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The First Decade

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The last 10 years have flown by. It seems like only yesterday that Mike and I began this magazine. We chose an unusual focus for a publication: a little-known, poorly understood geological formation that snakes roughly north-south through southern Ontario, with protections on it that prevent rampant development, and place restrictions on landowners, even to the point, as some

close to Toronto, they have not all been overwhelmed with identical suburban residential development. By celebrating these aspects for the last decade, I believe *Niagara Escarpment Views* has helped residents feel increased pride of place.

Early on, Mike said "If no one tries to take us out, we'll be in trouble." He meant that if no one saw us as serious competition, it would indicate that we didn't have a good business proposition. We were somewhat relieved therefore, when we were

acknowledging that if they want to remain relevant and competitive, they have to recognize the value of the Escarpment to their communities.

We couldn't be more delighted.

So how do you celebrate 10 years of publishing a print magazine in an era when experts declare that print is dead?

We keep doing what we're doing: learning about the people, plants and animals of the complex ledge, mountain, cuesta or whatever you call it in your area, and working to share with all of you, well-written stories and lovely photographs. Many of you value and appreciate our efforts, which makes it a joy to continue.

forward to your continuing news and views of what we do. We value the dialogue we have had with you, our readers and viewers, since the very beginning, and encourage you to continue telling us what you think, positive or negative. Your opinions and contributions help shape this magazine into something truly memorable.

We couldn't be more proud of it.

Gloria

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.



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people told us, of specifying what colour they could paint their barns. This is likely a myth, as I can't remember seeing many barns painted any colour at all.

Other than avid Bruce Trailers and fanatical naturalists, who cared about this place? We certainly did, and we set out to find out who else did.

What's To Love

Despite the large area covered by the Escarpment, we learned that its communities have similarities.

Residents value a small-town atmosphere with charming, unique businesses that are served by their owners, homes and gardens that are not the same as everybody else's, and proximity to nature, trails and outdoor attractions. Even though some towns are

challenged a few times by some other publishers who made unpleasant phone calls and sent emails, mocked or bad-mouthed us in their magazines, and undercut our prices. This can be the nature of business. We've also seen some of these publishers fold up and go out of business. Yet we're still here.

We've also seen other publications begin to pay more attention to the Niagara Escarpment, as if

In This Issue

This time, we share a solution to a mystery in the life of conservation icon John Muir, we present the work of life-long naturalist and artist Irene McIlveen, and we applaud the achievements of a couple of animal celebrities, a dog and a pig. We also present the Escarpment views of the winners of our first photo contest.

The Next Decade

As we enter the next decade of publishing, we look

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10 Years of Publishing

In the fall of 2007, 10 years ago, we registered the name of our magazine, then *Escarpment Views*, with a master business licence. We were off and running! What was I getting myself into? Gloria had asked me about starting a magazine and I offered a lot of encouragement, "Let's do it."

The Niagara Escarpment: I can see it from my house. I have hiked the Bruce Trail and really enjoy the rich and varied presentation of culture and nature all over the Escarpment. What an opportunity this would be to capture and share the many and varied views of the Niagara Escarpment.

What role did I take on with this new "calling?" The business of running a business. I really do like diving into the regulatory requirements, accounting, logistics, legal matters, contract management and sales aspects of magazine publishing. In keeping track of things, I know we are a millionaire of sorts; as of the Autumn 2017 issue, we printed 1,014,150 copies!

My photography skills grew organically. I am a Professional Engineer and needed to document my investigations through photographs. I set up each frame of what I wanted to document to tell the story. Gloria was the editor of another magazine before we started this one and she asked me to "go on assignment" with her as a photographer for a couple of features. It worked out, and I am now the principal photographer for *Niagara Escarpment Views*. In 2014, I was honoured with an award from Conservation Halton in their Media/Blogger Category!

Ethics

As a Professional Engineer, I work to a high standard of ethics. The print publishing sector on the other hand, seems to be the Wild West. Both Gloria and I work hard to maintain an ethical publication with high journalistic quality. It does cost us. We maintain a strong vision of covering the entire Niagara Escarpment in Canada. We want to remain true to the story with a unique perspective, so our writing is original and we use original photographs. We hire contributors. We copy edit to the extreme. I find some other publications don't have

High and Low

A high point of the work is being able to be "part of things," to document significant events, to be around passionate people brimming with enthusiasm. The lowest point is the realization that the Niagara Escarpment is immense and that I need to travel it frequently to gather editorial, make sales calls and distribute copies. I am always in awe of the beauty of the Niagara Escarpment, but not necessarily the long stretches in the car between points.

I have lots of memorable points from the last 10 years. I remember being really fascinated with some

"I...enjoy the rich and varied presentation of culture and nature all over the Escarpment."

a strong vision, use stock copy and photos, and don't or can't copy edit. They are very good, however, at trying to undercut legitimate publications by discounting their ad pricing. We remain, on the other hand, true to our rates for advertising, by not discounting them just to get a sale.

Some advertisers say we are the only ones that stick to our rates; some have nothing to do with us, expecting a cut as a matter of course. We feel that we need to be fair to all of our advertisers by not favouring the "big guys" over the "little guys," who are more than likely to be small family businesses and paying their "full freight." This standard does cost us, as we don't "maximize our profits" with short and quick questionable gains but play the "long game" with high quality and ethical behaviour to maintain our loyal advertiser base. It is how we want to operate.

Hummingbird Moths at a photo shoot at Larkwhistle in the northern Bruce Peninsula. They were collecting nectar, completely oblivious to me trying to snap their photo, but they were really fast making photography challenging. We attended a fashion show in Hamilton, where the theme was to reuse waste materials. A model wore a dress made of Tim Horton's paper coffee cups and out on the runway, an audience member gave her a reusable cup!

My experiences range from covering the large urban centres like Hamilton to the very dark skies at the western tip of Manitoulin Island at the Mississagi Lighthouse museum. The museum was fascinating, as many of the artifacts were displayed as they would be used, not tied down or locked away in cabinets.

Walking the Bruce Trail near my home on a Christmas day, I took some photos



of a nice little stream that had some ice formations. I did not know it at the time but "Elvis" showed up as a small ice formation covering a twig. It is a pleasure to sometimes catch interesting things with my photography!

On assignment for a story we did on Ekarenniondi, a rock outcrop at Scenic Caves in Collingwood, we learned that in the history of the Petun people, it was considered the earthly representation of a deity called Oscotarach. Again, without realizing it, I took a photo of the outcrop that had an eerie look of a face and body!

I have met and photographed many a passionate person. Ann Beam who lives on Manitoulin Island is a large-format multi-media and pottery artist. I enjoyed her first hand explanations of her art and why she did what she did in creating her work.

I am fortunate to work at what I enjoy: experiencing nature, spectacular sights, culture, and meeting interesting people.

Mike Davis is co-founder and co-publisher of Niagara Escarpment Views.



Love, love your magazine and also love The Royal Winter Fair. I have not visited it in a few years, but would love to win tickets for Nov. I will keep my fingers crossed that I will be lucky. Thanks for your great magazine...

Diana Barker, Hamilton

I read most of the articles in NEV and especially enjoy anything to do with conservation.

Marilyn Vann, Niagara Falls



Halton Hills Wildlife and Nature Artists would like to thank you for the fabulous feature of us in your magazine! Your write-up portrays us as enthusiastic and welcoming. The photos are amazing! The public has responded positively and we were more than thrilled to share with family and friends.

Vicki McCracken, Glen Williams



▲ The Mighty Niagara by Arthur Weaver. "I took this picture of the Niagara River while hiking in the Niagara Glen in early fall," he notes. "The Glen is located half way between Queenston and the Whirlpool. Approximately 10,500 years ago the progress of the Falls were stalled at the Glen for 5,500 years due to a reduction in glacial water flow."



I just wanted to finally thank you for the great article you did for us. Both my dad and I really appreciated it. I promoted your magazine and will continue to do so. I enjoyed my article along with the others in it as well. Thank you again for everything.

David Chapman, Beamsville

Love your magazine...fantastic photography and information!! Always a pleasant surprise as I turn the pages!

Jean Cameron, Brampton



I keep every copy to plan our future excursions... My next destination is Georgetown Yarn.

June Sheldrake, Hamilton



◀ Deer Fawn by Wendy Jenkinson

"My three friends and I were very surprised and amazed to see this cute fawn sleeping in 'Heartland Forest' near the Escarpment in Niagara Falls," she explains.

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EVENTS ALONG THE ROCK

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▲ Cyclists rode 913 km in a Tour du Lac around Lake Ontario from July 16 to 22, raising \$90,000 for a new home in Fonthill for Wellspring Niagara, which provides cancer support programs. Here nine cyclists are on Wolfe Island waiting for a ferry to take them to Cape Vincent, New York. PHOTO PROVIDED.



▲ Caledon Timber Frames held an open house on Oct. 15 in their new residence in Erin.



▲ The Aug. 21 solar eclipse showing partial coverage of the moon, repeated many times in the shadow of a colander.

◀ Rock'n'Roll Classics was held on Aug. 25 in downtown Georgetown, an annual on-street car show with hundreds of American classic cars from the 1920s to the 1980s. PHOTO BY CHRIS MILLER.

EVENTS ALONG THE ROCK

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▲ Niagara Escarpment end to end: on Aug. 25, the freighter Mississagi was deep in Lock 7 of the Welland Canal, next to the St. Catharines Museum, headed north to Lake Ontario. There is a Mississagi Lighthouse at the western tip of Manitoulin Island, causing this photo to suggest both ends of the Escarpment in Canada.



▲ On Aug. 31 the Snowbirds saluted Halton Hills by flying over Acton, Limehouse, the Niagara Escarpment and Georgetown. Halton Hills claimed to be the most patriotic town in Canada, by registering 57,073 flags displayed by Canada Day, more than any other town.
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► Bob Barnett showed Premier Kathleen Wynne the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy bones display at the Sept. 17 Rotary Corn Roast in Toronto.
PHOTO BY ALIX NOLY-GANDON.

◀ Bethell Hospice of Inglewood held another test drive fundraiser on Sept. 16. For every test drive taken, Lincoln Canada gave \$50 to the hospice. Chris Miller, left, is joined by Mike Chapman, a member of the Hospice board of directors. The vehicle is an \$80,000 Lincoln Continental sedan.
PHOTO SUBMITTED.

► Storybook character Anne of Green Gables made an appearance at the 9th annual Telling Tales Festival in Hamilton on Sept. 17.
PHOTO PROVIDED.



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▲ Hundreds of dealers in collectibles, vintage and antique finds participated in the Christie Antique and Vintage Show outdoors on 10 acres at Christie Lake Conservation Area on Sept. 9. PHOTO SUBMITTED.

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▲ Dry Stone Canada held a walling workshop on Oct. 14 to 15 at Scotsdale north of Georgetown, to repair a section of wall surrounding the Bennett house.



▲ Gallery owner Hedi Nowak and Robert Bateman promoted *Canada* at The Gallery Upstairs in Milton on Oct. 27.



▲ A 3.5-km accessible trail and bridge was officially opened at Fifty Point Conservation Area on Aug. 10, made possible by donations to the Hamilton Conservation Foundation from ArcelorMittal Dofasco, the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund, and the Helderleigh Foundation. Participating in the ribboncutting, from left, Ine Wauben, chair of Hamilton Conservation Foundation; Llewellyn Smith, Helderleigh Foundation; Santina Moccio, acting chair of Hamilton Conservation Authority; Tony Valeri, ArcelorMittal Dofasco; and Bob Bratina, MP for Hamilton East-Stoney Creek, representing the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund. PHOTO SUBMITTED.



▲ Ontario Nature awarded Bill McIlveen of Acton the W.W.H. Gunn Conservation Award for 2016. Different awards went to others, including Robert Burton, mayor of Oakville, for making his municipality a leader on environmental issues. PHOTO BY RON CORKUM.



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If you need income from your investments, then the continuation of ultra-low interest rates may be a matter of some concern, particularly if you own certain types of fixed-income investments, such as term deposits or Guaranteed Income Certificates (GICs). While GICs guarantee to protect principal and offer flexible interest payment frequency, they are not risk-free. With low interest rates, you risk losing purchasing power. Still, fixed-rate vehicles may well have a place in your portfolio. If you're even somewhat dependent on your investments for income, you may need to

broaden your search. Here are a few ideas to consider:

Build a bond ladder

Long-term bonds, by their nature, are more subject to interest rate risk than shorter-term vehicles. In other words, interest rates are more likely to rise during the life span of a longer-term bond — and when rates go up, the prices of existing bonds will fall. To help lower this risk, you may want to build a “ladder” of bonds of varying maturities. Then, if market interest rates are low, you'll still have your long-term bonds earning higher rates, but if rates rise, you can take advantage of them by reinvesting the proceeds of your maturing short-term bonds. But remember to work with your financial advisor to evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Consider dividend-paying stocks

You can find companies that have paid dividends for many consecutive years — and in some cases, increased their dividend payout each year. In the past year, companies in the S&P/TSX Composite have paid \$43 billion in dividends, and expected to pay out a record amount in 2013, according to Bloomberg data. (Keep in mind that the S&P/TSX Composite is an unmanaged index and is not available for direct investment.) Of course, stock prices will fluctuate in value, and you may receive more or less than your original investment when you sell. Historically, dividend-paying stocks have been less volatile than non-dividend-paying stocks. Be aware, though, that companies can lower or discontinue dividend payments at any time without notice. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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Ultimately, an extended period of low interest rates is just one more factor to consider in creating and adjusting your investment strategy. Work with your financial advisor to help ensure low rates won't affect your income needs.

This article was written by Edward Jones.

Congratulations Niagara Escarpment Views on *10 wonderful years!*



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▲ Some foods remain available to buy in bulk.



ROAD TRIP: Dundas

A town within the City of Hamilton, in a valley of the Niagara Escarpment, at the west end of Lake Ontario.



In the heart of Dundas, the tiny shop of Kevin Martin Fine Jewellery, the large pub Collins Brewhouse, the 1950s-inspired Jax Sweet Shoppe. At Collins, the Veggie Wrap and fries, as well as the Peppercorn Burger and Greek salad are recommended.



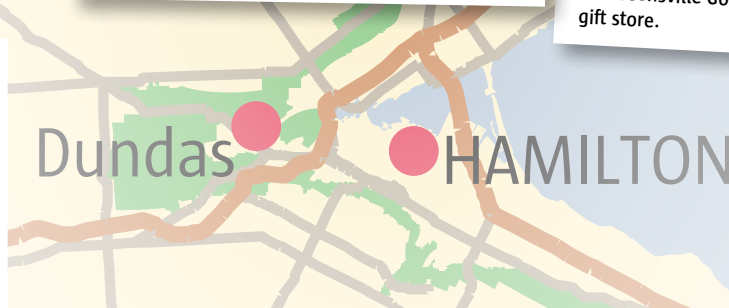
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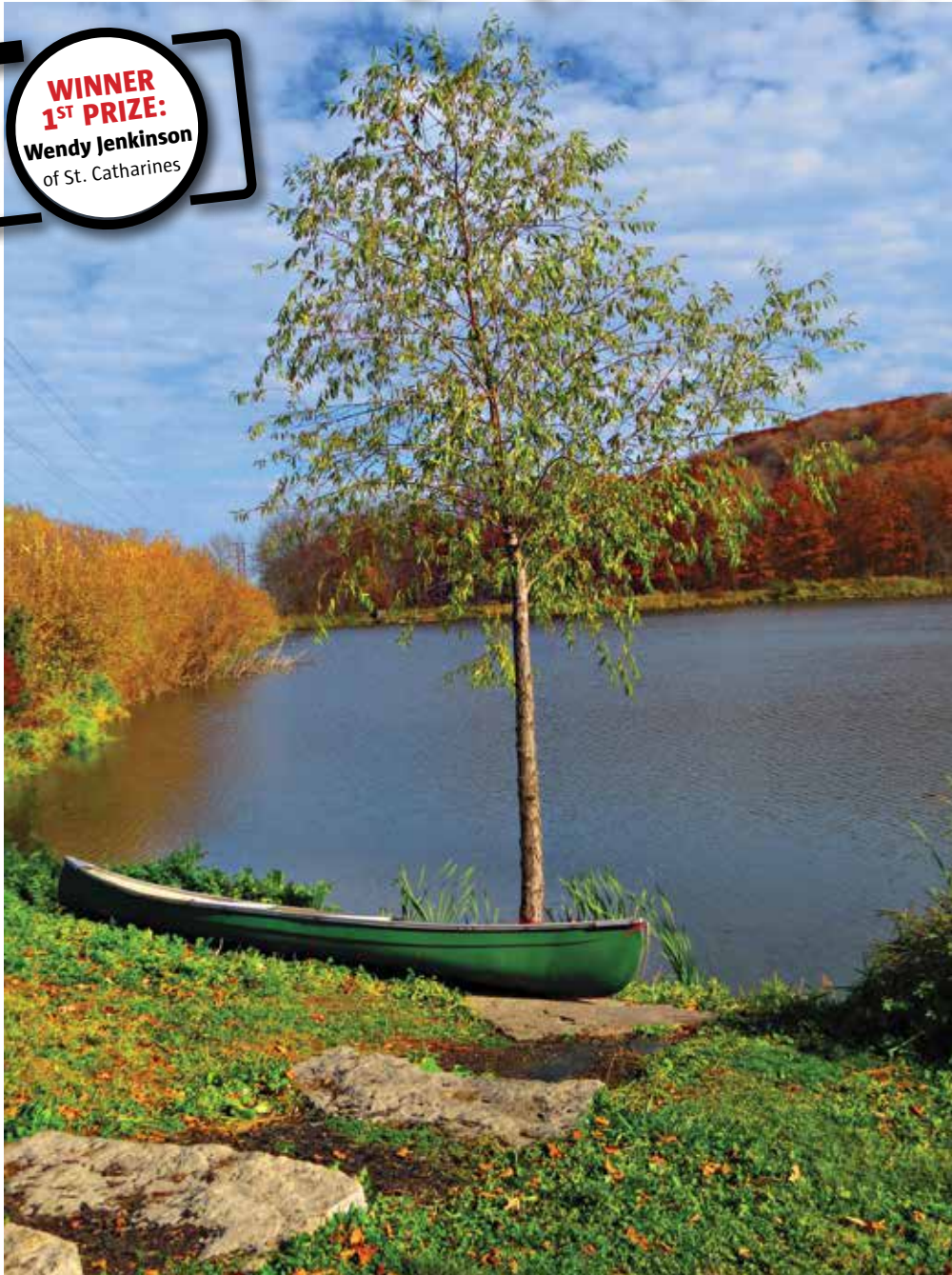
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▲ Photographer's statement:

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▲ **Photographer's statement:**

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Judge's comment:

I love rocks and I love the colour of the blue water.

◀ **Photographer's statement:**

Georgian Bay Shoreline-
One of my favourite spots
in the park. The beautiful
shoreline allows me to enjoy
the rugged Escarpment and
highlights the picturesque
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Judge's comment:

This image is a great depiction
of Georgian Bay shoreline.
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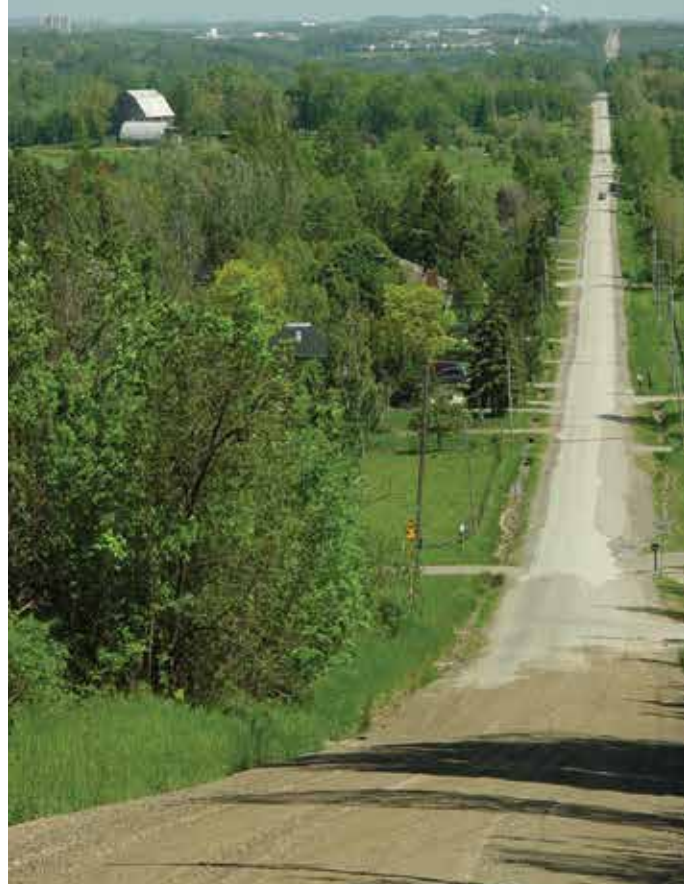
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Irene McIlveen, Nature Artist

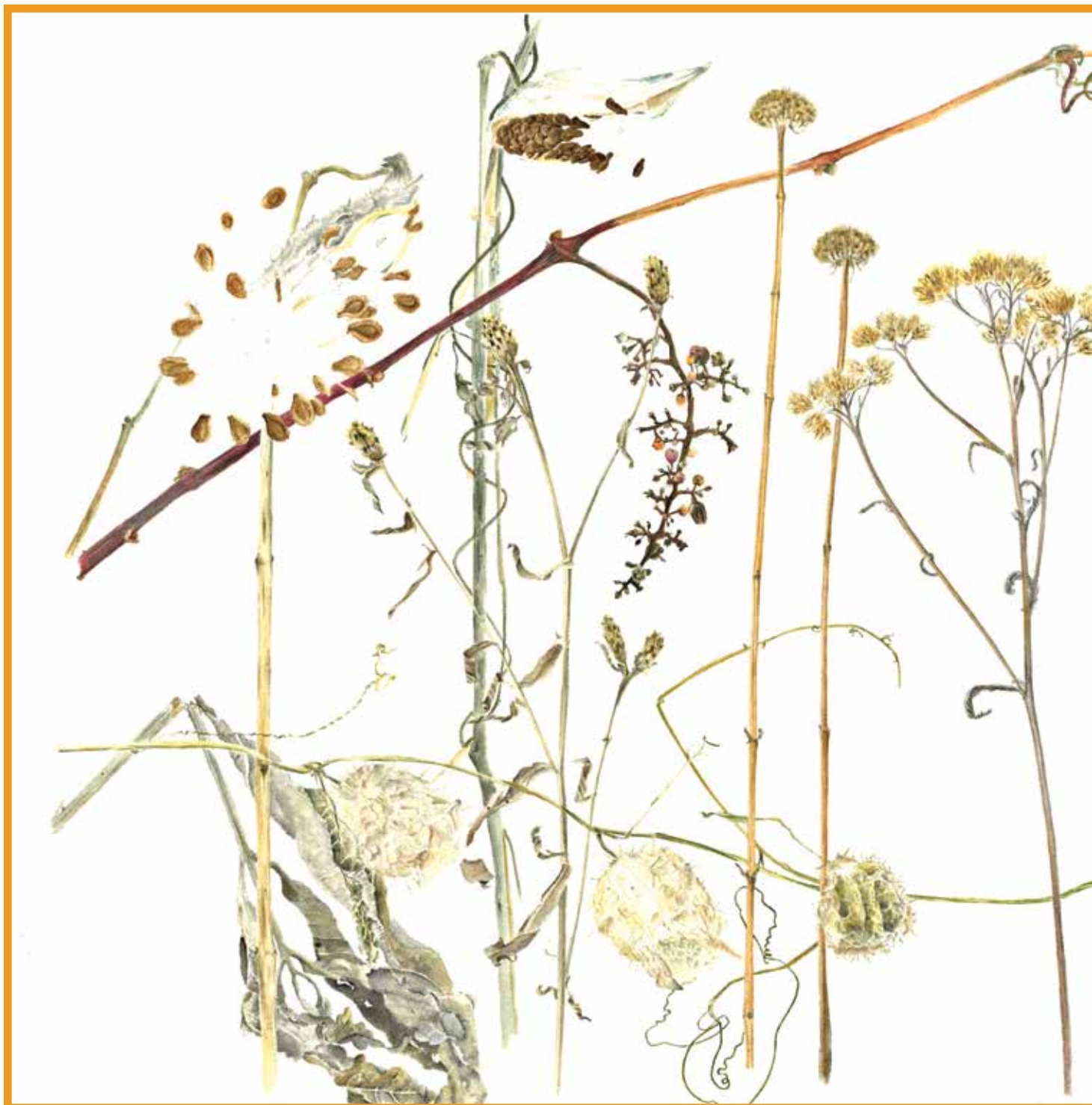
By Eli McIlveen

With endless patience and a keen eye, naturalist and illustrator Irene McIlveen took pleasure in capturing the tiniest details in her art: the delicate silk of a milkweed seed, the veins of a fallen leaf, the fringe of a moth's wing. The images shown here are part of her series of watercolours depicting plant life in all four seasons. Irene spent much of her life exploring and documenting the flora and fauna of the Niagara Escarpment.





▲ Painting with a charm reminiscent of Beatrix Potter, Irene McIlveen was a serious naturalist. Names are listed from left to right in each page of paintings. Specimens recorded on this page are noted as: Winter – Old fields: *Clinopodium vulgare* (Field Basil); *Linaria vulgaris* (Butter-and-eggs); *Dianthus armeria* (Deptford Pink); *Anaphalis margaritacea* (Pearly Everlasting); *Diastrophus turgidus* (Raspberry Gall on Raspberry stem); *Solanum dulcamara* (Climbing Nightshade); *Rubus idaeus* ssp. *strigosus* (Wild Red Raspberry); *Blarina brevicaudata* (Northern Short-tailed Shrew).



Nature artist Irene McIlveen passed away in June 2017 after a long illness. She was born in Brampton in 1949, the youngest of five children. Her parents, Hanako and Hiko Hamada, had emigrated from Japan in the 1920s, and made their

way to Ontario following the Japanese-Canadian internment of World War II. They settled in the farm country near Huttonville, west of Brampton. There, Irene eventually met her husband-to-be Bill, whose family had come to Canada from Scotland when he was a young boy.

After her early education at Huttonville Public School and Bramalea Secondary School, Irene's love for art and illustration led her to attend Sheridan College. For some years she worked as a graphic designer, first in Toronto, then as a technician at Sheridan, and then in State

College, Pennsylvania, where Bill was pursuing his PhD in plant pathology. After I was born, we lived for several years just north of Sudbury. We moved to the Escarpment near Acton in 1986, where Irene would spend the rest of her life watching, drawing, photographing,



▲ Irene in 1969.

◀ Late Fall and Winter – Fields, wood edges: *Asclepias syriaca* (Common Milkweed); *Vitis riparia* (Riverbank Grape); *Echinocystis lobata* (Wild Mock-cucumber); *Centaurea jacea* (Brown Knapweed); *Monarda fistulosa* (Wild Bergamot); *Achillea millefolium* (Common Yarrow).

and monitoring the region's wildlife.

As a stay-at-home mother, she continued to draw, paint and craft. Her work was hampered, however, when she suffered kidney failure and was forced to go on dialysis on a regular basis. Eventually, the installation of a home

dialysis machine reduced her need to travel to the hospital, but displaced her art studio.

Nature Sketchbooks

After a kidney transplant in 1988, she was able to return to her art, and honed her skills with ink and watercolours. She filled dozens of sketchbooks

with observations of plants, fungi, birds, insects and other animals. Even on walks around the garden, she kept a pill bottle in her pocket in case she came upon an interesting beetle or moth to take back to the house. Visitors were occasionally startled to discover a bottle



◀ Winter – Pond:
Typha angustifolia
 (Narrow-leaved
 Cattail); Insect egg
 casings on Cattail
 leaf; *Salix* sp. (Willow
 sp.); *Rabdophaga*
strobiloides (Willow
 Pine Cone Gall on
 willow); *Viburnum*
opulus (Highbush
 Cranberry).



or two in the refrigerator, while Irene waited for the insect inside to cool and slow down enough to draw or photograph before releasing it.

Along with Bill, she was an active member of many organizations including local naturalist clubs, the Field Botanists of Ontario,

the Toronto Entomological Association, the Mycological Society of Toronto, and the Waterloo-Wellington Wildflower Society. Her fellow naturalists fondly recall her warmth and willingness to share her knowledge. On walks, Irene always trailed behind,

looking for hidden plants, animals and other organisms to show to the group. She would often supplement the on-site discoveries with some interesting item brought from home.

Irene's mother Hanako was a poet, writing under the pen name Nagijyo Hamada,

and in 1989 published a haiku collection entitled Yukino ("Field of Snow"), with cover illustrations and frontispiece by Irene. Her poems depict images and memories from her decades of life in the Ontario countryside.



◀ Winter – Old fields: *Solidago altissima* (Tall Goldenrod) three stems with galls: *Gnorimoschema gallaesolidaginis* (Elliptical Goldenrod Gall) – moth; *Eurosta solidaginis* (Goldenrod Ball Gall) – fly; *Rhopalomyia solidaginis* (Goldenrod Bunch Gall) – midge; *Plantago lanceolata* (English Plantain); *Dianthus armeria* (Deptford Pink); *Anemone virginiana* (Virginia Anemone); *Hypericum perforatum* (Common St. John's-wort); *Daucus carota* (Wild Carrot); *Plantago major* (Common Plantain).



▲ Late Fall and Winter – Open fields: *Oenothera biennis* (Common Evening-primrose); *Verbascum thapsus* (Common Mullein); *Tanacetum vulgare* (Common Tansy); *Erigeron philadelphicus* (Philadelphia Fleabane); *Agrimonia* sp. (*Agrimonia* sp.); *Geum aleppicum* (Yellow Avens); *Inula helenium* (Elecampane).

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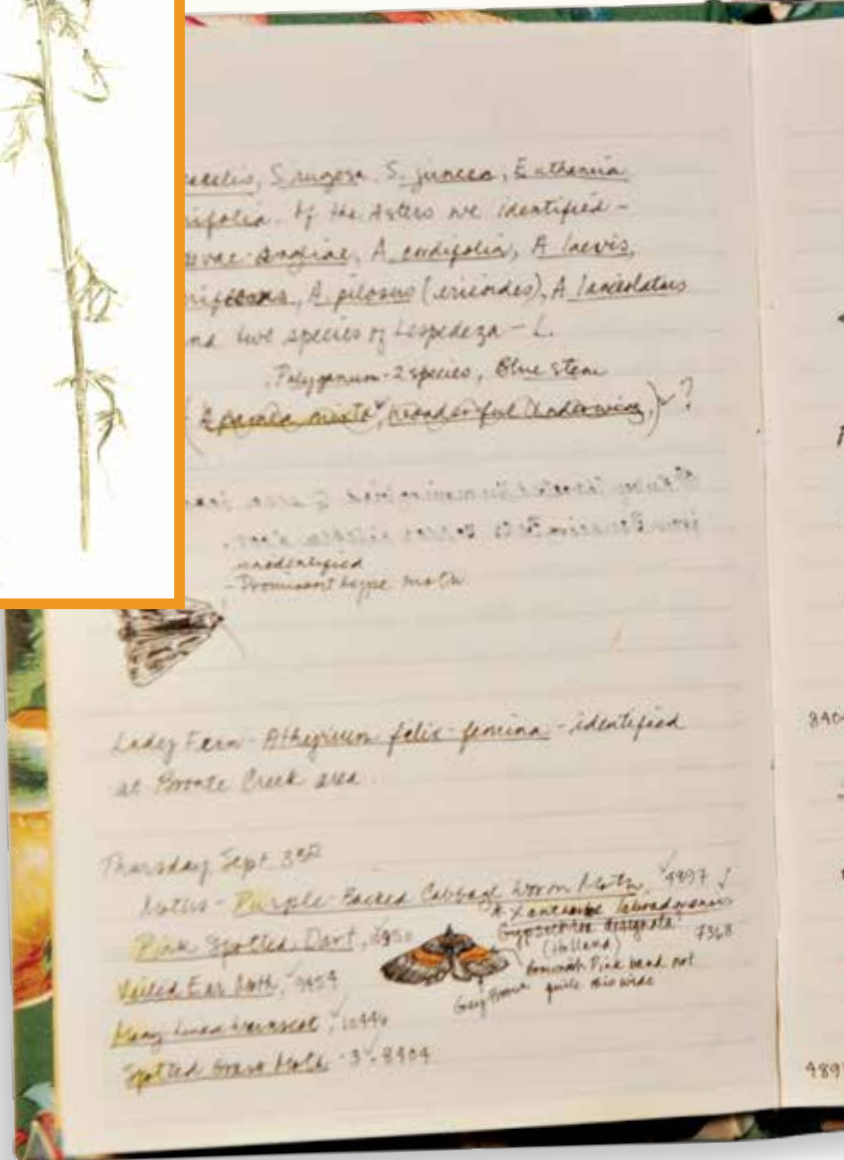
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► Irene exploring Hibbard Bay, north of Sault Ste. Marie in 2012.



▲ Winter – Old fields and waste places: *Arctium minus* (Common Burdock); *Phleum pratense* (Common Timothy); *Abutilon theophrasti* (Velvet-leaf); *Rumex crispus* (Curly Dock); *Carduus nutans* (Nodding Thistle).

► Sample pages of Irene McIlveen's detailed notebooks.

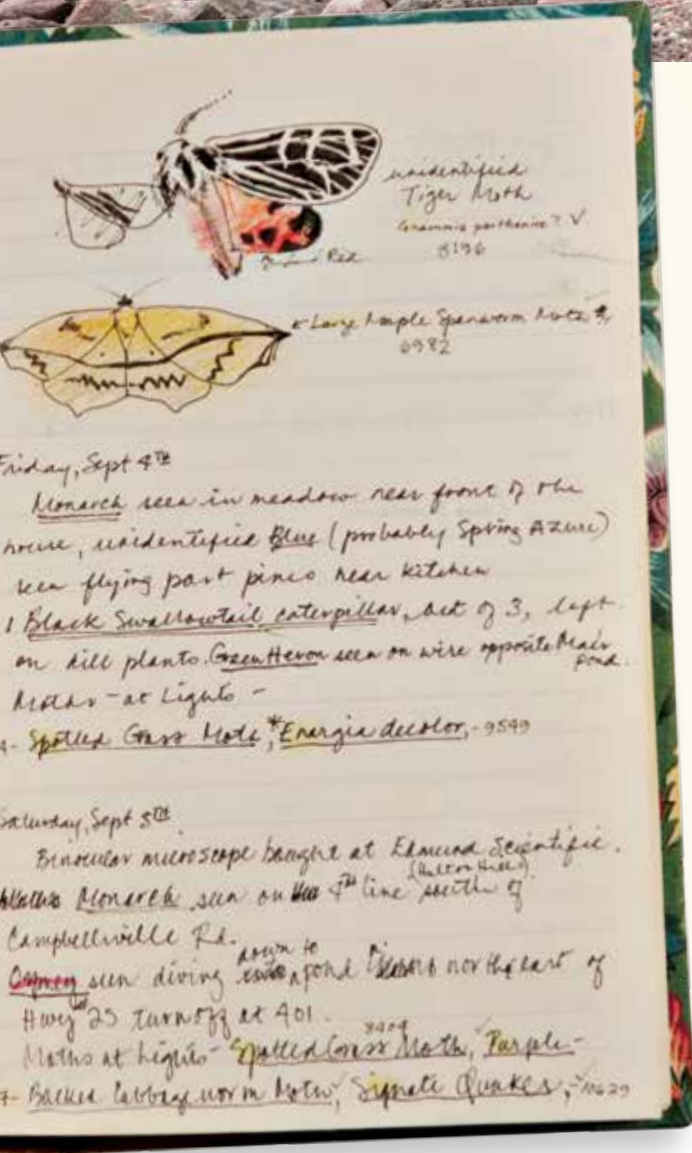


While she could speak some Japanese with her parents, Irene couldn't read the language, and her mother was reluctant to try explaining the subtleties of her verses in English. After Hanako passed

away in 2005, Irene turned to a translator and hand-bound a few copies of the English version for family members. Like her mother, Irene had an eye for the tiniest, most telling details and moments.

And like her mother, she was modest about her talents, to the point that even close friends were unaware of her work. Her celebration of life in August 2017 was a welcome chance to showcase that work.

Irene had a deep appreciation for nature on its own terms. Although she loved to learn about wildlife from all over the world from books, television and the Internet, she believed above



all that beauty and wonder can be found all around us, wherever we are and whatever the season. Sharing that sense of wonder may well be Irene's greatest gift.

Eli McIlveen is a Hamilton-based writer, audio producer and podcaster. His current project, the fairy-tale sitcom *Alba Salix*, Royal Physician, can be heard at forgeryleague.com. **NEV**

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Horseshoe Falls in late winter, Niagara Falls.

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Animal Celebrities:

Esther the Wonder Pig and Rev, The Border Collie

Written by Gloria Hildebrandt | Photos by Mike Davis

Two special animals live near the Niagara Escarpment, and both are becoming increasingly famous. One is a beautiful Border Collie who can perform more than 200 tricks, wins awards and works as a professional actor in commercials and films. The other is a 650-pound house pig.



▲ Esther napping on her daybed after breakfast, with one of her Dads, Derek Walter, nearby.

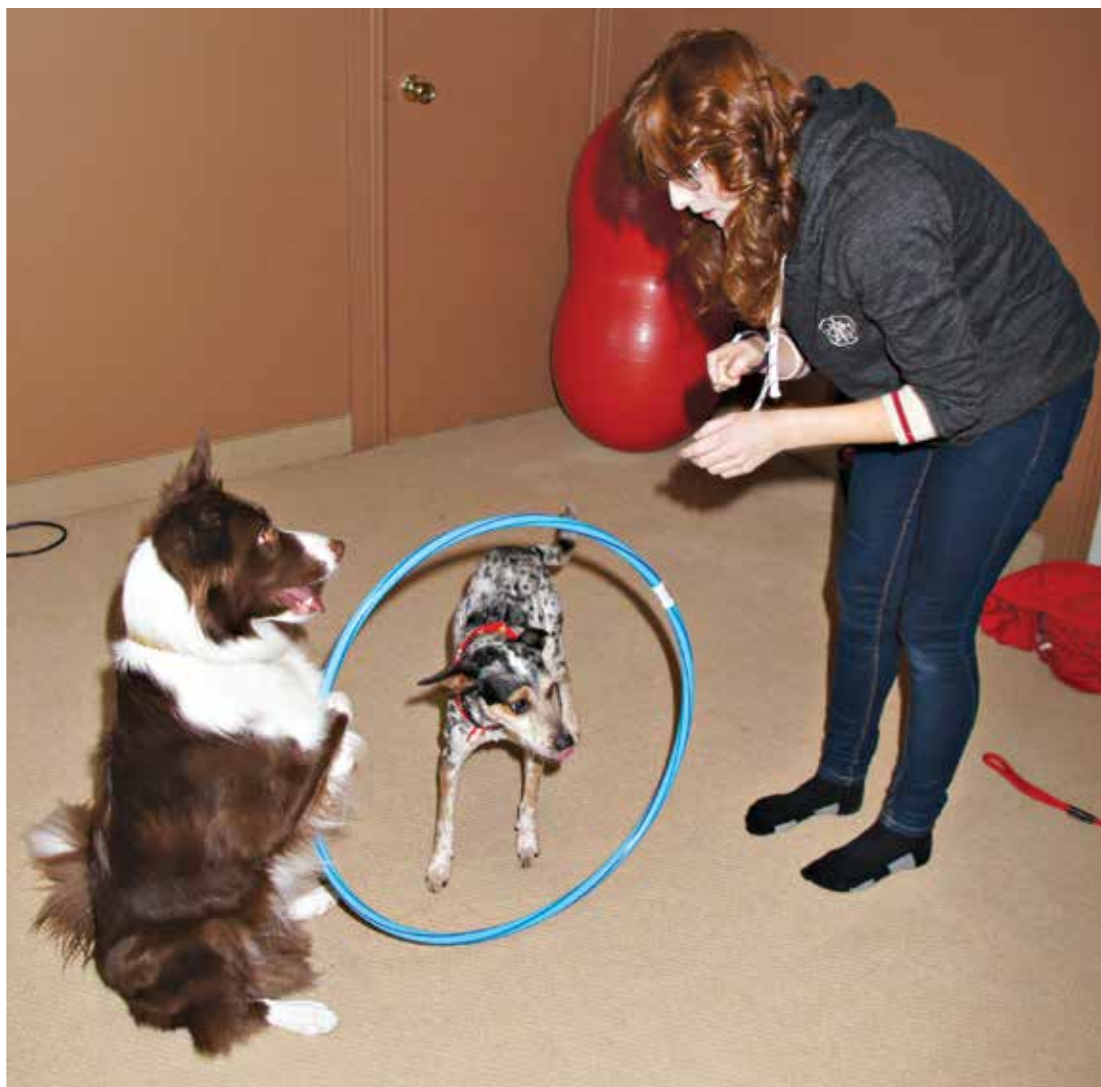
▼ Rev, the Border Collie performing part of a dance with owner and trainer Maddisen Phelan.





▲ Esther in the barn for her breakfast, wearing her cupcake cape, giving a wary eye to strangers.

► Rev holds a hoop for Fidget to jump through.





◀ Rev is a beautiful brown and white Border Collie with a floppy right ear.

▼ Esther remains watchful of the photographer, despite being hand fed mango by Steve Jenkins, who says “She probably eats better than you do.”



The house pig is Esther, a commercial pig who had been mistaken for a mini pig and

had been reared in domestic family surroundings. Instead of condemning her to a brief existence as a breeding sow in a farm operation, her owners did what was necessary to keep Esther as a pet member of the family.

Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter had been living in Georgetown when they took in what they thought was a cute mini pig. By the time they learned that they had a commercial piglet that would grow to hundreds of pounds in weight, they had already bonded with Esther, a bright, curious, playful and increasingly challenging pet. Keeping Esther completely changed their lives.

Fairly soon, they stopped eating meat and eventually became vegans, or followers of an “Esther-approved diet,” as they prefer to say. They



▲ Steve holds Esther's bonnet, which was a gift to Esther to prevent her ears from getting frostbite, from a woman in Finland. Esther's measurements are on the website.



► Showing great focus, Rev leaps high at Maddisen's command. They live near the Escarpment north of Georgetown.



began a Facebook page for Esther that attracted a big following, now numbering more than one million people. They wrote a book, *Esther the Wonder Pig*, which became a *New York Times* bestseller. They asked online for donations to buy a farm so Esther would have more room, and received enough to buy a farm near Campbellville and create Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary (HEEFS) to provide a home for other needy farm animals. HEEFS

is now a registered charity receiving vital support for pigs, cows, sheep, fowl, goats, rabbits, a donkey and a horse.

Border Collie

According to his website, Rev is a performer, actor and "spokesdoggie." In 2015 his owner Maddisen Phelan created a five-second video of Rev wearing a Santa hat and giving a "Christmas hug" to his dog-friend Fidget. After posting it online, it was viewed more than six million

times. His Facebook page now has more than 39,000 Likes. Appearances on TV shows, in local newspapers and at community events followed.

A second Christmas video shows Rev preparing for Santa with his wish list, decorating the tree with toys and a golden garland, putting wrapped presents under the tree, circling the tree in excitement, and even putting dog biscuits on a plate.

Wonder Pig

Esther now has a bedroom of her own on the main floor of the farmhouse, as she doesn't like to climb stairs to the second storey where her "Dads" sleep. She also has a daybed in the front room right next to the kitchen. A large cushion shaped like a pig leans against the bottom freezer of the fridge, keeping it closed. Esther took the front off the freezer with her nose, in the days when she used to raid the freezer for food. Now



the freezer is kept empty, but that doesn't stop her from occasionally wrenching it open again, just to check. She is also able to use her snout to open the sliding patio door so that she can get in and out as she wants. She doesn't close the door however.

She loves rooting in earth and rolling in mud, but she's house trained and lets herself be showered. On hot summer days she plops over into her own plastic kiddie swimming pool, next to a sign that says

"Clothing optional." In cold weather she wears a cape for warmth and a hat to protect her ears from frostbite.

All this and more can be seen in online posts and videos that keep her many worldwide fans informed. Esther has staff who work full time for her, including a social media person and people who fill merchandise orders. You can buy clothing, pillows, jewellery, lanyards, calendars, gift cards, mugs and more, all with piggy themes.



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◀ Leaping onto Maddisen's back and balancing there is just one of the tricks that Rev makes look easy.

parts and started with a clicker and treats. He picked things up quicker than just by my saying yes."

Esther Options

There are several ways to get more involved with Esther. A children's book called *The Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig* is scheduled for publication in March 2018. There is discussion of a TV show about Esther being developed. There will be a second annual Esther Cruise around the Caribbean for a week in late February 2018, with all proceeds going to support the animals at HEEFS.

Tours of the farm are offered for individuals and groups. You may see Esther by chance only, as she is not put on display. Volunteer workers on the farm are always sought, to help with the many different

New Tricks

Rev has talent, although it may be Maddisen who's talented, to be able to teach Rev so much. He can pick up coins and deposit them in a tin with a slot on top. He can roll himself up into a blanket. He tidies up all his toys. He can sit on his hind legs and hold items between his front paws. On

command, he will lift a leg as if urinating. He can balance himself on his front paws. He will walk between Maddisen's legs with his front paws on her feet. He leaps over her outstretched arms, through a loop she forms with her arms, and will jump onto her back. He stands on the soles of her feet when she's lying

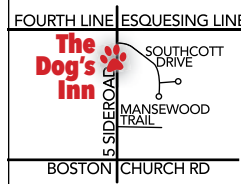
on her stomach, bending her legs up behind her. He will cover his face with a paw. He leaps, rolls, walks backwards, in circles...and more.

"I started at nine or 10 weeks old with easier commands," says Maddisen. "I was inspired by other dog owners and videos. I break tricks down into



▲ Derek, left, and Steve lure Esther awake with an apple. "If she didn't like you, she wouldn't be napping," says Steve. "She'd be sitting up looking at you." It feels like a compliment to have a world-famous pig's approval.

animals, raise food, maintain the grounds and structures, and more. The website happilyeveresther.ca has more information. In addition to their Facebook pages, Esther and Rev have websites devoted to them: estherthewonderpig.com and revthebordercollie.wix.com/home. **NEV**



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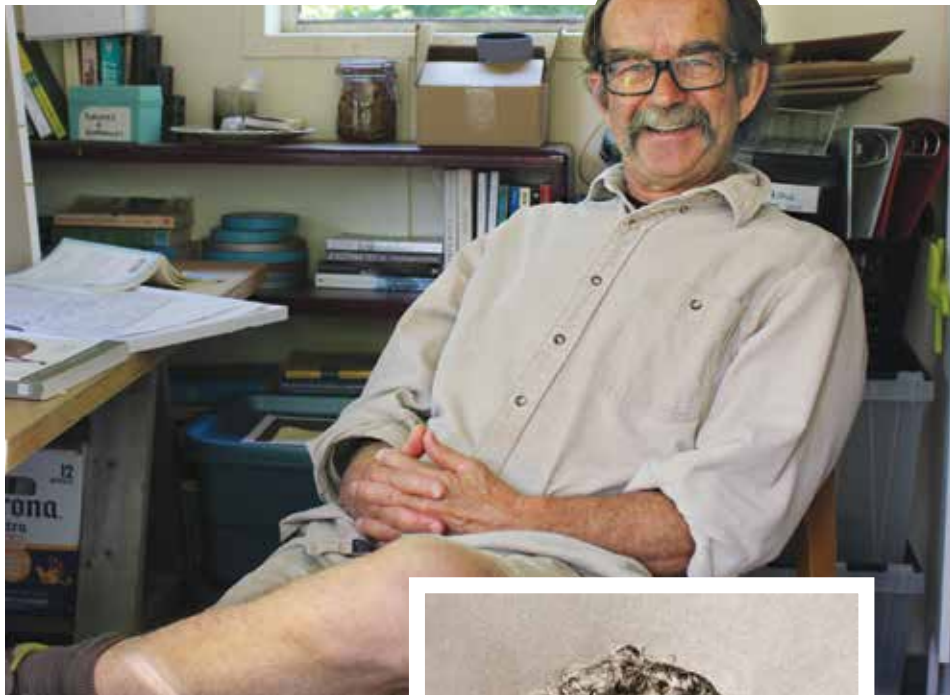
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Glorious Freedom: John Muir's Missing Months

AN INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT BURCHER BY KEN HAIGH

Beaver Valley resident Robert Burcher is a professional photographer with a deep interest in history. He has written about Celtic explorers in the Great Lakes, Viking settlements in Newfoundland, and a possible connection between Louis Riel and a satchel found in the Meaford Museum. His latest quest is to re-trace the route of American environmentalist John Muir during his two-year sojourn in Canada.



▲ Robert Burcher of Beaver Valley.
PHOTO BY KEN HAIGH.

Ken Haigh [KH]: In an otherwise well-documented life, the details about Muir's visit to Canada are rather sketchy. Why do you think that is?

Robert Burcher [RB]: I think the answer is fairly simple. Muir was a meticulous diarist throughout his life, but the mill he was working at in Trout Hollow, near Meaford, burned down in February 1866. I think all his notebooks must have been lost in the fire, and he never bothered to try and recreate them.

KH: He wasn't hiding the fact that he was a draft dodger during the Civil War?

RB: No, I don't think so. He was always very up front about his political convictions.

KH: What drew you to Muir's story?

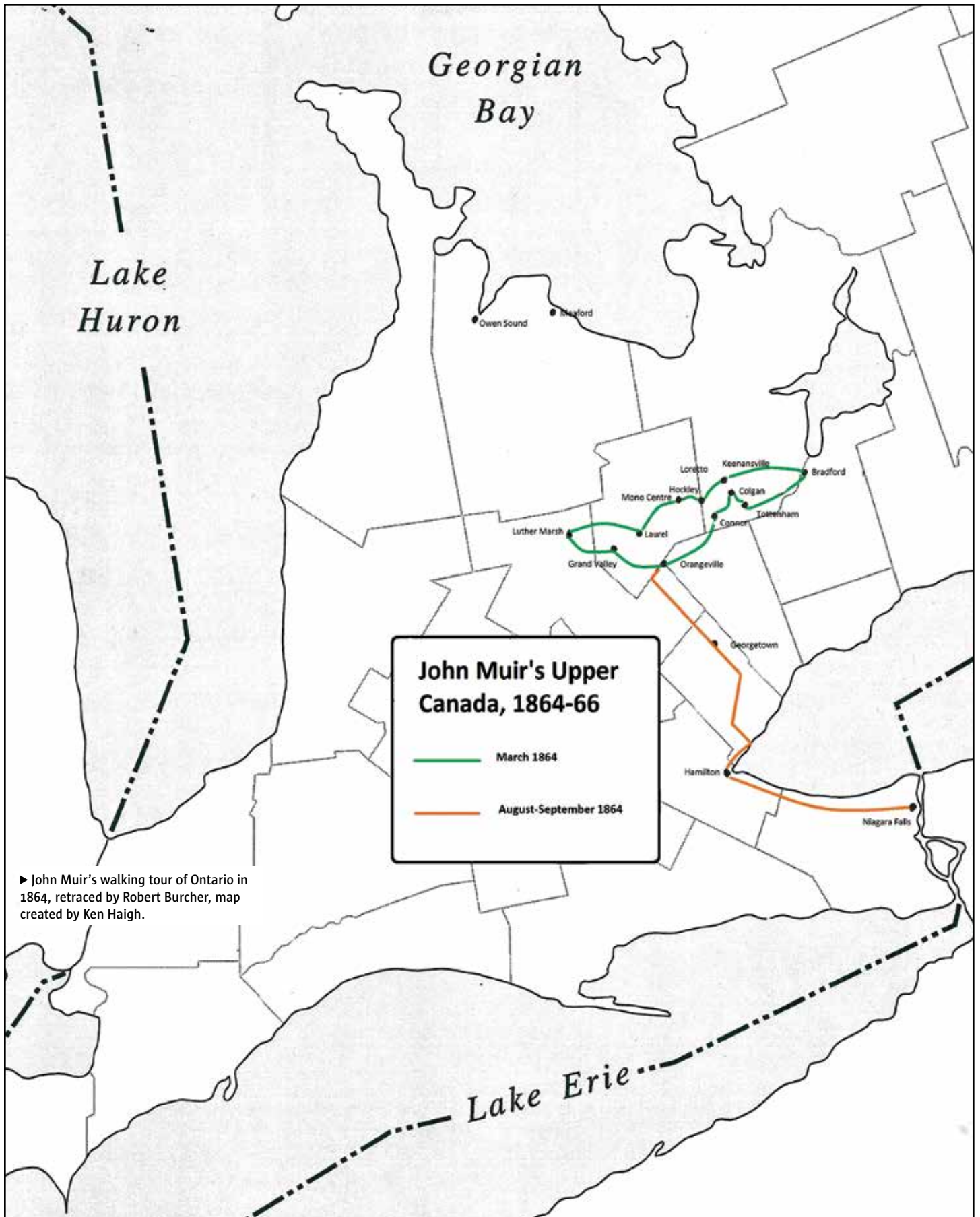
RB: When I was a teen my father gave me this book about two brothers hiking in the Sierra. I think he was trying to steer me toward the natural world and away from the suburban world of drugs and rock and roll. That book led me to books published by the Sierra Club [*which John Muir founded*] and eventually to Muir himself.

KH: Were you surprised when you moved to the Beaver Valley to discover a Muir connection?

RB: I was blown away. I thought, what's this guy doing up here? I eventually joined a group called the Canadian Friends of John Muir, *continued ►*



▲ John Muir by Carleton Watkins, circa 1895.
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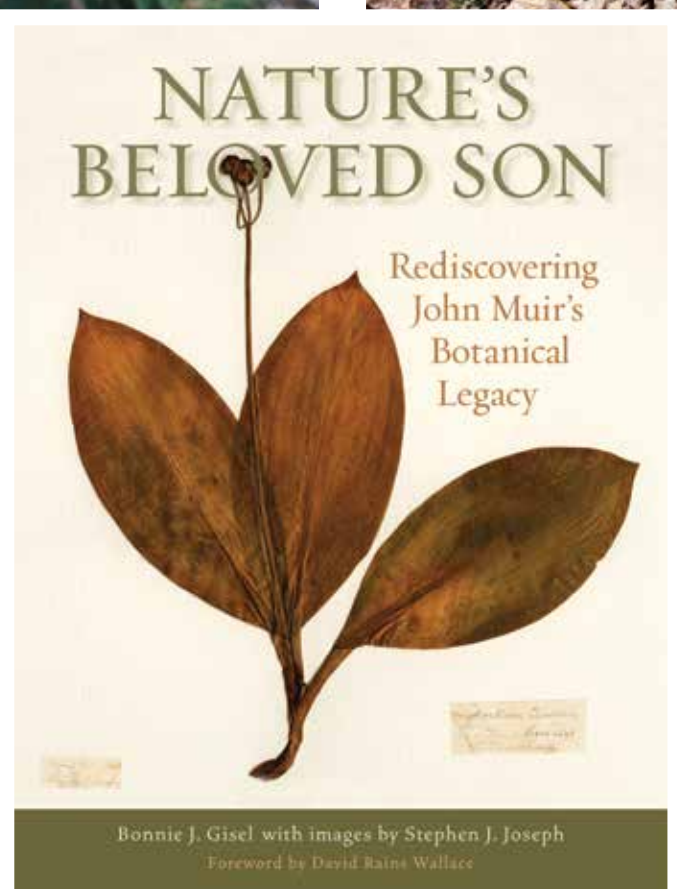


► John Muir's walking tour of Ontario in 1864, retraced by Robert Burcher, map created by Ken Haigh.



▲ Calypso orchid, "Fairy Slipper." By Jeremy Wade, courtesy Wikipedia

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and we did our best to tell the story of Muir's time in Canada, which was largely overlooked by his biographers. One of the principal questions was "How did Muir come to southern Ontario?" The standard answer was that he crossed into Canada at Sault Sainte Marie and walked around Georgian Bay. I find this unlikely. There were no roads or railroads to follow at that time, and it was late winter. Another possibility was that he took a boat, but one of our members, the marine historian Scott Cameron, searched all the passenger lists and found no record of Muir travelling by ship. In Muir's last letter

before he left home, he wrote "I take to the cars in two hours." I think he meant railway cars, which would suggest he took a train to Toronto, crossing the border at Windsor, and then headed north from Toronto to Bradford where we know he stayed with a family called the Campbells. This fits the timeline better.

KH: We know Muir arrived in Bradford in March 1864 and Meaford in September 1864. That leaves a gap of seven months. What was Muir doing during this time?

RB: Muir's hero was a botanist named Alexander von Humboldt, who travelled

extensively in the Amazon and Orinoco River basins, collecting plant specimens. Everywhere Muir went in southern Ontario, he carried a plant press on his back and collected specimens too. In fact, his nickname was "Botany." He shipped this collection to a friend in the

States, and, by some miracle, it has survived. Every specimen Muir collected had a label recording when and where it was found. It occurred to me that I could retrace his steps by following the labels and connecting the dots.



▲ Hart's Tongue Fern, 2012, identified by Bob Bowles. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

KH: How were you able to see these specimens?

RB: In 2008, a book called *Nature's Beloved Son* was published, which featured colour plates of selected specimens taken from the collection now held at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, California. Looking at these illustrations gave me the idea of retracing Muir's route. I contacted the author, Bonnie Gisell, who put me in touch with the curators at the historic site. They sent me a complete list of the specimens held in their collection. I isolated the 236 specimens collected in Ontario and put them in

chronological order. Here's an example [he shows me the list]: "Honey Locust, Sept.5/64, dooryard in Hamilton." Not all the labels were as specific as this one, but I was able to follow his general route.

KH: Where did he go?

RB: He made two trips. The first was a loop through Simcoe and Dufferin Counties. It was on this trip, somewhere in the Holland Marsh that he discovered the Calypso Orchid, which he wrote about and which became his first published article. His second trip in August/September 1864, followed the route of Trafalgar Road

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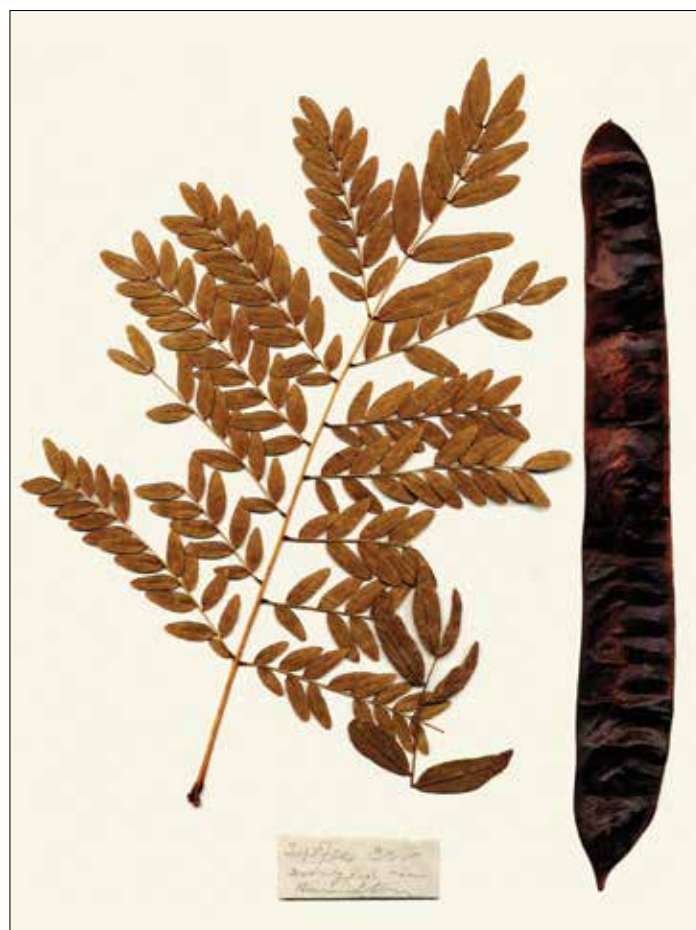
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Three plates from Muir's specimens. Images from the book *Nature's Beloved Son* by Bonnie Gisel and Stephen J. Joseph. Used by permission of Heyday, www.heydaybooks.com.



▲ Leatherwood. The left label reads: "Leather wood, *Dirca palustris*, *Thymelaeaceae*." The right label reads: "Simcoe Co Canada Apr 20th 64."



▲ Honey Locust. Label reads: "Sept. 5/64 Canada. Dooryard near Hamilton."

down to Hamilton, where he had arranged to meet his brother Dan. They toured the Hamilton-Dundas area, and visited Niagara Falls, which was a huge tourist attraction even then. Then they headed north to Meaford, where Dan had found them work in a mill. Muir continued

to botanize in his free time, roaming the Escarpment as far as Owen Sound, where he collected a Hart's Tongue Fern.

KH: Muir was quite successful at the mill.

RB: He was a mechanical genius. The owners recognized this and put him in charge.

But there was the fire in 1866, and all of Muir's hard work literally went up in smoke. By then, the Civil War was over, and he decided to return to the United States.

KH: Was Muir's time in Canada important to him?

RB: I think his time in Canada

was very important. He was independent for the first time in his life. He wrote that he "travelled in glorious freedom." And it was here he developed many of the ideas about conservation that he would later put into practice with the Sierra Club.



Calla palustris L., Wild Calla

▲ Wild Calla. The label at left reads: "Rhizome of *Calla palustris*, Araceae." The right label reads: "Devils half acre, 40 m NE from Hamilton Canada."

John Muir (1838-1914) was a Scottish-American writer and environmentalist, an early advocate for the preservation of wild spaces, the founder of the Sierra Club, and is considered the father of the American National Parks System. His writings are still in print, and can be read online

at http://vault.sierraclub.org/john_muir_exhibit/writings/.

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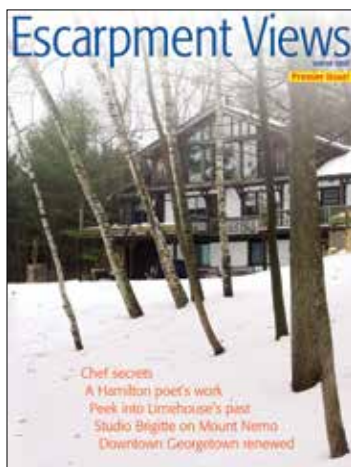
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▲ Premier issue showing house built by Robert Bateman, owned at the time by artist Brigitte Schreyer and her husband Klaus. Winter 2008.



▲ This cover showing a barn door at Scotsdale Farm, was a crowd favourite. Spring 2008.



10 Memorable Covers



▲ This was the cover that showed the new name, adding "Niagara" to the masthead. Winter 2012-13.



▲ This cover was so controversial that some advertisers refused to display it. Spring 2013.



▲ Beautiful Flowerpot Island took centre stage in this cover. Summer 2013.



▲ We knew we had a winning cover photo when we spotted not one, but two Green Herons in the trees with Hamilton in the background. Summer 2015.

10 Great Centres

From the very beginning, this magazine has featured an impressive view in its centre pages. This has become a favourite of many readers, with some collecting and displaying the centres. Here are some of the best by photographer Mike Davis.



▲ Ball's Falls, Jordan. Autumn 2009.



▲ Badlands, Caledon. Winter 2010.



▲ North of Georgetown. Autumn 2012.



▲ Niagara Falls. Autumn 2013.



▲ Bridal Veil Falls, Manitoulin Island. Summer 2014



▲ Blue Mountain, Collingwood. Winter 2014-15



▲ Scott Kaija performed as Jack Frost, juggling while riding a unicycle at Jordan Village's icewine festival. Winter 2009.



▲ This wasn't the first time we published a feature on Robert Bateman; Spring 2012 was. People asked for more and Mike Davis had more material to publish. Summer 2012.



▲ All-important eye contact made this cover an attention getter. Spring 2016.



▲ Nothing says summer vacation better than Muskoka chairs on a lake. This one is Lake Mindemoya on Manitoulin Island. Summer 2017.



▲ Beamer Conservation Area, Grimsby. Spring 2013.



▲ Old Baldy, Beaver Valley. Summer 2013.



▲ Rattlesnake Point, Milton. Winter 2015-16.



▲ Devil's Punch Bowl, Stoney Creek. Summer 2016.



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Climate Change Deaths

by Bob Barnett

Climate Change and the Health of Nations: Famines, Fevers and the Fate of Populations by Anthony McMichael was published by Oxford University Press in 2017, following Tony's death in 2014, after a lifetime studying how the collapse of most empires and civilizations had roots in climate change.

The book covers the potential impact of climate change much more graphically than I ever could. It's a great book and not just doom and gloom but filled with lessons on what went wrong and what we can learn.

In McMichael's own words: "Earth's climate has been on a roller-coaster ride since the planet first coalesced from cosmic debris 4.6 billion years ago. Mighty geological rifts and ruptures along with the more orderly cosmological cycles have ensured a restless global climate. From violent beginnings with an atmosphere dominated by volcanic eruptions, storms and lightning the global temperature has swung hugely and erratically; alternating periods of great warmth and icy glaciation have come and gone."

Our homo sapiens outlasted and outperformed the other, now extinct, evolutionary humans. He documents scores of civilizations with the reasons for their evolution through improved food and living standards over the last 12,000 years and the reasons for their disappearance from climate changes during Ice Ages, El Niño changes, droughts, floods, rising sea levels all causing hunger, disease, population migrations, extreme stress, emotional injury and wars that rewarded other less-weakened groups.

"In some situations, cultural and social dependence on sophisticated technology and infrastructure restrict the options for adaptation," he writes. "Low-lying flood-endangered coastal urban populations cannot pack up their city and relocate inland; nomadic pastoralists can, if the hinterland is not occupied by others. Today's larger populations, fixed settlements and lack of vacant land make migration more difficult."

Climate Stresses

"A familiar but naive argument is that modern populations are different from their predecessors; they have knowledge, experience, superior technology, interconnectedness and more flexible governance. One-third of the world's population live in conditions more like the past. In many ways, higher income societies are better placed to cope than were our predecessors, but in many other ways they are at a disadvantage. The severe heat wave in Europe in August 2003 killed more than 70,000, many trapped in higher levels

We can cooperate, adjust our resource uses and work with our natural systems.

of apartment buildings. Heat disrupts sleep, cause stress on the human body as the heart works harder. The heat wave in Russia in 2010 that killed 55,000 people was the worst recorded in the world for at least the last 30 years. Modernizing populations are...more

Modernizing populations are...more biologically susceptible to many climate-related stresses.

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"Population numbers are still increasing, food production systems on land and sea are under stress from soil degradation and loss, there are water shortages on many continents and our oceans are over-fished.

"Climate change does not register on the personal 'risk thermostat.' We naturally respond to external threats that are immediate and visible, have an obvious cause, and will affect us directly. But climate change is invisible, long-term, and unfamiliar....we are the cause."

He quotes Harvard psychologist Daniel Gilbert, "Because we barely notice changes that happen gradually, we accept gradual changes that we would reject if they happened abruptly."

McMichael continues "The world community has wasted much of the last 25 years arguing about climate science, defending national interests, fretting about threats to our growth-dependent economies and being distracted by the global financial crisis. Meanwhile, at least five million extra deaths have occurred worldwide, particularly in children, that are reasonably attributable to recent climate change. And yet we find it difficult to look beyond the climatic threat to polar bears, Amazonian forests and

coral reefs. Climatic threats also apply to Homo sapiens - another animal species, albeit one with a unique cultural and technological veneer that might confer some early protection against climatic stresses."

Some Will Survive

McMichael leaves us with hope and a course of action: "Yet our species has not been tested collectively, globally, like this before. Human ingenuity and imagination may flourish as never before. Alfred Russel Wallace wrote in light of his often-harrowing experiences in the Amazon 'It is the struggle for existence... which exercises the moral faculties and calls forth the latent spark of genius.' If we learn from the past, understand the present, and imagine a better and more sustainable future, we may yet call forth such sparks to ignite corrective action and light the path to a sustainable way of living on a finite planet."

We are in another climate catastrophe, just like scores in the past, but this one is not just effecting one empire or civilization but the entire globe. Some species will adapt and survive. We can cooperate, adjust our resource uses and work with our natural systems. E.O. Wilson, American ecologist, suggests that we need to protect half of the earth if we are going to save more than cockroaches and keep the world habitable for people.

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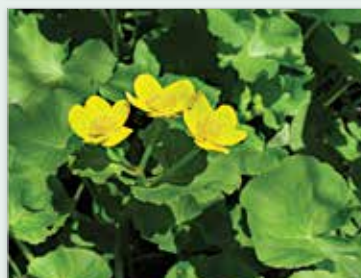
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Cutting Difficult Trees

Words & photos by
Gloria Hildebrandt

Last year I had a professional tree service cut down two trees in the forest. While Mike usually does all the tree cutting and firewood preparation, and I help as I can, both these trees were beyond our comfort zone. One was a tall Poplar next to the wire fence at the back of the property. It had cracked at the base and was hanging on by a narrow edge of trunk, its top leaning against a nearby tall Poplar. Not only did we fear that it might crash onto the wire fence, destroying part of it, it was hung up and hanging onto the base in such a strange way that it looked dangerous to tackle. Mike said there was a lot of torque and tension in it; the tree service foreman said it was a “widow maker,” a term I had first heard used by my father, who had been a lumberjack for a while in the ‘50s.

The other challenge was a spreading 65-foot tall dead Elm that was too close to interesting specimen trees that we want to keep, as well as

being near my new neighbours’ property, who wouldn’t appreciate a huge tree falling onto their back yard. This tree needed to be taken down carefully, avoiding damage.

It took the crew of three cutters all morning to drop both trees on this cold winter day. A lot of time was spent studying the trees’ leans and possible options for dealing with them. A long rope was attached to the top of the Poplar, and two crew members pulled it sideways, away from the fence while the foreman cautiously cut what remained attached to the stump. While it might have kicked up or twisted in any direction, it actually fell smoothly and safely to the ground.

Reducing the Elm

After restorative cups of coffee and tea in the warmth of my kitchen, the crew and I headed back out to the Elm. I had thought this huge tree would be cut to fall into the cedar forest, away from everything we wanted to keep. The damage would have been to a lot of Cedars but we have plenty of them and they grow and spread relatively quickly,

► Although the leaning Poplar wasn’t large, it had cracked in a dangerous way, close to the fence and needed careful pulling to bring it down safely where desired.

so it didn’t seem to matter. It mattered to the foreman. He studied the tree and available spaces between surrounding trees, and came up with another plan.

Soon the youngest man was rigged up in climbing gear, a chainsaw dangling from his belt. Up he walked to where the trunk had divided into three smaller trunks, while the rest of the crew threw a long rope up to the top of one of them. They were going to reduce the huge tree by taking down two of the spreading trunks, separately. The crew on the ground pulled a trunk in the preferred direction of fall while the man up the tree sawed it off. It fell neatly where it was supposed to, beside some Cedars. A rope was attached to the second trunk, the ground crew pulled, the climber cut, the trunk crashed down beside the first.

Next, the rest of the tree had to come down, but in the completely opposite direction. The climber came off the tree. A long rope went up to the top. Two crew members held the rope while the foreman took responsibility for cutting the great trunk at the bottom. After sawing the “V” on the side near the desired direction of fall, and cutting through the back side, nothing happened. Although the crew pulled on the rope, they couldn’t bring the tree down. The foreman had to join them, adding his weight and strength to the pull, and then the tree came down slowly where they wanted it.



Bucking Up the Trunk

It was a great morning’s work. All we had needed was their service in safely bringing down the trees. Mike could cut up the trees at his leisure.

So on Saturday, Mike borrowed a friend’s extra-long chainsaw, suitable for cutting through huge trunks. In a surprisingly short amount of time, he bucked up the Elm into firewood-length chunks, clearing the path for walking. The biggest chunks will need to be split for firewood, which can be done in warm weather. We can often get help from friends for a work party to help split, move and stack firewood.

This leaves the back Poplar to be cut away from the path across which it lies. Not great for firewood, it can be left to disintegrate and feed the forest.

Gloria Hildebrandt is the co-founder, co-publisher and editor of Niagara Escarpment Views.



▲ It was starting to snow heavily by the time the dead Elm was brought down

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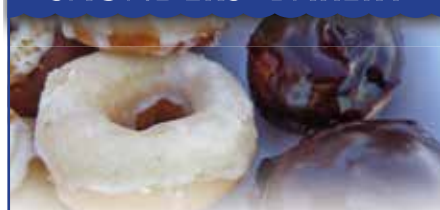
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Prep Time: 10 min.
Total Time: 4 hrs. 30 min.
Makes: 24

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup **Compliments All-Purpose Flour**, sifted (250 mL)
- 1 tsp baking powder (5 mL)
- 1/2 tsp salt (2 mL)
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder (125 mL)
- 1/3 cup canola or vegetable oil (75 mL)
- 1 tbsp **Sensations by Compliments Colombia Cartegena Medium Roast Ground Coffee** (15 mL)
- 1/2 cup sugar (125 mL)
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar (125 mL)
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp **Sensations by Compliments Pure Vanilla Extract** (5 mL)
- 1/4 cup icing sugar (60 mL)

DIRECTIONS

1. Whisk together flour, baking powder and salt until blended; set aside. In another large bowl, use electric mixer to beat together cocoa powder, oil and ground coffee until combined. Beat in both sugars. Add first egg; beat in completely. Add second egg and vanilla; beat in completely. Stir in dry ingredients just until blended. Cover dough; chill 4 hrs. (or overnight).
2. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Using a tablespoon measure, scoop dough into heaped spoonfuls (the dough will be sticky). Roll into balls then roll in icing sugar to coat; shaking off excess. Place balls on prepared baking sheets about 2 in. (5 cm) apart.
3. Place sheets on top and bottom-third oven racks, switching racks and rotating sheets halfway through baking. Or use the middle rack and bake cookies one sheet at a time, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Bake cookies 6 to 8 min. (total bake time) until surfaces begin to crack. The interior of the cookies will look molten. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool completely. Store in airtight container up to 3 days or freeze up to 1 month.

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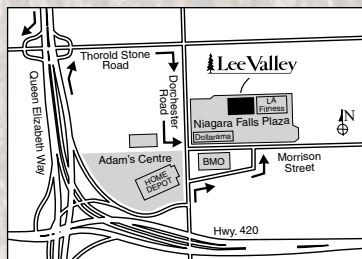
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