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by Jeanne Burnside

Beatlemania!

My first LP purchase was the Four Season's *Big Girls Don't Cry*. After that I became a devoted Beatle fan along with my group of teenage friends. Large clip-on buttons were worn outside of our Catholic school uniforms declaring our favorite 'mop-head'. My dad really came through when he was able to get tickets to their appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show. The good news was he got four tickets, the bad news was my mom had to go with my two sisters and myself because we were under sixteen. As was the case with all outings to the big city - Manhattan - we had to wear our Sunday finest, including the mandatory white gloves. The excitement built all week waiting for Sunday and the train trip to take us to our idols.

We arrived at the theatre and were immediately swept up in the total chaos. There were hundreds of fans waiting to get a glimpse of the Fab Four and most were dressed in Carnaby Street Style. Needless to say our outfits, straight from 'Father Knows Best', seemed totally out of place. My mother, a bit fearful of the onslaught, told us not to talk to anyone and just look straight ahead. I was amazed that someone finally did talk to me and offered \$25 for my ticket. Forty years ago that was a lot of money for a free

ticket!

Of course I refused to sell and was transfixed on my special Beatle, Paul, during their performance, especially his rendition of *Yesterday*. The David Letterman Show recently showed a portion of the original Beatles' performance and the audience, mostly made up of the females who were jumping up and down and in some cases crying in their crew neck sweaters with pearls and flip hair-dos. It was the brightest point in my life up to that point and I got to relive it many times while repeating every detail to all who would listen at my school. My adoration of the Beatles continued and I remember seeing their movies *HELP* and *Yellow Submarine* many times sitting in the first row with our new mod-look outfits.

Things seemed to be fine until I cut school to go with a few friends to buy the *White Album* the day it was available for sale. We headed straight back to one of the guy's homes and listened to it over and over. Knowing every word of every song of every album was a badge of honor. Being grounded due to my indiscretion gave me more time to learn the words. Another parental disciplinary action foiled!

To this day I have kept all their record albums full of great photographs of my heroes and feel today's youth miss out with the tiny covers on CD's.



Roy Forester and Marg Bleasdale admire a new sign for the ORTA trail off Leskard Road. The sign, made by Doug Ferguson, identifies the Swamp Road Trail, a most scenic part of the area. The next ORTA hike will be February 15th at 1:30 pm. Meet us at the four corners of Leskard Road and the 8th Concession and walk off some of those Valentine chocolates. For more information please contact Marg Bleasdale at 905-983-5927.

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seeing lots of children interested in fishing and borrowing fishing gear from our Tackle Share program." She said O.F.A.H. Tackle Share© equipment is available at the GRCA main office, located on Highway 28, north of the 401. To check out O.F.A.H. Tackle Share in Northumberland County contact the GRCA at (905) 885-8173 or email us - communityrelations@grca.on.ca



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March 26, 2004

The objective of this initiative is to provide students with work experience related to their field of study. Applications will be evaluated based on factors such as local and regional priorities, the quality of the work experience offered, as well as budget availability.

To apply or to find out more about this initiative, please contact the nearest Human Resource Council of Canada or call 1 800 935-5555.
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