



COMMUNITY VISION

The Newsletter for Community Living Walkerton & District



LAURA'S WORLD OF RESIN: SMALL BUSINESS, BIG PERSONALITY

Meet Laura — an inspired maker with a passion for bold colours, creative expression, and resin that tells a story. From handmade keychains and jewelry to unique collectibles (Unicorns!), Laura's work is full of character, colour, and charm.

What started a few years ago as a creative experiment is growing into a vibrant small business. She spends hours exploring new molds, testing out different types of resin — UV, deep-pour, fast-cure — and finding just the right textures, shapes, and finishes. For Laura, the process itself is a kind of magic: mixing, pouring, curing — and seeing what unexpected beauty comes out the other side.

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LAURA'S WORLD OF RESIN...CONTINUED...

Her inspiration is everywhere: a song she's got on repeat, a walk around the neighbourhood, or a cool design she saw online. She loves following other creators on social platforms, and she's constantly learning and trying new techniques. It's not just about making things — it's about growing, experimenting, and sharing the journey.

Beyond the craft, Laura sees her work as a way to connect. "People love buying something that has a story," she says — and her pieces do. They spark conversations, bring a little joy to someone's day, and remind us how personal handmade items can be. It's this spirit that drives her to support other small businesses too — to be part of a community that values the personal over the mass-produced.

Through her Etsy shop and Facebook page, Laura shares her work and the story behind it. She's thinking about expanding into Instagram and looking to take her creations to local markets this year — hoping to meet customers in person, share her process, and build more connections face-to-face.

For Laura, making isn't just a business — it's a way to express herself, to connect with others, and to celebrate creativity in everyday life.



Learn More About Laura's Resin:
<https://resinartshopbylaura.etsy.com>



BUCK LIST BRUNCH WITH MARY BERG

Cynthia recently checked off a major bucket list item—brunch with Mary Berg in Niagara Falls! Mary's been one of her favorite chefs for years, and meeting her in person was a dream come true.

Check out the photos from her incredible trip below.

Way to go, Cynthia! You're proof that setting goals and going after them really works. Total inspiration.





COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS



Thank you, Sharon Sewers, for our 2nd accessible picnic table!

Connie Reay, New Millenium Quilters Guild, donated quilts to individuals in need at Community Living Walkerton and District.



The New Millenium Quilters Guild is made up of members all over Grey-Bruce.



Coffee Break was a huge success this year bringing in \$542.25 for the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce!



In the last 3 years, we have donated over \$1,500 to the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce! Way to go team!

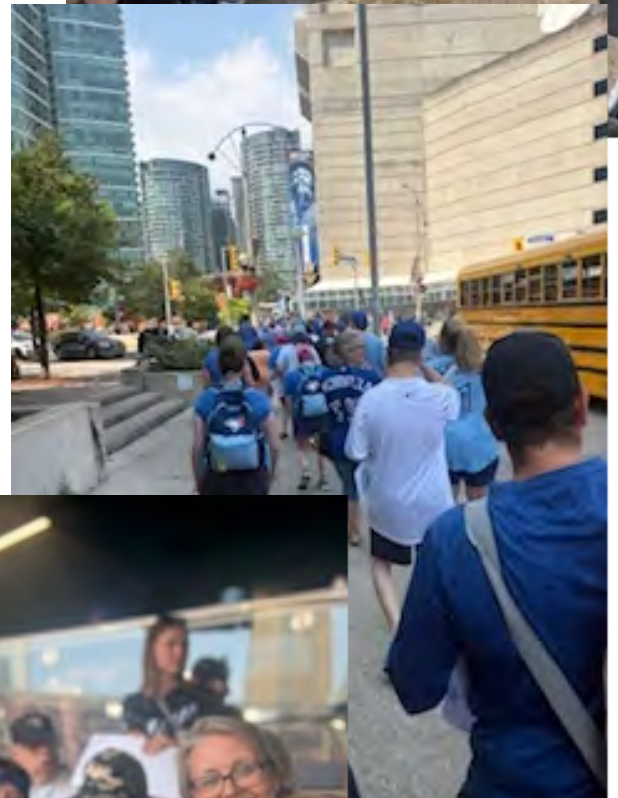


Congratulations to our Colour Your Way contest winners! All the entries were incredible and are proudly on display in our main office.





LET'S GO BLUE JAYS! LET'S PLAY BALL!



We had such a blast cheering on the Jays this summer!



BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Walkerton Lawn Bowling Tournament was held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, and it was sponsored by Community Living Walkerton and District.

Check it out! We're in the Walkerton Herald-Times!

Presenting to the Top 5 Winning Teams and the Consolation Winners was Rachael Fritsch, Administrative Assistant, Karen Elliott, Family Support Services, and David Benninger, Community Living Board Member and Member of the Action Committee.

Josh, who is an active member of the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club, participated in the tournament and has been featured on the cover of the newsletter previously.



Congratulations

David Benninger, CLWD Board of Director, presenting the CLWD Educational Bursary to the 2025 winner, Kate Leppington.

Kate will be attending Wilfred Laurier University in the fall for the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology program.



Hannah Stewart is off to Trent University and receiving the CLWD Family Scholarship from her mom, Tammy Dobson, Supported Group Living Supervisor.



Madison Dales is off to Nippissing University and receiving the CLWD Family Scholarship from David Benninger, CLWD Board Member and Member of the Action Committee.

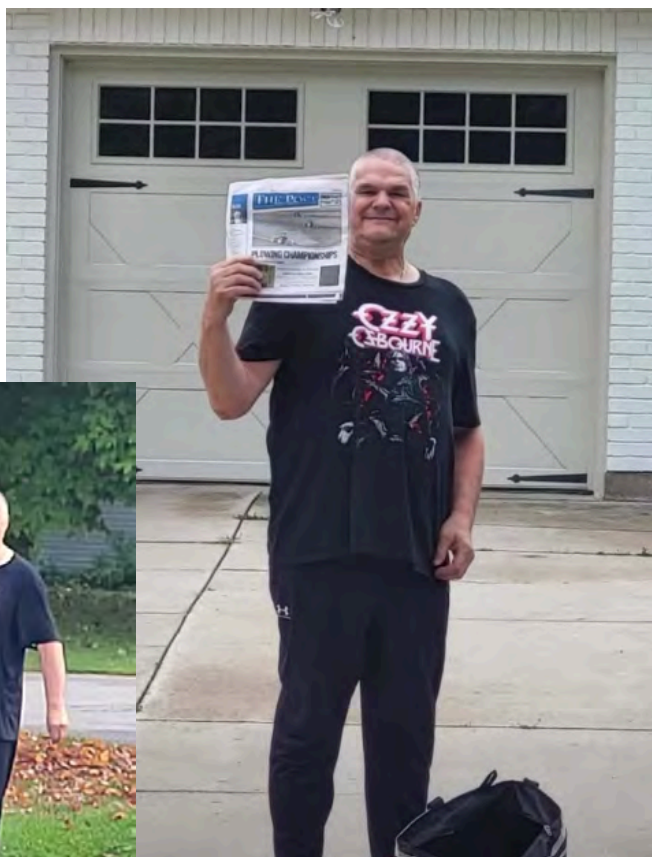


Emily Fairminer is off to Conestoga College and also receiving the CLWD Family Scholarship from David Benninger, CLWD Board Member and Member of the Action Committee.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Ken on your retirement! After nearly 30 years of delivering papers, Ken is hanging up his bag. Congratulations to you, Ken! You made an impact with every day.



Coming Soon

Merry
Christmas

What: Christmas Party

Where: Knights of Columbus

When: Friday, December 5th



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