

Nature's Porn

At last I can dare to publish this photo. Mike and I first discovered this mushroom growing on our forest property a few years ago. We had never even heard of such a thing. Needless to say, we couldn't believe our eyes. We showed it to someone else who thought we had put it there to play a joke. It gives off an odour that we find highly unpleasant, but flies adore and dogs find very interesting. Like all fungi, it remained visible for a number of days, then disappeared. I believe a few of these popped up another year, but we haven't seen any more of them over the last few years.

We can publish this photo now thanks to the astonishing feature article by Art Weaver in this issue. His photos of slime moulds and more, are varied and exquisite and he has a Stinkhorn in his collection as well, with a different appearance. We are only able to show a few of his very many impressive photos.

Rosaleen Egan has focused on a much more easily edible product in this issue: apples that grow near the shore of Georgian Bay, and a particular variety that she has just learned about and enjoys.

As always in our Autumn issue, we have a special feature on artists and galleries that are close to the Escarpment. This time we feature works that are available in Oakville, Milton, Owen Sound, Tobermory and Manitoulin Island.

Much as I would have liked to put a Stinkhorn on the cover, I thought that would have made the point of "fungi porn" a little too explicit. Instead, our cover story this issue is about an outdoor experience you can enjoy that merges history with Indigenous culture, and nature



▼ Thomas investigating a Skirted Stinkhorn growing wild.
PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

with serenity. Landscape of Nations at Queenston Heights is definitely worth the visit, in person or just from the comfort of your armchair.

Gloria

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

Let us know what you think!

Write us at editor@NEViews.ca or *Niagara Escarpment Views*, 50 Ann St., Georgetown ON L7G 2V2.

More Online!

Keep in touch with Escarpment news between issues at our website. We have unique content not seen in the magazine, and you can leave comments in response. See www.NEViews.ca.



Niagara Escarpment Views is on Facebook as:
www.facebook.com/N.E.Views