP Bruce Stanton and councillor Marg Sharpe at meet and greet breakfast in the Hayloft.

A very successful meet and greet breakfast was held on April 30 in the Hayloft. Over 60 villagers attended and after brief opening statements, a wide variety of questions were asked, and answered by our elected representatives. This was, for many in the audience, the first opportunity to meet our newly-elected M.P.P, Patrick Brown.

Our wonderful Bayshore chefs made a delicious array of breakfast casseroles to go with fruit, muffins, and other goodies.

Many thanks, again, to all who helped to make the day successful: those who helped set up the room, the casserole makers, servers, the clean-up crew, those who helped on the door and our M.C. Doug Colling.

In addition to our Federal and Provincial elected representatives, Bruce Stanton and Patrick Brown, we also had present our Ramara Councillor, Marg Sharpe.

Thanks to our M.P. and M.P.P., we were able to transfer more than \$300.00 to the Canada Day fund.

Many thanks to all who came out, especially those who were challenged by the early hour.

Pat Beecham-Cooper

HIGH BRIDGE SCORES Mar. 15 - April 30/16

With so many players away during the winter months, we combined the Wednesday afternoon ladies bridge and the Monday evening general bridge and played on Wednesday afternoons.

Here are the 3 highest scorers for the period from Mar. 15 - Apr. 30:
Pat Beecham-Cooper had the highest score with 5760 points
Maria Saringer was second with 5240 points
Rick Tarullo placed third with 5160 points.
Congratulations to everyone.

At the beginning of May we reverted to the two groups again. Their scores will appear in the next edition of the Banner and will encompass May-Sept. scores.

If you would be interested in joining us for a very friendly game of bridge on Wednesday afternoons in the Hayloft's great room, please call Lorna Pollard at 705 484-0330.

Submitted by Pat Beecham-Cooper

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I would like to thank all of our wonderful friends and neighbours who helped me celebrate my 60th birthday.

I was totally overwhelmed by your generous spirit, gift of friendship, and wonderful donations to Orillia Hospice.

You donated \$440.00! That's a lot of Toonies!

A special thanks to our dear friends, Eva and Olaf Stosch, who helped Mom and John so expertly.

I understand from all of the stories that there were many behind-the-scenes folks who helped to set-up, clean up and help out, as only Bayshore folks can do.

Thanks also to Bob Bell, who was a masterful Master of Ceremonies.

Thanks to Catherine Downie and her helpers who looked after many details and the laundry too!

I cannot believe that you all managed to keep it a surprise. I had no idea and I thought that I was of top of everything in our household.

A special thank-you to my Superman Husband John and Super Mom, who intended to invite all of Bayshore, although some folks were not yet back from the sunny south, and Mom was missing some email addresses, in case you missed the invitation.

You all touched my heart. Thanks again,

Big hugs to all,

Kathi

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The Brechin and Beyond team is planning a Scarecrow Festival Saturday Oct. 1st, 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Located at the Brechin Ball Park, 3227 Ramara Road #47.

There will be games, food, demonstrations, vendors, door prizes, and a doggie fashion parade.

We are having a scarecrow contest with a prize of \$100.00 for the people's choice, so be sure to come out and vote for your favourite or better yet be sure to enter and be eligible to win the prize yourself.

We are also looking for vendors to participate.

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Beryl Bertrand

Ed note: you might head over to the Scarecrow Festival after you visit the Art Show at Bayshore Village on October 1!

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Summer is here (although writing this on a cool and blustery Thursday!) and we are very excited to offer many new and exciting programs for you this season.

During the summer months until Thanksgiving Monday, you can reserve passes to 10 different cultural locations and museums in Simcoe County for FREE! What a great way to entertain your grand children and family when they are visiting this summer. Drop by your local branch for further details.

On Saturday, July 16th at 11:30 am, we will be hosting a Train Safety seminar for ages 12+ (including adults). Registration is not required; however, if you do plan to attend, it would be greatly appreciated if you let us know so we can prepare material and set up appropriate space.

The Ramara Library Quilting Club is selling raffle tickets for their beautiful handmade "Morning Star" quilt and other amazing prizes. Tickets are available at both Ramara library branches and are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. The draw takes place on Friday, October 21st at 4:00 pm.

Do you have children or grandchildren visiting Ramara Township this summer? Need some activities and materials to help entertain them? We have you covered! Borrow our 'Active Fun Kit,' a large bag full of fun outdoor items such as a parachute, different sporting equipment, sand toys and more!

We have a busy summer ahead of us at the library with DAILY activities happening in BOTH Brechin and Atherley. For a list of all the activities happening, please visit our website at www.ramarapubliclibrary.org, refer to our mailed summer newsletter, call, email or drop in the library for more information. Registration is required for most programs.

Our summer reading clubs are back as well, with a new and exciting addition! If you are a grandparent caring for your grandchildren or a seasonal family staying in the area for the summer, please consider signing your child(ren) up for Ready to Read (0-4), TD Summer Reading Club (4-12), or Young Adult Summer Reading Club (12-18) to encourage building literacy skills during the summer months and the chance to win some amazing prizes! Please note that a 4-5 week commitment is required from participants in order to register for this program.

Most of our adult library clubs are on summer break, but would love to see new members join this fall! Please watch for our fall newsletter for information about the Ramara Library Quilting Club, Fibre Friends, Friends of the Library, and the Ramara Library Book Club. If you are interested in joining, please contact your local branch.

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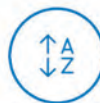
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