



Thank you for producing such a beautiful magazine. What a bright touch of spring on another windy winter day! I picked up a copy at Picone's today and also noticed the information about our upcoming Garden Tour. Once again, thank you for your help!

Sharon McCann via email



Glad to meet you at the Eco Festival in Oakville! Enjoyed the free copies, and thought we should subscribe. Best wishes.

Ross & Margaret Wark, Oakville

Editor's note: Response to Don Scallen on his feature "Endangered, Iconic Jefferson Salamander:"



Heather Lynn sent me a copy of *Niagara Escarpment Views* that has your article. It is great, and I really am pleased that you were able to put together the science and the importance of the Escarpment for conserving this very interesting salamander. I always have a difficult time trying to explain the situation to a general audience and I hope your article will be read and appreciated by people who can make a difference.

Jim Bogart, Professor Emeritus, University of Guelph

Thank you so much for your amazing magazine *Niagara Escarpment Views*! I would never have found out about Beautiful Joe and Meaford's Beautiful Joe Park. Your article, "A Place for Joe," tears were rolling down my face when I read it. I will contact the Beautiful Joe Heritage Society as well. Maybe in time when I can afford it, maybe it will be possible to place a plaque there to remember the helpless street dogs in Sochi who were slaughtered by a private "killing" company hired by the Sochi government to prepare for the Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. I will write a personal letter to President Putin as well to voice my outrage... I will quote the words of Margaret Marshall Saunders in honour and memory of Margaret and Beautiful Joe, her message being "Be kind to dumb animals not only because you will lose nothing by it, but because you ought to; for they were placed on earth by the same Kind Hand that made all living creatures." Tears again were rolling down my face when I read this Gloria... Thank you Gloria for spreading the word and bringing awareness to the Beautiful Joe Park in Meaford. I will pass this on to all I know. I can't wait to visit there and pay my respects, especially to Beautiful Joe and Margaret Marshall Saunders.

Brenda Townson, Burlington



My name is Viv Baker and I'm one of the Directors of the Beautiful Joe Heritage Society. This is a little late, but I and the rest of the Directors LOVED your article in Winter's edition on the Park and indeed, your sentiments regarding the book... from the Editor's Desk. I am charged with the odious task of writing the quarterly newsletter and I have a request. I wonder if you would consider allowing me to put your Editor's Desk article in our Winter Newsletter. It will be available on our website and will hopefully be well viewed. It's always a challenge, when you Volunteer, to apportion the necessary time and consideration to things like a Newsletter, but here at BJHS we never give up!

I am in the process of writing it and await your approval. Many, many thanks again for highlighting Beautiful Joe in such a "beautiful" way.

Viv Baker, Beautiful Joe Heritage Society

Editor's note: "A Place for Joe" was written by Ken Haigh.



[Editor's note: Letters continue to arrive re the photo in our Dundurn Castle Kitchen Garden feature from Spring 2013.]



The lady in the Kitchen Garden is now in the Mayor's Showcase here in Georgetown.

Diane Miller, Georgetown



When I took that last summer I didn't even see the bee until I looked back over the photo. Happy mistake!

Sherrie Louth, Georgetown

[Editor's note: Possibly a Brown-belted bumble bee?]



Helen Powers' excellent photo of Dundurn Castle's kitchen garden, and Diane Miller's subsequent painting of it, do make a great starting point of how to see this magical place. But you need to acknowledge the gaze of the woman in the image. Her name is also Helen – Helen Sluis. She is not a model, nor is her gaze affected. Each year she works many hundreds of hours in that ghastly hot dress making the kitchen garden into a place where beautiful photographs can be taken. In a very real sense, the composition of the photo is as much hers as anybody's. And yes, she is indeed as beautiful and impressive as the image suggests.

Christopher Redford, Heritage Presentation Co-ordinator, Tourism & Culture Division, City of Hamilton