

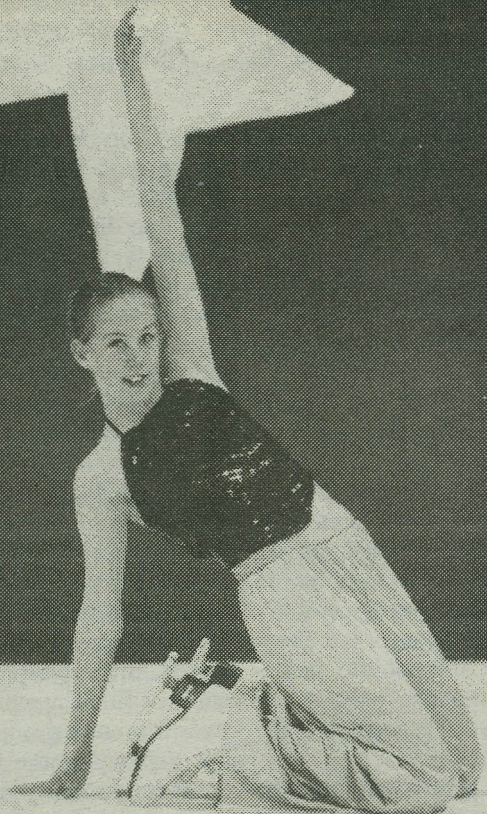


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## Downes headed for Easterns

Erica Downes, of the Marmora Figure Skating Club, placed fourth at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Figure Skating championships in the novice ladies division. Downes will now compete, for the third straight year, at the Eastern Qualifying championships, in Ottawa. Downes is coached by Lesley McGuire.

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*Erica Downes*

## Local skater earns place on Eastern Ontario Team

Erica Downes competed in the Bank of Montreal Sectional Championships held in Kingston, Ontario November 9-11, 2000. In the qualifying round of the Novice Ladies event, she placed second which secured her a spot in the final.

There were 16 skaters in the final. In the short program portion of the final competition, Erica placed a disappointing 10th. The short program is worth one third of the total mark and the long program counts for two thirds. Erica skated the long program with determination. She landed two double axels and a triple toe loop which helped her to a second place finish in the long program. The combined results placed her fourth and won her a place on the Eastern Ontario Team. At age 12, Erica was the youngest competitor in the event.

Erica will compete at the Eastern Canadian Qualifier in Ottawa from December 6-9. Thirty-two will compete in this Novice Ladies event.

These competitors will be the top four winners of their Provincial Sectionals (Central Ontario, Eastern Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland).

Erica's goal will be to finish in the top eleven at this competition in order to compete at the Junior Nationals which will be held in Kitchener,

Ontario in January. Erica is coached by Lesley McMullen of Belleville and is a Grade 7 student at Marmora Senior School.

**Submitted/ Nancy Brady.**





Above are Marmora skaters, Back row (l-r) Emma McMillan, Alicia Main, Tracey McCoy, Krista Rutherford, Allison Myers, Erica Downes, Lindsay Myers. Front row (l-r): Kelly Stickwood, Heather McCurdy. photo submitted

## Extravaganza set for April Fool's Day

by Nancy Brady

The Marmora Skating Club will present its annual ice show on Sunday, April 1, at 2 p.m. The theme is "Spring Extravaganza of Entertainment." Skaters of all ages will perform group numbers and solos to music that will usher in spring.

Soloists include Erica Downes, Maggie O'Rourke, Nicole Lynch, Victoria Cole, Chantal Allore, all of Marmora; Johanna Fischer, Kelly Stickwood, Emma McMillan, Katrina Petherick of Campbellford; Alicia Main of Stirling and Jennifer Rollins of Madoc. Group numbers include skaters from Marmo-

ra, Stirling, Campbellford, Madoc, Norwood and Tweed.

Marmora coaches Colleen Carlisle Lockwood (of Stirling), Kathy Stickwood (of Campbellford), Kristen Potts (of Thomasburg) and Nancy Brady (of Marmora) have taught the skaters throughout the season. Skaters in the Cans-kate and Learn to Skate programs have learned many new skills and earned badges. Test stream and competitive skaters have participated in test days and competitions, passing test and winning medals.

At the Apple Spirals competition held in Colborne February 24,

2001, both Dianna Patrick and Michelle Patrick won medals. At the Spins and Spirals competition held in Picton March 4, 2001, the following skaters won medals: Kristen Barnum, Katrina Petherick, Chantal Allore, and Nicole Lynch. Johanna Fischer competed in Fort Erie, Ontario, at the All Ontario Championships and placed fourth in a field of 12 skaters.

Marmora Skating Club will be operating a ten-week Spring School beginning April 2, 2001. Some programs are filled but anyone interested in participating should contact the Marmora Skating Club at 962-7483.

## Local skater has sights set on Sydney

**Marmora and Lake** - Erica Downes, a Grade 8 student at Marmora Senior School and a member of the Marmora Skating Club, skated to a second-place finish in both the long and short program events of the Autumn Skate Invitational held recently in Ottawa. In August she competed at the Thornhill Summer Skate where she finished third in the short program and first in the long

program. She is currently practising for her next competition which takes place in Kingston on October 13. These competitions are leading up to the sectional qualifying event to be held November 8 through 11 in Ottawa. Her present goal is to qualify for the Eastern Challenge event being held in Sydney, Nova Scotia, in November and following that, the Junior Nationals in St. John's, Newfoundland, in January of next year.

This enthusiastic 13-year-old has been on the ice since the age of two and can be found training five evenings a week, either in Marmora or Stirling. She admits that skating is, "just getting interesting now, because I get to go places." and gives as an example the fact

that she spent two weeks in Thornhill last summer where she trained with the dynamic champion Elvis Stojko. Erica

enthusied while preparing to assist with the Marmora CanSkate program. "It was amazing watching him skate; he skated so fast and jumped so high."



Marmora skater, Erica Downes is looking forward to another season of competition on the ice. The accomplished athlete, who has skated since she was two, is hoping to qualify for the Eastern Challenge being held in Sydney, Nova Scotia, followed by the Junior Nationals next January in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Judy Backus photo



Five gold level skaters who have worked their way to the top of the Marmora Skating Club, joined the ranks of the 16 who have gone before to achieve this distinction. The girls, from the left, Johanna Fischer, Erika Downes, Alisha Main, Krista Rutherford and Kelly Stickwood were honoured during a potluck supper following the club's annual carnival held April 7  
Judy Backus photo



Left to right: Marmora Figure Skating Club winners Sarah Jeffs, Michelle Patrick, Melissa Runions, Hayley Dainard, Amanda Heath, Chantal Allore and Cheyenne Chamberlain, pictured at the Marmora Community Centre, January 21.



Kristen Barnum, Nicole Lynch and Dianna Patrick, left to right, proudly show off their medals won at the Shining Water competition in Belleville. photos/Nancy Derrer



L-R - Emma McMillan, Karley Cooper, Erica Downes and Kara Rutherford. The Marmora Skating Club placed second overall at the Shining Waters competition



*Showing winning style and poise, Erica Downes of Marmora is working toward Novice Ladies competition in Bowmanville scheduled for Nov. 8. photo/Nancy Derrer*

## **Erica Downes competes in Regionals**

**by Nancy Derrer**

**Marmora** - On November 8, Erica Downes who has been skating since she was two years old, will travel to Bowmanville to take part in the Novice Ladies Figure Skating Regional Competition. The 14-year old is hoping to be in the top four so that she can go on to the Eastern Challenge competition being held the last week of November.

The daughter of professional figure skating coach Nancy Brady is working her way up the competition ladder; she has completed the free skate portion of the Junior division, the next one up from Novice.

Her immediate goal is to make it to the Nationals in Brampton in January. Long term, Erica has her eye on the 2008 Olympics.

Good luck, Erica!

# Skating Club members cheered on by crowd

by Nancy Derrer

**Marmora** – Fun and Friendship was the theme of this year's carnival presented by the Marmora Skating Club to a capacity audience at the Marmora & Lake District Community Centre last Sunday afternoon.

All levels of skaters from Learn to Skate through to Seniors participated in the show, in addition to skaters from the Figure Skating Club in Stirling and the award winning 18-member Peterborough Royal Blades Junior Synchronize Team.

Ensemble numbers were interspersed by solo performances by Nicole Lynch, Karley Cooper, Erica Downes, Sarah Jeffs, Kate Lowe, Amanda Heath, Dianne Patrick, Katrina Petherick and Michelle Patrick.

Coaches Kathy Stickwood, Nancy Brady and Colleen Carlisle-Lockwood are to be congratulated for the extensive programming and preparation that went into the 20 production numbers.

Skaters who took part in the carnival were: Gabrielle Ascott, Corey Baxter, Sharon Lain, Jennifer Latchford, Alicia Main, Heather McCurdy, Lindsay Myers, Emma McMillan, Kara Rutherford, Kim Rutherford, Krista Rutherford, Ethan Coens, Reilly DeJong, Zen Ellis, Myiah Fluke, Elaine Jeffs, Jack Ellis, Brandon Youmans, Hayley Dainard, Laura Hutt, Tracey McCoy, Rachael Meeham, Rachel Mencfeld, Chantal Allore, Kristen Barnum, Cheyenne Chamberlain, Victoria Cole, Amanda Heath, Melissa

Runions, Jessica Baptie, Quinn Bolton, Lauren Brownson, Mariah Clemens, Dana DeJong, Joshua Kehoe, Connor Petherick, Jake Ascott, Eric Lynch, Michael Barnum, Kaitlyn Cassidy, Holly DeJong, Freedom Elkin, Diane Jeffs, Michelle Julia, Natasha Julia, Taylor Leriche, Kirstie Petherick, Kristen Runions, Kayla Vanattan, Ebony Walsh, Chas Allore, Alex Carson-Maynes, Zachery Ellis, Matthew Maynes and Robert Vanattan.

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## Awards given out

At an award ceremony following the carnival, five skaters who have all achieved their Gold levels

were honoured with a special cake: Erica Downes, Freeskate, Alicia Main, Skills, Kelly Stickwood, Artistic & Dances, Krista Rutherford, Dances and Skills, and Johanna Fisher, Freeskate.

Medals, certificates and trophies won during the year were also presented to skaters.

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## Hallowe'en on skates

Twenty-three tots, age two-and-one-half to 10, taking part in the CanSkate and Learn to Skate programs at the Marmora arena turned up Wednesday night in their Hallowe'en costumes. Included in the group are Elisabeth Main, 4, pumpkin, Jache Windover, 5, hop sock girl, Madison Drummond-DeLong, 5, Dalmatian, Jessica Baptie, 5, dog, Nicole Baptie, 3, pumpkin, Kaitlyn Cassidy, 7, Pooh Bear, Mariah Clemens, 4, Tooth Fairy, Brin Finch, 2, hockey player, Timothy Vallinga, 5, firefighter, Natasha Julia, 5, princess, Michelle Julia, 7, '50s, Lauren Brownson, 4, ballerina, Sydney Moorman, 7, vampire, Taylor Vetch, 7, elf and Ethan Coens, 4, Spiderman.

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