



A Unique Waterfront Community
Celebrating 50 Years
1976 - 2026



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Getting Ready for Boating Season

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers who braved the cool temps, frigid waters and high lake levels to install our harbour docks!



(L-R) Pat Murphy, Jim Bridges, Andrew McGuinness, Jim Fielding, Joe Latorre, Bill Pike, Corrado Roccasalva, John Urban and Steve Chiasson (photographer)



Photos by Michele Farley, Rehana Suleman, Steve Chiasson

Coming Up...



Mr and Mrs Eldon Brown (1983)*

* Sneak peek: Tune into the Summer issue of the Banner for some history about who Mr and Mrs Eldon Brown were and their role in the history of Bayshore Village. Meanwhile, turn to pages 6 to 12 in this issue for some Bayshore stories.

Thank You from The Sharing Place Jim and Leslie Fielding – Organizers



To the Amazing Residents of Bayshore Village Association,

What a year of community spirit! Thanks to the kindness of Bayshore Village, The Sharing Place received **\$7,315 in 2025**, including an incredible \$5,320 in December, along with hundreds of pounds of good food that will support families right across our region.

Your efforts brighten more than you know. Because of your community, people can count on emergency food supports, friendly community meals, student nutrition in local schools, and food recovery work that keeps good food moving to neighbours rather than going to waste.

This impact comes from a shared belief that everyone deserves to feel supported and cared for. You have shown what happens when a community rallies together with generosity and heart.

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed, and to Leslie and James and for organizing these efforts. Together we are building a community where we all look out for each other.

With sincere appreciation,

Chris Peacock
Executive Director
The Sharing Place

Pool Hours

Opening May 30 to September 7

Pool Hours 2026:
10 am to 8 pm

Adult Only Swim Times:
Daily 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
including weekends and holidays

Adult Aqua Fit:
Monday – 11 am to 12 pm – High Energy
Wednesday – 11 am to 12 pm – Simply Stretching
under the guidance of Debra May

Children under the age of 18 must vacate pool enclosure during Adult Swim & Aqua Fit times.
All other hours are Family Swim Times.

Maximum patrons in pool area
with no lifeguard: 10 patrons
with lifeguard on duty: 30 patrons in pool area

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The Banner and the BVA members are very grateful to everyone
who contributed their articles and photos.



Spectacular view from Sunset Point Park
on Good Friday. Finally, the lake begins its
spring thaw. *Photo by Mary Andrews*

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President's Report



Welcome back Snowbirds (and the geese...not so much)

It's nice to see everyone's (tanned) faces again! Mother Nature wasn't as cruel to us as last year, but she certainly gave us plenty of snow and freezing temperatures. Along with our returning friends and neighbours, our beloved geese have also shown up. Just a reminder to use the geese reporting tool on our website to report sightings. Your information will help our contracted goose management team prevent nesting and apply necessary measures to keep them off our land.

"Get 'er Done!"

Last year at this time, I wrote about recommending a plan to the membership that would have us completing Phase 2 and 3 of the pool project in the fall, instead of spreading it over three years. The recommendation was approved by the membership, and the work has been completed. The whole area looks fantastic and is something we can all be proud of. Thanks again to the members of the pool committee for all your work in planning the project.

We're Going on the M.O.V.E.

To Make Our Village Exceptional.... That was last year's goal... and we're still moving forward with it. Picnic tables and benches have been refurbished with more to follow. Pathways will be addressed this year, along with trimming of hedges, overgrown bushes and trees. All this, along with small tweaks here and there, will contribute to maintaining Bayshore's "Wow" factor. Thank you to all those who participated in our annual spring clean-up.

The Final Countdown...

After many, many, years of discussion and pleading with every level of government to do something about the deteriorating and over-capacitated sewage spray fields, it's finally over. Thanks to a Federal grant, construction of a new sewage treatment system will begin this fall. A huge thank you to Rick Matthews, who, over the last eight years, has relentlessly dealt with Ramara Township and various agencies to get us to where we are today. It's been an exhausting and frustrating ordeal, and I personally would have given up a long time ago. Thank you for your time and tenacity, Rick!

More is Less...

And again, I need to thank Rick and his team (Doug Davies, Joey Torchia, Jeff Nolan, and Jeff Zammit) for negotiating a phenomenal deal with Bell. We will be receiving increased service and new equipment at no extra charge. In fact, we will be paying less, and saving hundreds of dollars with this new contract. How sweet is that??

50 Years Young...

You probably know by now that Bayshore is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. Our Anniversary Committee has done a great job in planning activities throughout the summer. I hope everyone will support and take part whenever possible. This great community of ours truly has lots to celebrate! Have a safe and healthy summer.

Gunther Gratzer
President

Details of 50th Anniversary Events



Below are some further details of the events planned to celebrate Bayshore Village's 50th Anniversary.

The Committee has been working diligently to make each event really special for all. We hope you will participate in all these fun programs and activities!

Thank you to our volunteers! Bayshore Village would certainly not be the special community it is without you.

All Year:

Historical Display of the evolution of Bayshore Village and its residents will be shown on the screen at the Hayloft.

April 25:

Pancake Breakfast – Our first event has already taken place. See page 12.

April – May:

Custom long sleeved sunshirts with our 50th Anniversary logo were available for sale at \$35 per shirt.

April – June 1:

Name Our White Squirrel Contest – Entry forms at the Hayloft and on page 42. Prizes for the winning entry.

April 1 – April 30:

Jellybean Jar Contest - A jar of jellybeans is on display at the Hayloft. Submit your best guesses of the number of jellybeans to win. \$5 for 5 guesses.

May 30:

Kick Off Celebration – Reserve your spot! Tickets for separate events will be on sale May 5 from 6:30-8:00 pm:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00 pm
- Food Truck lunch \$20 pp at 1:30 pm
- Scavenger Hunt Duck Rally \$5 pp at 11:00 am
- Cornhole \$5 pp at 2:30 pm

June 22:

Summer Solstice Sailpast and Sunset Party at Harbour 66. No charge.

July 1:

Canada Day – Flag raising, parade with prize for best float, fishing derby, BBQ lunch, pet contest, children's events and sail past. Tickets for the lunch will be on sale on June 6 at \$5. Children's fishing derby is a free event but pre-registration is required.

July 11 from 12-3:00 pm (Rain Date July 12):

BBQ and Doors Open at 136 Bayshore Drive historical home, hosted by Starr and Roy Oswald. Tickets on sale June 23 from 6:00-7:30 pm. \$5 with all proceeds going to The Sharing Place. BYOB

August 22:

Final Party – Catered appetizers, VIP tent access, live band, fireworks. Tickets will be on sale August 1.

*** Be sure to watch your emails for further details about these and other events!**



50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS *MAIN EVENTS*

Pancake Breakfast - April 25
with REAL maple syrup, coffee & juice

Kick-Off Party & BBQ - May 30
Pool Opening Ceremony, Scavenger Hunt &
Corn Hole Tournament

Summer Solstice - June 22
Sunset Party in Harbour 66 & Barnstable Bay

Canada Day - July 1
Parade with Prizes for Best Float, Children's Events
& BBQ lunch

Final Party - August 22
Dance to a Live Band with Catered Buffet of Appetizers
under the VIP marquee tent with
FIREWORKS over the Golf Course

Watch for more details!



Our Stories...

To commemorate our 50th Anniversary, we asked residents to share their Bayshore histories and experiences. Many of you have come through – Thank You! We have also asked Michelle Martinez (a great researcher!), to dig out some fun facts and archival information about Bayshore. As well, Rehana Suleman has been collecting stories and has conducted some interviews with various long term residents. This is the first instalment in this series of those contributions, research, and interviews. More will be coming in the remainder of the 2026 Banner issues. We hope you enjoy these compilations! Thank you so very much to everyone involved! – **Susan Hazlett**

A History of the Farmhouse at 136 Bayshore Drive

With input from Starr and Roy Oswald, I learned about how Roy's parents (Otti and Fred Oswald) bought the property (which was a combination of three properties, tennis courts and two sheds) in 1976.

The farmhouse at 136 Bayshore Drive stands as one of Bayshore Village's most significant historic homes, reflecting both the agricultural roots of the area and the craftsmanship of pre-war construction.

Construction of the house began just prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. Like many projects of the time, work was halted during the war years and did not resume until peace returned. The home was finally completed in 1946. Built to endure, the approximately 5,000-square-foot residence features triple brick walls, horsehair insulation, and extensive use of solid wood materials, that speak to its remarkable durability and quality. Originally, access to the property was via Southview Drive, a road that ran right along the shoreline directly to the house, long before the current harbour system was formed. The surrounding land functioned as a working farm, complete with a large barn and multiple outbuildings.

Notably, the wooden framing originally used to form the concrete foundation and basement was later repurposed to restore the farm's aging barn, which had begun to sag on rotting posts. That barn, now fully renovated, continues to serve the community as The Hayloft, home to the Bayshore Village Association office and a central gathering place for residents.

The farmhouse also played an important educational role. An upstairs wing—now facing Bayshore Drive—once housed a schoolroom for the children of the original owners and farm workers. The same wing provided living quarters for the housekeeper and schoolteacher, reflecting the self-sufficient nature of farm life at the time.

As the area transitioned from farmland to residential community, the farmhouse served yet another purpose: it became a sales office during the early development of Bayshore Village. Some of the first homes constructed in the community were located on Thicketwood and Parklane. The property also featured tennis courts, enjoyed by residents for many years. These courts were destroyed by ice heaves caused by the powerful 1985 Barrie tornado, which also produced dramatic shoreline ice formations reaching nearly 30 feet high. Replacement courts were later constructed beside the swimming pool.

In 1976, the farmhouse captured the attention of Otti and Fred Oswald, who owned a nearby cottage on Glenrest Drive and frequently canoed along Lake Simcoe's shoreline. Otti remarked, "If that home ever goes up for sale, we're buying it." During one

outing, the couple spotted a "Power of Sale" sign visible on the shore and immediately purchased the property.

The Oswalds began refurbishing the farmhouse and initially used it as a cottage. Upon retirement in 1988, they moved to Bayshore full-time. Today, the home is occupied by their youngest son, Roy and his wife, Starr, who continue to care for and preserve the property.

Roy and Starr have shared photographs and stories documenting deer wandering freely up to the house, the dramatic ice heaves of 1985, and rare aerial views of Bayshore Village from the late 1970s. Their stewardship of the home reflects a deep respect for its history.

The farmhouse has been thoughtfully restored and modernized while retaining its defining original features. These include the stone and brick exterior, solid wood doors and cabinetry with original brass hardware, curved walls, marble baseboards, and a striking copper roof. Much of the exterior brickwork has been intentionally showcased, and reclaimed outdoor spaces have been redesigned with care and creativity.

Inside, the former schoolroom and staff quarters now form a fully independent two-bedroom suite with its own living area and bathroom. The home originally burned coal. It is now heated by oil-fired hot water radiators – many still covered by their original vintage brass grates.

The basement retains its original terrazzo flooring and staircase, along with a distinctive cold room in the basement. In fact, terrazzo flooring was originally used throughout the entire main floor—a lasting testament to the exceptional quality of its construction.

Today, the farmhouse at 136 Bayshore Drive stands not only as a beautifully preserved residence, but also as a living reminder of the agricultural, educational, and community-building history that shaped Bayshore Village. – Rehana Suleman, Starr Oswald



136 Bayshore circa 1970s



136 Bayshore 2000s

Robert Lamb – A Farm Boy Who Came Home

I met with Robert Lamb on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Hayloft. Robert and his wife, Janet, moved to Bayshore Village from Orillia seven years ago. Although Janet was initially hesitant about living in a subdivision without sidewalks – particularly for walking the dog – a short walk from Harbour 33 to Park Lane Park, along with a well-placed mound of snow, quickly changed her mind. They purchased 14 Park Lane, a well-maintained and largely original 1970s home.

Robert's connection to this area is long-standing. His great-grandmother purchased the Lamb Farm on Concession 7 in 1889, and the property remains in the family 137 years later. Robert's father and siblings operated a large cow-calf business of approximately 150 Hereford cattle. His mother moved to the 7th in 1947 when she was 18, when her parents, Katie and James Bickell, purchased a farm west of the 15th Sideroad. As the second-oldest of eleven children, she soon moved to Toronto, working as a Bell Canada operator. She met Robert's father during a visit home, and the two eventually married and raised four children, also on the 7th, in the second house built on the Lamb farm, with Robert being the youngest.

Robert began working in Bayshore Village as a young teenager for Meharg and Doble. During one shift watering newly laid sod in front of the mansion – now the Oswalds' "beach house" – the Ministry of Labour intervened after noticing his age. Mr. Doble told Robert to ride his bicycle home, adding, "See you tomorrow," and moved him up the street to watering sod at some of the newly built homes on Park Lane, the street where Robert now lives.

This early job marked the start of Robert's long association with the development of Bayshore Village. In the late 1980s, while in post-secondary school, he spent two summers working for Dave Stephens on lawn maintenance and related tasks, and occasionally for Larry Doble. Many members of Robert's extended family—including his brother, uncles, and cousins—also worked in Bayshore through the 1970s and 1980s. Robert is confident that a family member contributed to the construction of nearly every one of the first 50 to 60 homes. Their work included heavy equipment operation, moving fill from their grandparents' gravel pit to build the roads, basement excavation, foundation work, framing, and finishing carpentry.

One humorous memory involves an uncle known for drinking those small cans of tomato juice. While doing renovations in his own home, Robert discovered a pyramid of empty tomato juice cans hidden inside a wall – almost certainly his uncle's handiwork, uncovered almost 50 years later.

Robert also recalled early visits to the "beach house," when his mother – an accomplished seamstress – was hired by Mrs. Brown to make dresses. Robert and his sister accompanied her, instructed to sit quietly while their mother worked.

Robert shared several additional historical notes about the community:

- In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Knox Presbyterian Church of Uptergrove organized large skating parties on the lake in front of the mansion when conditions allowed. These events featured bonfires and brought together families from the area.
- Before the widespread availability of electricity, local residents harvested ice from Barnstable Bay for summer refrigeration. Robert's father often recounted an incident in which a farmer

lost a team of horses through the ice in the Bay during this dangerous work.

- The current Dart Room at the Hayloft served as the Sales Office in the late 1980s, with model home drawings displayed on the walls. Some models were named after street names, including the *Thicketwood* and *Sandlewood*.
- The older brown house in front of the Hayloft was the farmhouse where Dave and Allo Drybrough lived. Dave, brother of Peggy Brown, oversaw farming operations.
- Eldon Brown, who owned most of the farmland along Concession 7 (except for the Bickell and Lamb farms), is a member of the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame. He operated what was described as North America's largest Aberdeen Angus operation in Brechin until his death in 1998. Eldon Leslie Brown (1900 – 1998) – Canadian Mining Hall of Fame
- Before Bayshore was developed, the last mile of the 7th Concession – from John Street to the 20th Sideroad (now Barnstable Drive) – was a single-lane road through bush and marsh. Drivers had to flash their headlights before entering, as there was no place to pass oncoming vehicles.

If you pass by Robert and Janet's home on Park Lane, you'll see two steel horse-drawn hay-rake wheels leaning against their garage. These are the original wheels used by Robert's (maternal) grandfather during fall threshing bees on their farm and on neighbouring properties. – Interview by Rehana Suleman

Toronto Star, June 1976 - from \$21,900/lot!

Attention...retirement & second home buyers

An invitation to casual elegance on Lake Simcoe
Imagine! 314 wooded acres with 15,000 feet of Lake Simcoe shoreline! (That's over 3 miles).
Never offered before or will be again!

- Architect-designed, to complement the natural deep woods and open vistas, this new community is being created for the discriminating buyer with a distinctive lifestyle. Amenities include marinas, yacht basin, beach club, golf, tennis, recreation centre with pool, saunas, and a horticultural centre, "wandering" nature trails and bicycle paths. Lakefront, park and golf lots — 100 foot frontages, with piped water and sewers. Priced from \$21,900.00. Approx. 1/2 acre lots.

\$21900

Drive to Bayshore-Village this weekend, have your 1st choice of lots
2 1/2 miles north of Brechin, turn west onto Mara conc. 7 or take Hwy. 400 to Bypass #12, follow signs to Bayshore Village

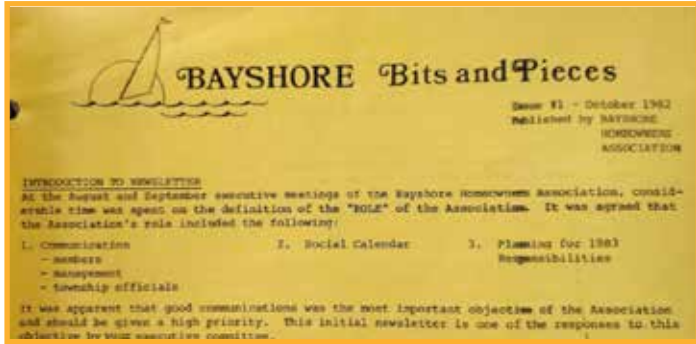
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Our Stories...

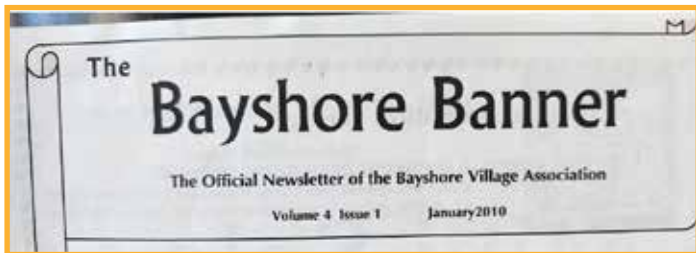
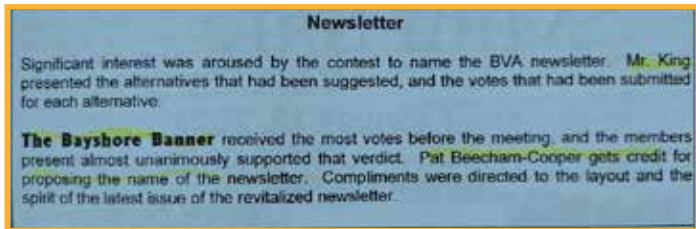
A Brief History of.... The Bayshore Banner

The first newsletter of the Bayshore Homeowners' Association, "Bits and Pieces," was published in October 1982. There were approximately 70 association members at that time. Prior to this, communication to new Bayshore homeowners was via a series of irregularly issued news bulletins.



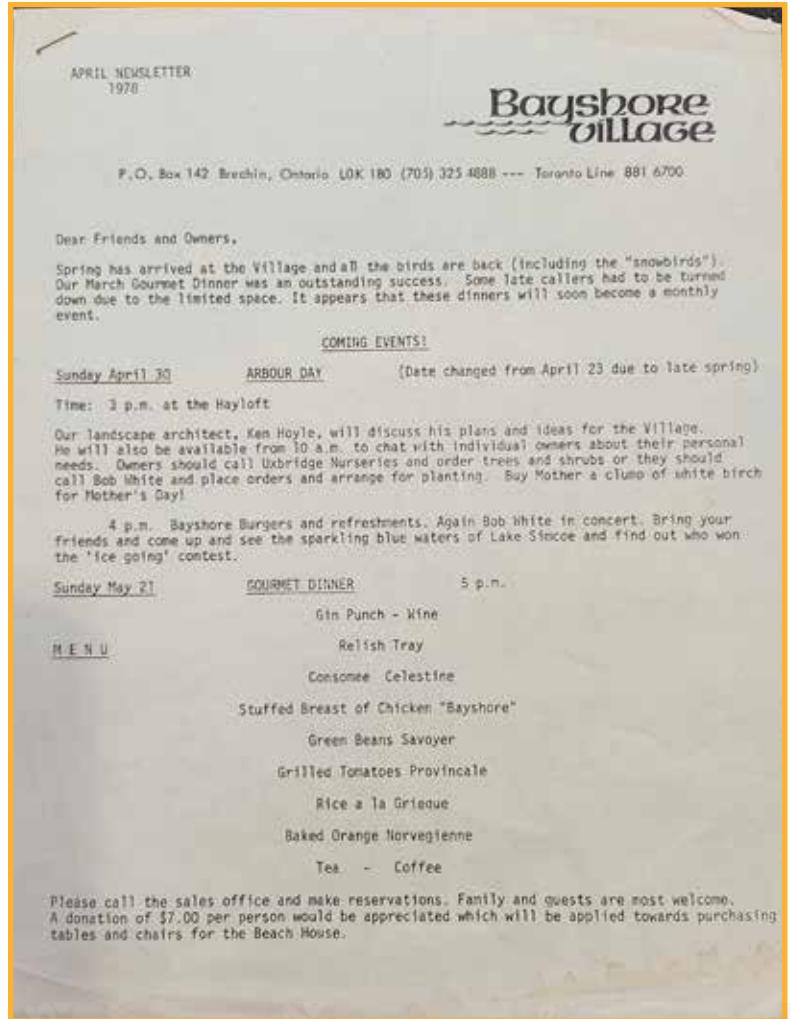
Sometime in the early 1990s, the social sections of the newsletter were published as "The Homefront." The newsletter was essentially split into two parts for the next several years. It continued as "Bits and Pieces" for communicating the business of the development of Bayshore, and as "The Homefront", and then later "Bay Life", for social and community matters. The split format was not well received. So the search began for that perfect name and members had many suggestions including: The Village Crier, The Newsletter, Bayshore Happenings, Odds and Ends, and Sugar and Spice.

Finally, in January 2010, "The Bayshore Banner," a name suggested by Pat Beecham-Cooper, was born.



Over the past 40 plus years, the Banner has evolved from a humble black and white mimeographed newsletter of a few pages, to a vibrant, glossy, picture-filled magazine. It was Glen Morehouse, with his long career in marketing, who offered to find advertisers to pay the cost of publishing the magazine and who set us up with the printing company that we still use today. Thanks to all the editors who went before, including John Waldon, Noel Cooper, and to our current editor, Susan Hazlett, and her team of volunteers, the Banner continues to serve as a vital resource and connection for our special community.

This is the earliest copy of our newsletter that we've been able to locate. It's dated April 1978:



From Bits and Pieces April 1983:

Recipe of the month

Elephant Stew

- 1 elephant (large)
- 2 rabbits (optional)
- Salt and pepper (to taste)
- Brown gravy (lots)

Cut elephant into bite-sized pieces. Add gravy to cover. Cook over an open fire for about four weeks at 450 degrees. Serves 3,800 people. If more are expected, the two rabbits may be added - but some people dislike finding a hare in their stew.

- Submitted by Michelle Martinez

Published October 28, 1978, in the Saturday real estate supplement, "Better Living," of the Toronto Star.
 "Sandalwood" model \$63,050.

– Submitted by Leslie Fielding

Lake Simcoe
 for the
Retired and Leisure Set
 ...live in an elegant custom home on Lake Simcoe
 3 Miles of Natural Shoreline.

SANDALWOOD \$63,050

100 LAKEFRONT LOTS
 Featuring 15,000 feet of Natural Lake Simcoe shoreline where you'll find an enclave of attractive homes and nice people with distinctive lifestyles, in a setting of natural beauty, taste and tranquility.

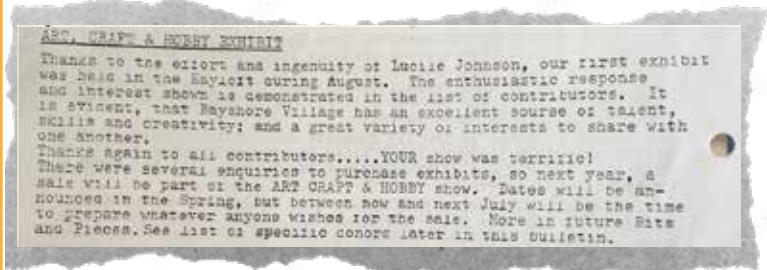
Casual Elegance...
 Homes with lots from \$62,400 to \$100,000 and up
 Lots priced from \$21,900 to \$48,000

- RECREATION CENTRE
- 350 BOAT SLIP MARINA
- Lakefront, Park & Golf
- Lots 100' frontage (approx. 75 acres)

Bayshore Village
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Highlights of Notable Firsts:

- July 1981 – Pool completed
- December 1981 – 1st Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange
- 1982/1983 – First clubs formed:
 Bridge Club met every Monday and Thursday night
 Craft Club met every Tuesday at 2 pm (in 1986 renamed Ladies Chit Chat and Tea, and finally renamed Tea and Chat)
 Fitness class – every Wednesday at 10 am
- October 1983 – 1st Welcome Newcomers supper
- February 1984 – Bayshore Welcoming Committee was formed, called "The Well Wishers"
- Spring 1984 – Construction of tennis courts begun
- August 1984 – 1st Art, Craft and Hobby Exhibit



- October 1985 – Bayshore library began
 - April 1986 – New Hayloft kitchen installed
 - June 1986 – 1st Canada Day picnic
 - July 1986 – Ladies restroom in Hayloft completed
 - October 1986 – Dinner Club began
 - Spring 1987 – More work on Tennis Courts
 - October 1987 – 1st Hole-in-one recorded John Aitken, 86 yard 2nd hole.
- More to come...

– Submitted by Michelle Martinez

Aerial views 1970s:





Our Stories

Ida Herbert,

One of the Treasures of Bayshore Village

Our friend, Ida Herbert, used to live at 11 Sandlewood She taught yoga at the Hayloft and made the Guinness Book of World Records in 2012, for being the oldest yoga teacher. She was 96 years old at that time, but continued teaching in Bayshore.



Pictured above is the 2013 yoga class when we celebrated Ida's 97th birthday the following year – breaking her own record. (L-R are Wendy Lucas, Maria Saringer, Kristina Frise, Lynda Tofflemire, Christa Schmid, Charlotte Neill, Ida Herbert, Myrna Findlay, Mary LaMantia, Joanne Moorhouse, Julie Murray, Julie's granddaughter). The second photo is Ida at the same birthday celebration with my son Brett Lucas who was visiting and who Ida flirted with as she loved males and wanted to have her photo with him... alone. It shows how so darn cute, witty and funny she was.



Ida was also involved with the Big Bike charity for Heart & Stroke. Ida led the warm-up exercises (she's pictured the middle with her back turned) and the photo below was taken in 2013, one of the many years in which she was involved.

**– Submitted by
Wendy Lucas**



**From the Toronto Library Archives, 1978
Bayshore Village Model Homes**



The Birchdale Model



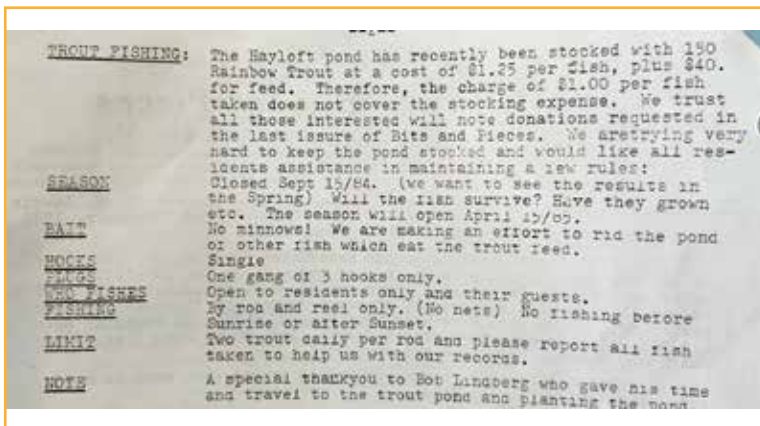
– Photos submitted by Michelle Martinez, Joey Torchia

The Smiths

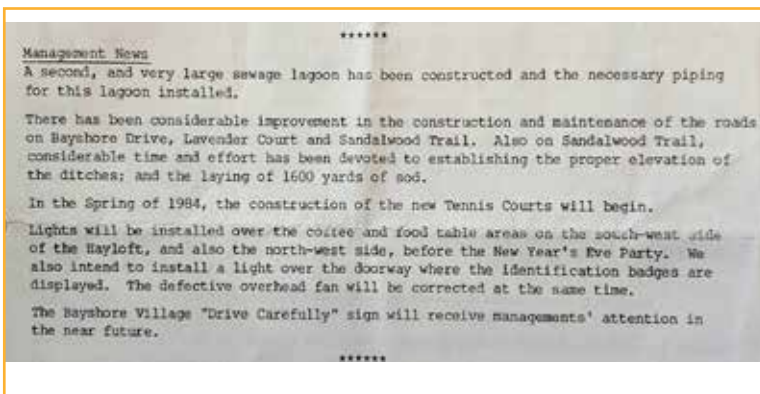
Hello, my name is Kimberley Smith (nee Kerr). My husband Darrin and I own the property at the entrance to Bayshore beside the storage yard, and hope to build there upon our retirement in a few years. We have a long family history in the area as my grandfather, John Kerr, built our cottage on Glenrest beach in 1935, along with several of his nine siblings who followed his lead. My parents, George & Shirley Kerr, took over the family cottage in the early seventies, and my grandfather rebuilt at the point. My connection to Bayshore takes place at the age of seven, when word of the new homes being built was all abuzz on the beach. My earliest memory was going through model homes in my bathing suit and bare feet (and maybe even a little sandy) with my uncle Bob Mitchell and cousins, including Victoria Ryczko (who also lives in Bayshore today). It turns out that the lot we purchased was where the sales trailers were located at that time. Never did I dream at the age of seven that one day I might live there. It was an exciting time of shag carpet and fancy fireplaces, and to be running around in all those model homes right off the beach. We still have the family cottage and look forward to joining the rest of you in the years to come.

– Submitted by Kimberley Smith

Bits and Pieces - August 1984 Trout Fishing in Hayloft Pond



Bits and Pieces - December 1983 Management News



All Saints Bayshore Village Church

Did you know from 1981 to 1989 Bayshore Village was home to its very own Church?

Founded in November 1981 by Bayshore resident, Reverend Dr. Ed Pulker, All Saints Bayshore Village Church met for services every Sunday morning at 10 am in the Hayloft.

All Saints, Bayshore is a Community Church and residents of Bayshore Village, their families and friends who are members of any Christian denomination are cordially invited to attend services.

*Bits and Pieces June 1984

Over the years Rev Pulker conducted many christenings and weddings for residents and their families and the Church was visited by at least two Bishops for special communion services. The congregation was actively involved in fundraising for the Christian Children's Fund of Canada, donating proceeds to secular charities in Sri Lanka and Haiti among others.

Unsurprisingly, the church played a central role during Christmas celebrations in Bayshore, hosting annual carol sing-alongs. These were taken to another level in Dec 1982 with the purchase of a portable Kimball organ which was ...

...enthusiastically played by Mrs. Irene Pulker during Christmas Eve carol services to the delight of the over 70 folks in attendance.

*Bits and Pieces February 1983

In 1987, Dr. Pulker gave up stewardship of the Church and eventually moved away from Bayshore. Although the Bayshore congregation attempted to continue regular services with visiting clergy, eventually the Church ceased to operate sometime in 1989.

– Submitted by Michelle Martinez

The first settler arrived almost 200 years ago.

In 1820, Mara Township was created as part of York County. The first settler, Corrigan, arrived in 1823



In 1849 Mara became part of Ontario County, When Ontario County became Durham Region in 1974, Mara and Rama townships joined Simcoe County. In 1994 Mara and Rama united to form Ramara township.



Our Stories

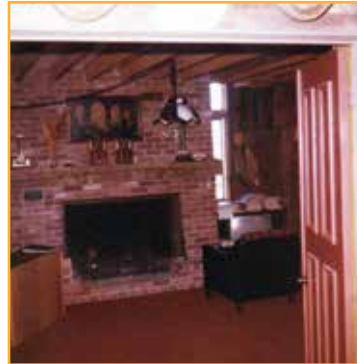
The Evolution of The Hayloft

Our Hayloft is the hub for gatherings and activities at Bayshore Village. But at one point, it was just a plain ol' barn. Here are some archived photos from 1976-78 that you might enjoy, both of the exterior and of the interior when it was first used as our recreational building. We really did have a wood burning

fireplace upstairs until perhaps 1990, when some safety concerns arose. And there were plans for the Solarium to have year-round indoor gardening for the Bayshore community. Thank you Michelle Martinez for uncovering these archived photos!

Susan Hazlett

Photos submitted by Michelle Martinez



Excerpt from February 1986 newsletter regarding the use of the fireplace:

Hayloft Fireplace: During the New Year's Eve party, several well-meaning people, trying to tend the fire, caused heavy smoke which, in turn, caused an alarm to be set off. It would be appreciated if, in future, the fire were left to those designated to look after it.

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Springtime Happy Hour
Diane Stoner & The Social Committee – Organizers



Set-up crew (L-R) Paul Stoner, Diane Stoner, Johanne Lusch, Julie Murray, Anne Graham, Janet Sauve, Paul Sauve

The Springtime Happy Hour was a great success. Seventy people showed up and everyone had a good time. There was a nice variety of food, and cleanup went quickly with lots of people pitching in to put things away. Thank you Janet and Paul Sauve, Anne Graham, Julie Murray, and Joanne Lusch for helping with setup. The Hayloft looked very "Springy" with all the flowers and colourful napkins. Happy Spring everyone!

Diane Stoner
Photos Janet Sauve, Diane Stoner



Pancake Breakfast
Merrill Miller, Lori Simpson – Organizers



On April 25th, a Pancake Breakfast was held at the Hayloft as a kick-off event for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. It was a sold-out event, with 100 tickets purchased.

Merrill Miller and Lori Simpson were the leads on this event and its success was directly attributed to the wonderful team of volunteers. Many thanks to Lenora Davyduck, Jim and Linda Bridges, Karen Semple, Steve Miller, Stuart Simpson, and Dawn Sutherland.

Carson Funeral Homes provided a very generous donation and Graham was a fantastic assistant who monitored our juice, coffee, and tea stations. Thank you, Carson Funeral Homes for your support.

Mary Andrews was the winner of the 50/50 draw and generously donated her winnings back to the 50th Anniversary Committee. Thank you Mary!!

Michelle Martinez created a fabulous power point presentation that ran in the background, highlighting our beautiful community of Bayshore, and included incredible historic information. Thank you, Michelle, for all your efforts in putting this together.

Feedback from this event has been very positive and we thank all who attended!

Merrill Miller
Photos Michelle Martinez, Diane Stoner



(L-R) Jim Bridges, Dawn Sutherland, Steve Miller, Linda Bridges, Merrill Miller, Lori Simpson, Stuart Simpson, Karen Semple.



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August 31, 1930 – April 14, 2026

On April 14th, 2026, at the age of 95, Bill passed peacefully and joined his loving wife Anne (d. January 9, 2025). Bill and Anne had been happily married for over 69 years and had retired to Bayshore Village.

Bill is survived by his daughter Deborah (Paul), his son John (Cathy), his grandchildren Kathleen (Jay), Samantha (Trevor), Christopher, Alexandra (Dean), and Matthew (Stephanie), and his great-grandchildren, Nathan, Vienna, Nicholas, and Benjamin, and his many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son Bill (d. 2023) (Tammy), his granddaughter Miranda (d. 1983), his parents James and Margaret McGill, his brothers James, Robert, John, Hugh and his sister Margaret.

Bill completed his apprenticeship as an electrician in Uddingston, Scotland, before immigrating to join his brothers and sister in Toronto. He began his career as an electrician at Canada Packers, later completing his education as a Master Electrician while working at and eventually retiring from Kodak Canada.

Through his 95 years, Bill was a devoted family man who cherished his time spent with his loved ones. Whether it was a nice dinner, a glass of fine wine or a well-made Manhattan, Bill enjoyed life. He played ping-pong, darts, cards, and the bagpipes. Bill and Anne spent much of their time dancing, reading, boating, fishing, travelling, and quietly helping others. They had a good life together, filled with family and friends, laughter and love.

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Ice Fishing

What a difference a year makes! A wonderful improvement over last year's slushfest! Although we had a record amount of snowfall this winter, the conditions of last year did not repeat. The many thaws last year created a non-navigable environment due to a layer of deep snow with a layer of deep slush beneath. Adding to that, the weight

of heavy snow on the ice pressed down, pushing lake water up through pressure cracks, adding to the already slushy conditions. Simply worded, many got stuck and lost interest in heading out onto the lake.

And now the good news: this year was much better, lots of ice, lots of snow, and zero slush. For me, the snow was a bit deep for the ATV, and after getting buried a couple of times, and lifting the bike to get out (not ideal for a bad back), it was time to listen to some good advice, both from Deb and my good friend Eugene. I went out and bought a snowmobile. (Better to be on top of the snow than buried in it.) That was the right choice. Let the fishing begin!

Perch again were the main target. Our Barnstable Bay honey hole didn't disappoint with many catches in the 20+ range. Jumbo perch are sought out all across Lake Simcoe, and we have one of the best locations right at our front door, so to speak (we try to keep it quiet). Along with the jumbo perch, northern pike, whitefish, burbot, herring and once in a while the occasional lake trout can be caught. On a few occasions, both large and smallmouth bass have been caught, but rarely. Bowfin can also make an appearance, usually not to bite but to rise through the hole, burp in some air, and then slide back down into the water. Many of us have experienced this comical event. Ian Maikawa was startled at this, and others responded, "What the heck was that?" (Maybe not in those exact words, but this is a family show.)

I tried something different this year. Doug Richardson invited me to join him and his pal, Ed, out to one of the operator ice huts south of Harbour 33. Callum, our host, operates Happy Go Fishing Charters, which runs all year round. In winter, rental ice huts can be obtained for a fee, with transportation to and from the hut, which includes bait. It's worth a try if you

have never ice fished and want to give it a go. To contact, use his website, Fishsimcoe.com. Our day was a success with Ed catching a good size whitefish and myself, a 31 inch, 7 plus pound burbot (pictures attached).

And now for spring.

As the snow and ice finally melt, the perch begin their spawn migration, as do the northern pike, black crappie and of course the Lake Simcoe unicorn: the walleye. As the shiners (minnows) fill the creeks, ditches and harbours for their own spawn run, the predatory fish follow to fatten up after a long winter and for their own spawning journey.

Mid-May to mid-June is northern pike time. The spawn is over and they are hungry. Barnstable Bay has the perfect conditions and natural structure for these big toothy, predatory water wolves. Break out the big lures with a lot of flash – they love shine. Natural colours work well as do natural baits. A big sucker minnow on a float bobber can have tremendous results, and be prepared to have one of the best fights of your life.

In May also, when the shiners come into the harbours to spawn, jumbo perch will follow them in, creating a great early spring fishing opportunity, but only until the 15th when the boats come back for the season. Never fish around someone's boat; respect that fishhooks can cause damage to canvas and boat interiors.

At the time of this writing, I've traded my ice fishing rod for my salt water rod, to enjoy some ocean fishing in Florida.. big game fishing. This time of year the tarpon are running; big, silver giants that take a fisherman to their limit of fish fighting skills. Snook is also a favourite of many anglers, as are redfish and sea trout. All accessible by shore. If you want to go freshwater, then small lakes and canals are full of both largemouth bass and peacock bass.

I look forward to returning home, getting the boats out of storage and getting into the great fishing we have around the Bayshore peninsula. I hope to see many of you out on the water. Stay safe, and enjoy.

As always I love to hear about your adventures and stories and keep sending me those pictures to include with my article, at meadowskeith1@gmail.com.

Happy summer!

Keith Meadows



A nice burbot



A fine catch of jumbo perch, a lake herring, and a large northern pike



Eugene Storozinski with a beauty Barnstable jumbo perch



Doug Richardson's friend, Ed, with a nice whitefish

Ramara Public Library News

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Men's Coffee Club: second Tuesday of the month

Genealogy Club: first & third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Tech Time: second & fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Ramara Book Club & Evening Book Club

Celebrating World Migration Day at the Robert Bowles Nature Centre: May 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Organizing, Downsizing, and Decluttering: May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Invasive Plants with Simcoe County Master Gardeners: May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Hike & Haiku: May 23 & June 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Author Talk - The Red Canoe: June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Craft Club: June 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Programs

Little Adventurers: Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day Craft: May 9 at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Liza Doolittle Day: May 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Meet the Author: Lynda Partridge: May 30 at 1:30 a.m.

Father's Day Craft: June 20 at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Special Events

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GLOBETROTTING 40 Days and 40 Nights

The title of this article sounds biblical; however, it was the length of time of this down under experience. There were two must-experience items to the Australian / New Zealand trip. The first item was the train ride from Darwin to Adelaide called the Ghan. The train journey had always been booked for over a year when I checked availability, so once available, I grabbed it. The second must-have was the cruise from Sydney to Auckland. This represented 26 of the 40 days of the trip, with the starting point being Sydney. The rest of the trip was filled with other great locations to round out the forty days. We departed YYZ on February 26 and returned on April 6.

For those who can't fly for 22 hours, this might not be for you. We flew from Toronto to Vancouver, which is a five-hour leg. Our flights were booked on the same plane, on the same seats. We deplaned in Vancouver for two hours while they refuelled, then got back on for the second leg of just over 15 hours. This was my first time flying that long and it was pretty tough. We made it to Sydney on time, and we were able to check in around 09:30 at our hotel, had a shower and snooze, a must on a flight this long. We spent a few days exploring Sydney and then boarded our ship. We had a balcony suite at the rear of the ship which I'm now hooked on. The sound of the water being

churned by the props is so relaxing. Before heading to NZ we stopped in Melbourne and Tasmania. All together we had seven ports of call in NZ ending in Auckland. New Zealand is a beautiful country, and the locals are very kind. We cycled to many locations, so we got to see so much. One highlight was cruising through the fjords on the South Island; with our aft-facing balcony it was stunning. My favourite city was Timaru, with its mountainous terrain, historic buildings, and meeting locals who would approach you just to say hello. I visited a museum of natural history where they had a Kiwi bird, (photo included here). Check the size of a Kiwi egg compared to the size of the bird.

Once in Auckland, we explored the area for a couple of days and then headed to Hobbiton to visit the Lord of the Rings movie set. It was great, and the story of how it came to be, even better. In short, the farmer who owned the land where the first movie was filmed wanted all of the movie sets removed from his property after the film was shot. Little did he know the movie would be such a success. When they were ready for the second movie, the farmer was a lot smarter. He insisted the movie set be built with long-lasting materials and that it all be left behind. Thus Hobbiton was born. Thousands of people visit Hobbiton daily, and at NZD \$200 each, they are making big bucks.



Life-sized Kiwi bird and egg



Hobbiton Home

GLOBETROTTING 40 Days and 40 Nights (cont'd)

From Auckland, NZ, we headed to Cairns, Australia and then drove approximately 80 kilometres to Port Douglas for five nights at a beautiful resort close to the Great Barrier Reef. There were many things to see here on land, along with taking a speedboat out to the reef one day. The tour included the day on a floating structure, and there I took a ride on a semi-submersible submarine, saw coral, fish, and a hammerhead shark (very rare). At this time of year, you don't swim in the ocean due to the things that can kill you. Out on the reef, they had nets, so snorkelling and swimming were safe. The food and wine were great in NZ, but most of the meals were on the ship, which is always great. The cruise line was Holland America, which has mid-sized ships that aren't overcrowded. The crew took good care of us, and the entertainment was great. The picture of the ship is our ship leaving Sydney. It is taken by an onshore camera set up by Holland America and captures the ship and the famous Sydney Bridge and Opera House. Australia was created as a penal colony by Britain, which sent convicted prisoners there to serve their sentences. You could get seven years in prison for stealing a hairbrush, and after seven years, you were unlikely to get on a ship returning to Britain. British sentencing was very harsh in order to colonize Australia at very little cost. This concludes Part 1 of "40 Days and 40 Nights." The next article will be on the second half of this voyage.

James Schulz



Early morning arrival in Timaru



Photo of Sydney Bridge



View from our balcony sailing away



Around The Village



*Celebrating our 50 Years!
Photo by Rehana Suleman*



*Spring is almost here!
Photo by Brian F. Jones*



Welcome to Ruby (left), adopted by Keith Meadows, Debbie Rautins and Brodie (right)



March sky. Photo by Judy Flinn

*First sign of spring
when you see the
robins. Photo by
Barry Peyton*



*Sharp Shinned Hawk.
Photo by Barry Peyton*



*Mid-January sunset sky.
Photo by Mary Andrews*



Duck nestbox going up at Jan and Graham Nierop's shoreline. Thank you Des Barnes and Jim Puddy for the materials.

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Sno-Hogs Hit the Trails: A Season to Remember

Chris Iles – Organizer

The 2025–2026 snowmobiling season proved to be one for the books for a spirited group of Bayshore Village residents known as the Sno-Hogs. With a shared love for winter adventure and the great outdoors, this group of 13 members came together to make the most of a truly exceptional season on the trails.

The Sno-Hogs – Chris Iles, Amanda Knapp, Bob Sutherland, Brian Finnegan, Dean Nisbett, Eugene Storzinski, Graham Nierop, Leslie Dixon Rose, Mike Wiebe, Robert Lamb, Roger Sicard, and Roy Oswald – organized and participated in a series of rides and trips that spanned from December through March 2026.

Over the course of the season, the group covered close to 4,000 kilometres across Ontario’s well-maintained trail system. Their journeys took them through a variety of scenic destinations, including Cochrane, Ramara, Coldwater, Midland, Penetanguishene, Elmvale, Oro, Port Severn, Swift Rapids, Gravenhurst, and Kahshe Lake. Each destination offered its own unique charm, from winding forest trails to picturesque lakeside routes.

This year’s conditions played a major role in the success of the season. With consistent snowfall and well-groomed

trails, riders enjoyed smooth, reliable terrain throughout the winter months. The trails were reported to be in excellent shape, allowing the group to fully embrace long-distance rides and explore new routes with confidence.

But more than anything, it was about the fun. Lots of laughs, good company, and a shared love of being out on the trails made it a season to remember for everyone involved.

With a robust season behind them and plenty of memories made, the Sno-Hogs are already looking ahead to next winter – ready to hit the trails once again. Here’s hoping next winter is just as good – because the Sno-Hogs will be ready.


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Art Gallery
Victor Relvas – Organizer

The Art Gallery Wall has now been moved to its new location and the displays continue to impress! Here are just a few of the Featured Artists' work from Nori Drysdale (February and March) and Jacquie Ivory (March and April) as well as various others. Contact Victor if you would like to show your artwork on the Gallery Wall. It can be one piece or many! Don't be shy!

Also included here are pictures that were sent into the Banner directly. If you have anything you would like to share, please send your photos in to susan@hazlett.ca, and they will be published when space allows. Pictures of your art that are not paintings (such as weavings, ceramics, woodworking etc) are also more than welcome!

Susan Hazlett



**Acrylic by Nori Drysdale,
 Featured Artist Feb/March**



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 Featured Artist Feb/March**



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**Acrylic by Nori Drysdale
 Featured Artist Feb/March**



**Acrylic by Jacquie Ivory
 Featured Artist March/April**



**"Ukraine" - Acrylic by
 Ray (Razor) Broughton**



**Acrylic by Jacquie Ivory
 Featured Artist March/April**



**"Lady in Red" - Acrylic by Jacquie Ivory
 Featured Artist March/April**



**Acrylic by Jacquie Ivory
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Art Gallery (Cont'd)
Victor Relvas – Organizer



Acrylic by Donna Sverdrup



Acrylic by Ray (Razor) Broughton



Acrylic by Donna Sverdrup



Acrylic by Donna Sverdrup



Acrylic by Heather Dixon



Acrylic by Susan Hazlett



Coloured pencil by Michelle Martinez



Acrylic by Donna Sverdrup



"Snowy Owl" - Acrylic by Victor Relvas

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Janet Sauve – Organizer

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Janet Sauve



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Along with the AED and pads, these units also contain a pair of latex gloves, a face guard to provide “non-contact” mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and a Narcan kit – used in the event of an accidental overdose of opioids (pain management medications). Some examples of opioids are Codeine, Demerol, Percocet, Tramadol, and Vicodin.

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Johanne Lusch

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RECOVERY POSITION If the person begins breathing on their own, or if you have to leave them alone, put them in the recovery position.



SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

- Person can't be woken up
- Breathing is slow or has stopped
- Snoring or gurgling sounds
- Fingernails and lips turn blue or purple
- Pupils are tiny or eyes are rolled back
- Body is limp

GLOBETROTTING

Asia – February 1 to March 31

On February 1 at 12:15 am, Mary and Jeff Nolan, Paul and I started our journey. We flew out of Toronto with EVA Air, an Asian airline, and loved the service they provided. Wonderful staff and great meals!!

Twenty-four hours later, we arrived in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, with a population of four million. We spent the first day trying to get used to the time change (12 hours ahead) and joined our tour with Gate One the following day. We toured the city and visited the Royal Palace, where the King lives, and visited the silver pagoda, which is part of the Royal Palace complex. The floor of this pagoda is covered in 5,329 silver tiles that weigh 1.1 Kgs each.

We also learned about the brutal Khmer Rouge genocide that was led by Pol Pot between 1975 and 1979. One quarter of the population of this country died during this time. Cambodia has a very turbulent history, and its struggles continue to this day, with fighting currently happening along the border with Thailand.

We left Phnom Penh and headed north to Siem Reap. Here we visited both Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom, which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Angkor Wat dates back to the 10th century, covers 400 acres and was an impressive place to see.

On February 6, we flew to Vietnam. Our first stop was Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. This city is huge, with a population of 14 million people (the whole country has a population of 100 million people). The first thing we were taught was how to cross the street. Our guide told us to start walking slowly ahead, not to stop, and not to run. It was a skill that we had to learn, but it was quite scary at first. We also learned that there are 8 to 9 million scooters in this city (77 million in the whole country), and we saw families of four and five people on one scooter zipping around the city, many without helmets.

The next day, we visited the Cu Chi Tunnels. This 127-mile tunnel system was established around 1948 during the French resistance and was used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War (1965-1973). These tunnels are only 2' x 3', and we were given the chance to crawl through a 60' length portion. It was very cramped, and we started feeling claustrophobic during that experience.

We had a tour of Ho Chi Minh City before heading north to Hoi An.

Hoi An is known for its many decorative lanterns, which symbolize luck, happiness and prosperity. This town is also famous for custom clothing tailoring. Many people in our group got garments made while we were here. A garment can be custom-made in a 24-hour period. During the evening, people could ride in a boat on the river and would place floating paper cups holding candles after they made a wish. It was a beautiful sight to see!!

We arrived in Vietnam just before the Lunar New Year (February 17). It's a big deal in this culture, with 5% of a family's income being used on decorations for this event.

Kumquat trees, cherry blossom trees, copious bouquets of flowers, envelopes containing "lucky" money and other decorations adorned every home and building that we passed. So neat to be able to witness this celebration.

We visited Hue, where we got to ride a cyclo, a three-wheeled, human-powered bicycle taxi with a front-mounted seat. It was scary riding through traffic in one of these taxis.

Next, we drove to Halong Bay. This bay has recently been declared as one of the "New Seven Natural Wonders of the World." Three thousand islands covering 1500 sq. kms make up this bay. We stayed overnight here and went on a boat cruise the next day.

The last city on the tour was Hanoi. This city is the capital of Vietnam and has a population of 8.5 million people. We toured this city with our tour group and witnessed a spectacular fireworks display as part of the Lunar New Year Celebration. We also got to taste Hanoi's world-famous "Egg Coffee." This drink was invented in 1945 by a bartender in Hanoi. Due to wartime shortages and the scarcity of milk, he replaced milk with the yolk of a fresh egg, which had been whipped. Sugar and condensed milk were added to create a creamy drink similar to a cappuccino. It is a very rich drink that needs to be stirred before drinking. Salt coffee and avocado coffee are also popular here.



Egg Coffee



Angkor Wat



Hoi-An Floating Candles



Cyclo-Taxi

GLOBETROTTING

Asia – February 1 to March 31 (cont'd)

On March 4, after a two-week break, we joined the Nolans on another Gate One Tour through Thailand. We started off touring Bangkok, a huge city of 16 million people. We visited the Grand Palace, which is the official home of the King, visited a very interesting flower market and the Wat Pho temple. All the temples we visited in Vietnam were very dark without much colour. In Thailand, the temples are elaborately decorated with lots of gold leaf and colourful glass and ceramic tiles. Very beautiful!!

As we drove out of Bangkok towards our next destination, we visited the floating market and the train market. The floating market has been running for 150 years along a 32 km-long canal. As you ride along in a boat through these canals, you can purchase fruit, food items and souvenirs from local merchants.

The train market was so interesting!! A train goes through this market 6-8 times a day, and as the train approaches, the merchants retract their awnings and move some of their goods off the track to let the train pass. It was super crowded, but also so neat to see.

We travelled on and visited the Bridge over the River Kwai and experienced the Hellfire Pass and Death Railway -- a 75-meter-long pass that had to be chiselled through solid rock using only simple tools. British, American, Australian, and Canadian POWs held by the Japanese during WWII were forced to do this work. Twelve thousand soldiers and 80,000 Asian labourers perished during the construction due to malnutrition, disease, and overwork. This was a very sobering part of our tour.

We travelled towards the northern part of Thailand, visiting many temples and seeing much of this country's agricultural landscape. Coffee, tea, pineapple, and tapioca plantations were seen, as well as many rice paddies. We tasted so many different kinds of fruit, such as jackfruit, dragon fruit, longan, and even Durian. Quite the experience!

We travelled as far north as Chiang Rai, where Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand share a border. We visited the Long Neck Karen tribe, where the practice of wearing metal rings is still in effect, starting at the age of five. Some of the young girls are choosing not to wear the coils, leading to debates about the longevity of this practice.

We visited an Elephant Jungle Sanctuary where elephants that have been neglected, injured, or abused are able to live. We fed them bananas, their favourite, washed them in the river and got into a mud bath with them. Another neat experience.

Our last stop was Chiang Mai, the second-largest city in Thailand. It is known as the "City of Temples" and hosts a huge night market on Sunday. This was our favourite city -- so many great restaurants and interesting buildings.

We flew back to Bangkok on February 18 and bid farewell to everyone.

Paul and I went on to spend two weeks on the island of Koh Samai where we enjoyed some time on some beautiful beaches and finished our trip to Asia.

Our flight home was long, and it seemed so weird to leave Thailand on March 31 and arrive in Toronto after 30 hours of travel on the same day. Oh, the jet lag!!! Brutal!

Diane and Paul Stoner



Long-Neck Tribe



Lanterns



Decorations in Vietnam



Traditional Vietnamese Dress



Elephant Sanctuary



Travel Presentation – Ireland



On St. Patrick's Day, John MacDonald, of Trevello Travel, treated 41 Bayshore residents to a lunch of Irish stew, bread and Irish cream cupcakes. Irish whiskey was served either neat or in a coffee with whipped cream. There was Guinness for those who preferred a beer. Following the delightful lunch, we were given a very informative tour on travel to Ireland by Royal Irish Tours and then a presentation from Globus Travel. A slide show and brochures were on hand to show the beauty and adventures to be had in Ireland. Joshua from Globus presented a variety of trip options, including an overview of River Cruising in Europe with Avalon! Having done this trip myself, I can say this is a first-class trip and worth looking into. Looking forward to having John back to present another travel opportunity for Bayshore residents.

Brenda James

Photos by Brenda James, Janet Sauve



Crafters Circle Michelle Martinez – Organizer



During the long winter months, the Crafters Circle has been meeting every Monday in the Games Room from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Depending on the participation, it may stay as every Monday or it may change back to twice a month. We are on TeamReach, so if you are interested in coming out, please check the calendar.

Everyone brings their own projects to work on – some people do painting, knitting, quilting, drawing, or modelling – bring whatever you like! If you're stuck on what to bring, there are adult colouring books to play around with. There's lots of chatter (and sometimes cookies!) and it's interesting to see what projects everyone has on the go. Feel free to drop in!

Susan Hazlett

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Trumpeter Swan Viewing Party

A big thank you goes out to Veronica and Des Barnes for hosting a morning event at their lovely home on January 27th, 2026.

Twelve Bayshore residents showed up for the viewing and were greeted with hot coffee and treats, including cinnamon buns and fresh muffins, which were very delicious!

Des has been feeding the Trumpeter swans for a few years now on Barnstable Bay beside his home. This year, the numbers have been huge, sometimes over 200 swans visited for a feed of corn.

It was a cold morning on the 27th, so many swans chose to stay put. We had 30 swans show up and flew up in pairs or more. A bonus arrival was eight snow buntings that came in for a few scraps of corn husks.

Snow buntings are only seen in this area in the winter months and feed mostly on grass seeds.

It was interesting to watch the swans greet each other by flapping their wings and by their trumpeting call, which can be heard throughout Bayshore Village. They typically did not crowd the feed buckets but stayed a distance away for twenty minutes or so, and then slowly walked in to feed.

Des collects their tag numbers and submits them to the Swan Conservancy for research and records. Well done, Des.

Barry Peyton



If you are interested in joining the Birds Of A Feather Club or finding out more, see TeamReach details on page 38.



Winter Art Class Jacquie Ivory – Organizer

The winter session of art classes was another success. Our teacher, Doug Cooper, gave everyone a choice of three snow scenes to paint (snow is not just white, but blues, pinks, purples, and grays – it's tough to get it "just right").

Following our final class, participants enjoyed a variety of foods at our pot luck lunch. Unfortunately, due to the earlier power outage, only about half of the class was there, but for those who could make it, we had a great celebration. Gifts of thanks were presented to our wonderful organizers, Jacquie Ivory and Victor Relvas. Thank you!

Susan Hazlett



Ladies' Meal-And-A-Movie Events Debbie Rautins – Organizer

Presenting an opportunity to get together to see movies and have a lunch or dinner! All women are welcome, as this was originally intended as a women-only gathering to see movies that men may not particularly enjoy.

So far, we saw “80 for Brady,” “Wicked,” and most recently, “Wuthering Heights.” The group started off with just eight ladies, and there were fourteen of us at the latest event. It was so much fun, that we’d like to open the invitation to all. If you are interested in being on the mailing list for these events, please let me know. A TeamReach group may be created later.

Suggestions for movies are welcome. Tuesday afternoons seem to be a favourite time because it’s only \$5 for the movie and \$5 for popcorn. We have lunch before the movie or dinner afterwards, depending on the movie times. Ride sharing is organized. You buy your ticket on site. Having seats close together has not been a problem. Non-summer months are probably more popular, but doable if a good movie comes out and there’s interest.

Once you let me know that you are interested in joining the group, you will hear further details directly.

Here are some testimonials from those who have attended:

“I haven’t been to a movie in over 20 years! This was fun!”

“Thanks for doing this. I look forward to the next one!”

“Well organized, and appreciate rides being organized.”

Debbie Rautins



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Bridge Velma Burley – Organizer

Playing bridge was a very enjoyable indoor activity for our group during the long winter we just had.

The Monday group’s top scorers during the last three months were:

Doug Sellery with 6740 points

Noel Cooper with 6130 points

Maria Saringer with 6110 points

Noel dominated Wednesday bridge play, being the top scorer on many occasions. His highest score was 7390 points! Second place went to Debbie Rautins with 5510 points. Noel also had the 3rd, 4th and 5th best scores of the winter; 4860, 4650 and 4440 points.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Velma Burley



New Library Location

Paul Stoner, Heather Horbay & Library Committee – Organizers

As part of the plans for the Hayloft, on January 28th, the library moved from "The Box Stall" (does anyone else remember that old name for the space?), to the walls of the Exercise Room. Paul Stoner did a wonderful job building the new shelves, and the Library Committee moved the books to their new home. You can still return and donate books by placing them in the box provided in the new location and members of the committee will shelve them.

The old library location has been repurposed to house works from our resident artists and will contain historic displays of Bayshore Village. Thank you Rhonda Wallace and Dave Renaud for the fresh paint job! Be sure to go in and have a look!

Susan Hazlett
Photos by Susan Hazlett, Diane Stoner



Above: Paul Stoner "measuring twice, cutting once," building and installing new shelves



Library Moving Volunteers L-R: Anne Graham, Carol Spain, Julie Murray, Rhonda Wallace, Heather Horbay, Mary Nolan



VON

At our April 24 VON class, a representative of the VON organization came in with surprise gifts of flowers and certificates to our fearless volunteer leaders who give up every Friday morning to keep us in shape. We want to thank them all.

Michele Farley



(L-R) Terri Papa, Karen Semple, Linda Bridges, Velma Burley, Tina Alexander (Admin Assistant for the SMART program). Absent: Wendy Lucas

Bayshore Artist at Peter Street Gallery

Our own Judy Flinn was a featured artist in February at the Peter Street Fine Arts Gallery! You may know Judy from her acrylic pour art and her other crafts at our Makers' Market in October. Judy is a very talented artist, working in acrylics and other mediums. We're proud to see her works on display in Orillia – well done Judy!

Susan Hazlett
Photo by Judy Flinn





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As many of you know, this house holds a special place in the history of Bayshore Village as it was the original 1930's family farmhouse built on the peninsula. We'd love to share it with our neighbours on this 50th Anniversary!

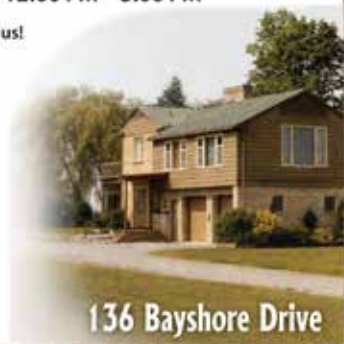
Please join us for a casual BBQ and, if anyone's curious about the house, the doors are open for those who'd like a tour.

Date: Saturday, July 11 / Rain Date: Sunday, July 12
Time: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We hope you can join us!

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CONTEST CATEGORIES:

- Portraits
- Landscapes
- Wildlife
- Sports
- Family
- Macro

HOW TO ENTER:

Please include your name, address & category(ies) with your submission:

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

- Maximum 2 entries per person
- Photos must be taken within the Village
- Submit printed copies only (no digital entries)
- Photos must be taken in 2026
- Photo size must be 5" x 7"

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Barry Peyton, 5 Thicketwood OR Gilberto De Nobile, 4 Sandlewood

Your photos will be proudly displayed in the Hayloft. The overall **winning photo will be featured on the front cover of the Bayshore Banner!**

(Tip: Portrait orientation works best for the cover!)

Questions contact Barry Peyton 705-689-0852

Contest Runs:

May 1st to August 31st





Name Our Bayshore Village Squirrel Contest Deadline to Enter - June 1st

As you may have noticed from our logos and our new wooden squirrels available this year, our unofficial mascot at Bayshore Village is our beloved white squirrel. But he needs a name! Accordingly, we are having a "Name Our Squirrel Contest." Entries are open to all residents, and we welcome all suggestions – as many as you can think of!

Entry forms are available in the Hayloft, or you can cut out the bottom portion of this page. Fill it out and drop all entries into the confidential mailbox slot on the Hayloft front door before **June 1st, 2026**. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY! A panel of judges will review every suggestion. Their decision will be announced on June 15th. All decisions will be final.

The person who suggests the winning name will receive a complimentary wooden squirrel, a Theo's Restaurant gift card, and their photo will be taken for publication in the Banner, our social media, and it will be placed in the 50th Anniversary Time Capsule for posterity. Should there be two or more people who submit the same winning name, the judges will employ a very discerning and scientific method of elimination (otherwise known as eenie meenie, minee, moe) to come up with the finalist.

Have fun with it! Any questions, contact Susan Hazlett (susan@hazlett.ca)



NAME OUR BAYSHORE VILLAGE SQUIRREL CONTEST

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- **Yoga:** Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Loft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- **Italian Rummy:** Mondays at 2:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Barb Thurgood.
- **Bid Euchre:** 1:00 pm Tuesdays in the Games Room. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **Regular Euchre:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **Ladies' Tea & Chat:** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Kristina Frise.
- **VON SMART Exercise:** Fridays at 10:00 am in the Loft. Call 705-326-7021 to sign up.
- **Daily Walking Group:** Open to all. Join our early morning outdoor walks around Bayshore.
- **Mahjong:** Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Bridge:** Mondays at 10:00 am in the Solarium. Contact Judy Kielly.
- **Bridge:** Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Velma Burley.
- **Bridge Lessons:** Are available. Contact Dorothy Hall.
- **Bible Study Group:** Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Solarium. Contact Deborah Leon.
- **Low Impact Aerobics with Leslie Sansome (WalkFit):** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am upstairs at the Loft. Contact Heather Horbay or Rhonda Wallace.
- **Remote Control Flying Club:** Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Loft. Contact Keith Barrow.
- **Crafting Circle:** Mondays from 10 am to noon in the Games Room. Contact Michelle Martinez.
- **Photography Club:** Every other Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Gilbert De Nobile.
- **Fitness Class Strength and Tone:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 - 11:30 am upstairs in the Hayloft. Bring running shoes and yoga mat. Contact Karen Semple.
- **Birds of a Feather** on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Loft. Contact Barry Peyton 705-689-0852.
- **Aquafit:** After pool opens – High Energy Mondays at 11:00 am. Low Impact Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Contact Deborah May.



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BVA Wet Hogs and Boaters	BVAWHG
BVA Pool	Bvapool1
BSV Crafters	BSVCRAFTERS
BVA Kayak	BVAkayak1
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BVA Contract Bridge	BVABridge
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BVA Mahjong	BVAMahjong
BVA Spanish Study Group	BVAESPA1
Aquafit	BVAAQUA25
BVA Photography	BVAPhoto2024
BVA Birds of a Feather	BVABirds1
BAV RC CLUB	BVARCCLUB1
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BVA Walk Fit	BVAWalkFit2025
BVA Sno-Hogs	BVASNO-HOGS-2025

Download the TeamReach app, enter the code to access news and activities of each group.

UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE!

- May 30 - Kick-Off Party & BBQ
- June 6 & 7 - Bayshore Garage Sale 8:00 am-noon
- June 22 - Summer Solstice Party
- June 27 - Golf Classic
- July 1 - Canada Day
- July 11 - 136 Bayshore Drive, BBQ at the Oswalds
- August 22 - Final Anniversary Party and Dance
- September 3 - Trivia Night 7-10 pm
- September 12 - Ryder Cup
- October TBA - Makers' Market 9am-3pm.
- October 31 - Halloween Treats on the Street
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