

To all our Friends, Neighbours and Acquaintances in South Marysburgh

By Pieter de Boer

In the winter of 1989, with the snow piled high, Harriet and I drove to The County to find a place to rent for the following summer. While staying with friends in Prinyer's Cove we received a call about a property for sale in Milford. By seeing the outline of the shore through the snow, we realized the potential this little peninsula on the Mill Pond would have. An offer to purchase was accepted and we have never looked back. After weekending from Toronto for the next six years we were able to move full time to Milford in 1996. We embraced life in the village to the fullest.

My earliest community project was building the flower boxes on the bridge. I also took over the bird feeder building project from Bob White and have immensely enjoyed continuing this for the last fifteen years or so. The challenge each year was to come up with a different feeder while at the same time be of a design the children could assemble using a power drill.

In the meantime Harriet has not stood still and was one of the members of the Milford Bloomers. The Bloomers were initiators of a village beautification project whereby barrels planted with flowers were delivered by tractors around the village. As well, they organized the first Easter parade, commissioned *The Miller* statue at the post office, participated in the fair board parades, as well as being involved in numerous other community activities. Harriet also enjoyed all the years of pumpkin painting with the children at the local fair.

We have always been project oriented and there has been no shortage of project opportunities, especially when a new house was built in 2002 on the original foot print of the old one. When looking back we are happy with all we have accomplished and are still amazed how we could have made it all possible, most of it with our bare hands.

During the last few years it has become increasingly challenging to maintain our gardens to the standards we insist on. Due to health issues, Harriet, for whom gardening has been her life passion, finds serious gardening activity to be very limited. My energy level also is not close to what it was only a few years ago. We realized that at some point in the not too distant future we needed to seriously downsize and have been looking for some time for a smaller place in Picton. However, none of the homes we looked at remotely appealed to us as we feel spoiled in the home we have now.

A few month ago, we learned of a new bungalow townhouse development within a ten minute walk of Main Street Picton. Immediately we fell in love with the model home and we decided to make a conditional offer the same day. This being a townhouse in the city means that we are downsizing in respect to the garden to the extreme but we already have planned for it to become a beautiful little courtyard garden.

We have been agonizing and soul searching about this but think that for the long term this is the best solution while we are still able to make this change. In addition, we will be able to have cats again!

We will miss the many good friends and neighbours as well as the community spirit, however, Picton is not too far away and once we have settled in our welcome mat will be out again.

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Thursdays January 10 to April 17

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

We need more players for a FUN afternoon

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Watch for a skating rink on the Ball Diamond (If the Weatherman Co-operates!)

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