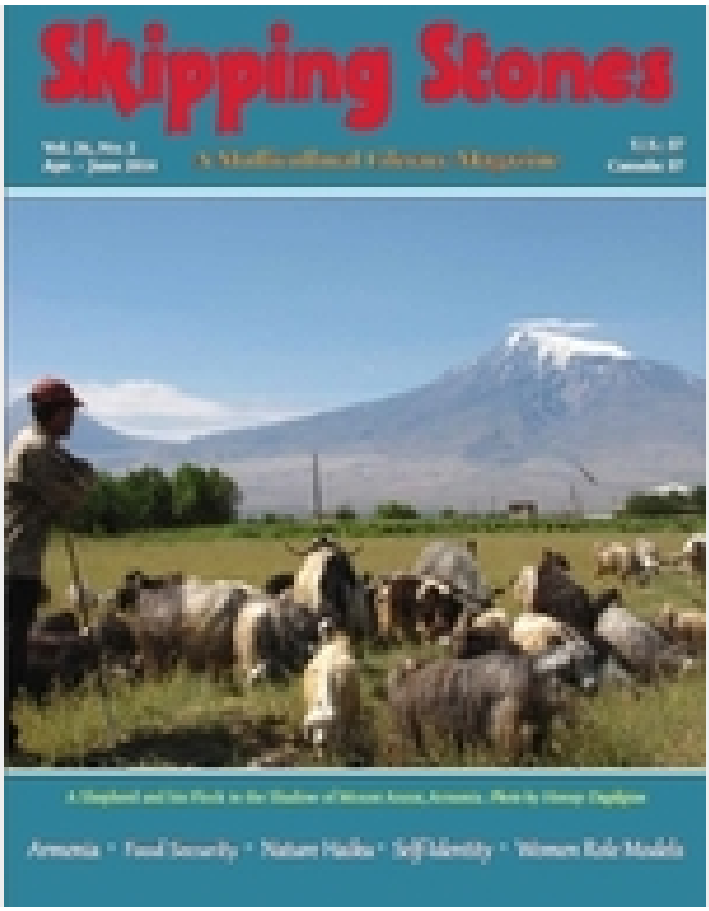
CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE FEATURES ARMENIA

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Among other features spotlighted in the April-June 2014 issue will be seven pages of articles and photos about Armenia and the Armenians. Curated by Armenian-American children's book author Lucine Kasbarian in time for April -- Armenian Genocide Memorial Month -- the feature includes a photo essay, "A Journey Through Armenia"; a profile of an Armenian artist, art teacher and historic preservationist, Ashot Avagyan, called "Teaching Hope in Sisian" and written by Ms. Kasbarian; an essay titled "A Child of Immigrants Remembers His Childhood," written by writer-editor C.K. Garabed; "Unknown", a poem by Gayane Jamgotchian, a graduate of the Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School in Oakland Gardens, NY; reproductions of artworks created by students from the Sisian Art School in Armenia; and an overview of Armenia. A photo, taken by Hovsep Dagdigian and depicting a shepherd and his flock with Mt. Ararat in the background, adorns the front cover of the issue.

"Skipping Stones"'s mission is to encourage cooperation, creativity and celebration of cultural and linguistic diversity. The magazine explores stewardship of the ecological and social webs that inform and nurture the world, and offers a unique forum for communication among children from different lands and backgrounds--expanding horizons in a playful, imaginative way and without commercialization. Each issue contains essays, stories, poems, an advice column, letters to the editor, photos, recipes and folktales written by both children and adults from around the world. Multicultural and nature books are also recommended in every issue of the magazine.

"We try our best to make reading an active experience, relevant to issues today's young people confront on a local and global level," says Arun Toké, executive editor of *the magazine.* "Our readers hail from north, south, east, and west. From villages to inner cities, youth of diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds have something to say--about their culture, school, religion, environment, or neighborhoods. *'Skipping Stones'* provides a place for writers and artists of all ages

and backgrounds to communicate openly and creatively."

The magazine has been honored with a number of recognitions, including the NAME Award of the National Association for Multicultural Educators, two EdPress Awards, a Parent's Choice Award, and a 2003 Writer Award.

Young readers from all over the world are encouraged to submit stories, artwork and photographs to the magazine. For details, visit: http://www.skippingstones.org/submissions.htm

To order "Skipping Stones" Spring 2014 issue about the Armenians, or an annual subscription, contact subscriptions@skippingstones.org or by mail at: Subscriptions, "Skipping Stones" magazine, P. O. Box 3939, Eugene, OR 97403 USA. Order forms and annual subscription rates are accessible at: http://www.skippingstones.org/ordering-02.htm .

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