

# EDITOR'S NOTE

It's hard to believe another summer is before us. Beaches beckon. Laneways invite us to check out so many attractions and events that will, at season's end, become treasured memories of a great 2007 Parry Sound area summer spent with family and friends. Preparing Summer Sideroads for you offers me a small preview – just a teaser – of where this summer can take us.

As I read Marliese Gause's focus on area bridges, my mind wandered to thoughts of sunny boat trips on Georgian Bay when passing under the Rose Point Swing Bridge signifies the beginning or the end of another memorable journey. It always evokes either excitement about the adventure ahead, the channels to be explored, and the picnic basket to be opened on the shore – or a touch of sadness that a day on the Bay is never long enough.

It seems this love for Georgian Bay and connections with the many friendly people we meet here can really get into one's blood. Despite a busy schedule that wisks her off to performances around the world, Katherine Wheatley's cottage life on Georgian Bay and her friendships here, frequently draw her back to the place she thinks of as "home". Apparently, you can take the spunky gal out of Parry Sound, but you just can't take those home-grown roots out of Katherine.

Carling cottager Doris McCarthy has expressed her own love for the Bay in many paintings. As the community joins in celebrating this renown artist's 97th birthday on Doris McCarthy Day in Parry Sound, I have to admire this woman who made simplicity a mission, living well a passion and stewardship of the land, a value she acted upon daily.

Darlene Wroe also delved into the land stewardship issue in her article about the Great Lakes water levels and their impact on our wetlands. The Longlades of Pointe au Baril, lifelong guides on Georgian Bay, also echoed concern for stewardship as they adjust to the once reliable channels – their highways for three-quarters of a century – which are now slowly disappearing.

The Little Yellow Rowboat is a delightful, wholesome story I actually took home for the sheer pleasure of reading to someone special. It was like giving a smile. As I followed with The Intruder true life sequel written by Joy Kitchen of Parry Sound, I imaged many cottagers throughout this area identifying with this humorous episode.

Dropping by the first Tuesday CruZe Nite of the season back in June got me thinking about the summers we're all planning. This will definitely be among the many attractions people include in their Parry Sound vacation memories, likely with a couple of photos alongside their favourite hot rod or classic car – and probably a story or two....

So follow the thread of your interests along the sideroads of Parry Sound and area this summer. Be sure to browse through the Out and About section for special events on the horizon. And have a great summer.



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