

# VIEW FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK ■ Gifts in Spring!



on Mountsberg Road in rural Hamilton. In addition, Chris Mills urges you to put on your hiking boots and take a spring walk in Beamer Memorial Conservation Area. There's plenty in this issue to inspire you to get back to enjoying the outdoors.

**W**elcome to our annual special issue on gardens. Some of us can't wait to get out and work the soil, while others of us look forward to enjoying the beauty that other gardeners create. And there's the large group that loves how Nature itself unfolds the seasons.

I had reason to look through some photographs of my own garden recently. While I usually focus on what's wrong with my garden, how it doesn't live up to my dreams and desires for it, when I look at the photos out of season, I see the amazing beauty that flourishes around me every year. Although things could always be better with my garden, plants and flowers of any kind and condition always look wonderful.

This issue lets you explore the gorgeous private gardens of some dedicated residents of Dundas and Niagara-on-the-Lake and the impressive newly renovated Rock Garden of the Royal Botanical Gardens, which you are encouraged to visit yourself, especially now that its entrances and paths are fully accessible.

We also show some of the features of a well-protected and ecologically safe property

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We need to hear from you before March 3, when we'll notify the winners. Tickets will be held for you at the Canada Blooms office.

winner for your address and a copy will be mailed to you.

## Canada 150 Tulips

Still on the theme of gardens, in the Autumn issue we encouraged you to plant the specially bred Canada 150 Tulip, which seems to show the flag. If you did, and this spring they make a good show, we ask you to send us a photo. We'll publish some in the Summer issue just in time to help celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Here's hoping that the squirrels didn't get at all of them, and that we have a lovely start to this special year for the country!

*Gloria*


Gloria Hildebrandt

*P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.*


## Book Giveaway

We have **ANOTHER GIFT FOR ONE LUCKY PERSON: a FREE COPY of 100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants for Canadian Gardeners by Lorraine Johnson**. You can read an excerpt from this newly published book on page 10. Subscribers are welcome to contact us at editor@NEViews.ca or 647.680.2834 and ask for the book. We'll get back to the

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