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▼ Three Mourning Doves on the nest in June 2017: two hatchlings, one parent. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

As the publisher and editor of *Niagara Escarpment Views*, I have great privilege. When something about the Escarpment intrigues me, I can often do research, find an expert, and get a feature article developed. That's how it was with our Crows and Ravens cover story. Some years ago I began noticing that the Crows seemed to be bigger than ever, and were making unusual sounds. I spoke to some naturalists and learned that the Crows were actually Ravens. I was fascinated because I had only ever before seen Ravens up north and on Vancouver Island. They are big birds, vocal and extremely clever. Now they were living in my forest.

Asking some people for recommendations about who knows about Crows and Ravens led me to Bruce Mackenzie, formerly with Hamilton Conservation

Authority. I was able to ask him all my questions about these birds, and he crafted an article that is full of good information.

As for photographs, I was fortunate to source eye-opening, jaw-dropping work from Ann Brokelman, Barry Cheriére, Lee Ann Fitzgibbon and Bonnie P. Kinder as well as Bruce Mackenzie. They brought wonderful, educational "views" of Crows and Ravens to this issue. All have my deep appreciation.

Educational Excellence
Learning about the

Escarpment continues with our other features this season. Through the research of Isobel Harry, a Manitoulin Island writer and photographer, we learn that all of the island is part of the Niagara Escarpment, not just its impressive high points. Her feature on some of the trails on the island gives you information to explore this part of the Escarpment more fully.

Our feature on rock climbing in Beaver Valley, specifically at the Beaver Valley Climbing Festival, opens our eyes to the practices that help protect the unique environment and biodiversity of daunting cliff faces. Climbers these days are learning to "do it" right.

In our Spring 2018 issue Rosaleen Egan led us down the garden path through Norval's Lucy Maud Montgomery Children's Garden of the Senses. In this issue she reveals the plans for the future Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum and

Literary Centre in the former manse of the Norval and Union Presbyterian churches. Already designated under the provincial heritage act, the important buildings are hoped to achieve designation as a National Historic Site of Canada.

Delivering stories with impact, written well with beautiful photographs – that has been our mission since we began publishing 10 years ago, and continues to be our focus as we move through our next decade.

What Can You Share?

If you have something related to the Niagara Escarpment that you'd like to learn more about, please let me know. It may be what we'd like to work on in future. And if you know a lot about something Escarpment-related that you'd like to share with others, let me know that too! We may ask you for an interview, or perhaps to write or provide photos or artwork for a future issue.

Because there's always more to learn along the Escarpment.

Gloria

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

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Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV's Two-Season Test Drive

The ice storm of April 2018 was yet another epic storm-of-the-century type of weather event that is now occurring too often. I had booked a plug-in hybrid four-wheel-drive (4WD) vehicle for a week but it was not available as its windshield had been broken during the storm. I was coming up to a deadline, so another one was provided a few days later. There were still lots of ice pellets on the ground to try out the Outlander PHEV, a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle with 4WD. When I took it back, most of the white stuff was gone, so within five days I got to test drive in both winter and spring conditions!

Escarpment Conditions

This vehicle has a user selectable "EV Priority" mode that I wanted to try out under Escarpment conditions. There are several different modes that the driver can select, ranging from primarily electric "EV Priority" to "Battery Charge" which uses the gasoline engine to charge the battery. My test run was about 30 km with an elevation difference of about 100 m. The roads were a mix of urban, highway and rural, up and down the Escarpment. The literature publishes the range for battery use alone as 35 km, and I wanted to see if the vehicle could do it without switching to the gasoline motor. It did fairly well, accelerating into traffic and going up hills, without gasoline engine help. This pushed the test distance and elevation to the limit, but it stayed electric. Notable too, was that it could switch to 4WD while staying in electric only, which, according to Mitsubishi, no other Canadian plug-in hybrid SUV offers.

Charging Details

I tried out a municipal charging station at the local arena. It was a level 2 charger with the literature stating a 3.5-hour charge timeframe. To unlock the charging cord and turn it on, you need to swipe your credit card, or use another proprietary card. The charger was close to my gym, so I plugged it in and walked over for exercise. At home overnight, I tried the supplied charging cable and plugged it into a regular 120V receptacle at my house. The cable is a level 1 and the literature states a charge time of eight hours for the 12-amp setting. I tried to test a fast charger at a different municipal building. It was a level 3, and the literature reported an 80 per cent charge in 25 minutes. I could not use the charger with my credit card. Presumably, I needed a proprietary card. This inconvenience was annoying. I found the time to fiddle around with the charging plug not too onerous, so it would not likely be irritating in a routine situation.

The literature states that you can set the charging time, both onboard and/or through a cell phone app, to take advantage of lower grid electricity rates. I tried another feature, which started a heater in the vehicle at a pre-set time, using the onboard timer. There are air-conditioning and defroster options, too. If you use the grid's electricity, presumably, you can heat/cool/defrost before jumping in, without using the vehicle's on-board power!

I tried the hands-free option for making cell phone calls and found it worked fairly well. I could communicate and dial a number hands-free, even with wind noise from driving with the window down. There are a few other options for cell phones, a remote and to

link apps with the vehicle. My old flip phone was too IQ-challenged to be "Smart" enough to try either of these features. There is a basic GPS that only gives numerical positions, but no map integrated into the vehicle. Presumably there is an app related to a linked cell phone that could provide this feature. This is the first year for having the Outlander PHEV in North America but the literature says this vehicle is the top-selling plug-in hybrid in the world! I understand that the model has not been updated for a while, so presumably, if minor changes for the North American market have been made, a lot of the bugs that you might find in a new version have already been worked out.

Towing

Notable, too, is a towing hitch that can be installed as an option. It seems rare that electric/hybrid vehicle manufacturers permit towing. The maximum trailer capacity is 680 kgs. The optional trailer hitch and wire harness is \$841.90 which does not include labour to install.

Fun Points

- Ease of unplugging, unlocking, and driving with the key in my pocket.

- The adaptive cruise control worked very well in 401 stop-and-go traffic, but was alarming in a roundabout. (Note to self: Disengage when in a roundabout!)

Annoying Points

- Too many options with too many buttons, even for a techy type like me, although if you just drive, it seems seamless.
- Confusing public charging stations.
- Different measurement units in the literature between metric and imperial; you need to pay attention when reviewing them.

Price and Dealers

The Outlander PHEV comes in three trim levels, MSRP of \$42,998 to \$49,998. I tested the GT S-AWC trim line, the most premium of the three levels, with a MSRP of \$49,998. Delivery, PDI, taxes extra, less rebates. There are currently two Mitsubishi dealers in the Niagara Escarpment area, Owen Sound and Hamilton. There are several in the GTA, and relatively near the Escarpment.

Mike Davis is co-founder, co-publisher and accounts manager for Niagara Escarpment Views.



The 2018 Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV was tested up and down the Escarpment.

PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

Grilled Peaches & Planked Salmon

Grilling the peaches separately ensures they pick up some delicious smokiness from the grill as their natural sugars caramelize.

PREP TIME: 10 min.
TOTAL TIME: 30 min.
SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 4 peaches, halved and pitted
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable oil
- ½ tsp (2 mL) salt
- ¼ cup (60 mL) chopped **Compliments Organic Fresh Basil**, plus leaves for garnish
- ¼ cup (60 mL) chopped green onion
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) honey
- 2 tsp (10 mL) lemon juice
- 1¼ lb (625 g) centre-cut, skin-on whole salmon fillet (or similar weight in portioned, skinless fillets)
- 1 **Compliments Red Cedar Grilling Plank**, soaked

DIRECTIONS

1. In bowl, combine peach halves with oil and salt; gently turn to coat. Grill, cut-side down, on high heat for 1 min. Turn over and grill another 1 min. Remove from heat to cool.
2. Chop cooled peaches into ½-in. (1-cm) cubes. Mix with basil, green onion, honey and lemon juice. Reserve half of peach salsa to serve on side later.
3. Place whole salmon fillet (skin-side down) or portioned fillets on cedar plank; top with remaining peach salsa. Grill on medium heat, with lid closed, 10 to 15 min., or until fish begins to flake and flesh is opaque (internal temperature of 158°F/70°C). Lift lid periodically to check fish and plank don't scorch excessively. Spray any flare-ups with water mister.
4. Remove planked salmon from grill. Garnish with additional basil leaves. Serve with reserved peach salsa.

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Doug Yonson, Ottawa

Thank you for including the children's garden [by Rosaleen Egan] in your most recent publication of *Niagara Escarpment Views*! The article and the photos are most impressive. You should be proud of your efforts. Is there any way to get extra copies? It would be wonderful to take copies to PEI this June to the bi-annual LMM conference.

Kathy Gastle, Halton Hills

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Sandra Yemm, Grimsby

Gisela Zayas Pérez at her home in Santa Lucía, Holguín, Cuba, on March 6, enjoying a copy of the Spring 2018 issue of *Niagara Escarpment Views*.
Photo by Mike Davis.

Canada Blooms prize winners

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◀ A new plug-in electric hybrid vehicle was unveiled on Feb. 15 at the Canadian International Auto Show.

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◀ Rhona Wenger, director of Grimsby Public Art Gallery, introduced Miles Rufelds at his multi-media lecture on Feb. 16 as part of the Art House Café Lecture Series. PHOTO BY ROSALIE MATTHEWS.

▼ On Feb. 23 at a Queen's Park ceremony in Toronto, the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) received the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Special Achievement. The BTC is being recognized for its 50-year commitment to the creation, stewardship and promotion of the Bruce Trail. Receiving the award, centre, is John Grandy, vice-chair of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. At left is The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and right, Harvey McCue, chair of Ontario Heritage Trust. PHOTO BY IAN CRYSLER, COURTESY OF ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST.



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▲ On March 8, the winners of the Halton Hills Camera Club 2018 PhotoArt competition gathered for a group shot. PHOTO BY DON ABLETT.



► Spring blooms in bright colours shone despite the minimal lighting at Canada Blooms, which ran from March 9 to 18 in Toronto. PHOTO BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT.



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▲ Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority opened a newly renovated and wheelchair-accessible observation platform at the March 30 Beamer Hawkwatch in Grimsby.



◀ Wildlife photographer and conservationist Neil Ever Osborne gave a presentation of his global work to Halton Hills Camera Club members and the public, on March 23 in Georgetown.

► On April 23, Philip DeWar, owner of Soulyve Restaurant, received an Environmental Sustainability Award at a meeting of Orangeville Council from Councillor Sylvia Bradley, chair of the Orangeville Sustainability Action Team (OSAT). Soulyve won in the business category for minimizing waste through the green bin program. At right is Mark Witcombe, an OSAT board member. PHOTO SUBMITTED.



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Escarpment Trails

WORDS & PHOTOS BY ISOBEL HARRY EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

▲ The East Bluff is a magnificent Niagara Escarpment landmark at Gore Bay. A refurbished boardwalk and new trails lead hikers to two high viewing points that overlook the town, the bay and the North Channel.



▲ According to Manitoulin biologist Judith Jones, Scott's Bluff in Evansville is a perfect illustration of the *cuesta* nature of the Island, with "long, gentle backslopes dipping away from a high ridge" over flatlands or expanses of water.

► Bridal Veil Falls plunges 20 m from the Niagara Escarpment edge into a popular summer swimming hole surrounded by forest trails along the Kagawong River.

Known as *Mnidoo Mnising* in the Ojibwe language (Manitou or Spirit Island), Manitoulin Island has been the home of the Anishinaabek for at least 10,000 years, when the dense glaciers of the last Ice Age were melting and North America became more hospitable to human habitation. The last significant shaping of the Niagara Escarpment took place then. The vistas on approaching

the Island are virtually as seen by the first inhabitants those thousands of years ago.

The challenges of getting here quickly, the longer distance compared to other tourist destinations in the near north, the small population relative to the size of "the world's largest freshwater island" have ensured that built development remains minimal and that nature's original gifts of ancient rock and rich biodiversity

remain abundantly visible.

"All of Manitoulin Island is a *cuesta*," explains Manitoulin biologist and environmental consultant Judith Jones. "In geological terms, the Island is a series of steep Escarpment slopes facing one side, usually north, with a gentle slope on the other, usually south, side. On the Island, you might see a high bluff from across a wide plain or expanse of water, like Scott's Bluff in Evansville and the East and West Bluffs in

Gore Bay, or walk the alvars at Misery Bay Provincial Park. Both illustrate the long, gentle backslopes of a *cuesta* dipping away from a high ridge."

The cliffs on the northern edges of the Island are the more salient of the Escarpment features on Manitoulin: at Cape Smith and Bebamikawe Memorial Trail in Wikwemikong Unceded Territory, Ten Mile Point near Little Current, Bridal Veil Falls and River Trail in



▲ The massive flat limestone pavements at Misery Bay Provincial Park are alvars, globally rare geological formations ridged with grooves showing the direction of the retreating glacier debris from the last Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago.



▲ The Escarpment views at the Mississagi Lighthouse on the western edge of Manitoulin Island are dramatic from water and from land; a trail leads to a swimming spot among the ancient rock formations.



▼ The top of the famous Cup and Saucer, the highest point on Manitoulin, is accessible by trails thanks to Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy.
PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.



▼ Sunset in August at the water's edge of Freer Point on the North Channel, showing alvars and a variety of plants and grasses. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.



► Dr. Roy Jeffery, trail steward for several properties with conservation agreements with the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy. He believes this gnarled tree at Freer Point is about 600 years old, one in a long line of ancient cedars stretching along the Escarpment from the Bruce Peninsula to Manitoulin Island.





Kagawong, the East Bluff in Gore Bay, Cape Roberts in Sheshegwaning First Nation and the Mississagi Lighthouse in Meldrum Bay, among many others, each with distinctive trails and lookouts open to the public.

The Cup and Saucer Hiking Trail, arguably Manitoulin's most well-known Niagara Escarpment landform, rises to 351 m (1,150 ft) above sea level, site of the Island's highest point of land and of expansive views, one of the very few small islands that stood above the water of glacial Lake Algonquin at the end of the last Ice Age as the Island's landmass became uncovered.

Almost all land on the Island is privately owned, making access to some Niagara Escarpment sites difficult, although some owners facilitate access and may charge a small fee, such as at Rockgarden Terrace Resort. On this property is Mindemoya Cave, bored into Escarpment rock layers by a powerful glacial stream as the ice sheets, which were kilometres thick, melted.

EBC Work

The efforts of the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) "to create nature reserves allowing for sustainable, low impact recreation" in the Niagara Escarpment region has also generated an extensive network of trails that enhances the older trails on the Island. Many of the trails on the EBC's "Hiking Trails on Manitoulin Island" map, set within forests, prairie grasses, pavement-like alvars, wetlands and along shorelines, accentuate the sloping nature of the land, away from the drama of the cliffs and bluffs, and are stunning in their own right as micro-environments of rare flora and endangered fauna conservation.

Volunteer caretaker Dr. Roy Jeffery maintains trails as steward of various EBC



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◀ Near Ice Lake, Linda and Chuc Willson maintain public trails on their conservation property, RavensWing Trail, 50 acres of peaceful paths on “low Escarpment” lands with a prolific vegetable garden at the trailhead.

▼ Many Niagara Escarpment features can be seen while driving or biking around Manitoulin Island, such as this outcrop of 450-million-year-old rocks on scenic Indian Point Road near Evansville in the western part of Manitoulin.

properties, including at the Cup and Saucer, where he, volunteers and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands swiftly developed a new entrance and bigger parking lot on EBC property last summer after a landowner closed the original entry due to financial difficulties.

At Freer Point on the North Channel just west of Little Current, Dr. Jeffery minds 360 acres of rare Bur Oaks, wetlands and two km of beach. He maintains the trails along the water’s edge and through tall grass, the occasional crotchety-looking Bur Oak solidly interjecting itself, like the tough, fire-resistant rarity it is, especially grouped in grassy savannahs like these.

“This is a good example of a conservation property,” he says. “It’s naturally preserved, outdoors, public, and non-motorized.” Dr. Jeffery pauses by a gnarled Eastern White Cedar that seems to cling to a rocky ledge for dear life. “This tree,” he says, “is probably 600 years old. It’s the continuation of a line of ancient cedars that stretches from Wiarton up to Tobermory and to the Island along the Escarpment.”

RavensWing

Small miracles of survival along the Niagara Escarpment in places protected from human development suddenly manifest on the forest floor, like the glowing white Puffballs and delicate, tiny Turkey Tail mushrooms at RavensWing Trail at Ice Lake, a 50-acre property with a conservation agreement with EBC.

Here, Linda and Chuc Willson have beautiful “low Escarpment” public trails among untouched drumlins, which are hillocks of rocks and boulders left behind by glacier melt. The trails uncover many such delightful findings as Hawberries, Ginseng, Bergamot, Yarrow, wild Leeks and Strawberries. At the trailhead the Willsons cultivate a vegetable garden, harvest apples from the old trees they are rehabilitating, tap Maple trees and are restoring the meadow to encourage Bobolinks and Meadowlarks to join the cranes and ducks.

“In this rich biosphere, food grows naturally. It’s wonderful to forage for food,” says Linda. “There’s a magical feeling of



stillness here, but Mother Nature’s caring for the forest is going on all the time.”

To Chuc Willson, who found this property in 1987

when he was “guided by a Blue Heron spirit,” it’s important that their garden be “in harmony with the land around it, and that we are present here

- Trails on public, private, municipal and First Nations lands are shown on the 'Hiking Trails on Manitoulin Island' map available from EBC at escarpment.ca.

- Permission to access Freer Point's trails may be requested from Bob Barnett at EBC: Tel. 416-960-8121 or toll-free, 888-815-9575.

- RavensWing Trail is open to the public at 144 Meadowlark Road, close to Ice Lake. Contact Chuc and Linda Willson at 705-282-0274 or icelakegarden@gmail.com for a guided tour.

- A guide to the Island's geological history, with two detailed field trips: Manitoulin Rocks! Rocks, Fossils and Landforms of Manitoulin Island, by M. Coniglio, P. Karrow and P. Russell.



with the land, respectfully.”

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Lucy Maud Montgomery's Norval Home

BY ROSALEEN EGAN

► The manse of Norval Presbyterian Church was home to Lucy Maud Montgomery from 1926 to 1935. The house is planned to become a museum and literary centre.
PHOTO BY ROSALEEN EGAN.



The house that Lucy Maud Montgomery (LMM) lived in with her husband Ewan Macdonald while he was Norval's Presbyterian minister, was bought in 2017 by the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills (HFHH).

"Our vision is to preserve this heritage site that will celebrate the life, the writing and the cultural impact of Lucy Maud Montgomery," says HFHH chair Lois Fraser. "The intention is to attract local, national, and international tourists and students."

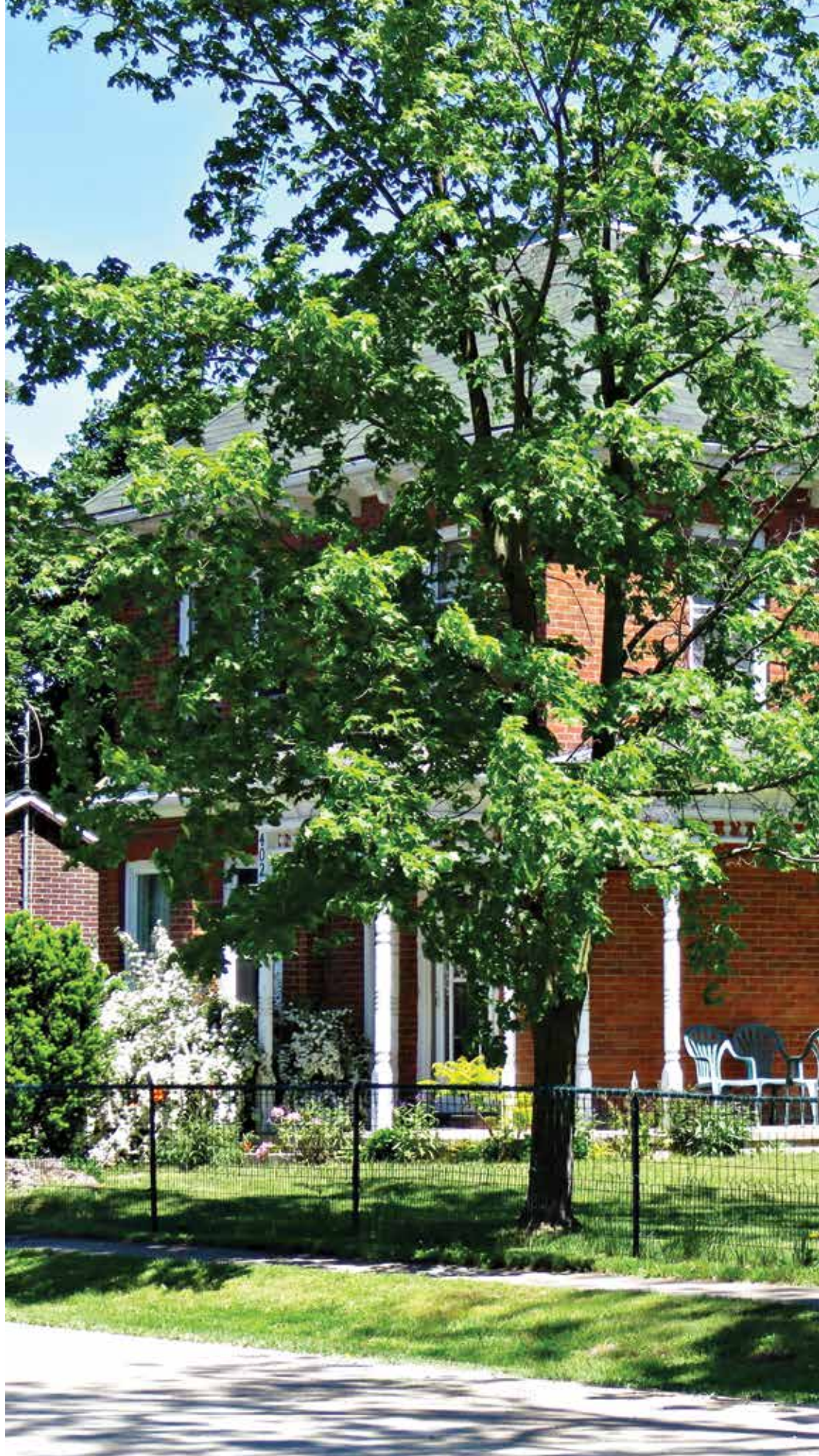


► Closer view of the
Norval manse.
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L MM, the famous Canadian literary figure and celebrated author of *Anne of Green Gables* and other novels, wrote in her personal diary on Feb. 28, 1926, “Norval is considered one of the beauty spots of Ontario.” She had recently moved to the village where she lived, wrote and was an active community member for nine years while her husband served a two-point charge, at Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches.

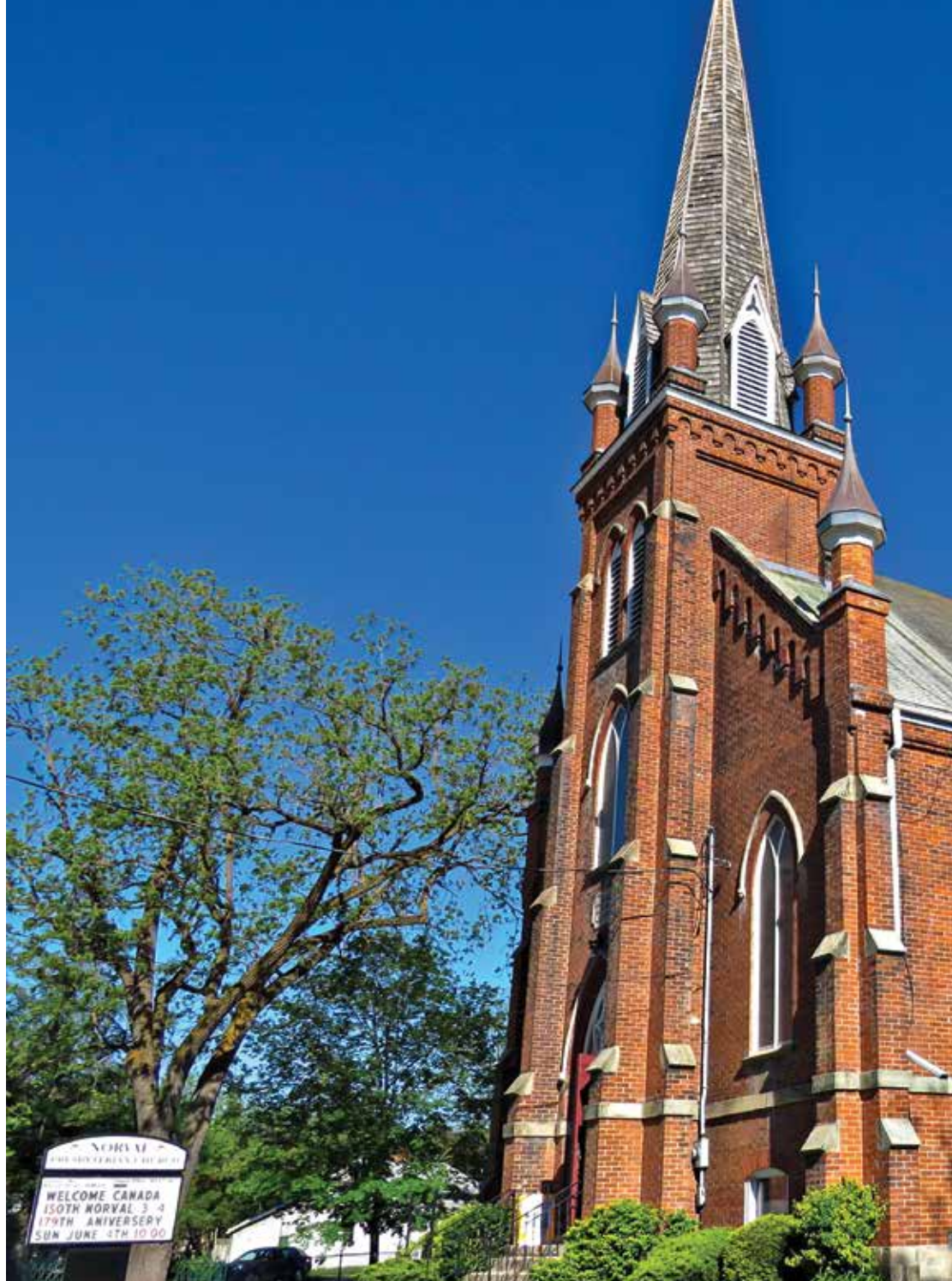
In addition to the manse, the half-acre property on Draper St. includes a barn and a former caretaker’s cottage dating to 1830. HFHH envisions the property as the first anchor in a larger project, the eventual development of the Village of Norval as an unspoiled area of Ontario’s natural beauty where people can visit a leisure and cultural hub year-round. Norval is situated where the Credit River meets Silver Creek at Hwy. #7 in Halton Hills. This year is its 200th anniversary.

The manse was built in 1888 by Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches as a residence for their shared minister. In 2010, the churches separated, each hired their own minister and the manse could no





► Norval Presbyterian Church where LMM's husband was minister. LMM was active in this and her husband's second charge, Union Presbyterian Church near Glen Williams. LMM taught Bible classes and Sunday School, led the Young People's Society and played the church organ.
PHOTO BY ROSALEEN EGAN



longer be used by them.

Kathy Gastle, chair of the Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Society of Norval, says "In 2015 I was approached by the churches with the idea of purchasing the manse for preservation. I was already a board member of the Halton Hills Heritage Foundation. The board agreed to purchase the manse for a future museum. The preservation and protection of it was important to Halton Hills. The purchase

took place March 10, 2017."

The purchase was made possible by two gifts of \$100,000 each from HFHH board members, Al and Lois Fraser, and Bob and Elaine Crawford. The Town of Halton Hills donated \$90,000 as part of the Canada 150 celebrations. The two families hold the mortgage and, until all planning approvals are put in place for the museum, the manse will be rented privately.

The town has designated

both the manse and the cottage as properties with cultural heritage value or interest under the Provincial Heritage Act. The HFHH and its partners are preparing an application to the federal government to designate the property as a National Historic Site of Canada.

Except for the addition of a downstairs bathroom, alterations to the kitchen and a glassed-in porch, the manse is in original condition to

LMM's time. It is a two-storey house with two bathrooms, four bedrooms, a living room, study, dining room and spiral staircase. It also has separate maid stairs from the kitchen to a bedroom upstairs.

According to Kathy, "The kitchen will be a central part of the future vision for the museum with a re-creation of Maud's kitchen."

HFHH member Elaine Crawford is related to LMM and has a valuable collection



of artifacts belonging to the author, including a hand-written cookbook. LMM wrote "If I had not been a poor devil of an author, I think I would have made an excellent cook."

The Vision

The plan is to make the manse a state-of-the-art museum that will deliver collaborative projects and interactive exhibits drawn from LMM's themes in her writing, journals, photographs,

nature writing, and social experiences. The literary centre will focus on her literature through writers, speakers, and partnerships in developing programs with colleges and universities.

LMM was very involved in the Norval community beyond her many church duties, including as an active member of the Women's Institute. She was an avid diarist and a mother of two boys. She partially wrote or



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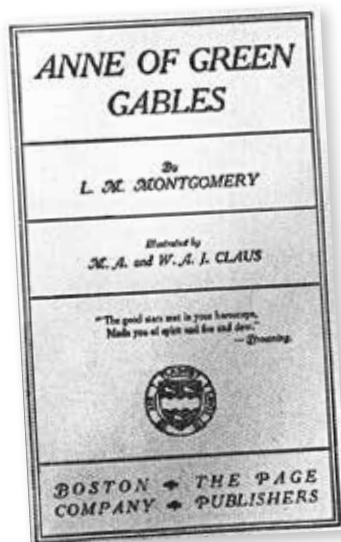
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▲ First page of *Anne of Green Gables*, published 1908. FROM WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



◀ Signed photo of LMM between 1920 and 1930. She lived in Norval from 1926 to 1935.

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► The cottage next to the manse on Draper St. comes with a barn behind it. Plans are to make the cottage an interpretive centre. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.



► Two versions of a logo for the planned museum and literary centre. IMAGES PROVIDED



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published six books and filled nearly three volumes of her 10 personal journals in Norval. "In her journals," says Kathy, "LMM writes of the village's extraordinary natural beauty and chronicles the social, economic and technological changes in this era."

The six books published while she lived in Norval are *The Blue Castle* (1926), *Emily's Quest* (1927), *Magic for Marigold* (1929), *A Tangled Web* (1931), *Pat of Silver Bush* (1933), and *Mistress Pat* (1935).

LMM is strongly associated with Prince Edward Island, the province of her birth and the setting of 19 of her 20 novels, most famously *Anne of Green Gables*. She was born November 30, 1874 and died in 1942 in Toronto at the age of 67. Beside

novels, LMM wrote articles, poetry and short stories.

Before moving to Norval, she and her family lived in Leaskdale, ON where the manse is now a national historic site. There is a Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum in Bala where her novel, *The Blue Castle* is set. Norval has a long relationship with these sites and many in Prince Edward Island. HFHH's vision includes partnering with them to help with marketing.

Partners

The University of Guelph is a strategic partner in the project and will provide leadership in organizing, designing and developing interactive exhibits, and collaborate on education and a writer-in-residence program. The university is home of the L.M. Montgomery

Collection, that includes her hand-written journals, photos, personal papers, and more.

HFHH continues to develop partnerships and affiliates with educational institutions, heritage and historical organizations, multiple levels of government agencies, local community and arts, culture, and tourism organizations to advance the quality, scope, and appeal of planned experiences at the L.M. Montgomery Museum and Literary Centre.

Fundraising of three million dollars is necessary for the HFHH vision to succeed. Lois says, "We share the belief that every piece of heritage that we enjoy today was saved by someone in its day, and we invite residents in the Niagara Escarpment area to join us

in being that someone who saved the Village of Norval for future generations."

Charitable donations can be made through: heritagefoundationhalton.ca or by mailing to Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills, 232A Guelph St., Ste. 201, Halton Hills ON L7G 4B1. Receipts are issued for donations over \$25. For information contact Kathy.Gastle@gmail.com.

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CROWS **VERSUS** **RAVENS:** **A Tale of Two Birds**

WRITTEN BY BRUCE MACKENZIE

Common Ravens and American Crows have interesting stories to tell us about their world and the Niagara Escarpment environs. To watch their stories over time we have documentation from ornithologists since the early 1800s combined with the data from almost 100 years of Christmas Bird Counts (CBC), the 1985 and 2005 Ontario Breeding Bird Atlases (OBBA), and notes from bird watchers from Tobermory to St. Catharines.



◀ Raven with possible duck egg being taken back to the nest to feed the young. PHOTO BY BARRY CHERRIERE.

My intrigue with ravens started with a phone call in November

1976. My wife Laurie and I were working near Kapuskasing. Once a week we were allowed to leave our bush camp for an afternoon in Kapuskasing to shop and get cleaned up. It was on one of those trips that we witnessed a family of ravens taking full advantage of their mastery of the air. It was quite windy, and it was like watching a team of figure skaters or cats with wings; dives, chasing each other, rolls and even loop the loops. We had never seen anything like it before.

Later that day on our weekly phone call home I remember telling my Dad about the ravens. I recall him saying, "Bruce, they must enjoy playing. We are not alone in the pursuit of happiness." It was one of those phone calls with a parent that I remember distinctly.

Crows with their large size, raucous calls and abundance in rural and urban areas are easily discernible and likely one of the first birds that a child learns to identify. Crows are common throughout Ontario. Their spring migration starts as early as February and by April they are pretty well back on territories everywhere. By late fall they have returned to parts of the United States or southern Ontario. The American Crow ranges over almost all of the forested and farmland in North America.

Ravens are symbolic of the north and found in every province and territory in Canada. They are easily recognized because in the winter they are the big black bird in the sky. Crows, ravens, magpies and jays belong to a family of birds known as Corvids. They are considered to be the most



► The Common Raven is considered to be the most intelligent of all birds.
PHOTO BY LEE ANN FITZGIBBON.

intelligent of the birds with ravens being the smartest.

Differences

At first it is not easy to tell the difference between crows and ravens. There are striking differences though, but one has to look beyond the colour. Ravens are about 1/3 larger, have a much larger beak, a ruff of feathers at the front of the neck and a large diamond-shaped tail.

A crow's tail has straight sides. What truly separates the species is the voice. The "caw" of the crow is not comparable to the "gronk" of the raven or its other calls selected from a large vocabulary of sounds and phrases. Crows might be found in large flocks, called a "murder," and ravens are usually found as single birds or in pairs. Sometimes in winter at such large food sources as a wolf kill,

multiple ravens, known as an "unkindness," may be found.

In the early 1800s ravens and crows were found throughout Ontario. Since then agriculture and urbanization has changed the landscape. Crows benefitted tremendously from the land changes. As agriculture spread out, crows who eat much more plant products than ravens, followed the plow. Ravens, which are predators



▲ Crows have finer features than ravens. PHOTO BY BONNIE P. KINDER.

▼ Ravens have heavy beaks and a ruff of feathers on their necks. PHOTO BY BONNIE P. KINDER.

and scavengers, became restricted to the forests on the Canadian Shield. As the forests were removed ravens were persecuted and killed by scavenging on poisoned wolf baits that were laid out across the land to eliminate the wolf. Crows would often winter in the Golden Horseshoe. They may roost communally at night and in the late 1900s single roosts in the Hamilton and St. Catharines area could





◀ Painting of ravens by Bruce Mackenzie, based on a photo by Robert McCaw published in *Canadian Geographic*.

be found containing up to 4,000 birds. During the day the crows would fly out from the roosts to agricultural lands. Outside of the nesting period they are quite social.

We do not see the large roosts of crows like before. West Nile disease found our land. Corvids are very susceptible to this new disease introduced around

2000. According to CBC data, between 2000 and 2003 the numbers of crows fell precipitously. In St. Catharines CBC crow numbers went from a high of 11,050 in 1994 to 3,568 in 2001 to an outstanding low of 105 in 2003. The same trend was observed in CBCs across southern Ontario. Fortunately, we have seen the threat of

West Nile diminish and crows seem to be returning to regular numbers in the summer, but the large winter roosts are not found today.

Locations

Since 1981 the raven has been a common resident of Manitoulin Island but in 1942 it was not mentioned in an account of the Island's fauna.

It seems it took some time after the major lumbering of the Bruce and the Island in the 1800s and early 1900s for the forests to return to suitable habitat for ravens to return.

On the Bruce Peninsula, ravens nesting started to be recorded in the 1970s. According to the results of the first OBBA in 1985, ravens were found breeding



▲ Crow with twig, building a nest. The crow's tail has straight sides.
PHOTO BY ANN BROKELMAN.

north of Owen Sound on the Escarpment. The next OBBA, 2005, showed a highly significant range expansion for the bird south of Owen Sound, following the Escarpment south to north Halton.

Until 2001 only single ravens had been seen south of Orangeville but on November 12, 2001 a pair was seen at the Hilton Falls Conservation

Area in Halton. Since then successful breeding has taken place in Halton and Hamilton. Now that the southern forests are maturing the ravens are returning as well.

Along the Escarpment there is a string of quarries with high artificial cliff faces. The ravens have taken a liking to them for nesting sites. At a quarry on Stoney

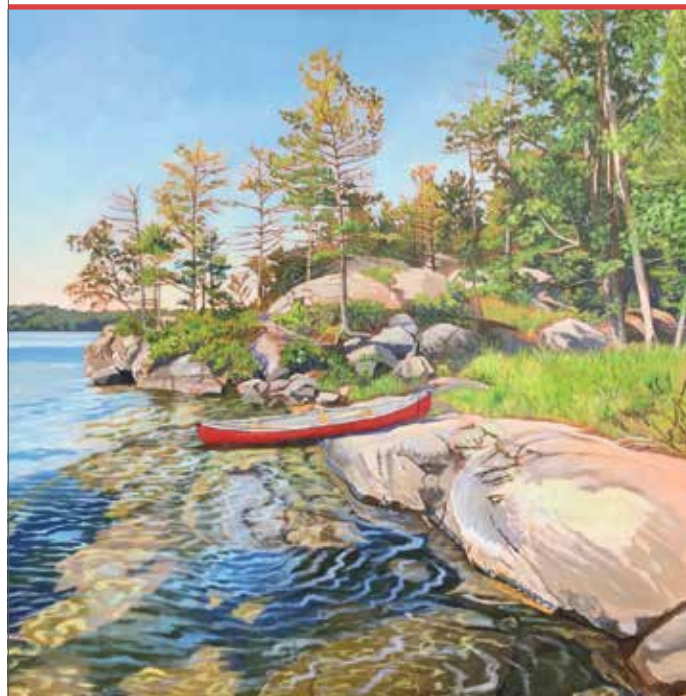
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▲ Fish crows have been seen at Niagara River and on Lake Ontario at Burlington. This one was photographed near Niagara Falls BY ANN BROKELMAN.

Creek Mountain a pair of ravens has been nesting successfully for at least five years and, interestingly, a pair of Peregrine Falcons has also been nesting on the same cliff face, condo-style. Ravens prefer to nest on cliff faces but where these are not available, hydro towers, bridges and trees will do. This winter, a pair of ravens has been observed near an old quarry in St. Catharines. A nesting site discovery will likely follow soon.

While crows at first benefitted from the vast

changes to the landscape and ravens essentially had disappeared, it is the adaptability, resilience and intelligence of these two species that allowed them to survive in our changing Escarpment world. In only 30 years we have seen significant expansions to the raven's range and since 2000 the crow population has changed dramatically.

Fish Crow

We know the changes are not over. Today, we see a new species of crow moving

into Ontario, the Fish Crow. A smaller cousin of the American Crow, Fish Crows are normally found along the southeast coast of the U.S. In the 1980s the species started a small inland colony in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State. Now, we are finding them along the Niagara River at Queenston and for the last few springs they have been found along the shores of Lake Ontario in Burlington. They have even attempted to nest but not successfully yet. The American Crow won't be welcoming.

A phone call 43 years ago started us observing nature with a more critical eye. It seems like we have more to see.

Bruce Mackenzie** is an active naturalist living in Grimsby. A director of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, he enjoys working on environmental projects in Niagara and kayaking along the shores of the Bruce Peninsula. He retired from the Hamilton Conservation Authority after 39 years of managing conservation areas. **NEV



Raven on nest on cliff face of a quarry in Stoney Creek.
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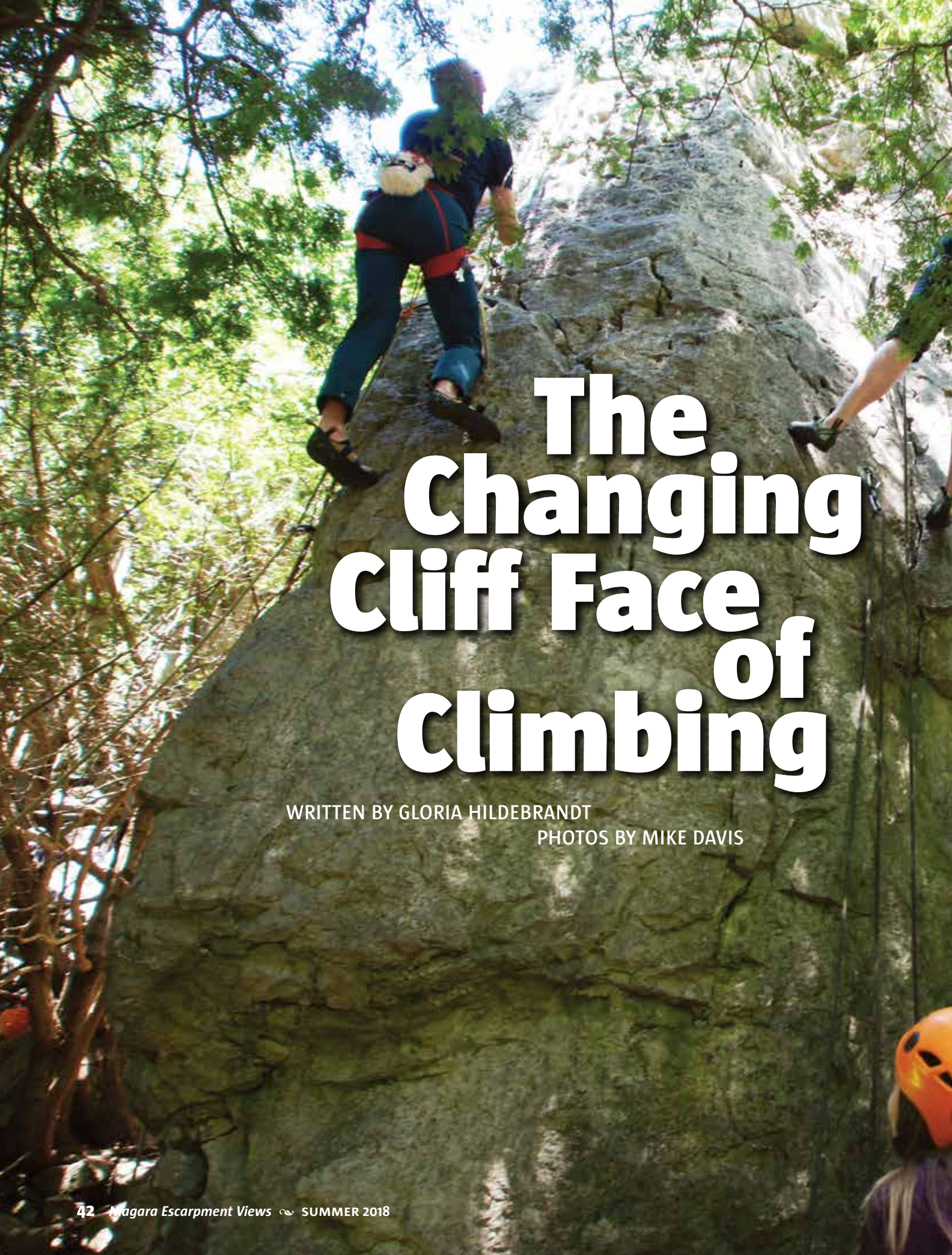
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A low-angle photograph of a rock climber ascending a steep, light-colored rock face. The climber is wearing a blue shirt, dark pants, and a red harness, with a small white stuffed animal attached to their back. They are positioned in the upper left quadrant of the frame. To the right, another climber's legs and feet are visible. The background is filled with dense green foliage and tree branches, creating a natural setting. The title text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The Changing Cliff Face of Climbing

WRITTEN BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT

PHOTOS BY MIKE DAVIS



Rock climbing has reached new heights of environmental awareness in recent years, moving away from an attitude of adversarial scrambling up cliff faces to careful stewardship of nature.



▲ At the 2017 Beaver Valley Climbing Festival, climbers practised on rock faces without foliage.



▲ Challenge at Metcalfe Rock: beginning the rock climb.

Time was, the mighty cliff faces of the Niagara Escarpment were considered indestructible elements that could be challenged and conquered. They were places where fit people could test themselves, get a tremendous workout and prove that humanity could

overcome great physical hurdles. Little thought was given to the possibility that a few plants and trees could be damaged in the process, because these places were just so rich in plant growth.

Up to about 20 years ago, Mike Davis, co-publisher of this magazine, used to do a bit of rock climbing. He has

seen some careless practices.

“Before people understood about ancient cedars,” he says, “they saw them as scraggly malformed trees they could attach ropes to without realizing the consequences, and that the trees might be hundreds of years old.”

He saw the effects of climbers who must have

attached a rope around a tree on the top of a cliff, without putting padding around the tree, climbed up the cliff and gone down on the double rope, which destroys the bark on the tree, killing it. He saw climbing routes with broken branches and cut trees on cliff faces. “Topping out” was done, which is climbing



► A clinic instructor's belt, fully loaded with climbing gear.

▲ "Knowing how to ascend a rope is a good climbing skill," said a guide while demonstrating this during a climbing clinic. A participant responded with "Why do we even bother rock climbing? Just do this!"

up to and over the lip at the very top of the cliff.

"It was not understanding the rare and unique flora on the cliff face," says Mike. "Trampling plants happened because they may look small and insignificant, not worth the bother of going around them. As understanding increases, we understand better what it is."

That was then. Climbers have changed what they're doing.

Climbing Damage?

In 2002 a report for Society For Conservation Biology entitled "Rock Climbing Harms Cliff Ecosystems, Study Finds," indicated that places used for rock climbing have far fewer plant species than unclimbed locations. This report was written by Michele McMillan and Douglas Larson; Larson is well known as the co-author of the influential 2007 book *The Last Stand: A Journey Through the Ancient Cliff-Face Forest of the Niagara Escarpment*. The 2002 report, along with others about different rock-climbing locations, led to the assumption that rock climbing damages sensitive plant habitats.

A later 2006 study by Larson and Kathryn Lynne Kuntz concluded the opposite: "differences in vegetation were not related to climbing disturbances but rather to the selection by sport climbers of cliff faces with microsite characteristics that support less vegetation." In other words, climbers look for and prefer to climb cliffs that naturally support less plant life. Researchers found no evidence that climbing damages plant growth.

"It's changing now, how people interact with nature," says Randy Kielbasiewicz, co-chair for Ontario Access Coalition (OAC), whose mission states that it is "an independent provincial,



volunteer non-profit organization that works diligently to keep climbing and bouldering areas open."

Randy continues to explain that "We don't top out. The edge is a place of very high-quality plants. There's a lot of biodiversity there. Routes are engineered to avoid trees. We want clean [rock] faces with no foliage. The days of grovelling up grooves are gone."

OAC Efforts

Since OAC became a non-profit organization in 2009, it has been doing more than just organize climbing. That year, the group hosted the first clean up at Rattlesnake Point in Milton. That morphed into the annual crag stewardship day.

The next year, OAC began promoting environmental stewardship and awareness of endangered species, while working with Bruce Peninsula National Park, Grey Sauble

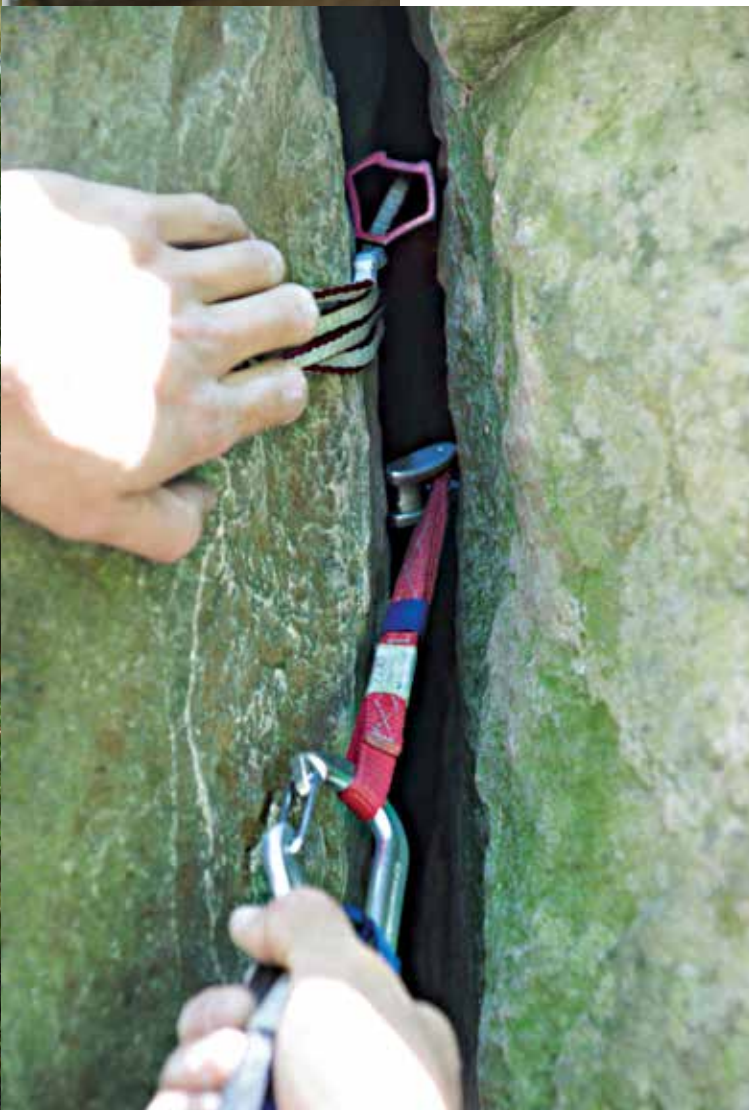


▼ Climbing used to be done near plants growing on cliff faces.



▲ "Anchors are paid for by OAC," says Randy Kielbasiewicz, OAC co-chair. "They're modern stainless steel which the government likes. Our bolting people are well educated. I've never seen a bolt fail. Not one."

▼ Temporary climbing anchors placed securely in crevices serve to shorten accidental falls.



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▲ Wildflower blooming high up on ledge of an Escarpment cliff.

Conservation and Niagara Parks Commission on issues of access to climbing areas. In 2011 bouldering became a permitted activity in Niagara Glen. For a *Niagara Escarpment Views* feature on this sport, see “Bouldering Totally Rocks” in Spring 2015.

When land became available for purchase in 2013 at the base of Old Baldy in Beaver Valley, OAC began fundraising to buy it. A year later, \$130,000 was given to

Grey Sauble Conservation to buy the land and secure climbing access to Old Baldy.

Last year, after previous discussions with OAC, the new Niagara Escarpment Plan included permission for climbing to occur where a management plan exists.

A current project involves an improvement at Metcalfe Rock in Beaver Valley.

“We’re fund raising for eco toilets,” says Randy. “It’s a hundred grand but it’s the right thing to do.”

Climbing Festivals

Last year OAC held their 5th annual Beaver Valley Climbing Festival. People camped out over a weekend in July, socialized in the evenings and learned climbing techniques during the days.

“Climbing clinics educate people about how to be safe,” says Randy, “and what a privilege it is to climb outside, how to have minimal impact on the environment.”

Last year, many clinics were held to teach various climbing



▲ An Eastern White Cedar thrives on a cliff face despite having broken branches.

skills, including rappelling, self rescue, handling falls, ascending a rope, placing climbing gear, belay skills and dealing with stuck ropes.

For this year’s festival, check ontarioaccesscoalition.org.

See *Niagara Escarpment Views*, Spring 2015 for Chris Mills’ feature “Bouldering Totally Rocks.” **NEV**

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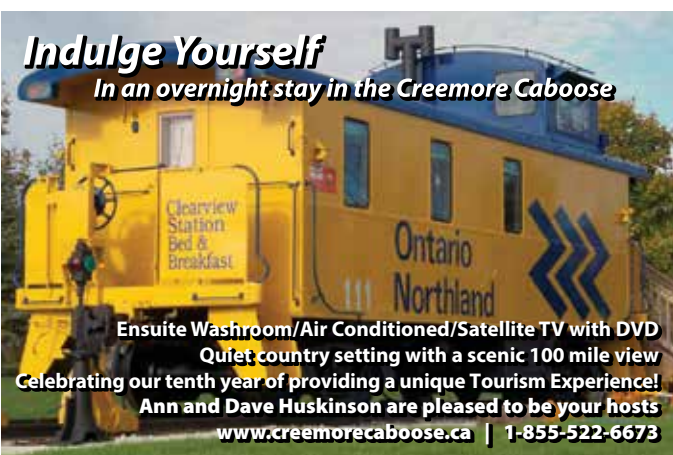
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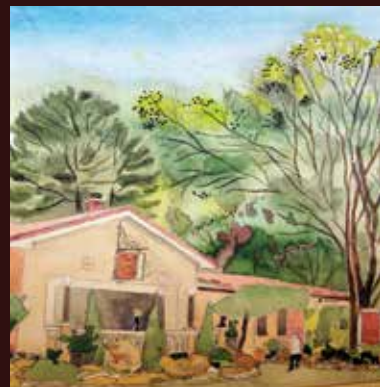
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By Gloria Hildebrandt

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With 14 acres of forest, I can let my dogs run freely. I used to be able to do this when walking on the road, too, but an increase in traffic and some dimwits who drive at idiotic speeds, plus the slow-moving schoolbus that clipped Thomas and broke his leg, have forced me to play it safe and keep them on leash when on the road. In the back it's different.

I have enough paths and trails to be able to take a new route every time, so the dogs remain interested and have to pay attention to where

I'm heading. If they've raced ahead on a path that I don't take, Thomas will backtrack the way he went, until he picks up my scent and catches up to me. Kelly the Border Collie understands geometry and uses triangulation to meet me. Rather like Wayne Gretzky playing hockey, Kelly figures out where I am going to go, and cuts through the forest to reach me. She does this when playing fetch on a lake with waves, too. Mike will throw a stick out into the water, and Kelly will run down the beach to the spot where the waves will bring the stick to her. She's figured out how to make less work for herself.

Yesterday's Poo

Both always want to run ahead of me, and I think it's because I'm so dense that I am absolutely unaware of and utterly wreck all the new smells. They spend time at individual plant stems that overhang the paths, as if deciphering clues left by passing animals, while I plough through, quite oblivious. They are at fresh scat at once, and after careful sniffing, move aside to mark a spot with urine.

If I find scat that I haven't noticed before, I'll call them

and point to it. They usually give a cursory sniff and move on, with a look that makes me feel like the biggest dork possible for not knowing that that poo was so yesterday.

They also make me think that they might just be psychic. Not infrequently, when we're approaching a junction in the paths where there's a choice of ways to go, if I am thinking of taking the less-usual way, they will head off in that direction. Am I giving off signals I'm unaware of? Am I looking at the other path enough that they notice and go in the direction of my gaze? Or can they actually read my mind?

Chores

While the dogs and I enjoy the relaxation of walking through the woods, I'm not able to let go completely. I can't help but make a mental list of all the work I should do. There are downed branches still to clear up, broken branches to trim off, grapevines to pull off trees, and Buckthorn to deal with.

I have old, fruit-bearing Buckthorn trees that create generations of offspring. They

will need cutting down and their stumps treated with some poison, apparently. This is a job I will need help with. I also have plantations of baby Buckthorn to remove. I discovered that when the ground is damp, I can actually pull up a lot of the babies, roots and all. So my walk sometimes includes weeding out Buckthorn and hanging the little trees in the crotch of bigger trees, in order for the roots to dry out. I tell visitors that I hang them up in order to scare the other Buckthorns and they smile politely in recognition of the joke. Later while on my walks, I can gather the bunches of dried Buckthorns and bring them back for burning.

So once upon a time my walks around the back were aimless and pleasurable. Now I walk and have to tell myself to relax, let go and enjoy the walk without turning it into a mission.

Gloria Hildebrandt is co-founder, co-publisher and editor of this magazine.



◀ Originally my father's dog, Thomas has always known this land as his home. PHOTO BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT.

▲ Kelly among the summer's lush growth, waiting for us to catch up. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

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Investing in Ontario

By Bob Barnett

Southern Ontario has a remarkable legacy of natural heritage including: 237 rare species, rare ecosystems like the Niagara Escarpment, the La Cloche/Killarney Mountains, the Carolinian Zone and, of course, the Great Lakes and its remarkable rivers.

The services that nature provides to humans are worth \$84 billion a year. Tourism is just one example where the hiking, cycling, birding and skiing on the Greenbelt alone is worth almost \$2 billion a year. Health and education too are invaluable. In Japan, doctors prescribe walks in nature. Removing carbon from the atmosphere, another of nature's services, is now a major challenge for society. Old trees, like those on our conservation reserves, are much more effective at removing carbon than young forests, especially when woodlots are harvested every few years. Only 15 per cent of harvested wood lasts 100 years, in buildings and furniture. The rest becomes CO₂ as it is left to rot, burned, thrown into landfill, or flushed down as toilet paper.

We're losing 300 acres a day to development like roads and urban sprawl. That's 400 square km a year. We can't relax and leave nature to be protected by the government. Ontario has cut off funding for land trusts and conservation authorities yet is creating no new parks on its own. Only 4.41 per cent of southern Ontario is protected to international standards, not the 17 per cent that 193 countries including Canada have agreed to protect by 2020.

We're told the Greenbelt

is protecting our land. Regulations help but one can still build in the Greenbelt, and regulations can change or disappear altogether depending on who is writing the rules.

Tax Problem

We're told that nature is exempted from property taxes. There are some exemptions from property taxes for landowners who are looking after their woodlots and wetlands, but only a small percentage

started in 1997 for precisely these reasons. We wanted to protect as much of the entire ecosystem as possible, not just a trail corridor, but the forests and river valleys that flow to Lake Huron. Manitoulin is an essential part of the Escarpment, but only a small fraction is protected by either nature reserves or regulation. One of our first reserves was Manitoulin's Cup and Saucer, where more than 10,000 people a year climb up for the majestic view. We've grown from protecting one

silica and quartz remnants of the 3.5 billion-year-old mountains so often painted by the Group of Seven and now featured in galleries. The Mountain also has 12 of Ontario's rarest species including wolves, eagles and the Peregrine Falcon. We've cared for the paintings, now worth millions.....we need to protect the original site. It's only \$158,000 or \$700 an acre.

EBC is just a small charity with only two full-time staff. We've managed to protect 162 nature reserves, 53 precious square km of land and coincidentally 53 of Ontario's rare species so far. Each dollar we spend once on land protects \$1.40 worth of those important ecological services every year thereafter. What better investment is there?

Canada's Commitment

The job of protecting the land that sustains us is too big for land trusts alone. We appreciate the recent efforts of so many public figures and MPPs to say that Canada will INVEST in our land by putting \$1.3 billion new dollars into the current budget to meet our 17 per cent commitment under the International Biodiversity Initiative by the agreed target of 2020.

We need your help finding the cash to conserve land and then building trails and monitoring the land we have protected.

Contact Bob Barnett of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy through www.escarpment.ca or at 888.815.9575.

Donate to the campaign to buy Willisville Mountain by cheque, credit card or PayPal. Get more details from EBC.

Great news!

The federal government in the February budget announced \$1.3 billion over five years. Much of that was specifically targetted toward meeting Canada's 17 per cent biodiversity goal by 2020.

This should help EBC conserve more land to help meet our collective goal.

qualify. Some qualify as provincially significant lands. In most other cases including municipally or regionally significant areas, the taxes still apply. Forest owners can be 75 per cent exempt if they agree to use good forestry practices for 10 years. Why should there be taxes on the same nature that is saving us from floods and cleaning our air and water? If taxes were lower, the need to sell off parcels and cut the trees would be reduced. Surely resource extraction and "developed" properties that don't provide nature's services should be taxed instead.

Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) was

reserve a year to almost one a month because landowners want to see the land they cherish protected from ever-encroaching development.

Typically, it only costs us \$5,000 to \$15,000 for lawyers and appraisers to protect a big reserve, maybe 100 acres or half a square km. Typically we have at least one rare species on a property. It's only costing us \$50 or \$100 an acre to protect such valuable habitat.

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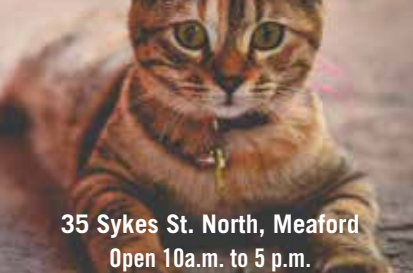
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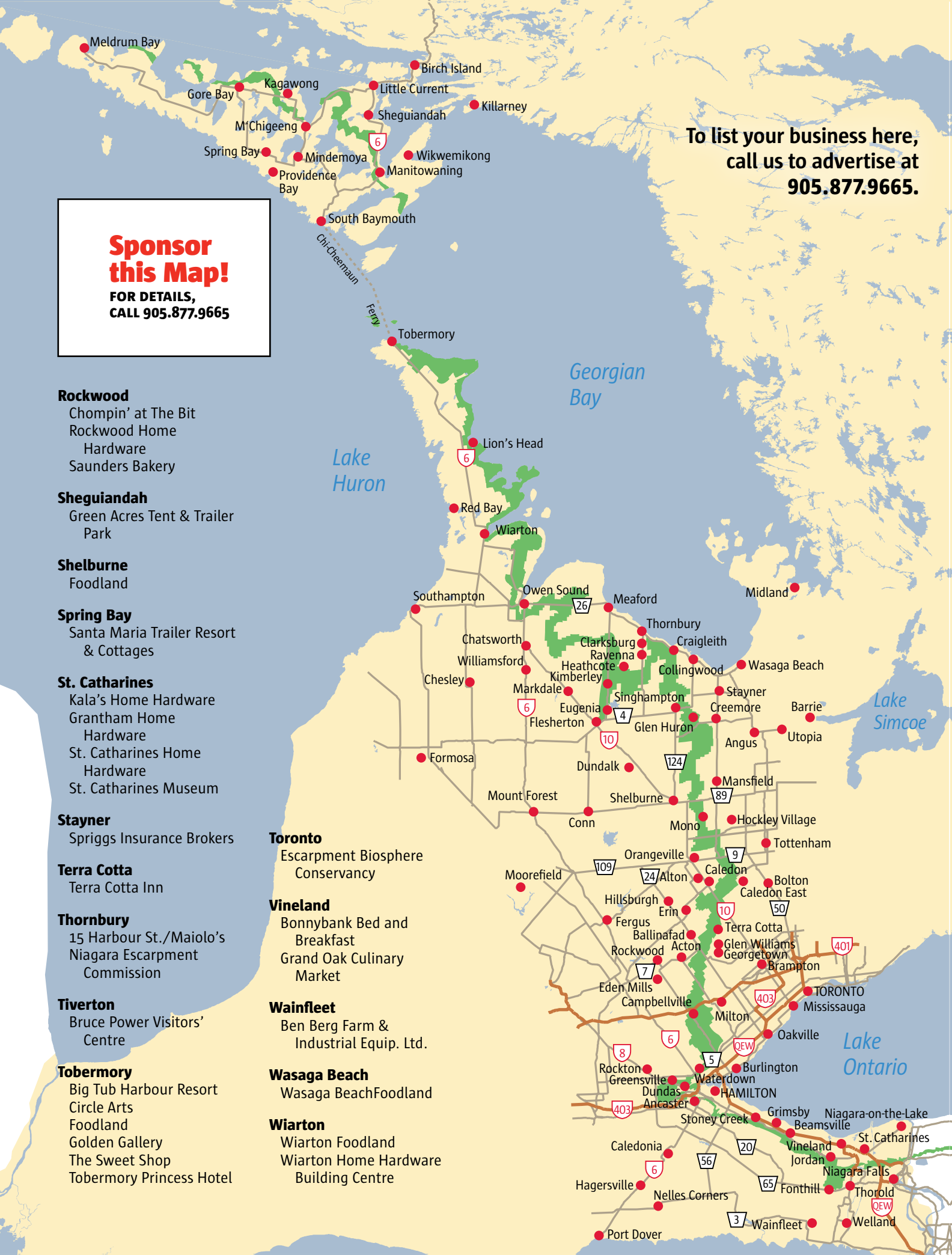
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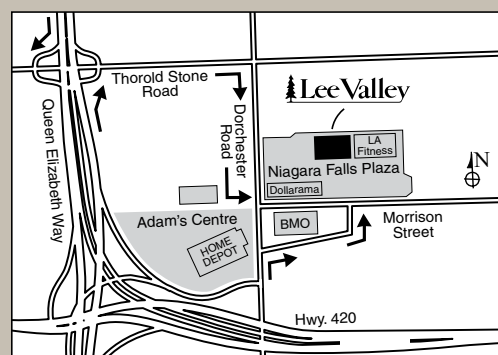
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