

MARKET MUSINGS: Outdoor Market season ends this Saturday

By Jan Freedman

It's difficult to believe that the outdoor market season is almost over; it seems to me as if we just opened.

However, Thanksgiving is just around the corner and that marks the end of our time on Wells Street and in Town Park for another year.

Our outdoor season concludes on October 8 with a Customer Appreciation Day and entertainment, before we move indoors to the Armoury with an abbreviated indoor season. We will be indoors at the Armoury on October 15, October 29, November 12, November 26 and December 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We invite you to come and visit us there.

Now, I'd like to tell you about a very interesting vendor who was with us briefly this summer and hopes to attend some of the indoor markets. Her company is called ?Eco Girl? and its main goal is to keep things from entering our landfills.

Rosa works with a variety of materials including used bicycle inner tubes, bike chains, pop tabs, candy wrappers and juice pouches. Rosa was part of her school's eco team from Grade 4 and led her eco team in high school.

She began making products from reclaimed materials at age 14 when she discovered that used inner tubes were being sent to landfills. As someone passionate about our environment, she couldn't bear to see these materials simply going to waste in landfills, so at age 15, she created Eco Girl.

Rosa has a history of environmental concern. In elementary school she joined her eco club to help make sure that the classrooms were using their garbage and recycling bins properly. Then, in high school, she joined the eco team and quickly became its leader. To help students become more eco-friendly, she held workshops to teach them how to make their own deodorants, lip and bath bombs with ingredients that were good for both the body and the earth.

Rosa attended Unionville High School, an arts high school, and specialized in drama. In addition to participating in the eco club, she was an announcement reader, a choir member and involved in several bands as well as the pit orchestra. By grade 12, Rosa felt that her future would be in music.

Rosa now attends the University of Toronto studying music education. She majors in French horn but also plays clarinet, trumpet and violin. She is also interested in West African drumming and studies the djembe outside of school. Rosa does a great deal of volunteer work where she works with people of all ages, uniting them through music. She has developed a passion for teaching and wants to inspire others to enjoy and benefit from music. She is truly an inspirational young woman.

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See you at the Indoor Market!