

# GRAFTON GAZETTE

The Community Newsletter of 5 Ogilvie, Dundas (Grafton Square)

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## Dear Neighbours,

March is here, still with a little ice, still with a little snow, but with a whole lot of “Maybe Spring soon?” As we “walk like a penguin” toward warmer days, we share this freezing edition of Grafton Gazette, warmed just a little by our thermostats, and a whole lot by friendly smiles, and elevator chats.

Here’s to continuing winter in good cheer, and anticipating Spring!

It will arrive!

*Wayne (401)*

We welcome our New Residents,  
**Karen and Jim Farmilo, #102**  
who have arrived from the Thornbury area,  
by way of Belleville.

Karen operates the Grey Heron Yarn Shop  
(opening in the first week of March),  
at 44 York St., here in Dundas.

You can also find her online at  
[greyheronyarnshop.com](http://greyheronyarnshop.com)



## Textiles Recycling Drive



Catherine #405, will collect & take a load:  
**Sat. April 18 - 10.30 am (905-745-8854)**  
for the Drive at St. Andrew’s Church, Ancaster

By 10 am, put your lot in garbage bags beside her car  
(Bay #17 – northwest corner of underground area)  
**OR**

Put your bag(s) in front of unit #405 before April 18  
They accept items which are too worn, stained, etc for a thrift store.  
(Textiles you might otherwise throw out):

Clothes, towels, curtains, linens, bedding, socks, shoes, belts,  
underwear, fabric scraps. (no pillows or cushions, please)

# Patti's Bears

## **WELL ISN'T THIS A NICE SURPRISE?**

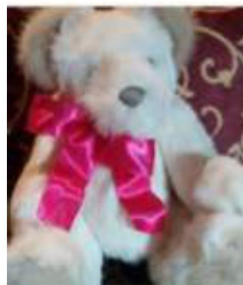
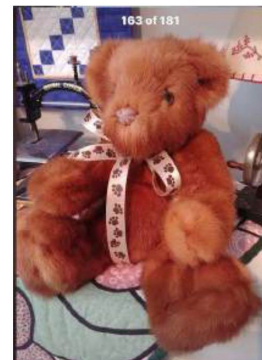
A few lucky folks here have met Patti McGhie - an unofficial-official member of our community! (Patti was featured in the Sept 2024 issue telling us how she'd deliver our *Spec* and other papers during the elevator siege.) Yes, Patti has been our carrier since 2007. She lives in Caledonia, gets to work in Dundas about 1-2 a.m. gets to us about 2.30-3 and home (weather permitting) about 6-7 a.m. Pretty wild for a day job, eh?

Yes, we are Patti's day job! Always an excellent seamstress, then stitcher and quilter, in 2011 Patti had the opportunity to create her own Teddy Bear making company! She bought a special sewing machine which can handle fur plus some supplies and today her little critters are in big demand. She makes mostly bears but a few bunnies make it through. The name of her company says it all:

## **STITCHED FROM THE HEART**

Patti's bears live everywhere! She's preparing an order of 6 bears now for a woman in the U.S. and altogether she is kept very busy. She's never advertised—it's all word-of-mouth. As many of us have grandchildren (and some great-grands) it's always good to know about the possibility for a special gift. But note these are heirloom and memory bears—not bears for very young children. They are made out of real fur (which you provide), faux fur or memorable clothing. You work with Patti to get exactly what you'd like.

Bears are hand sewn on her special machine. They are jointed and strong and much loved by their owners (adults as well as children!) They come in two sizes: 14" bears and 16" bears. For more information call or text Patti: 905-317-8934. [PS Patti didn't ask us to promote her—but how could we not!]



### A BIT OF HISTORY – The GRAFTON NAME in DUNDAS

Long before condos, paved driveways, and underground parking, this part of Dundas was rustic, vibrating to the steady rhythm of early town life. The valley bustled with families carving out livelihoods in this early Upper Canada settlement.

Among the names of that era was 'Grafton' — a name meaning "settlement by the wood". That name would find its way onto maps, deeds, a department store chain, and later, onto our building.

Today, as 'Grafton Square,' where there were once homesteads, there is now this shared living space, and the friendship of neighbours.



*“On the bright side, this counts as our cardio.”*

# Wayne's Porridge



Slice 1 Banana into a bowl.  
Add 2 cups of Quick Oats  
Add ½ cup of Raisins  
Add ½ cup of Ground Flax Seed  
Combine thoroughly.

Add 2 cups of Apple Juice  
Add ½ cup of Water  
Combine thoroughly.

Microwave at Full Power for 3 minutes and Stir  
Microwave at Full Power for 30 seconds.

Serve into Bowl and add Blueberries and Oat Milk

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