

# Editor's note



'Every mile is two in winter.'  
—Welsh poet George Herbert (1593-1633)

Welcome to the latest instalment of *Sideroads of Halton Hills*.

Inside this edition you will find a fascinating historical piece from Dawn Livingstone about Georgetown's 'Iron Bridge', the hard to miss train trestle which is currently undergoing a major facelift. In its day it was—and could still be considered—an engineering marvel.

Andrea Lefebvre profiles animators Dave and Dale Cox who have travelled the world bringing their art to life through well-known characters as Beetlejuice and Inspector Gadget.

Gingerbread houses are a popular treat during the holidays and writer Andrew Hind offers up a history of the unique dessert.

Writer/photographer Ted Brown profiles the nine artists who make up Halton Hills's Artisan's Attic—a varied group of craftspeople now celebrating their 15th anniversary.

Chef Sarah Visheau offers up some delectable holiday dishes while master gardener Belinda Gallagher takes us on an late fall walk through the garden.

That's a sampling of what's inside but like any Christmas present it's more fun to unwrap it yourself.

Happy Holidays!

—John McGhie, editor

# Contributors



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# Passing shots...



They say that two heads are better than one and these Canada geese sunning themselves might agree. Reader Rein Pater sent us this shot taken this fall on the Credit River in Norval.

Photo by Marinus (Rein) Pater

Got a comment or story idea for *Sideroads*? Send it along to editor John McGhie at [jmcghie@independentfreepress.com](mailto:jmcghie@independentfreepress.com)

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