

Week worth celebrating for environment from June 1-7

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What a week to celebrate! June 1 to June 7th is Environment Week in Canada. June 8 is Oceans Day. The dates for both these events were carefully chosen to coincide with World Environment Day on June 5.

If this seems like a lot of celebrating, you're right. World Environment Day was first proclaimed by the United Nations in 1972. Our Canadian government was quick to follow suit, and set aside the first week of June every year for Environment Week.

Although Oceans Day is a fairly recent addition to the list of celebrations, it's also a UN initiative. It was first declared at the Earth Summit in Rio Janeiro in 1992. This year's festivities are a lead up to a year-long celebration in 1998,

which has been declared International Year of the Ocean by the UN.

The key to all of this celebrating is to recognize that everything is interdependent. The oceans are the lungs of the planet, providing more fresh oxygen than all the forests of the world combined.

Regardless of our distance from coastal waters, our health, and the subsequent health of the planet is in our hands.

More than 80 per cent of marine pollution comes from **■ Please see page 13 ■**

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Ingrid Reichert owns The Village Porch in Stouffville.

Something different at The Village Porch

Every time you go into The Village Porch on main Street Stouffville, there is something new. "If someone comes in here and goes out fast, they haven't seen anything," said owner Ingrid Reichert.

Every corner is overflowing with antiques and collectables, including consignment pieces and works from local artists.

The store has antique and new lace dollies, tablecloth and curtains, paper napkins, candles, dried-flowered wreaths, swags and arrangements and fancy vinegar, jams, and teas.

And there is Nippon - collectable hand-painted Japanese porcelain, antique dishes and glasses and a wide variety of other things.

Ingrid also carries antique and some hand-painted furniture, paintings and woodworking that can be custom ordered. This year she has unbleached t-cotton shirts and matching socks.

"It's not the run-of-the-mill things you would find in other stores. If someone is looking for an odd piece, I might have it. And if I don't I would try to find it."

If you are buying a gift for someone and can't decide on just one thing, Ingrid will make a gift basket from a variety of things within the store and/or your own.

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