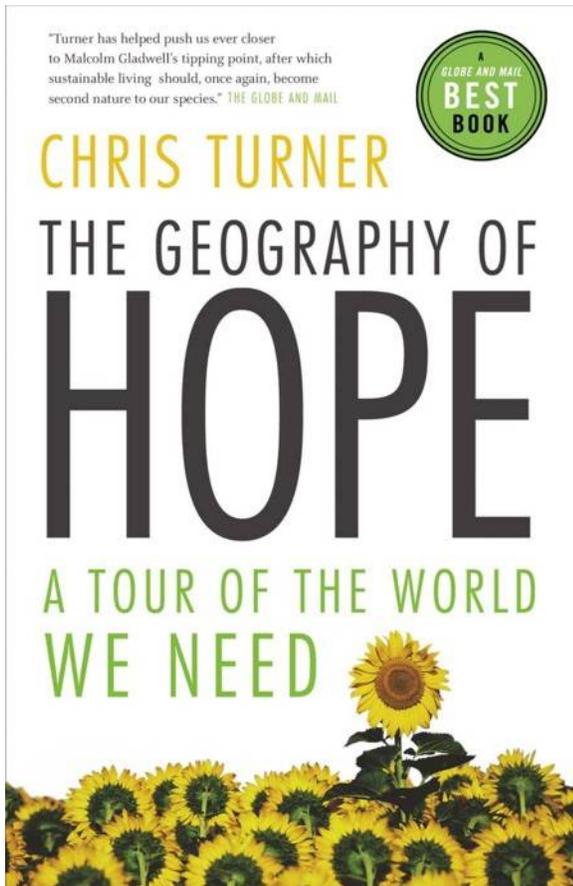


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## **GOING CARBON NEUTRAL ANNIVERSARY PARTY!**



**Sunday, November 9**  
**4:30 – 7:30**

**Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral  
is one year old!**

**Let's celebrate with**

*A Very Special Presentation by*  
**Chris Turner**  
Internationally known author of

***The Geography of Hope***

The evening also includes some short **updates** on  
Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral

***Music by Barry Randall***

**Followed by a Potluck Supper**

In the great Eden Mills tradition, we are suggesting the following distribution of courses  
so we eat something besides cake!!

Easy Appetizers: Surnames beginning with A to C  
Main course and salads: Surnames beginning with D to P  
Desserts: Surnames beginning with R to Z

### **ABOUT CHRIS TURNER**

**Marie Zimmerman, Eden Mills resident, gives us a hint of the excitement Chris will bring to our ongoing conversations:**

*“Turner writes about sustainable energy initiatives all over the world. He writes in a picaresque fashion, and his work is full of passion and erudition. He doesn't offer “10 steps to a greener world”—instead he engages our imaginations to make us feel what it would be like to live with a clear conscience in a clean world.”*

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**Marie goes on to say:**

*“Many people who attended Chris’s seminar or reading at the Writers’ Festival in September were pleasantly surprised at how little carbon-shaming there is in Chris’s perspective and how much support for creative innovation. (He doesn’t avoid laying fair blame for our current climate woes, but he does focus on reassuring us that we can make changes.) The plea to our common sense and our common scruples by an affable man with an agile mind makes quick converts out of many: “I want him to teach my children and my parents first and then become Prime Minister,” quipped one of the seminar participants.”*



**Chris Turner** is the author of the national bestseller *Planet Simpson: How a Cartoon Masterpiece Documented an Era and Defined a Generation*. Chris will use his hour to present a narrated slide show based on his most recent book, *The Geography of Hope: A Guided Tour of the World We Need* (published by Random House in 2007). The book was listed on *Globe & Mail's* 2007 "Globe 100" list of the best books of the year. His culture and technology reporting for *Shift* magazine earned him four National Magazine Awards from 1999 to 2003, including the 2001 President’s Medal for General Excellence, the highest honour in Canadian magazine writing. His writing has also appeared in the *Globe & Mail*, *the Independent*, *the Sunday Times*, *Time*, *Canadian Geographic* and *Utne Reader*. Turner writes a monthly column on sustainability for the *Globe & Mail*.

## Read the Latest Globe Article by Chris Turner

"Is flying akin to driving a Hummer?"

Chris Turner argues that inspiration can sometimes only come from getting on that plane  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20071013.wxgreen13guilt/EmailBNStory/specialTravel/home>

For information on the celebration, please call Kit Bresnahan 856-1188 or [emmpca@sentex.net](mailto:emmpca@sentex.net)

## More cool news!

- **Home Energy Conservation Workshop, September 24**

Thank you to Charles Simon for organizing a hugely practical and informative workshop. Guest speaker, Don Eaton, formerly the Executive Director of the Elora Centre for Environmental Excellence, knocked us out with his insights into the ways our houses breathe and how we can raise the conservation standards at home. The workshop was videotaped by Leszek Zawadski and Glenn Little, and will be available on the website in the near future. NOT TO BE MISSED!

In this context, Jack Darmon recommends visiting [http://www.oeenrcan.gc.ca/keep\\_heat\\_in/](http://www.oeenrcan.gc.ca/keep_heat_in/)



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

- **Youth Group**  
Meetings: Wednesday, October 29, Tuesday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 26
- **Trees, Trees, Trees!**  
It is not too late to order trees for the spring. See the website for an order form.  
Please contact: Bill Allen [bill.allen@wragroup.ca](mailto:bill.allen@wragroup.ca) or 519-856-0818.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD FOOTPRINT SURVEY**

Over the next four months, the University of Guelph student team working with the Eden Mills going Carbon Neutral project will be conducting two voluntary surveys.

Please keep the following times and dates in mind:

**Door-to-door Preliminary survey**

*We hope to learn how we can improve last year's Household Survey and to help you put together the information we are requesting for this year's Survey.*

We will be in the village on:

Monday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm-9pm
Tuesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-9pm

**Household Survey**

Distribution of the surveys will be in **early December**.

Collection of the surveys will be in **early January**.

As part of the household survey, we ask that you be prepared to look for last year's hydro and energy bills and measure your car's gas mileage. You will need to fill up your car with gas, record the mileage until the next fill-up, and then record the number of litres required to fill it up the second time.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Linda Melnick, the Eden Mills coordinator at [lmelnick@uoguelph.ca](mailto:lmelnick@uoguelph.ca)

**We thank you in advance for your cooperation.**