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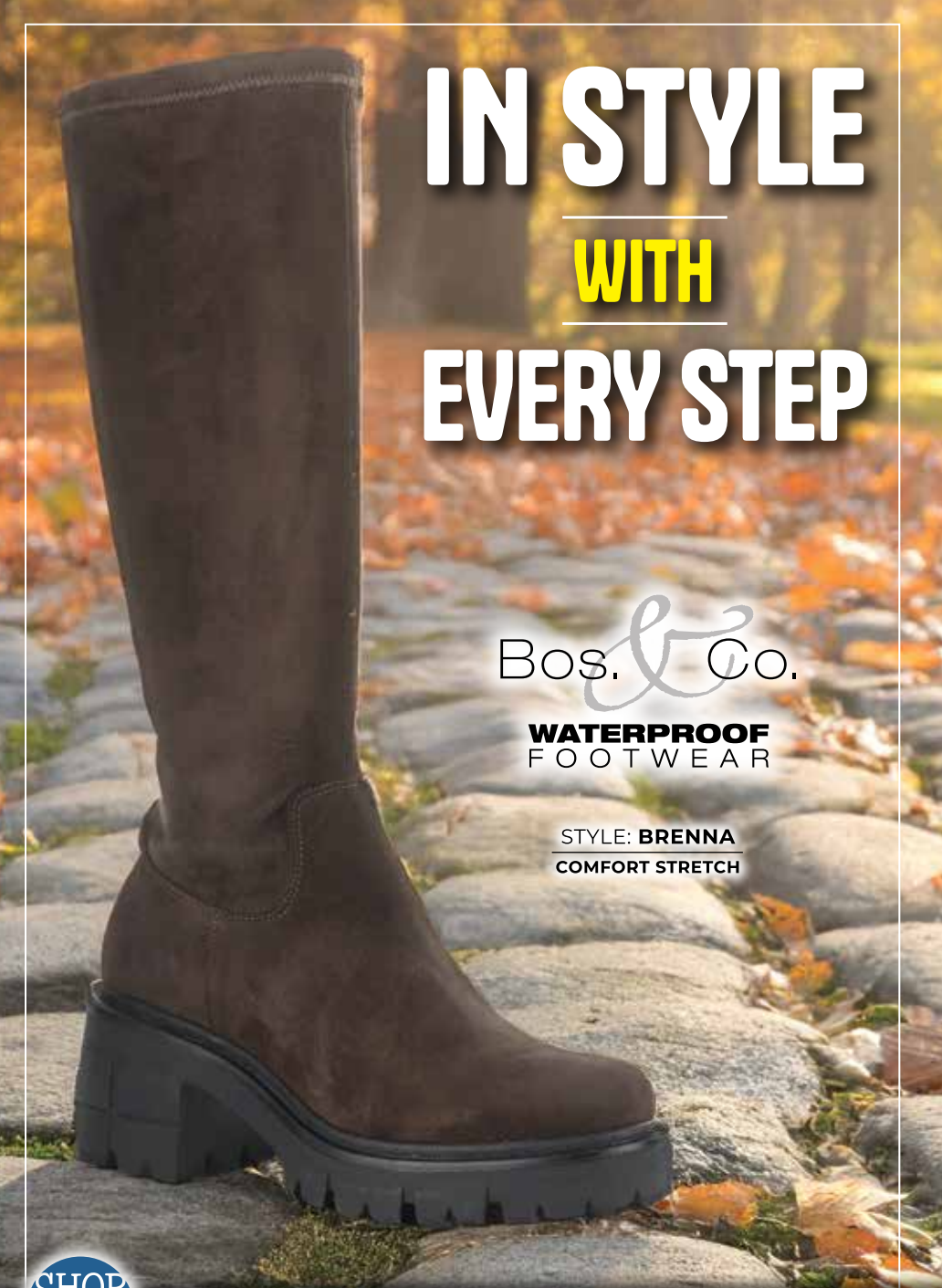




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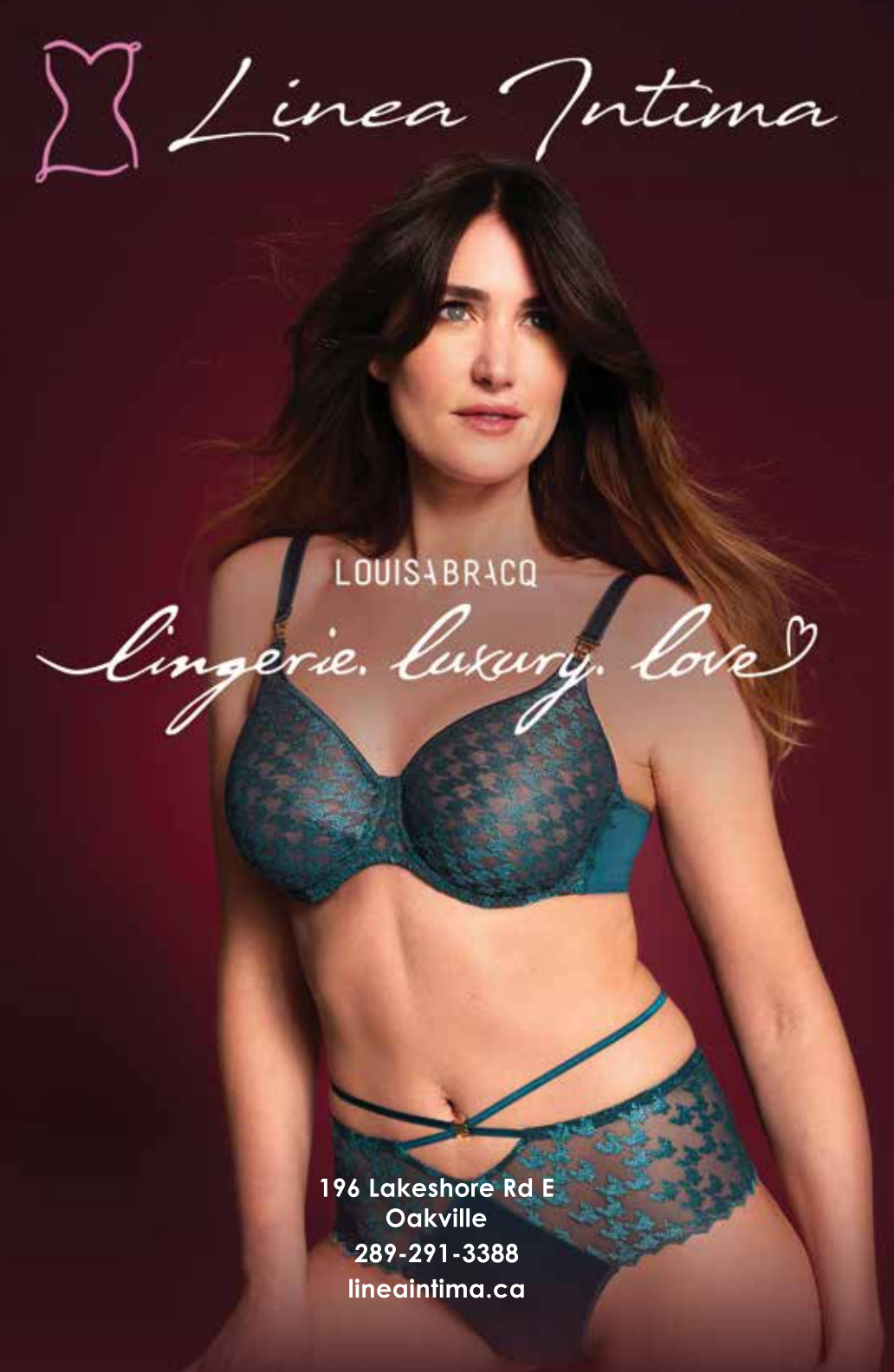
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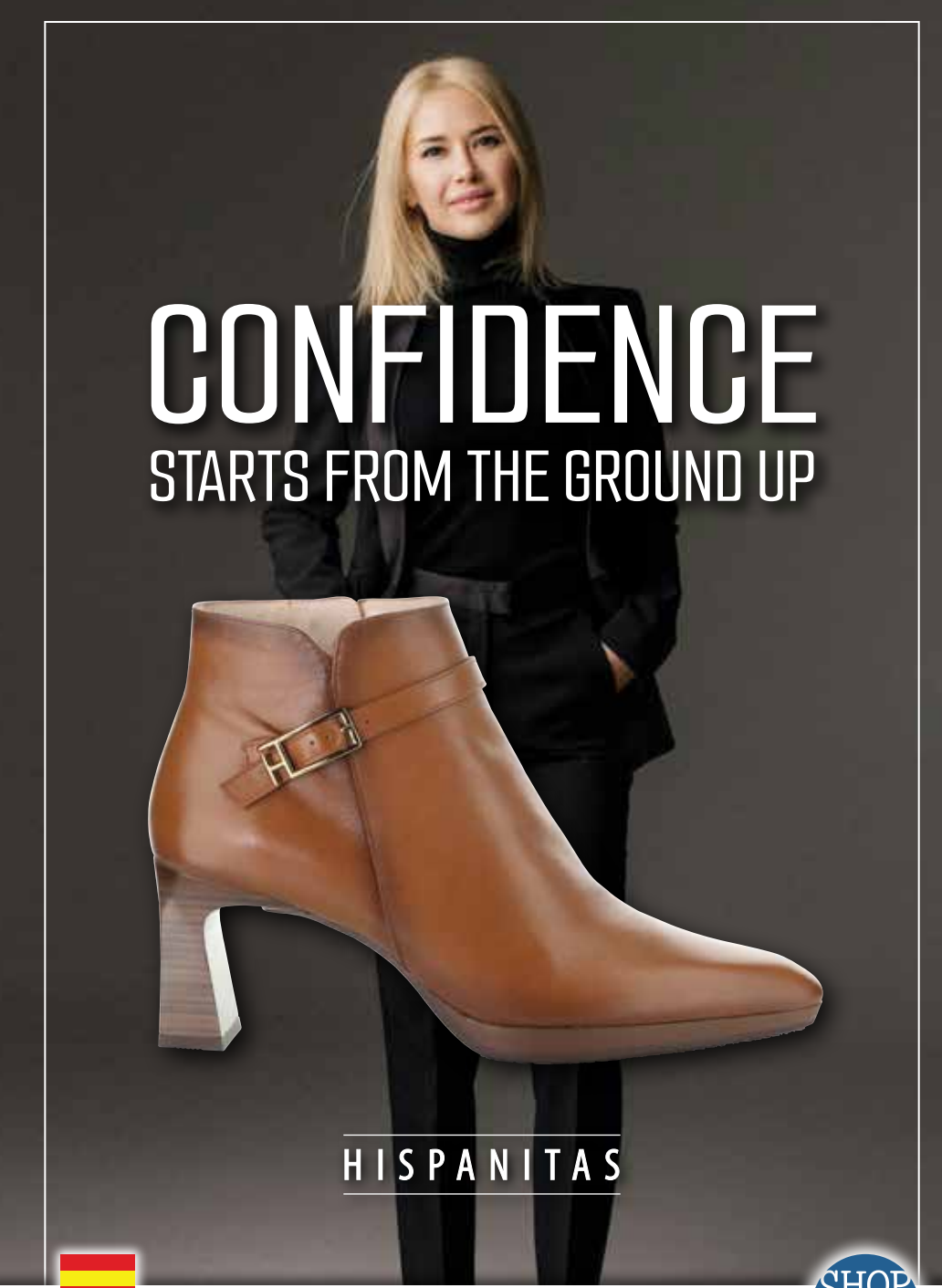
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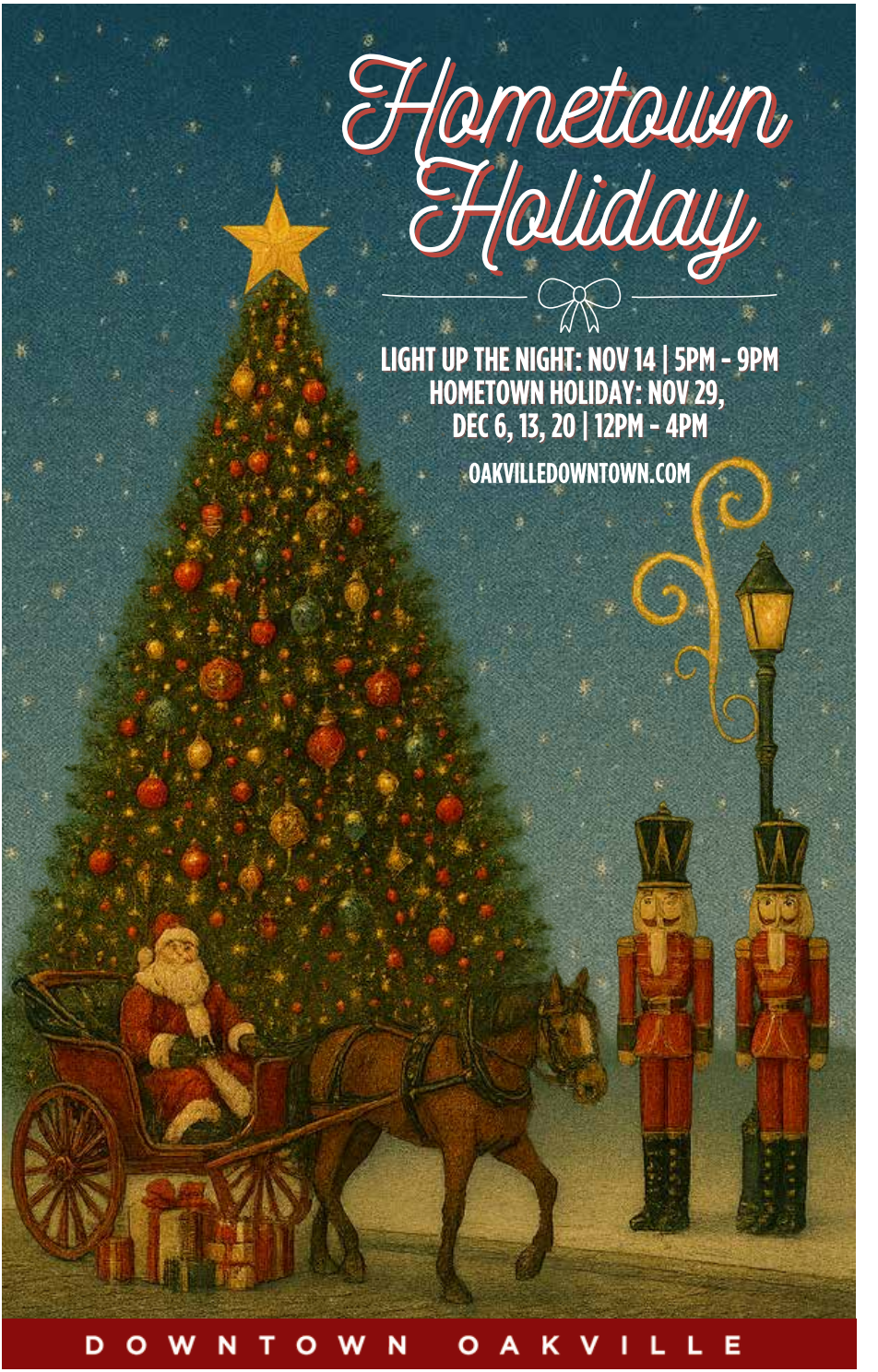
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Thank you for picking up our November issue of Look Local.

November is typically a busy month for families in our region, with kids' school and extra-curricular activities in full swing and preparations underway for that transition from fall to winter and the holiday season. We have tailored this month's stories to help you to unwind and make the most of all that is on offer locally.

Our friends at the Downtown Dundas BIA are certainly busy preparing for the Holidays and the other events that they organize at this time of year. Make sure to read all about it in the Fall / Winter Guide to Downtown Dundas, included in this issue.

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Put on something plush (slippers a must) and sink into your favourite chair with this magazine. You'll read inspiring tips on autumn home decor, recommendations for weekend getaways ideally suited to perk you up in the grey months, and much more.

In honour of Remembrance Day, members of two local Royal Canadian Legion branches discuss the significance of November 11th in 2025. While we sleep peacefully each night in our beds, people on several other continents face terrorist insurgencies, drug wars, and full-on devastating wars. With so much turbulence and suffering in our world, let us remember the fallen, support our veterans, and focus on what's important.

I have included a story on choirs, because music makes the world a better place. I can say from experience that belting out songs in harmony with other voices is an absolute blast, and our communities are teeming with choirs for all tastes and abilities! Also within these pages is a tribute to late harvest wines, and a celebration of local pubs.

As leaves fall and temperatures plummet, we aim to keep your spirits up! This issue of Look Local is all about bracing for the colder months the Canadian way – by cozying up our homes, planning our winter pastimes, raising a glass, and facing the music.

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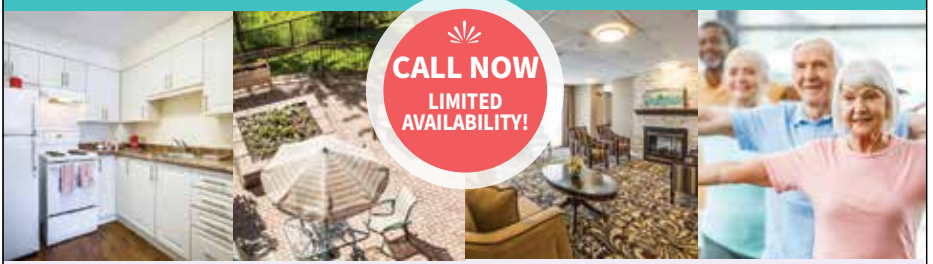
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Autumnal GLOW

INTERIOR DESIGNS FOR A WARM AND PLUSH SEASON

BY LISA EVANS

There's just something about a crisp fall morning, with a cool breeze and colourful leaves that make you want to cozy up indoors. Fall is the season of layered textures, lush colours, and scents that wrap you in a warm hug. With a few smart swaps you can turn your home's interior into a snug retreat that embraces the season. Hot cider optional but highly encouraged.



"Your accents are what's going to make you transition (a space)," says Rose Luxton, owner of Lakeside Livin'. But you don't need to overhaul your home with reds and oranges. Luxton notes that while burnt orange will always be in season, moody purples and earthy mushroom shades have grown in popularity, evoking a feeling of being grounded.

Fabulous FALL FADS

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While autumn can be a homey and nostalgic season, decor can go far beyond the traditional. Traditional elements still have value, especially for their familiarity and comfort (think pumpkins, leaves, rich autumn tones), but designers are definitely experimenting — updating, refreshing, and reinterpreting the 'look' of fall each season. These may include…

Earthy, nature-inspired hues: Warm clay, terracotta, olive, honeyed ochre, moss — even smoky plums — are being used more intentionally, often in muted or mid-tone versions rather than oversaturated brights.

Mixed textures and layered materials: Combining velvet, boucle, raw wood, rattan, and stone, to bring visual interest and tactile warmth.

Patina, vintage accents, and finds with history: Instead of brand-new decorations that feel seasonal-only, mixing in thrifted or aged pieces gives character. Think antique rug pillows, found objects or historic art paintings.

Our **#1 TIP**

Layer textures and lighting to evoke warmth and depth. Even simple shifts in fabrics, throws, and ambient light can instantly cozy up a space.

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Marnie Warman, owner and lead designer at Interior Design House, recommends decorating in "tones that reflect your current home colours." Interior Designer Sarah Gunn of Gunn & Co. is also a fan of "layering in patterns that introduce richer shades of your home's existing colours."

LAYERING TEXTILES FOR COZY COMFORT

From chunky knit throws to heavy quilts, throw pillows and textured area rugs, textiles can bring depth and coziness to a room, transforming your home into a warm autumn oasis. Don't stop at the living room. Textiles can play a role in the bedroom, too. "Swap bed linens for flannel sheets (and) layer a quilt or blanket across the foot of the bed," Gunn says.

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Faux florals are also a great way to add seasonality to your decor. "I have an oversized vintage basket filled with faux leaves that I set out each season," Gunn says.

And don't forget to give your house plants a seasonal update. Luxton likes to add a fall vibe by re-potting her existing house plants in fall containers.

Lighting is an important detail in creating your autumn ambiance. Softer light instantly activates snuggle mode. Luxton's simple tip for making a room feel cozier is to swap lamp shades for darker, textured fabric shades.

Finally, aromas such as apple pie and cinnamon are so happy-making, scientific studies have confirmed their link to feelings of warmth, comfort, and nostalgia in the brain's emotion and memory centres. Choose scented candles, fragrant mists, diffusers, or a simmer pot of cloves, orange peel and cinnamon on the stove, for a true experience of home-sweet-home.

Go big. Luxton reminds us that fall is not the season to be minimalist with decor. "People just love to add extra layers in their home (in fall)," she says. So, bring in the soft throws, pile on the plump pillows and let every corner of your home wrap you in fall's embrace.



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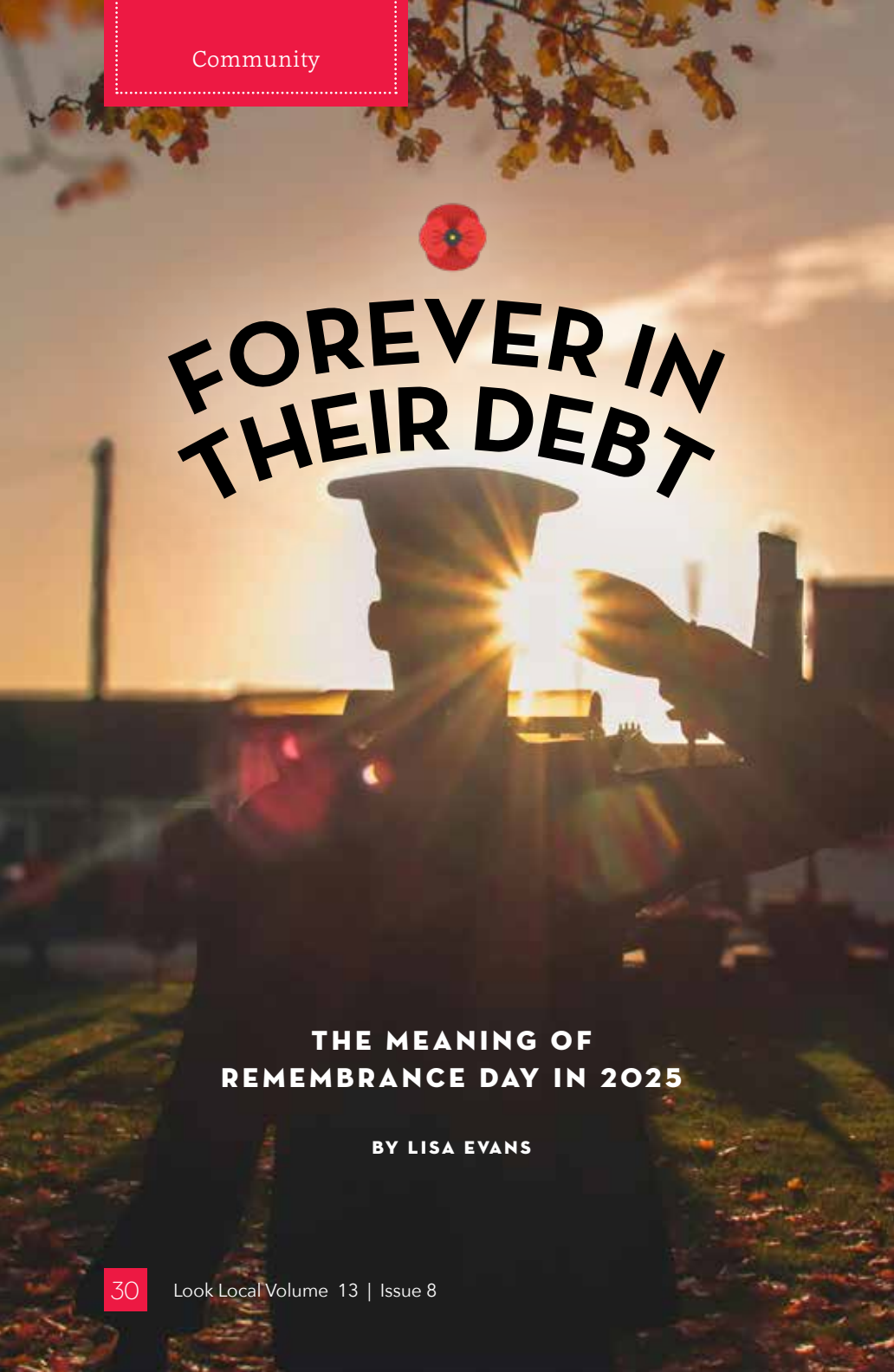
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BY LISA EVANS



Every November 11th at 11:00 a.m., Canadians pause to remember those who have served our country in times of war, conflict, and peace.

2025 is a particularly important milestone, marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. As generations pass, fewer veterans from the two World Wars are still living – Burlington's last living WWII veteran is 101 years old – making Remembrance Day even more important to ensure their stories and sacrifices aren't lost.

For Barry Moore, Remembrance Day is a time to honour not only those who served in the Great Wars, but recent veterans as well. Moore reminds us that Canada has over 465,000 veterans alive today who have served in global conflicts including Rwanda, Desert Storm and Afghanistan.

Moore has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 60 in Burlington for 40 years and now runs the branch's poppy campaign. To him, wearing the poppy is a display of gratitude. "It's our way of saying thank you for something we could never really repay."

Veteran Robert Thomas, who served in Cyprus, the Sinai Desert, Gaza and Beirut, says Remembrance Day is particularly important for youth to understand that the freedoms we enjoy today came at a cost. "We owe a lot to the men and women who have served our country, and those who are presently serving our country," says Thomas, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 551 in Waterdown.

Remembrance Day offers an opportunity to parents and educators to teach children about Canada's military history in global conflict. A visit to the Waterdown Museum of Hope provides an opportunity to learn about the Holocaust, the two World Wars, Afghanistan and Korea. The museum is free to enter and is open during Waterdown Legion hours.



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Remembrance Day also offers an opportunity to display Canadian pride. "As Canadians, we've got a lot of respect around the world," says Thomas. "We don't take a lot of baggage with us, and we're not there to take people's country. We're there to be honest brokers to try to prevent war," he says.

Moore says he has seen a surge in Remembrance Day participation from newcomers. "New Canadians from countries who have seen war and know what it's about, and really appreciate the freedom that we have here, understand the sacrifice it took for us to have that," he says.

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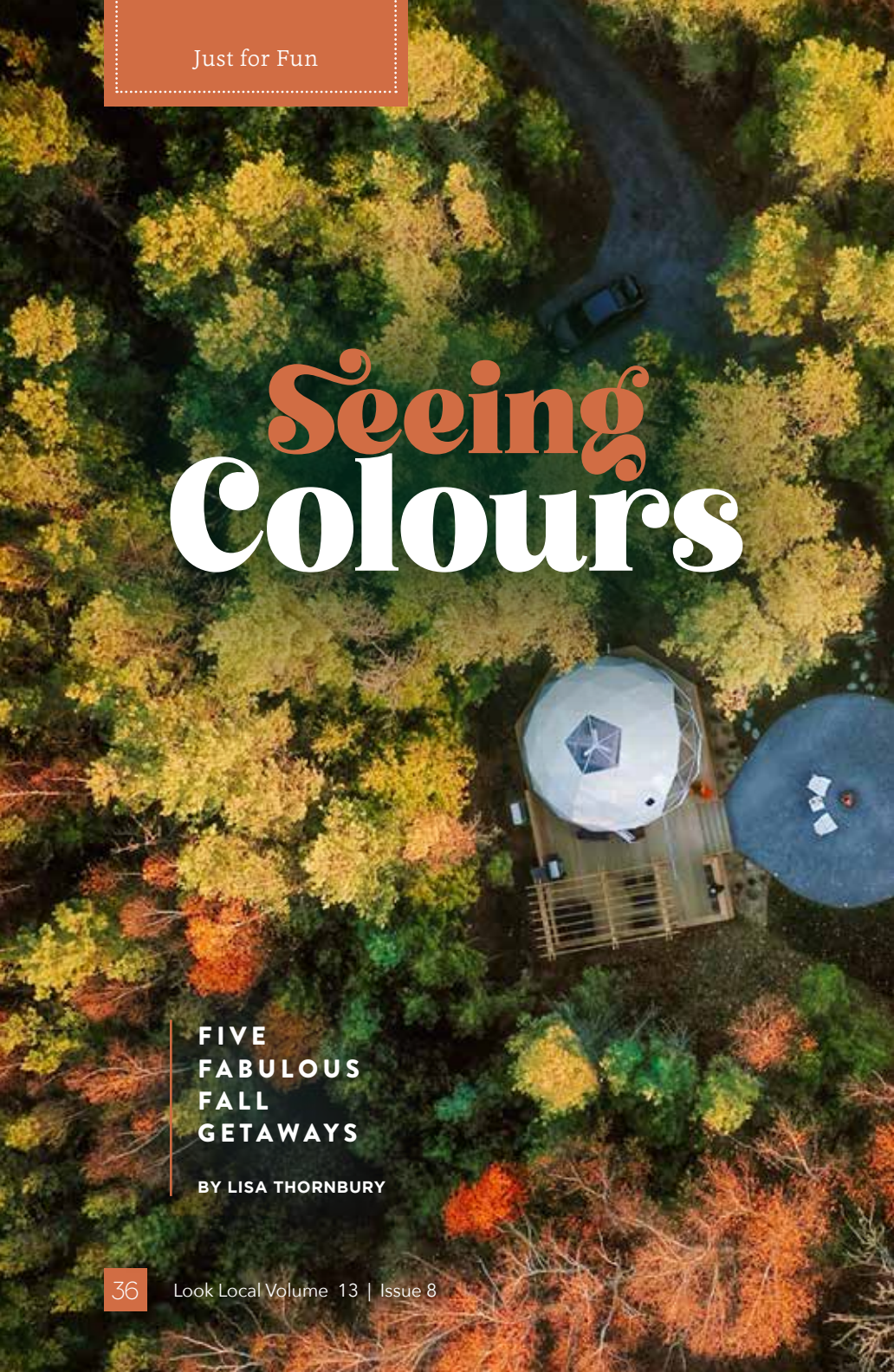
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FIVE FABULOUS FALL GETAWAYS

BY LISA THORNBURY



If you live in Southern Ontario, fall is basically showing off just for you. The air turns crisp (but not yet freeze-your-nose-off cold), the trees are bursting with colour, and every latte is spiced within an inch of its life. Want to get away for a weekend to soak it all in? Whether you're travelling with kids, your partner, a group of friends, or hitting the road solo, there's a destination with your name on it!

Here are five fall getaway options, each with its own vibe.

1 Family Fun

If you've got kids, you know vacation really means "same chaos, different location." However, family-friendly resorts like **Fern Resort** on Lake Couchiching and **Elmhirst's Resort** on Rice Lake make relaxation doable for everyone. Both spots offer activities for all ages: campfires, archery, spa services, and plenty of space for little legs to run wild while you sneak in a hot tub soak. Elmhirst's even has a working farm on-site, while Fern Resort is known for its all-inclusive family programming.



LOCAL LINKS

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ELMHIRST'S RESORT
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2 Glamping

Not into huddling in a flimsy nylon tent and fighting raccoons for your trail mix? Enter glamping. At **Camp Adelaide** in Muskoka, you'll get wilderness views from your "dome sweet home". **Birchwood Luxury Camping** in Haliburton offers sturdy yet stylish canvas tents with firepits and fairy lights straight out of a Pinterest pic. And if you want to go full "eco-chic influencer," book **Glen Oro Farm** near Orillia where you can stargaze, enjoy a cedar barrel sauna, or take a scenic trail ride. Glamping has the perks of camping, but without the sore back and soggy sleeping bag.

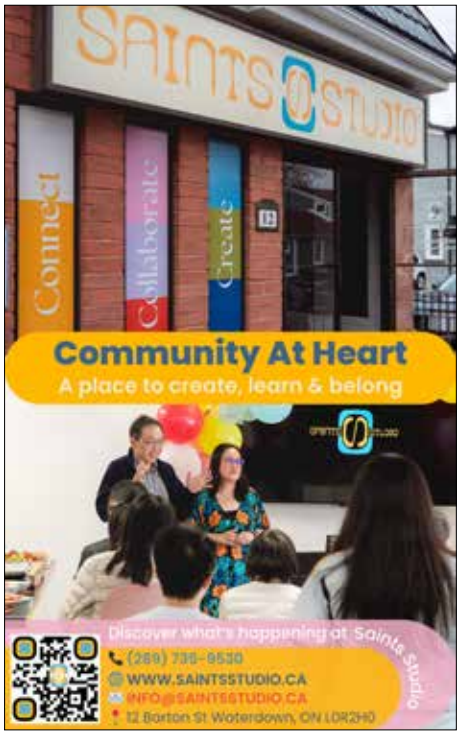
3 Luxury Resorts

For those who think "roughing it" means forgetting your charger, Southern Ontario has no shortage of swoon-worthy stays. **Ste. Anne's Spa** "is giving Downton Abbey vibes," as the kids say, with its sprawling gardens and spa treatments galore. **Langdon Hall** near Cambridge offers pickle ball, yoga, wine tastings, and decadent dining in a countryside estate. And for breathtaking lake views, check out **Stone Cove**, Tobermory's luxury adults only Bed & Breakfast.

4 Kitsch & Romance

Looking for something a little more… unique? Consider **Casino Rama Resort** where you can gamble, catch a concert, and enjoy a buffet all under one roof. If your idea of romance is more offbeat, **The Arlington Hotel** has the character and charm you'd expect from a hotel that's older than Canada. Every room is themed, from Edgar Allan Poe to Monty Python. Or, for a retro feel and an Aperol spritz, head to **The June Motel** in Sauble Beach, Prince Edward County, or Beaver Valley. Be sure to watch the June Motel makeover show on Netflix before your visit.

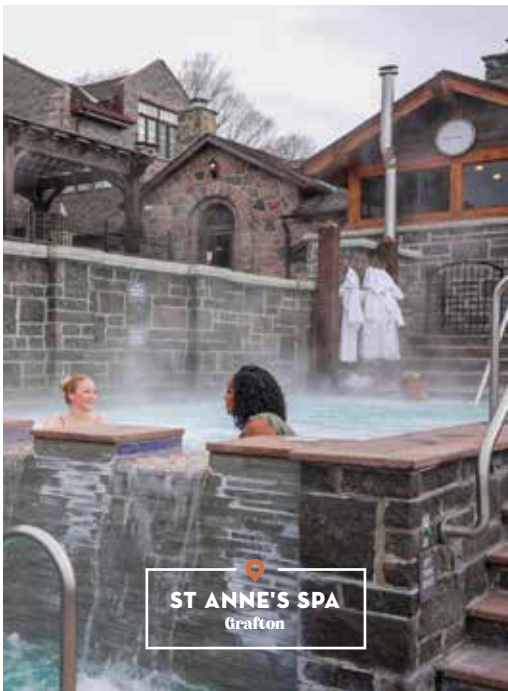





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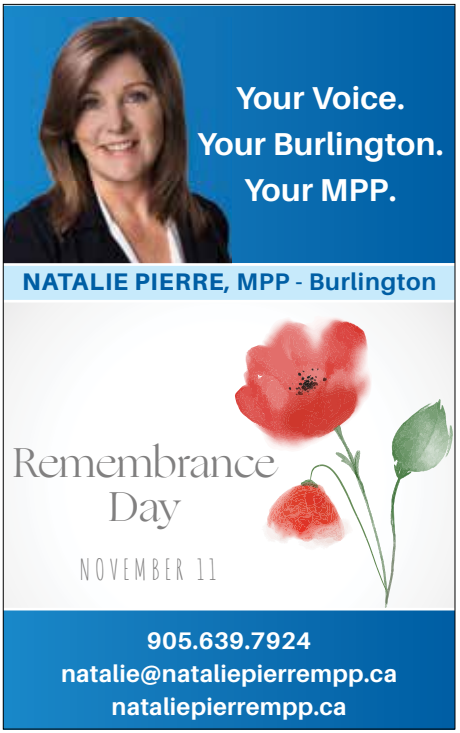

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5 The Big Smoke

Sometimes the best getaway is right under our noses. Toronto in fall dazzles with a sparkling skyline and endless things to do. Stay at the **Broadview Hotel** with its rooftop patio overlooking the Don Valley, or go big at the **Ritz-Carlton** (yes, the sheets are as smooth as you'd imagine). Spend your days browsing Queen West boutiques, grabbing dumplings in Chinatown, or wandering Kensington Market. Hop the ferry to the **Toronto Islands** for a quiet fall stroll, then catch a Mirvish show or a concert at Massey Hall. Whether you're kid-free or bringing the family, the T-dot always delivers.

Grab a sweater, toss some snacks in the car, and hit the road. Autumn in Southern Ontario doesn't last long, but it sure knows how to impress while it's here.









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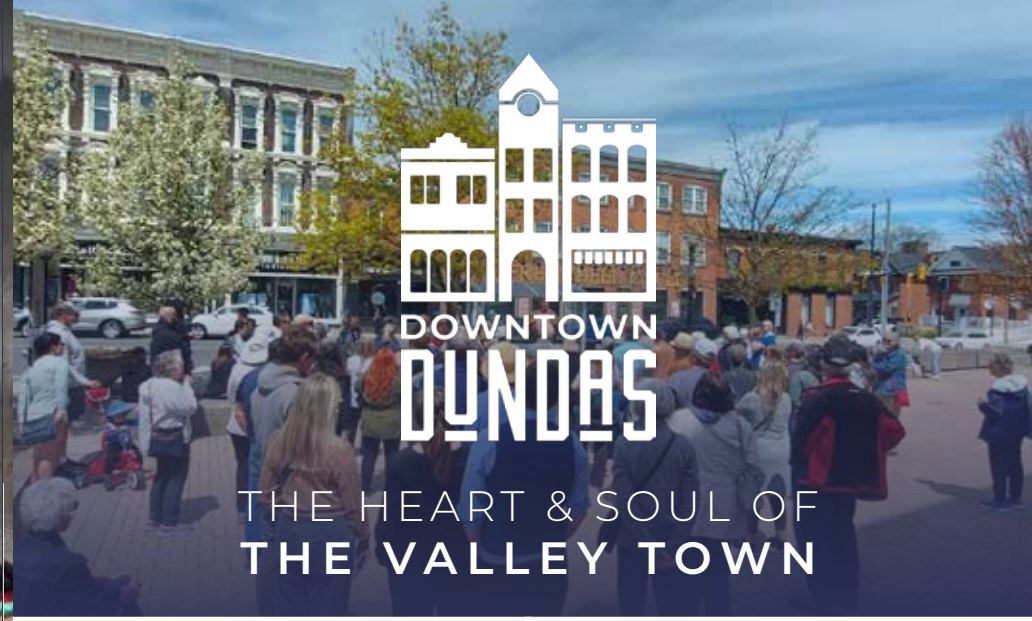




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Known for its quiet, tree-lined streets and historically-significant buildings, Downtown Dundas offers a unique blend of arts, culture, recreation, and over one hundred shops, restaurants, and services. It provides a small-town ambiance with a wide selection of specialty shops, clothing stores, and food emporiums nestled in the heart of the picturesque Dundas Valley.

But it's during the holiday season when Downtown Dundas truly shines. Autumn brings an amazing tapestry of colours throughout the town and the entire surrounding valley. And once the festive season hits, stepping into Downtown Dundas is like stepping into a storybook – beautifully decorated shops and eateries, the sweet sounds of carollers and a horse and carriage making its way down the main street.

Downtown Dundas is the neighbourhood that is the heart of The Valley Town. We take pride in our close-knit and welcoming atmosphere, where residents, businesses, and visitors come together to create a tapestry of unique experiences. From local artisans sharing their crafts to businesses actively participating in the growth of our vibrant district, our community thrives on collaboration and connection.

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From the moment the air turns crisp in October until well into the new year, the town of Dundas gets into the spirit of the season. Locals take their Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Remembrance Day, and Christmas traditions seriously and welcome visitors to their streets.

OCT 25

SCARECROW SATURDAY

Celebrate the glow of autumn with the whole family in Downtown Dundas. In preparation for Halloween, this event features a Costume Parade and Costume Contests for kids, groups, and pets! Local businesses will adorn the town and showcase their ingenuity by competing in a Decorating Contest. Enjoy Mr. Ben's Music Show, Magic with Ashtar, and other live entertainment as you take in the fun. For some spooky chills, take a Ghost Tour along with visitors and locals (some long departed!).

NOV 11

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

Join the crowd at Dundas Cenotaph to honour local veterans and remember the fallen. The annual Remembrance Day Parade begins at 10:30 am starting at Memorial Square and proceeds to the Cenotaph at the Lions Memorial Community Centre. Citizens of all ages, including school children, will participate in the 10:45 ceremony by laying wreaths and paying their respects. The service will include a moment of silence at 11 to honour Canadian veterans and service members.

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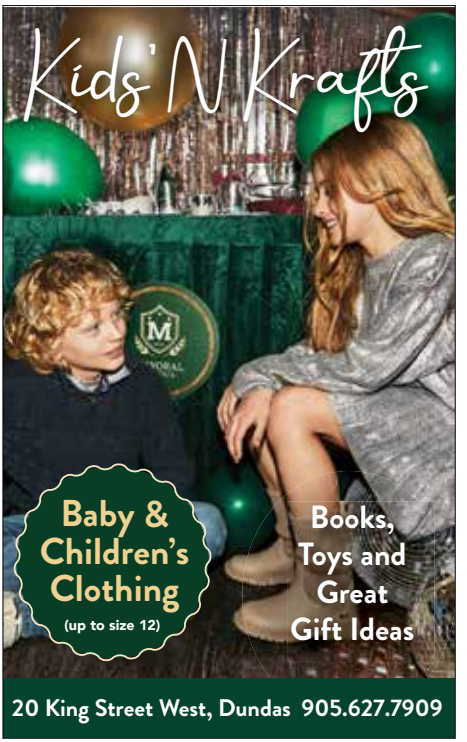
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Entertaining

Delight your dinner guests with farm fresh foods, exotic treats and artisanal fare. Choose from over 400 varieties of cheese at **Mickey McGuire's**. You'll find choice cuts of meat at **Cumbrae's**, and seafood at **Pinbones Fish Market.** For other premium ingredients, charcuterie items, appetizers and more, browse the offerings of **Heritage Pantry, Picone Fine Food,** and **Sensational Samosa.**

Dining

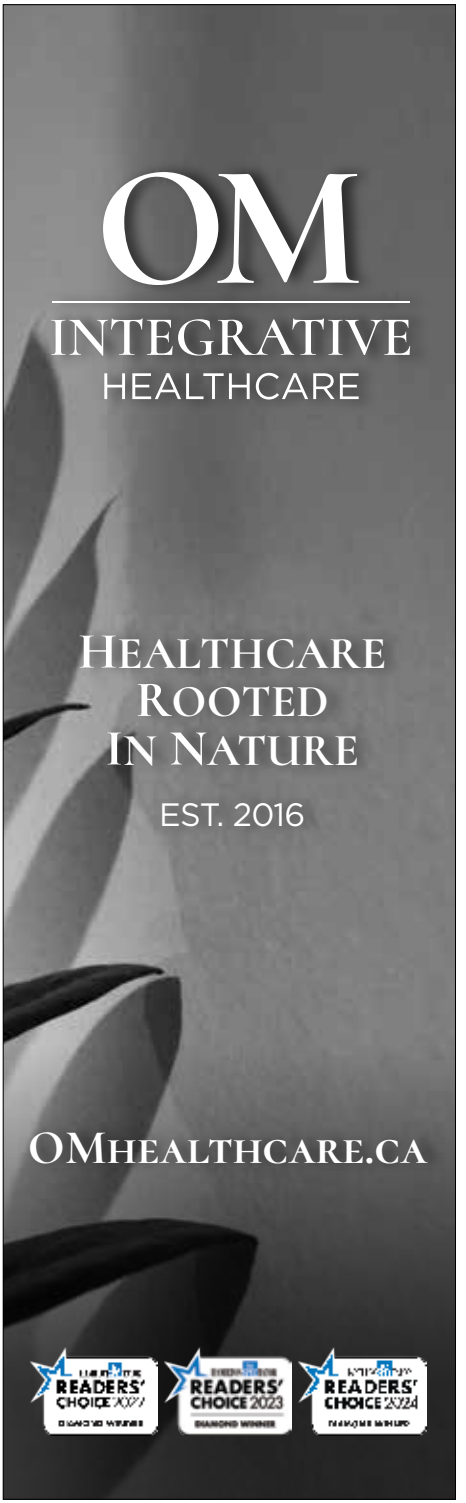
For a small town, Dundas is big on restaurants. Surprise your loved ones with gift cards to some of these gems, or take advantage of their takeout and catering options for your next party.

French Revolution Bakery & Creperie offers a little taste of sweet and savoury France. **Jax Sweet Shoppe** is another favourite for desserts (not to mention the staggering choices on their breakfast and lunch menu).

Fans of Asian food will love the classic Thai appetizers, curries, stir-fries and noodles at **Bangkok Spoon Deluxe**, or the exquisitely spiced curries at **India Village** (bonus: India Village offers cooking classes!).

If your gift recipients love comfort foods in cozy locales, treat them to a family-style meal at **Valley Charcoal** or all-day breakfast at **Sunnyside Grill**. When Jack Frost nips at your nose, there's nothing more warming than soup at **The Burnt Tongue.**

The Collins Brewhouse was a saloon in the 1830s and remains a popular gathering place, now serving classic pub favourites and a wide assortment of international flavours. **The Winchester Arms** serves British comfort foods and has over 13 imported and domestic draughts on tap. And speaking of beverages, take home truly unique beers and wines from **Barrel Heart Brewing**, or dine in to pair them with a gourmet meal. Barrel Heart Brewing is now internationally recognized as winner of a Michelin "Bib Gourmand" award.





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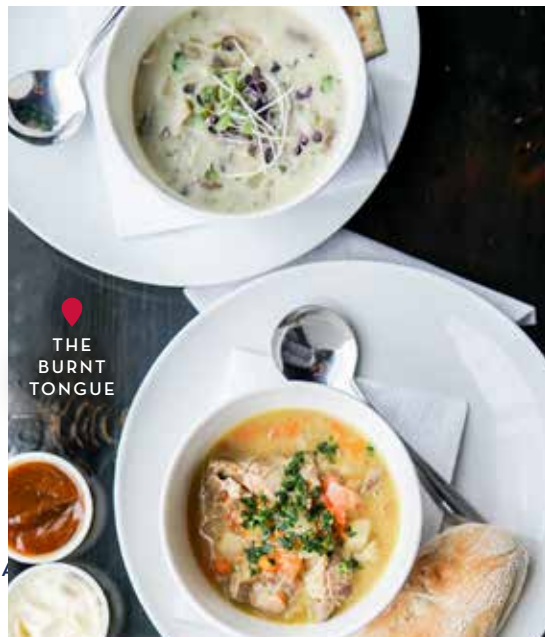


DUNDAS CHOCOLATE SHOP

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THE BURNT TONGUE

Finally, for cravings that only pizza can satisfy, **Emilio's Eatery** and **The Red Door Cucina** aim to please.

Need a recharge after visiting so many fine Dundas establishments? Take a load off. Enjoy a hot beverage and a treat at **Café Domestique** or **Detour Café**.

Gifts For Under The Tree

Ready to browse the shops? Start by buying everyone on your gift list (and yourself) something sweet from **Dundas Chocolate Shop** and **Genesis Chocolate Company**.

Kitchen aficionados will enjoy imported olive oils and specialty vinegars from **The Urban Vine**, as well as whimsical supplies from **The Keeping Room** and **The Kitchen Witch**. Remember to visit **Kids 'N Krafts** for toys, apparel, and other gifts for the children on your list.

Fashionistas love the wearable treasures at **Amaretto's, La Rouge Consignment and Bridal, Lillian's Style Shoppe, Modella Ladieswear, Modella Plus Size, Modella Soiree, Oliver & Co. Home, Gadsbys Clothing Co & BRAE by Gadsbys.** To complete the look, find premium brand footwear at **David William Shoes & More**, and accessories at **Bling On King, H.V. Creative Jewellery,** and **Kevin Martin Fine Jewellery.**

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8 NOVEMBER (SATURDAY)

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11 NOVEMBER (TUESDAY)

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

at The Cenotaph at Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre

DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS IN DOWNTOWN DUNDAS

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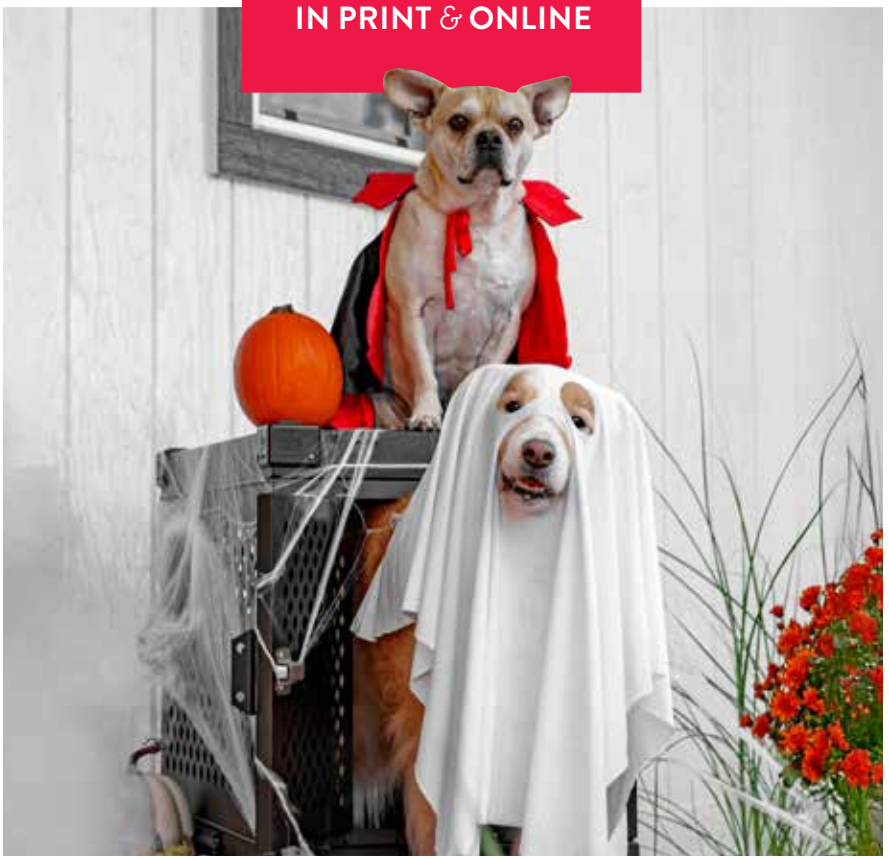
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Positive Note

JOIN A CHOIR AND SING YOUR WAY TO SPRING

BY MICHELLE MORRA





Singing feels great, whether you're in the shower, at a karaoke bar, or in the car. Imagine that feeling magnified tenfold or even a hundredfold. That's how it feels to sing in a choir. You open your mouth and hear the kind of music – big music – that's only possible with a room full of voices.

As winter approaches, people all over the region are meeting in halls, basements and churches to learn and practise choral arrangements. Many do this year after year because they're hooked on the result: performing at a concert, where their beautifully blended voices will fill the air and thrill an audience.

Choirs are not just for music prodigies. While some audition their members to ensure a certain level of competency, others are open to anyone who loves to sing. Tempus Choral Society is a non-auditioned community SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) choir whose repertoire consists of "songs from different genres including Broadway classics, folk tunes, jazz hits, and classic pieces," says member Catherine Ross. "We aim for a light, lively style that is fun to sing and engaging for all audience members."

Although the ability to read music will make practice easier, Ross explains, many choristers just listen to the recorded parts for their voice and learn by listening and singing along. After a few rehearsals, all singers get to know the songs regardless of whether or not they can read the notes.





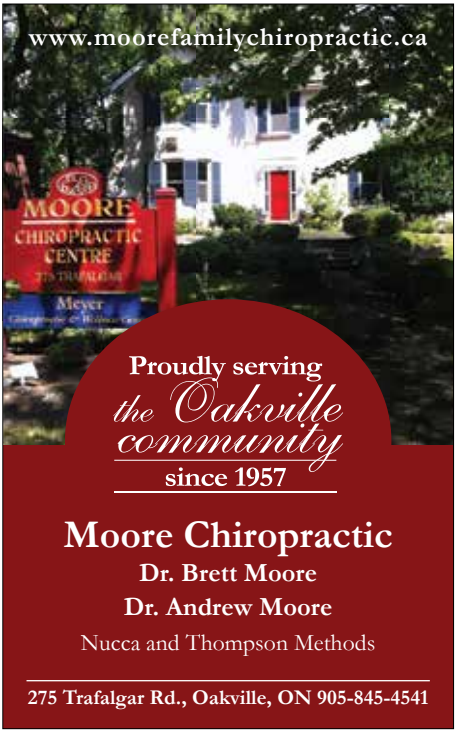
At Circle of Harmony, potential new members commit to a nine-week program that involves getting to know the chorus, understanding which part best suits their voice, and learning a song along with existing members. After the nine weeks, there's an audition for which they are well prepared.

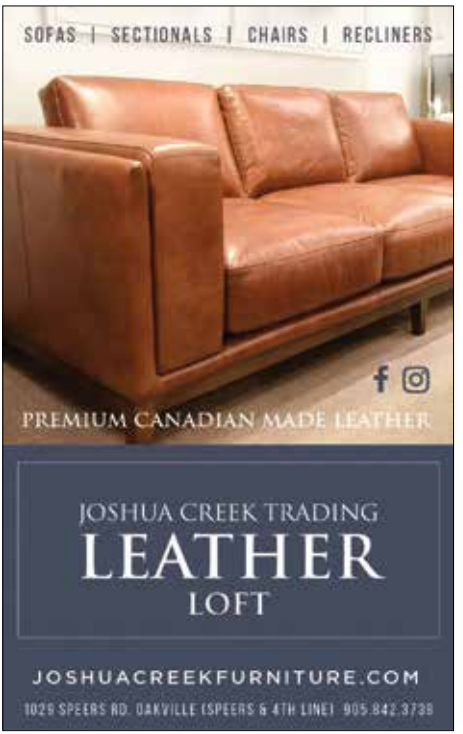
Circle of Harmony is an award-winning choir that sings a capella (unaccompanied by instruments). "We are part of the Sweet Adelines International organization and sing in a barbershop style," says Susan Vaz, proud member and PR Chair. 'This means that the four parts create ringing chords and amazing harmonies. The works we perform span the decades from standards, to musical theatre, and even Queen!"

The members of Circle of Harmony, ranging in age from 20s to 80s, form friendships that last a lifetime. Their performances engage audiences with their "passionate singing" and "energetic choreography," Vaz says.

Good for the soul

Oakville, Burlington and surrounding areas boast an impressive number and variety of choirs that perform everything from pop to jazz to classical. These choirs welcome members from all walks of life.





Local Links

Circle of Harmony
circleofharmony.ca

Masterworks of Oakville Chorus & Orchestra
masterworksofoakville.ca

Tempus Choral Society
tempuschoralsociety.com



Masterworks of Oakville is an auditioned choir that performs the great works of the Western choral tradition. Members pride themselves on performing challenging works that are rarely performed outside of metropolitan centres.

Virginia Barsenbach, a member of Masterworks of Oakville, sings the praises of her choir: "I love the music that we sing, and I've formed a lot of friendships," she says. "It's so wonderful to finally sing the concerts for our community after all the hard work that we do to learn the pieces."

Aside from camaraderie and the unbridled joy of making music, singing in a choir is scientifically proven to be good for you. "Learning new songs stimulates memory and cognition while the deeper, controlled breathing is good for the lungs and heart," says Ross from Tempus Choral Society. "Did I mention the high one gets when performing? It is really hard to be unhappy when you sing harmony with others!" LL

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OCT 28

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Fee: $35
Oakville Museum
8 Navy Street, Oakville
oakvilledowntown.com

OCT 31

Trick or Treating for Little Tots

Trick-or-treat with your little one this Halloween in Kerr Village and throughout Downtown Oakville! Check for a ghost and pumpkin sign at participating businesses.

11 am - 2 pm.
Participating stores
oakvilledowntown.com
kerr-village.ca



NOV 1-2

Bronte Creek Classic XXVIII

Join the Bronte Creek Disc Golf Club for the Bronte Creek Classic XXVIII C-Tier. Two rounds, 20 holes, shotgun start. Hole sponsorships available. 8 am.

Bronte Creek Provincial Park
1219 Burloak Drive, Oakville

NOV 7-9

Fall Pottery Sale

Local potters from the Hamilton Potters' Guild will once again come together for the 21st Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser. Beautiful, handmade bowls will be available for $30 each, with every dollar raised supporting Hamilton Food Share and its network of hunger-relief programs across the city.

10 Market St S, Dundas
hamiltonfoodshare.org

NOV 9

Oakville Remembrance Trail Run

Welcome to the 1st Annual Oakville Remembrance Trail Run. Hit the trails of Lions Valley for an 11km trail run in honour of veterans, first responders, and their families. This isn't just a run, it's a remembrance movement. All proceeds support Wounded Warriors Canada.
9 am - 1 pm.

Upper Middle Park
280 Old Upper Middle Road West, Oakville
events.woundedwarriors.ca

NOV 7-8

REVEL25: Total Disco Mayhem

REVEL25 is back with a 70s glam twist! Enjoy fierce fashion, immersive art, drag queen performances, DJs, and iconic bites from local chefs. Dress loud, dance harder, and don't stop 'til you're time-warped. 7 pm Friday to 12 am Saturday.

Art Gallery of Burlington
1333 Lakeshore Road, Burlington
agb.life/visit/events/revel25

NOV 8-9

Christmas in Burlington Handmade Market

Stock up on handmade gifts, treats, and Christmas paraphernalia to get in the spirit of the season. Admission is $5 cash. Free for children under 12. Free parking. 10 am - 4 pm.

Holiday Inn
3063 South Service Road, Burlington
theartisanbazaar.ca

NOV 13

Heritage Garden Speaker Series: Food Mindfulness

Ireland House Museum, in partnership with Halton Environmental Network, presents a free presentation on eating seasonably and sustainably. Pre-registration required. 7 pm.

Ireland House Museum
2168 Guelph Line, Burlington
museumsofburlington.ca

NOV 14

Hometown Holiday – Light Up the Night!

Kick off the holiday season as Downtown Oakville sparkles with its annual tree lighting, festive cheer, and family-friendly activities. Enjoy Sugar Plums, candy cane carollers, carriage rides, hot cocoa, and more! 5 - 9 pm.

Towne Square
210 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville
oakvilledowntown.com

NOV 15

Santa Claus Parade 2025

This year's theme, "Snow Much Fun!", celebrates the joys of winter recreation like sledding, skating, and snowball fights. Parade starts at 9 am. Free Santa Shuttle from Oakville GO runs 8 - 11:30 am.

Downtown Oakville
oakville.ca

NOV 15

St. John's Christmas Market

Get in the spirit of the season with this annual tradition! Find Christmas gifts, decorations, books, baked goods, handmade crafts, and enjoy a festive lunch at the Bistro. 9 am - 2 pm

St. John's Anglican Church
2464 Dundas Street, Burlington
stjohnsburlington.ca

NOV 22

Visit with Santa

Write a letter to Santa at the Old Post Office, tour the beautifully decorated Erchless Estate, and meet Santa in his cozy sitting room. For ages 3–10 plus adults (parented session). 30-minute sessions from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

Oakville Museum
8 Navy Street, Oakville
oakville.ca

NOV 22

Aldershot Village Tree Lighting

The holidays shine bright in Aldershot with fun family activations, kids' activities, and plenty of holiday cheer. Festivities start at 3:30 pm, tree lighting ceremony at 6 pm.

Aldershot Village
355 Plains Road East, Burlington
aldershotbia.com

NOV 16

Chris McKhool – Earth, Seas & Air

A cushion concert for families! Kids can join Chris McKhool and the Sultans of String on stage for a fun, interactive performance all about protecting the planet. Sing, dance, and play percussion from around the world. 1 pm.

Burlington Performing Arts Centre
440 Locust Street, Burlington
burlingtonpac.ca/events

NOV 19

Navigating the Transition to Adulthood for Neurodivergent Teens Workshop

Part of a four-part series for parents, caregivers, and neurodivergent teens/adults exploring adult funding and support services. This session focuses on inclusive programs, housing, and recreation. Offered free of charge. 6 pm

Monarch House Oakville
1405 North Service Road East, Unit 103, Oakville
eventbrite.ca

NOV 22

At Home in Bronte for the Holidays 2025

Bundle up and join the merry celebration at Bronte Market Square. Enjoy local festivities and community cheer as the season kicks off in style. 3 - 8 pm.

Bronte Market Square
2445 Lakeshore Road West, Oakville
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A TOAST TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PUBS

BY CYNDI INGLE



Everyone remembers their first time… visiting a pub, that is! I certainly do because a pub was the location of my first date with my future husband. With its welcoming plush and wooden interior, delicious food and many beverage choices, our conversation soon flowed as smoothly as the imported beer!

Years later pubs are even more popular in Halton. They are not a new concept, but they have remained relevant in a fickle hospitality landscape. Pubs and taverns have dotted Southern Ontario as a stopping point for travellers since the late 18th century. More recently, pubs gained popularity as craft beers and brewpubs burst on to the scene in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

High energy bars have their place, but if you are looking to carry on a conversation over a plate of nourishing food and a drink (or two), exploring one of the many pubs in our area is a great option.

In an era where many people are more connected to their phone than to each other, the sense of well-being that you feel at a pub is priceless. Much of that has to do with nourishing, "stick to your ribs" meals (steak and kidney pie, anyone?). Over the years pub cuisine has evolved, with most offering more comprehensive menus. As the public's tastes and needs have changed, so have pubs.



The menu at King's Arms in Oakville, for instance, features indulgences like Lobster Grilled Cheese and Korean BBQ Steak bowl, in addition to wings and other traditional pub fare. The venue has regular "Pour & Pair" social hours, and periodically hosts upscale theme nights (Greek Night, Valentines Day) that it promotes via slick social media posts geared to a young crowd. The Dickens in Burlington, while retaining many of its traditions in terms of cozy ambiance and hearty food, hosts live bands, karaoke, trivia nights… and their well-stocked bar also offers non-alcoholic options like zero-proof beer, passionfruit juice, or milk.

LOCAL LINKS

The Dickens
423 Elizabeth Street,
Burlington
thedickens.ca

The Kings Arms
323 Church Street,
Oakville
kingsarmsoakville.com

The Royal Coachman
1 Main Street North,
Waterdown
royalcoachmanpub.com

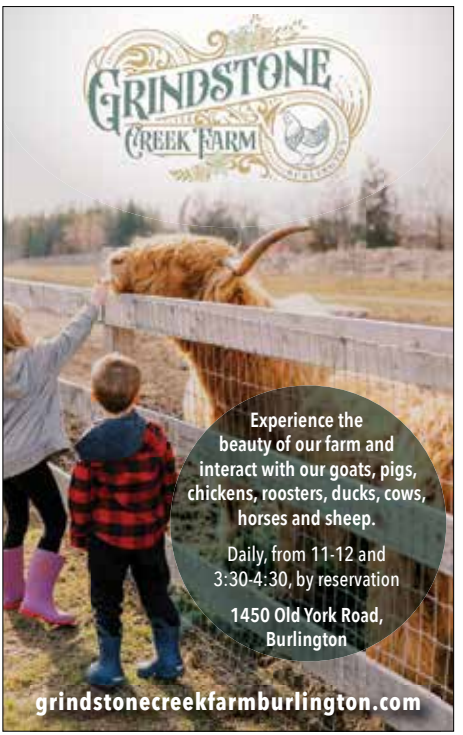
Ye Olde Squire,
Aldershot
127 Plains Road West,
Burlington
yeoldesquire.ca/aldershot

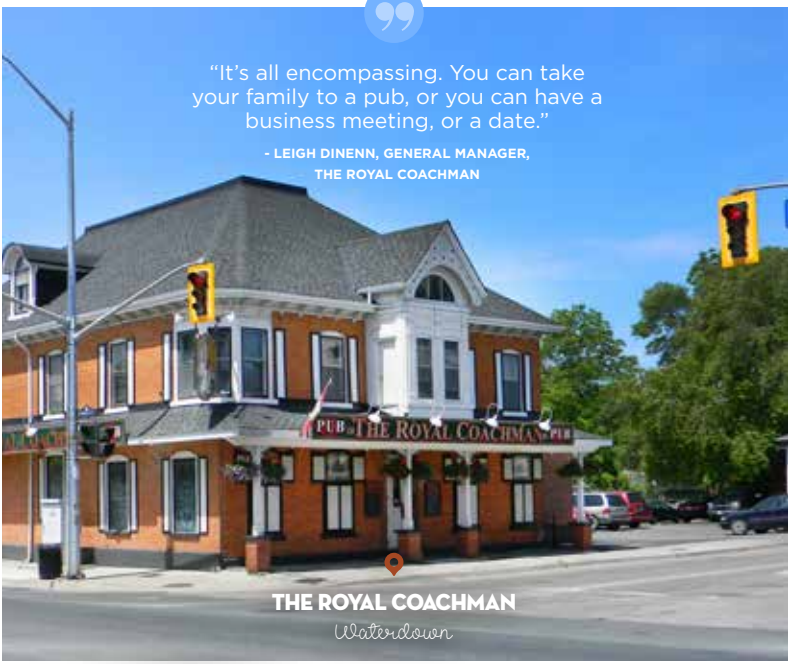
Ye Olde Squire has been operating in Aldershot for close to seven years, and prides itself on being a home away from home for its customers. As Jenn Maguire, General Manager, explains, "Our signature dishes are British influenced but we also offer classic pub fare as well to make sure we cover all of our bases for those walking through the doors. Especially now with a growing demand for gluten free dishes, vegetarian and sometimes vegan, we always want to make sure everyone that is coming into our pub can find something they like."

The Royal Coachman in Waterdown celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, and is housed in a Victorian manse, circa 1868, which recently received historical status.

As Leigh Dinenn, General Manager shares, "In the British sense, a pub is the hub of the community, a meeting place for everyone to get together and, in the past, to share the tales of the day. It's also a restaurant and a meeting point. It's all encompassing. You can take your family to a pub, or you can have a business meeting, or a date."






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Burlington

While Canadians often associate pubs with a British style of food, the Royal Coachman strives for "comfort food, hearty and wholesome," Dinenn says.

With fall nipping at our heels, it's time to get comfortable and raise a glass! Now is the perfect time to meet friends in the warm glow of your friendly neighbourhood pub. LL

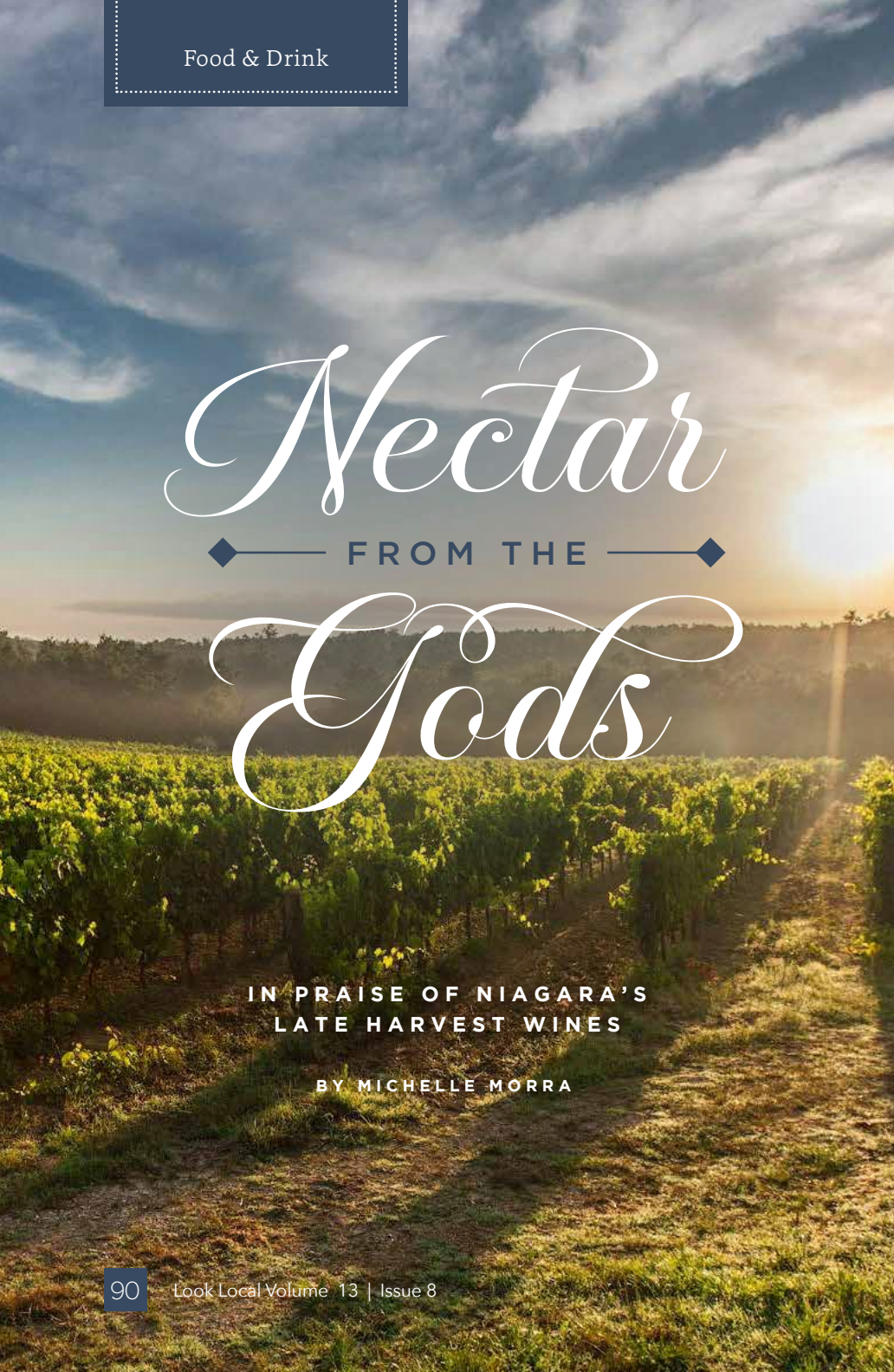


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Nectar FROM THE Gods

IN PRAISE OF NIAGARA'S LATE HARVEST WINES

BY MICHELLE MORRA



Golden in colour and sweet on the palette, late harvest wines coat the tongue with complex layers of floral and fruity undertones. Niagara wineries excel at creating these liquid crown jewels of autumn. Anyone in search of the perfect host gift or a special addition to their own table simply must try one.

What is a late harvest wine?

Late harvest wines are made from grapes that are left on the vine well past the typical harvest period. Over time, the grapes naturally dehydrate, and this loss of water creates a greater concentration of sugars and flavours. According to VQA Ontario standards, wines are categorized based on the grape's sugar level (measured in degrees Brix) at harvest, with late harvest wines starting at 22° Brix and Icewines topping 35°.

While traditional late harvest wines achieve their sweetness through this natural desiccation, wineries like Pillitteri Estates take a unique approach. "We make our late harvest wines from the second pressing of icewine grapes," says Jeff Letvenuk, Director of Marketing at Pillitteri. "This method retains much of the flavour intensity and complexity that people love in icewine, but with a lighter sweetness and more approachable profile."

The Late Harvest Riesling 2019 from 13th Street Winery results from a similar process, as described in the company's winemaking notes: "Following the pressing of the juice for icewine, the frozen grapes were allowed to slightly warm resulting in the perfect juice for Late Harvest Riesling."



Because the grapes hang longer, sometimes through freeze-thaw cycles, late harvest wines develop a range of flavours – from bright citrus and stone fruit to more decadent notes of caramel and dried apricot. Popular grapes used in Pilliteri's late harvest wines include vidal, riesling, and cabernet. Vidal offers lush tropical fruit, riesling brings vibrant citrus and minerality, and cabernet provides a striking red fruit expression that's rare in sweet wines.

Over at Malivoire Wine Company, Shiraz Mottiar, General Manager and Winemaker, champions gewürztraminer when producing late harvest wines. "It really showcases the floral, spicy, and exotic fruit characteristics found in the variety," he says.

Icewine vs. Late Harvest

Some people taste similarities between late harvest wine and icewine, for good reason. "Think of late harvest as the little brother of icewine," says Letvenuk. "It's more widely approachable, with a lower price point, but lacks the intense finish Icewine aficionados crave."

Still, both styles must be made with naturally sweetened juice. Icewine requires a minimum residual sugar of 100g/L (often much more), whereas late harvest wines can vary widely, with some as low as 30g/L.





Malivoire



2023
late harvest
gewürztraminer



local links

Malivoire Wine Company
4260 King St, Beamsville
malivoire.com

Pillitteri Estates Winery
1696 Niagara Stone Rd,
Niagara-on-the-Lake
pillitteri.com

13th Street Winery
1776 Fourth Avenue,
St-Catharines
13thstreetwinery.com

13th Street



2019
late harvest
Riesling

Dessert and beyond

Late harvest wines are surprisingly versatile. Though often labelled as dessert wines, they have a natural acidity and balance and pair well with a range of dishes, especially when on the drier side. "They're especially popular in Asian cuisine pairings," Letvenuk adds, "where the wines' fruit and aromatics complement heat and bold flavours beautifully."

Mottiar agrees: "Our 2023 late harvest gewürztraminer at 30g/L can work with sweeter dishes in Filipino or Cantonese cuisines, or alongside cheeses and pâtés."

Whether you're enjoying a bottle of Pillitteri's Canada Collection Vidal Late Harvest or a gewürztraminer from Malivoire, Niagara's late harvest wines showcase the region and its winemaking artistry, one sweet, satisfying sip at a time. The next time you scan the wine aisles, expand your taste horizons by reaching for this hidden gem of the Niagara wine scene.

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2 tsp Baking Powder
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1 tsp Salt
1 ½ tsp Cinnamon
1 ½ tsp Pumpkin Spice
240 ml Vegetable Oil
4 Large Eggs
200 g Brown Sugar
100 g White Sugar
437 ml Pumpkin Puree (not pie filling)
1 tsp Vanilla Extract

METHOD

1. Pre-heat oven to 350F. Grease two 8" round cake pans and line the bottoms with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl or stand mixer, stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and spices. Set aside.
3. In another bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients until combined.
4. Stir in half of the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until smooth. Mix in the remaining wet mixture into the batter until fully combined.
5. Divide batter equally into the 2 prepared pans. Bake at 350F for 40-50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
6. Let cakes cool completely in the pans before turning out.

Brown Butter Cream Cheese Icing

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups Unsalted Butter - room temperature
750 g Cream Cheese - room temperature
850 g Icing Sugar
½ tsp Vanilla Extract

METHOD

The day before: Place one cup of the butter in a medium saucepan. Melt over medium heat, stirring constantly until brown bits begin to form on the bottom. Transfer browned butter to a heat proof bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Leave on the counter overnight to cool.

1. In a mixer with a paddle attachment (or with a hand mixer), beat cream cheese until smooth. Transfer to a different bowl and set aside.
2. In the empty mixer bowl, mix browned butter and remaining half cup softened butter until light and airy.
3. Slowly stir in icing sugar and vanilla. Whip for 4-5 minutes or until smooth and fluffy.
4. Add cream cheese into whipped icing. Quickly and vigorously whip in cheese until incorporated, scraping the bowl half way; making sure to not overmix as it will turn very soft (no more than 20 seconds total).
5. Refrigerate until needed.

ASSEMBLY

Trim the domed tops off both of the pumpkin cakes. Place one cake on a plate or cake board, cut side up. Spread (or pipe) a generous amount of cream cheese icing on the top of the cake layer. Place the second layer of cake cut side down onto the cream cheese. Spread (or pipe) another generous amount of cream cheese icing on top of the cake. Decorate with seasonal sprinkles or a dusting of cinnamon.

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