

# Culture Matters

## Shop Local for the Holidays and Breathe...

Someone will soon ask you how your shopping is going, and if your stomach clenches at the thought read on...

Consider a quick weekend shopping tour of Halton Hills: no crowds and no hassles just great scenery, competitive prices and local artisans & businesses happy to see you walk through their door! Here is a sampling of what awaits you:

First head to Scotch Block Winery and pick up a few bottles of their award-winning wines (blackcurrant?) for your mother-in-law, teacher, boss; save one for yourself too.



The Freckled Lion bookstore, on Main St. in Georgetown, is the perfect place to find a gift for the avid young reader.

Photo courtesy of Amy Sykes

Next drive north to Acton, load up on quick dinners & hors d'oeuvres at MacMillans, and then stop mid-town at The Holland Shop for unusual Dutch imports & edibles.

Continue on to Main Street Georgetown, park and hop into the Freckled Lion bookstore for the child and teen readers on your list.

The Artisan's Attic opposite is a favourite spot to find scarves, pottery, paintings and woodworking all handmade locally. Pop into Casa Lena for a surprising array of affordable jewellery from around the world. (Bring your party outfit and Gail will match it on the spot!)

Cross the lights to Foodstuffs where you will find all you need for holiday baking and entertaining your foodie friends. Starting to feel better?

### Local Shopping Ideas

- Scotch Block Winery - 9365 10th Sideroad
- Macmillans - 6834 Hwy #7
- The Holland Shop - 71 Mill Street east
- Freckled Lion - 56 Main Street south
- Artisan's Attic - 73 Main Street south
- Casa LenaMain - 68 Main Street south
- Foodstuffs - 89 Main Street south
- Halton Hills Cultural Centre - 9 Church Street
- Shelley's Chocolate & Gifts - 333 Mountainview Road south
- Glen Oven Bakery - 520 Main Street
- Antique Bookstore - 519 Main Street
- Williams Mill - 515 Main Street
- Beaumont Mills - North Main Street
- Traci-Lee's Handmade Soap - 523 Guelph Street

And then on to the Cultural Centre where show tickets will help you cross off more names. How about Globe's "Beauty and the Beast" as a March Break treat for the kids, a Georgetown Little Theatre Season Pass for your friends, or the stirring "Man of La Mancha" for you and your significant other?

Back in the car head south and east to Halton Hills' very own chocolatier where Shelley herself will find something in your price range for your sweet tooth gift-ees at Shelly's Chocolate & Gifts.

Then north to Glen Williams to park and take a break in one of those comfy chairs at the Glen Oven Bakery – ahh! After checking out the Antique Bookstore opposite, head to the mother lode of gift-buying sites, Williams Mill. Here in a three-building setting 35 local artisans create pottery, painting, fibre, glass, jewellery, print, sculpture and other media. The current show has such a selection of one-of-a-kind pieces from \$25 - \$200 – you will need to see it all before you buy.



Feral by Jim Ried is just one of the many exciting pieces of artwork available at the Williams Mill.

Photo courtesy of The Williams Mill

Back in the car – and almost done – don't miss stopping at the Beaumont Mill for that unique antique piece and then wind your way through Halton Hills' beautiful eastern edges to Norval where you can stop at Traci-Lee's Handmade Soap for your aroma-loving friends.

Time now to head home; your list is checked off, your stress is gone and all is right with the world... now where did you put that blackcurrant wine?

## Upcoming Cultural Events

### December

Date	Event
1	Light Up the Hills, Dominion Garden Light Display, Georgetown, evenings until Jan. 3, FREE
1-21	Artist Cathy Parker, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, FREE
1-24	Big Show, Small Works, Williams Mill, Glen Williams, all pieces \$25-200 <a href="http://www.williamsmill.com">www.williamsmill.com</a>
2	Sleepytime Stories, Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown, 7pm <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca">www.hhpl.on.ca</a> Family Storytime, Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown, 9:45am <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca">www.hhpl.on.ca</a> Family Storytime, Halton Hills Public Library, Acton, 7pm <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca">www.hhpl.on.ca</a>
3	Holiday Magic on Main, Downtown Georgetown, 6-9 pm, FREE
4	Family Storytime, Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown, 9:45am <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca">www.hhpl.on.ca</a> Family Storytime, Halton Hills Public Library, Acton, 7pm <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca">www.hhpl.on.ca</a>
4,5	Candlelight Christmas Concert by the Georgetown Choral Society Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 8pm, Tickets \$25 <a href="http://www.georgetownchoral.ca">www.georgetownchoral.ca</a>
4,12	Olympic Torch Craft Program, Halton Hills Public Library, 2-4pm, FREE <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca">www.hhpl.on.ca</a>
5	Christmas Concert by the Georgetown Children's Chorus, Georgetown Christian Reformed Church 1-3pm, Tickets available at the door A Christmas Carol, Reading by Georgetown Little Theatre, Maple Ave. Baptist Church, 7pm, \$20 Literacy North Halton fundraiser (905) 873-2681 x2502 "Man of La Mancha" auditions by Globe Musical Theatre, 1:30 - 5:30pm (905) 824 8126 Holiday Book Sale, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, 9:30am - 1pm <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca/friends.asp">www.hhpl.on.ca/friends.asp</a>
5,7	"The Crucible" auditions by Georgetown Little Theatre Youth Company (905) 877 3422
6	Season of Wonders Cantata, St. Andrews United Church, Georgetown, FREE (905) 877-4482 Christmas Card Workshops, Upper Credit humane Society, Georgetown Police Station 1-3pm, 3-5pm, \$20 (905) 877-0162
9	Music at One, Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery, 1-2pm, FREE
11	Olde Time Christmas Concert, Knox Presbyterian Acton, 7:30pm (519) 856-9981
11,12	The Nutcracker Ballet, John Elliot Theatre, Fri. 7pm, Sat. 2pm <a href="http://www.haltonhills.ca/theatre">www.haltonhills.ca/theatre</a>
11-13	Ceramic Art Show and Sale by Frans Rood & Carolyn Martin, 47 Irwin Cres., Georgetown also on the 20th (905) 877-2579
13	Once Upon a Christmas Light, Churchill Community Church, Acton, 7pm, FREE (519) 853-4380 Sing a song of Joy, Norval United Church, 7pm, FREE <a href="http://www.norvalunited.ca">www.norvalunited.ca</a> Gaudeamus Children's Choir Christmas Concert, St. John's United, Georgetown A Christmas Musical, Knox Presbyterian, Georgetown, 11am, 7pm, FREE <a href="http://www.knoxgeorgetown.ca">www.knoxgeorgetown.ca</a> Glen Williams Christmas Party, 2-4pm, FREE (905) 877-0783
14	Community Christmas Concert, St. John's United, 7pm, FREE (905) 877-2531
17	Merry Christmas Storytime, Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown, 7pm, free tickets available at <a href="http://www.hhpl.on.ca">www.hhpl.on.ca</a>
18-20	Christmas Concert & Readings, Georgetown Bach Chorale, 157 Main St., 8pm, Tickets \$40 <a href="http://www.georgetownbachchorale.com">www.georgetownbachchorale.com</a>
19	Olympic Torch Run, from Georgetown, 7am to Acton, 8-8:30am, FREE Old Fasioned Christmas, Downtown Acton after Torch Run, 9am-Noon, FREE
20	Behold The Child, Christmas Concert, Bethel Church, 3 & 7pm, FREE <a href="http://www.actoncrc.com">www.actoncrc.com</a> Candlelight Carol Service, St. Alban's Anglican, Acton, 7:20pm, FREE (519) 853-2711
27	Christmas Lessons & Carols, St. John's Anglican, Stewarttown, 10am, FREE

Do you have an Arts, Culture or Heritage activity that you want listed in the next "Culture Matters"?

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