



August 2011

Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA)

From the President

Dan MacLeod

August 4th already! Somebody stole July. Another successful Regatta, I have to thank all the helpers and volunteers who helped pull it together this year. This Association owes much of its success to the volunteers and members of the Executive who give unselfishly of their time and I am very appreciative of their efforts and results.

We were treated to the BEST fireworks show ever this year. It is one of those things that just keeps getting more entertaining every year. All around where I was sitting all you could hear (between the loud bangs) was unbelievable, "Wow, do you see that!" Thank you very much for a fantastic show.

I would like to mention again what to do when a fire is spotted. Call either of the marinas or the Lodge. The owners of the Lodge and Marinas are living up here and have a knowledge of who is up at the lake that could help.

I was also asked what to do in a medical emergency. Please call 911. The emergency medical services dispatch has the schedule as to where the help is or where the help can be pulled from.

I am being told of the bear problems we are experiencing; please do not leave trash or food as a temptation. Let's keep the wild animals wild.

Here's wishing you a safe and happy remainder of the summer and, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Regards,
Dan MacLeod

E-mail: danjohnmac@rogers.com



Mark Your Calendar - 2011

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| Sunday Sept. 4 10 a.m. | HLPOA Semi-Annual Meeting Healey Lake Lodge |
| September 17 Starts promptly 11 a.m. | Healey Lake Golf Tournament Muskoka Woods |
| August 29 8 p.m. | JJ Grey & Mofro Tickets \$37.50 adults/ \$35.50 seniors and students Stockey Centre, Parry Sound |
| August 31 8 p.m. | The Nylons Tickets \$45. adults / \$43. seniors and students Stockey Centre, Parry Sound |

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Sequin Regional Art Tour

It was a pleasure to view the art work of Horst Brunke during the Annual Tour. Being part of this tour was a first for Healey Lake. The exhibit in wonderful surroundings showcased Horst's work — a fascinating mix of realism and the abstract. His use of bold and vivid colours is both exciting and inspiring.

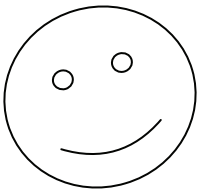
Horst paints during his six-week vacation with his family so Healey Lake and surrounding areas are a source of inspiration especially for his abstract works. Daughter Catrin reports that 46 art tour participants visited their studio and Horst's exhibit.

Horst also finds inspiration for his painting at his own cottage in France and his home in Germany.

Thanks to Catrin Brunke and Nick Stiliadis for giving DT advance notice about the tour. Expect to hear more about the Sequin Art Tour next summer.



To view go to <http://web.me.com/horstbrunke>



**What we call failure
is not the falling
down but the staying
down.**

Mary Pickford

In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the passing of Jerry (Gerald) Jones at his home on Sunday May 29, 2011.

Jerry and his wife Isobel owned and operated the Foodland grocery store in Mactier. Healey Lakers are very aware of the generosity that the Jones have shown in support of events associated with the Lake.

The HLPOA extends our sincerest sympathies to Isobel and her family.

Councillor's Corner

Grant Walker, Ward 6


Cottage Closing Harvest Share

Each year hundreds if not thousands of cottages get closed for the winter season. Invariably there is non - perishable food that can't stay over the winter and gets hauled back to the city.



This year the Township of the Archipelago will provide containers at all waste sites so when you are closing for the season you can donate your left over non-perishables to the local food banks instead of taking it back to the city.

The program will start on Labour Day weekend and will continue till the weekend following Thanksgiving.



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August has been a lively month in Parry Sound! Presented by HALJOE COACH, the *Get Off the Bus Concerts* has brought summer entertainment to the Stockey Centre. From the hand clapping, foot stomping comedy show with the East Coast's Jimmy Flynn earlier this month to the upcoming performances that include the dazzling harmonies and smooth arrangements of The Nylons and the passion and soul of JJ Grey & Mofro.

Starting in the music business as a concert promoter while attending high school in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Healey Lake resident and owner of HALJOE COACH, Joe Bamford, has had a long and varied career in the music and entertainment industry.

After becoming the first licensed booking agent in Eastern Canada, Joe moved to Toronto, Ontario and, after a short time as an agent, formed a management partnership that managed such popular bands as The Kings, Glass Tiger, Leslie Spit Treeo and The Headstones.

“While managing Glass Tiger in the mid-eighties, Joe recognized a need in the music industry and purchased his first tour bus. Over the past 22 years, the business has grown to thirty plus buses on both sides of the US/Canada border and has carried entertainers such as: Leonard Cohen, Elton John, Bruce Cockburn, Sarah McLachlan, Jann Arden, Blue Rodeo, The Tragically Hip, Rain, Broken Social Scene, Barra MacNeils, Trailer Park Boys, Johnny Reid, Guess Who, Sloan, and Leahy.

Ten years ago, Joe, along with his wife, Fatima, purchased a cottage on Healey Lake. Undertaking a major renovation project in 2009, the cottage is now a lake house where Joe and Fatima enjoy the summer months.

As Joe was thinking about heading back to his lake house this summer, he had an idea about doing some concerts in Parry Sound. Part of his inspiration for this tour was his daughter who fundraises for the Canadian Cancer Society with a variety of events through her Relay For Life team called Harley's Heroes. Many of those supporting Joe's idea are performers that he has booked in the past.

Remaining *Get Off the Bus* Concerts

JJ Grey & Mofro

Monday, August 29, 2011 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$37.50 adults / \$35.50 seniors and students

Singing with a passion and fervor directly influenced by the classic soul heroes, JJ Grey has written and recorded five albums of original songs steeped in the rhythm & blues, rock, and country soul of his native backwoods home outside Jacksonville, Florida.
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The Nylons

Wednesday, August 31 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$45. adults / \$43. seniors and students

The Nylons vibrant live shows, featuring dazzling harmonies, smooth arrangements, tight choreography, and fabulous showmanship makes them perennial favourites for all age groups.
<http://www.thenylons.com/>

Tickets for all three concerts can be purchased at Stockey Centre or by calling, 1-877-746-4466.

Proceeds from all of the HALJOE COACH *Get Off the Bus Concerts* will be donated to the West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation.

Please be aware of ALL wildlife on and around our lake and steer clear of them! Appreciate their beauty from a distance!

As I Remember ... Healey Lake Road

Sharon Tosswill

My parents, Aileen & Ivan Christie bought our island in 1956 and the drive in the old road was something else. It really was not much more than a logging trail. If you met a car coming towards you someone had to back up to a spot where the two cars could pass. Several spots had railway ties to cross over creeks. Frequently they were amiss and so you had to stop the car, rearrange the ties to cross over and then stop and rearrange them again for the next traveler. We were a family of five plus a dog and cat and invariably our Austin did not make it through Hell-n-Gone Lake. Dad would roll up his pant legs, take off his socks and shoes get out and dry off the spark plugs to carry on. My brothers and I of course loved the fact that we were allowed to get out and run to the top of the hill to be picked up.

Our Boston Terrier tried to catch the branches of the trees flying by. A couple of times he did indeed catch one and flew out the window. The look on his face was priceless as well as the look on my brother's face. Ah, the good old days!



Wow, what a summer! Hope everyone is enjoying it as much as we are. Welcome to our newest members. Thanks to everyone who has paid their membership. Thanks also to the real estate agents who sponsor for the first year. Memberships help so much on the lake. Thanks to everyone who returned their invoice form with updated or confirmed information.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season.

Sharon Tosswill, Membership Secretary
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Keeping Our Forest Healthy

***Anne Hayes, Biologist,
BioForest Technologies Inc.***

Since 2002, BioForest Technologies Inc. has been monitoring the insects, diseases, and abiotic factors, such as weather events, that can affect tree health in the Township of the Archipelago. Annually, BioForest conducts three general forest health surveys across the Township and produces Forest Health Updates summarizing the findings.

BioForest has completed two of its three 2011 surveys and can report that, so far this year, Township trees are in good condition and there are no major forest health concerns. A small infestation of larch casebearer was found at the south end of Skerryvore Road (in the Point e au Baril area), causing damaged tamarack needles to appear bleached or scorched. Repeated defoliation from larch casebearer may cause twig mortality, but rarely whole tree mortality. Populations of eastern tent caterpillar were observed on cherry in the southern part of the Township. Generally, eastern tent caterpillar will not cause wide spread damage, although defoliation can be heavy. For the last several years, pine tip beetle damage to island white pine has been observed in the Township. Island white pine are probably particularly susceptible because the trees are already under site related stress. More information about forest health issues in the Archipelago can be found in the current and archived Forest Health Updates, Forest Health Leaflets, and Pest Alerts on BioForest's website .

Since 2003, a network of volunteers from Township cottage associations, including the Healey Lake Property Owners Association, has been assisting BioForest with pheromone trapping to monitor and forecast hemlock looper and gypsy moth

populations. While BioForest annually monitors gypsy moth and hemlock looper throughout the Township, having a team of volunteers hanging traps on their properties allows for an invaluable expansion of the surveyed area.

Based on volunteer traps hung in 2010, hemlock looper counts remain low in the Healey Lake area, as well as throughout the Township. Gypsy moth populations appear to be decreasing in the Township, a trend that fits the pattern being seen across Ontario. Pheromone trap catches from 2011 will be processed in the fall.

In 2007, BioForest launched the Volunteer Forest Health Network, where volunteers are trained to conduct annual health surveys on their properties. Objectives of the program include expanding BioForest's pest detection capabilities with a well-trained core of volunteers distributed throughout the Township and monitoring short- and long- term changes in the Township forests. Volunteers submit their survey data to BioForest for summary, analysis, and reporting. Results will be made available on the BioForest website. Since 2007, volunteers have established 37 forest health assessment plots throughout the Township and a total of 682 trees have been assessed.

BioForest is always pleased to welcome new volunteers to the networks. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more forest health information, please visit BioForest's website (www.bioforest.ca) or call 1-888-236-7378.



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_____ I would like to reserve a seat on the bus

I'd like to play with the following people _____

Note: _____



Regatta 2011

Angie Reichenbach

On a bright and sunny Saturday morning boats, canoes, kayaks and cottagers all made their way to Lakeshore Marina for the 52nd annual Healey Lake Regatta. At 9 a.m. sharp on July 30th our Master of Ceremonies, Bruce Phillips opened the regatta with the diving and swimming events. With many new families on the lake it was wonderful to see new faces competing with familiar friends. Everyone had a generous spirit and won or lost with grace. Congratulations to all who participated!

After the completion of these races, many also participated in canoeing, kayaking, casting and crafts while others “competed” at the beer and BBQ events. Beer and food profits were neck and neck for totals – approximately \$1000.00 each. This gives us a great start for next year’s regatta fund. Kid’s games were held over at Mariners Cove Marina in the afternoon.

After each set of children’s races, the men and ladies of Healey Lake also competed amongst lots of silliness and laughter. For the first time ever I jumped in to compete in the ladies canoeing singles race. Even though I came fourth out of five competitors, I realized how much fun I had been missing by sitting on the sidelines all these years. Watch out Healey Lake ladies! I’m going to be first to sign up next year!

In the late afternoon, two of our creative crafters, Katie Reichenbach and Kayelyn Gillan, decided to paint their feet, quickly starting a painting revolution. As the many regatta events carried on, kids and adults alike burst with colour from head to toe. Ruth Macleod, coordinator of the craft table, quickly decided that this was a great idea and will supply body paint for next year’s regatta. Start thinking about your design for this new craft.

As my first year as Co-Chair of the Regatta (along with Martha Gillan) I anticipated lots of work. I kept on anticipating as volunteers from all parts of the lake came out to help in all sorts of ways. Before I knew it tents were up, sign-up sheets were out

and BBQ and beer tents were ready to go. If you have ever thought of helping out but assumed it would take away too much of your summer time, please don’t hesitate to jump right in. Many hands make light work and that is certainly true at Healey Lake. I have met many wonderful cottage neighbours and feel great about paying it forward for the many great regattas my children have enjoyed.

It was wonderful to watch Eunice Macleod receive the Carol Anne Cherepa Award for Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations! Speaking of volunteers, thank-you to everyone who helped make this year’s regatta a success. Special mention must go to Lakeshore Marina for supplying their beautiful beachfront, Mariners Cove Marina for all their help and cooperation including storing the prizes and items for auction and raffle, Bob Barrett of Barrett Contracting for providing the barge that carried all our supplies down the lake and Mike Gaudio for donating all the food for the BBQ.

Also, we would like to thank the many volunteers who coordinated stations:

- Charlie Smith, Bruce Jones, Justine Tishinsky , Lauren MacLeod and her friend Kim - Beer Tent
- Rick MacKay, Tom Harridge John Rhybak and *Brad* - BBQ (Thanks for staying at that hot grill all day guys!)
- Barb Jones, Marilyn Courtney, Tami Ross, Maxine Barrett - Sign Up, Raffle and Auction Tent
- Barb Jones—Photographer
- Ruth Webb - Craft Tent
- Nancy Gilchrist - Kid’s Games
- Lauren MacLeod - Prizes

It’s been such a joy working on this year’s regatta – I can’t wait for the next! Please contact me (areichenbach@rogers.com) or Martha (mgillan@cogeco.ca) if you would like to join our team or have constructive feedback on how to make our regatta even better. Martha and I hope to see you next year!



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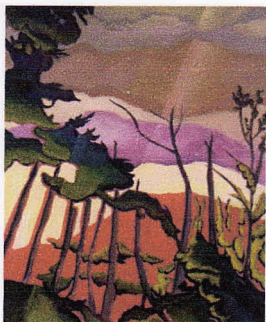
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Tips for Building a Safe Campfire

1. Choose a Site

- Pick a site that is close to a water source and sheltered from the wind.
- Build your fire on a rock surface or bare dirt.
- Build your fire at least 3 metres away from logs, stumps, trees and overhanging branches.
- Build your fire 15 metres away from buildings or tents.

2. Prepare the Site

- Clear a space (about 2 metres wide) where the fire will be.
- Make sure you remove pine needles, grass, leaves and twigs.
- Scrape the area right down to the soil.
- Have a pail of water and a shovel to control the fire.

3. Build Your Campfire

- Keep your fire small - it shouldn't be bigger than 1 metre high and 1 metre wide.
- Small fires are safer, easier to control and easier to put out.
- A small fire will also keep your cooking tools from blackening and will let you get close enough to cook.

4. Stay Nearby

- Never leave a campfire unattended. If you start a campfire, you are responsible for tending the fire, ensuring it is kept under control and extinguishing it.

5. Enjoy and then put the campfire out

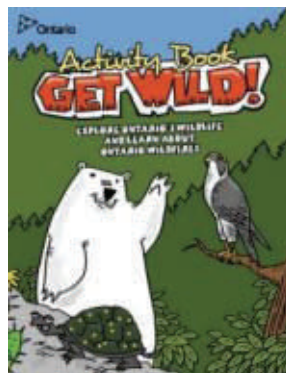
- Drown the fire with water
- Stir the ashes with a stick to uncover hot coals.
- Pour water over it a second time
- Hold your hand above to make sure the ashes have cooled
- Don't leave the site until you are sure the fire is completely out.

Resources

Source: www.Ontario.ca/fireprevention

Get Wild: Ontario Species At Risk Explore Ontario's Wildlife and Learn About Ontario's Wild- fires

Join the dots; solve the puzzle using the clues provided and learn about the animals and native trees of Ontario. All this and more comes in a great resource *Get Wild: Explore Ontario's Wildlife and Learn About Ontario's Wild Fires*—a publication for kids that you can download and print. Keep the young ones entertained while they learn about the habitat around them.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Nancy Gilchrist

I hope everyone has been enjoying this wonderful summer. This issue I thought I would report on another wonderful bird, the *Ruby Throated Humming Bird* which no doubt many of you enjoy here at your cottage or in the city. When I started to do my research on these birds I was amazed at how interesting these wonderful little birds are.

Basic facts about the Humming Bird:

- They are about 3.5 inches (8.9 cm) long and weigh about 3.1 grams.
- The adult male has a red throat with emerald green back, gray flanks and forked tail.
- The adult female is bigger than the male, with emerald green back, white breast and throat and longer bill.
- These birds are also migratory flying between their breeding and winter grounds. They fly unceasingly south to the Gulf of Mexico for about 18 to 20 hours. To endure this long journey, hummingbirds need to double their body weight before they start migrating.
- In spring, the male hummingbirds return to north before the females and upon arrival, establish their territories right away. The females, however, chooses the nest site. And similar to other small birds, the females do the construction of their small nest made from leafy materials and scales bounded by silk from spider webs or tent caterpillar nests and lichens as decorations on the exterior. Also in spring, both adult and young hummingbirds go through a complete shedding of all feathers called moulting.
- The nest is usually situated on downward sloping tree branches. Once the nest is finished, the female can then engage in courtship with a male hummingbird.



- The hummingbird's minute nest is her refuge when she lays her eggs. A female normally lays two white, bean-sized eggs.
- The female protects her eggs vigorously from predators and bad weather. She spends a long time incubating them (about 11 to 14 days) and shielding them from rain and the sun using green leaves which she has placed over her nest. She leaves her nest briefly to eat, carefully choosing her routes.
 - Upon hatching, the young hummingbirds are tiny and naked, with short bills and eyes closed. After five days, their eyes will open and their feathers will begin to show. After a short time, the nestlings can already utter peeps.
- The female also keeps her young warm and feeds them with regurgitated food from her bill. After reaching two weeks to a month of age, the young birds depart from their nest although their mother will continue to feed them for several weeks.
- While defending their territories, both the females and males may engage in fighting. These hummingbirds use their speed and the hum of its wings to frighten intruders away. They also utilize specific flight patterns during these aggressive encounters. For instance, one bird may make a speedy horizontal U dash flying side to side around the intruder's ears. The bird may also swing in a vertical direction similar to the motion of a pendulum. While making their flights, high squeaky notes and the humming sound of their wings are heard. These birds won't stop intimidating the intruders until they flee.
- These birds have very short legs preventing them from walking or hopping. But then again, this bird can still scratch its head and neck by raising its foot up and over its wings.

Did you know? Hummingbirds can migrate to a distance of about 1,600 kilometres - back and forth each year?

Food & Feeders

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

cont'd

FOOD

- Pour four cups of hot tap water into a large pot or pan (glass, enamel, or stainless steel, if possible; try not to use aluminum).
- Add one cup of table sugar (DO NOT use honey, artificial sweeteners, or other sugar substitutes and don't use sugar left over from last year... they are very fussy and like 'fresh' sugar).
- Stir until all sugar has dissolved.
- Cover the pan, place on a hot burner, and bring the mix to a rolling boil for 1-2 minutes; be careful not to let water evaporate (if you do, the mix can become too concentrated).
- Let mix cool and pour into well-cleaned feeders.
- **Boiling the sugar water, which retards mould growth, is NOT necessary if your hummingbirds are draining the feeders within three days.**
- Store excess mix in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks (check for fermentation or mould; if the mix is cloudy, discard it. For longer periods, freeze and safely store. Let mix warm to room temperature before filling feeders).
- **The water/sugar ratio of 4:1 is typical of the sugar concentration found in many flowers used by hummingbirds.** There is no concrete evidence stronger sugar concentrations will hurt hummingbirds, but even a 3:1 mix spoils much faster than 4:1, and 2:1 is too syrupy.
- Put feeders up by mid-March to attract early migrants. DON'T wait until you see your first Hummingbird of the spring.

Early in the season just fill feeders one-third full; no need to waste sugar water until hummers start draining the feeder. Likewise, as the season winds down, re-load with less sugar water.

FEEDERS

Maintain feeders all summer; take most down by 1 October, but leave one up until Thanksgiving (or

even later if you can keep the mix from freezing).

- In cool spring or fall weather, you may be able to go a week without changing the mix, but if it gets cloudy, throw it out.
- **Clean and refill feeders at least twice weekly in hot weather. You wouldn't feed your house pets or your children mouldy food, so follow the same policy with your hummingbirds.**
- A mild solution of white vinegar may be used to kill mould in feeders for week-to-week cleaning. Invest in a curved bottle brush that can reach all parts of your feeders; it's also useful to have a pipe cleaner or small brush that will fit into the feeder holes. Recent research indicates that bleach and other alkaline cleaners can release toxins from polycarbonate plastics.
- If you go on vacation or miss a week putting out feeders, don't feel sorry for the birds; they know other food sources for at least a mile in all directions.
- Hang feeders in the shade when possible, but put them in full view of a window, especially one near your breakfast or supper table.
- If two or more feeders are used, put them where birds at one feeder can't see the other. (We recommend at least three feeders per yard.)
- Several 8 or 16 ounce feeders are far better than one or two large ones.
- Don't worry if they spend a lot of time drinking artificial nectar; they also visit flowers for natural nectar and also catch small insects. Do NOT use insect spray or pesticides to keep bees and wasps off feeders; these chemicals may be fatal to small hummingbirds. A shallow saucer of 1:1 sugar water in the sun will often lure these insects away from hummingbird feeders.
- NEVER use any petroluem-based product (Vaseline, Tanglefoot, Vicks, etc.) to keep insects away from feeders. These products are water-insoluble and can gum up the feathers of Hummingbirds.

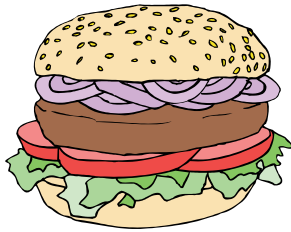


On The Dock

Lentil Mushroom Burgers

Ingredients

1 cup(250 mL) chopped [pecans](#)
2 can (19 oz/540 mL) lentils , drained and rinsed
2 tbsp vegetable oil
6 cups finely chopped mushrooms
2 onion , chopped
4 cloves garlic , minced
2 tbsp (25 mL) chili powder
1 tsp of salt
1 tsp pepper
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp dried oregano
1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs
1/2 cup salsa
12 hamburger buns



Preparation:

In large skillet, toast pecans over medium heat, stirring often, until fragrant, about 5 minutes. Transfer to food processor. Add lentils; pulse just until smooth. Set aside.

In same skillet, heat oil over medium heat; fry mushrooms, onion, garlic, chili powder, salt, pepper, cumin and oregano until liquid is evaporated, about 10 minutes. Scrape into food processor. Add bread crumbs and salsa; pulse to combine. Form into twelve 3/4-inch (2 cm) thick patties. *(Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate on waxed paper-lined rimmed baking sheet for up to 4 hours.)*

Place on greased grill over medium-high heat; close lid and grill, turning once, until browned and crisp, about 10 minutes. Sandwich in buns.

Note: When trying for the first time, half the recipe and make 6 patties to make sure you like them. I found these to be quite delicious but a little tricky to grill since they tend to fall apart easily , so handle with care.

The Last Word

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I couldn't help but laugh out loud when I read Sharon Tosswill's little reminiscence about the 'old' Healey Lake Road. It was certainly a logging road of sorts.

I also remember when my Dad, Bill Guthrie and his good friend Bill Johnson (members of the Johnson family still cottage beside us) came up to the Lake during a storm. His car sputtered and died as water rushed up over the hood just at the Hell-n-Gone Lake dip in the road. Thankfully however, when my Dad tried to restart the engine , away it went on the first try and they drove on. I do remember how mad my Mom was after hearing about this because my Dad was driving a brand new car plus she had not wanted him to come up to the Lake with a storm brewing.

I also remember when my husband Bob first started coming to the Lake. He drove a Austin Healey sports car. The undercarriage of the car and the road came noisily into contact in several places but it was part of the thrill of being on these funny little back roads.

One of the changes that I have really enjoyed about the area is the establishment of some very nice shops—really great for a browser like me. If you have not yet had a chance to visit the *Best of Ontario Market and Garden Cottage* - located at 21 High Street, across from *Timbr Mart*, just off the highway, be sure to do so before the season ends.

This delightful shop features fresh, seasonal Ontario produce, organic meats, frozen entrees, fresh baked goods, gourmet groceries, natural household cleaners & skin products. You can then wander next door to find unique gifts, antiques, baby clothes and lots more - great ideas for your home or cottage. Thursday's are fresh baked pies day so don't miss these tasty treats.

As I compile this issue of DT, I am aware of shortening days . It seems trivial to say but where did summer go. Enjoy what remains!