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This magazine would be very different without your letters, notes, comments and ideas. It's hard to imagine just what it would be like, but I suspect it would be safe, bland and ordinary. We are grateful for the number and kind of contacts we receive from our readers and viewers. Judging by the many letters to the editor that we receive, and especially those in this issue, some of which are not complimentary, this magazine is not ordinary. It provokes response and involvement, which I regard as a sign of success. Having you care about what you see, experience and learn about the Niagara Escarpment and its nearby communities is really the whole purpose of this magazine.

These exchanges are even extending to our Facebook page, which has increasingly lively discussions. We seem to be getting to know each other there. Some of you may not know that I am the one who posts, shares and replies to your comments. We don't have a social media person who handles this for us. So if you follow our Facebook page, you are in contact with me all the time.

Shaping the Content

I am delighted to hear from so many of you with suggestions for future stories we can work on. In fact, we're a little over-

scheduled for what we'd like to publish next year. Don't let that stop you, though, from sending me your ideas. I would hate to miss something fantastic. One of the features in this issue came from one of our readers and was completely new to me.

Sometime last year I got an email from someone who had been researching his family tree and discovered that his ancestors in the 19th century were involved with a significant number of water-powered mills in Ontario. I became intrigued when I realized that many of them were located on the Niagara Escarpment, which is hardly surprising given the number of waterfalls that flow over it. Further email exchanges and a lot of work on this person's part, led to the impressive photo essay in this issue, "The Plewes' Mills of the Escarpment." This fascinating work would not have been created had Gerald Hunt not approached me with his findings.

A Question

Similarly unexpected was the feature on Escarpment-themed poetry that we spotlight in this issue. On his travels, my co-publisher Mike Davis picked up a packet of papers called *The Poetry and Ecology Project*. After reading it, I wanted to share the story of this project with you. Through the generosity of the project participants, we were

able to publish a great overview of this interesting literary work.

This leads me to ask if you'd like more poetry or short fiction in the magazine. I figure that in winter we have a bit more time to get cozy inside and enjoy reading a little more. I know that we have a great many professional and amateur writers and poets who live near the Escarpment. Would you be interested in exploring more creative writing in these pages? Let me know what you think.

Other Features

It wasn't my intention to have a nature story in each issue, but this year it happened. We had bluebirds in Spring, crows and ravens in Summer, and mushrooms and fungi in Autumn. This winter we look at where non-migrating animals go to survive the winter weather. Our piece on dreys, snags and brush piles teaches us a lot about the kinds of shelters animals need, find or even build.

As we know from sales of Mike's new pack of blank Christmas photo cards, available to order in this issue and online in our "General Store" on our website www.NEViews.ca, Christmas is coming. We have a charming article by Colette Shand about the challenges and rewards of directing children in a Christmas pageant.

There are of course, other seasonal holidays and festivities.

One thing they may have in common is the giving of gifts. Even if you're only going to dinner parties this winter, you will probably want to bring along something special. To help with ideas for the gift-giving season, we present selections from some of our favourite retailers along the Niagara Escarpment. Costly or affordable, the suggestions from our shopkeepers are just the tip of the iceberg of what's available. Look locally for gift options, as these business owners will welcome your visits.

Gloria

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.



In memory of our beautiful Kelly, March 13, 2002 to Oct. 19, 2018

ASTONISHED AND HUMBLLED

In October we were astonished to receive a donation in the mail and the note:
Please accept the attached cheque from my late sister, June Kish [of Niagara Falls]. She was a fan of your magazine. She died yesterday [Oct. 15, 2018].

Richard Kish, Niagara-on-the-Lake

We did not know either June Kish or Richard Kish. We are humbled by June's generosity and regard for the magazine. We extend our sympathies to Richard for his loss.

Let us know what you think!

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It took me less than 10 seconds to find that “John Brant or Ahyonwaeghs was a Mohawk chief...”. Is there any recognition anywhere of the native names of the two Six Nations war captains? If these warriors used their native names that should be indicated in your copy and on the statues. I believe that all statues and monuments should have the total historical perspective presented. Please correct me if I’m wrong or if I missed something.

O.J. Grolman, by email

Editor’s reply: Good point! The plaques at the base of the statues of the two war captains give their native names first: Teyoninhokarawen for John Norton, and Ahyouwaeghs for John Brant.

I have just been reading your current issue and I wanted to let you know I am enjoying the articles and pictures. Now that I live in [Thornbury] surrounded by escarpment I appreciate the area more every day. I am also impressed with your advertisers – so many and from a wide geographical area. Even Maiolo’s Restaurant which is my favourite... Congratulations on your success over 10 years.

John Drewry, Thornbury



A few days ago, I picked up a copy of the latest issue of Niagara Escarpment Views, @ RiverBrink Art Gallery, Queenston, On. “Indigenous Allies Honoured at Queenston” on the cover caught my eye, since I live in the historic area of the Village of Queenston, and am minutes from Queenston Heights. In my humble opinion, “Nature’s Porn” (photo, etc.), degrades N.E.V. and is ‘infradignitatem’ for what I formerly considered a ‘FAMILY’ publication. If I

I enjoyed the article on fungi in the autumn 2018 magazine. I found this pretty one near our house today and thought that you might enjoy seeing it. Mary Ellen Miller, Hillsburgh



I thought the article was incredible and not because I wrote it. Your choices and the quality of the photos were fantastic. I was really impressed with the size you printed. I have a copy sealed in plastic for posterity. I particularly enjoyed your story about the Fungi Porn in your editorial. That was quite a picture and I can see how friends and family could think of it as a practical joke. Since the article, we have found many more unusual and beautiful fungi. Friends and family alike were very impressed with the article and with the magazine in general. I think we have some converted as I’m starting to get questions about fungi as people are starting to notice them.

Art Weaver, St Catharines

were a ‘supporting’ advertiser, I would withdraw my support immediately. And, since I’m familiar with several advertisers, I will certainly bring this to their attention.

Yvonne Pagani, Queenston

I don’t think we’ll advertise in your magazine again. That nature’s porn article was very inappropriate. Why would you not let porn articles for porn magazines? [sic] We expected much better of this magazine than such a waste of paper!

Bervie Supply, Kincardine

Editor’s reply: We are sorry about your response to the Autumn issue. We did not mean to offend, but rather to educate. Please note that we did not tamper with the photo in any way. The fungus appears exactly as we found

it. We are fascinated by the many varied and unusual forms and shapes of life forms that are found in nature. We believe all are valuable, interesting and sometimes funny. The vast majority of responses to this photo have been similar to ours: surprise, curiosity and amusement. We believe in learning more about the marvels of nature to be found in our unique Niagara Escarpment.

Editor’s note: We received another letter from a reader who objected to the photo of the unusual fungus, but this reader signed it “Anonymous.” We do not publish letters from people unwilling to give their names. We will, however, withhold a name upon request, provided a name is given for our records.

Just read your article ["View from the Editor's Desk"] and the P.S. ["Wild animals need wild spaces."] I agree with you completely. In a position of contact with more people could you do something?

The smallest animal that can feel pain both emotional and physical is a mollusk. Wiarton Willie has been kept in isolation as a prisoner for the last 13 years until it died. What a life! No one would put their dog in there! This groundhog had done no harm to be imprisoned this way. There has been much opposition from the public regarding the imprisonment of a wild animal - until it died - for the selfish purposes of Wiarton - such as recognition from tourists and making hopefully some money. Wiarton does not listen to these moral people who can think and have some empathy for others. The Council and Janice Jackson of Wiarton ought morally to do some thinking about this abuse.

Sure, this groundhog is well fed, has a roof over its head and will not have to deal with nature but its life is not a normal life. It cannot have friends and a family as nature intended. It cannot run in the wild. It has done nothing to warrant being imprisoned in isolation until it dies. This is simply animal abuse for the purpose of man.

The proof that a groundhog can feel is that this new one which has been in training for the last three years.... is recognizing his keeper when he comes to feed him. If the groundhog had no intuition, feelings, needs and etc. it would not welcome its keeper. It would not know the difference. Thus, it is abuse to restrict it and keep

it prisoner from a normal life with friends, family etc.

May I offer that these unfeeling people read books from knowledgeable authors such as Peter Singer, Jonathan Balcombe. They both explain how animal's emotional inner lives aren't that different from our own. Maybe these books may awaken some sort of feeling and empathy and very importantly - a feeling of morality in these people of authority in Wiarton.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and hopefully you will present this note to the public and most importantly that the tourist department of Wiarton does develop some empathy and morality.

Another question is: what and who gives us the right to use and do this to an animal?

Louise Bowlby, Wiarton

P.S. Would they put their dog in there in isolation until it dies? It would have a cute little house and be fed every day.

Editor's note: What do the rest of you readers think about Wiarton Willie? What about other captive animals? Let us know your views.

I often read the *Niagara Escarpment Views* and appreciate the interesting articles that roll out with each season. I especially enjoyed learning about some of the different fungi that grow along the Bruce Trail and of course their comical names in your latest issue.

Sarah Earley, Manitoulin Island



On July 20, 2018, I picked up the final copy of 2017. WOW!! (At Grand River Boat Cruises). On July 30, 2018, I picked the next two issues in Meaford, Ontario. I'm a huge LMM fan, so Norval is on my list to visit. This magazine is great. Living close to Hamilton Ontario, I see the escarpment when I drive

down the mountain. I'm hooked! Looking forward to receiving the Fall issue. Imagine, 10 years and I just found NEV!!!

Mary Hubert, Caledonia

I was first made aware of your beautiful, quality publication by a friend. She had attended the U.P.E.I bi-annual conference in June. Kathy Gastle had taken donated copies to the conference. I am a long-time adherent to the literary study of Lucy Maud Montgomery, and friend of Kathy. We in Dundas are always aware of the Escarpment surrounding our town.

Beverley Hayden, Dundas



Correction:

There is an error in "Art For All," Autumn 2018, which reads: "The largest size of work they [In2Art Gallery] have offered has been in the range of 70 square inches." Instead of 70 square inches, it should have read 70 inches by 70 inches, or 4,900 square inches, or about 34 square feet. We thank an eagle-eyed reader, who wishes to remain anonymous, for pointing out this error.

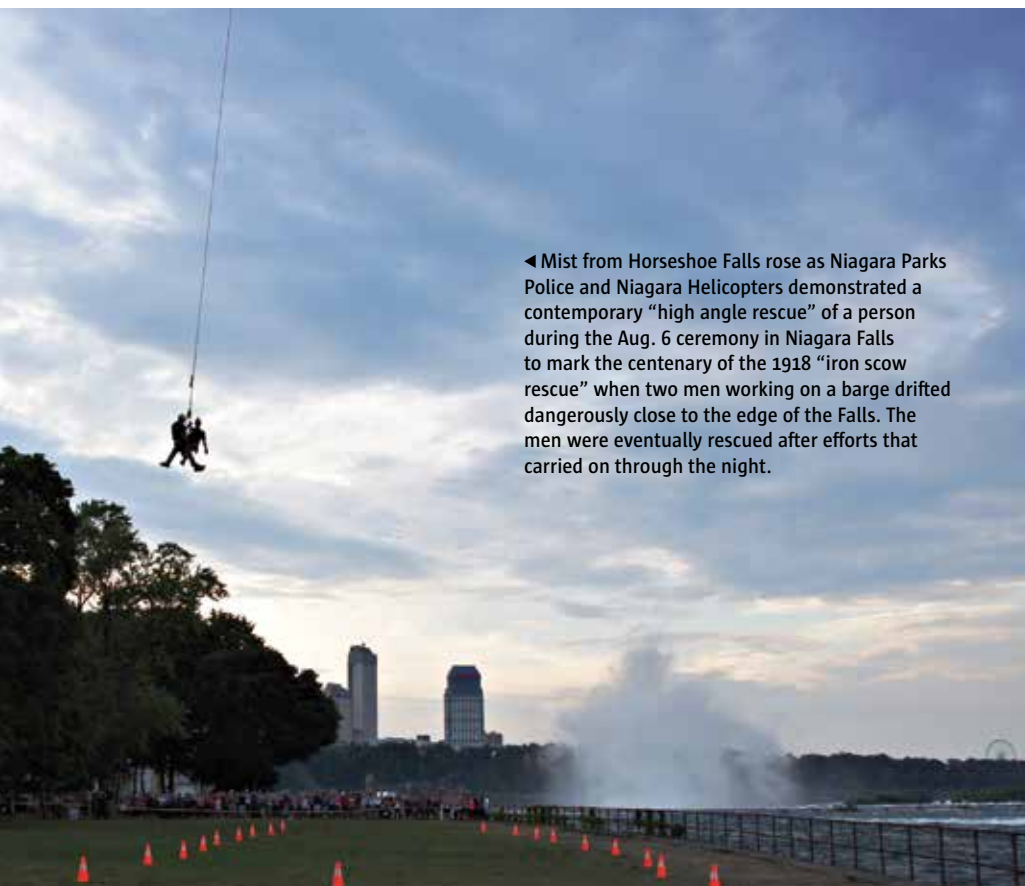
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■ EVENTS ALONG THE ROCK

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◀ Willow Park Ecology Centre in Norval celebrated its 20th anniversary on July 14 with displays, demonstrations and very popular interactions with snakes and turtles from Scienstational Sssnakes!!



◀ Mist from Horseshoe Falls rose as Niagara Parks Police and Niagara Helicopters demonstrated a contemporary "high angle rescue" of a person during the Aug. 6 ceremony in Niagara Falls to mark the centenary of the 1918 "iron scow rescue" when two men working on a barge drifted dangerously close to the edge of the Falls. The men were eventually rescued after efforts that carried on through the night.



▲ The 22nd annual Meaford Scarecrow Invasion and Family Festival began on Sept. 4. More than 250 creations with the theme "Scarecrows Go Western" were placed in downtown Meaford where they remained until after Thanksgiving. A Scarecrow Hoedown was held Sept. 27 and a parade took place on Sept. 28. PHOTO SUBMITTED.



▲ Dashboard of a 1960s Dodge displayed at Downtown Milton Classic Car Show on July 20. PHOTO BY CHRIS MILLER.

► A vintage fire truck was available for exploration at the Aug. 12 street party, Acton Leathertown Festival. PHOTO BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT.



Slow Cooker Beef Short Rib Chili

A long simmer in the slow cooker makes these short ribs ultra-tender.

PREP TIME: 15 min | **TOTAL TIME:** 6 hr. 45 min. | **SERVES:** 12

1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
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 ½ tsp (2 mL) each salt and pepper
 2 cups (500 mL) diced onions
 1 cup (250 mL) diced carrots
 1 cup (250 mL) diced celery
 ½ cup (125 mL) diced green pepper
 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 1 can (796 mL) diced tomatoes
 1 can (540 mL) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
 1 can (540 mL) black beans, rinsed and drained
 1 can (156 mL) tomato paste
 2 tbsp (30 mL) chili powder
 1 tbsp (15 mL) dried oregano
 1 tbsp (15 mL) hot sauce
 2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped fresh cilantro
 2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped fresh parsley

1. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the ribs with salt and pepper, and sear on all sides until browned. The beef ribs should register 70°C (158°F) on an instant-read thermometer; set aside.

2. Discard the excess fat in skillet. Reduce heat to medium. Sauté the onions, carrots, celery, green pepper and garlic until lightly browned, about 5 min.

3. Transfer mixture to slow cooker. Mix in the ribs (and juices), canned diced tomatoes, kidney beans, black beans, tomato paste, chili powder, oregano and hot sauce. Cover and cook on LOW setting for 6 hr. (or 4 hr. on HIGH setting). The chili should register 74°C (165°F) on an instant-read thermometer. Just before serving, stir in chopped cilantro and parsley. Serve with bread on the side, if desired.

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◀ Some members of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce participated in carrying a huge Canadian flag onto the field during the opening ceremonies of a football game between the Hamilton Tiger Cats and the Edmonton Eskimos in Hamilton on Aug. 23. Here they were with the rolled-up flag while the teams warmed up before the game.



▲ Downtown Georgetown's 19th annual Rock'n'Roll Classics was held on Aug. 24. This 1930s hot rod was one of hundreds of vehicles on display. PHOTO BY CHRIS MILLER.



▲ Festival Sunday of the 30th annual Eden Mills Writers Festival opened on Sept. 9 with its traditional parade with bagpipes, a Town Crier and colourful umbrellas from Bali.



◀ Nearly 6,000 people attended the 10th annual Telling Tales Festival, for young readers, on Sept. 16 at Westfield Heritage Village in Hamilton. PHOTO PROVIDED.

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▲ An opening ceremony took place at Cheltenham Badlands on Sept. 14. Cathie Jamieson, councillor, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation gave a traditional blessing and invocation of ancestral spirits, as well as sang and drummed to “recharge” the landscape. Representatives from Ontario Heritage Trust, Credit Valley Conservation, the Town of Caledon and the provincial government also attended.



▲ Sharon Wadsworth-Smith of Mono, left, won the 2018 Established Artist of the Year award from the Town of Orangeville. Presenting the award to her is last year’s recipient, Leisa Way. PHOTO PROVIDED.



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SHELTERS FROM THE STORMS:

▲ The moon has already risen as the sun sets early in winter. With leaves gone from trees, this drey or squirrels' den is clearly visible high in a tree.

Dreys, Snags & Brush Piles

WRITTEN BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT | PHOTOS BY MIKE DAVIS

The season of winter provides unique opportunities for observing birds and animals, for those who know the signs. Three structures that are used year-round, dreys, snags and brush piles, can be of interest at this time of year.



◀ This snag is riddled with holes from woodpeckers, which now could serve as shelters for birds and small animals, even at the same time. “I like to think of good holey snags as condominiums without discriminating landlords,” says Bruce Mackenzie.

mites and fleas become too numerous. Sometimes, two or more squirrels will share a drey, curling up together to share body heat. Squirrels don’t hibernate, and in the winter they will leave the drey to forage for food during the warmest hours of the day, unless it is very cold or stormy.”

Bruce Mackenzie, a former manager at Hamilton Conservation Authority and a current director of Hamilton Naturalists’ Club, adds “Dreys are usually found in deciduous trees like maples and oaks as their branching leans towards having suitable crotches for squirrels to use as a base for the drey. The size of tree is usually large, relative to the rest of the trees, as the larger size reduces sway in the wind and provides better crotching in the branching.”

Dead Trees

“Snag is a word for a standing dead tree,” says Bruce. “Snags are one of the most important elements in a forest. They provide homes for countless life forms from insects to birds and mammals. Without snags many species cannot exist in our forests. Snags are used as nesting sites for birds and mammals. Usually snags have cavities in them caused by branches falling off the trees, leaving areas for rot to take place, physical injury or woodpecker holes. As wood decays it becomes softer allowing for greater numbers of cavities to open up.”

Bruce believes that there may be as many as 85 species of birds in North America that use tree cavities for nesting.

Spherical Nests

“A drey is a spherical nest made of leaves and twigs, found in the fork between tree branches, well above the ground,” says Laura Timms, ecologist in natural heritage management for Credit Valley Conservation. “Dreys can be distinguished from stick nests

made by birds, by the presence of leaves, by their spherical shape, and by the fact that they are not open at the top.”

Dreys are made by squirrels at almost any time of the year, although mostly in the fall. According to Laura, in Ontario they are made by Eastern Grey Squirrels,

Southern and Northern Flying Squirrels, and only on Pelee Island, Fox Squirrels.

“Dreys are used as a den, for shelter, sleeping, and nesting,” continues Laura.

“Adult squirrels will make more than one drey in case one is disturbed, and may move from one to another when



◀ This small brush pile near a pond has a close source of fresh water. The many tracks leading to the open water show that large animals also frequent the spring.



▲ Whether drey or old nest, this home appears to be made mostly of moss.



▲ Small brush pile in a forest with some animal tracks nearby.



▲ As dead trees decay, they provide food and shelter for insects, birds and animals. According to Bruce Mackenzie, small mammals who over-winter together in tree cavities will change positions so that the ones on the outside get a turn on the inside where it is warmer. This writer's mother once reported hearing snoring from the inside of a snag.

He adds that mice, squirrels, fishers, weasels, porcupines and bats also use the holes for resting or hibernating.

"Forests with a diversity of tree species and with a diversity of ages give rise to a diversity of life forms," Bruce says. "Old-growth forests are full of dead trees and fallen logs. If I had a choice I would rather see 10

healthy trees cut out of the forest than one big dead one."

Laura adds "Snags are a part of healthy forest ecosystems. They provide habitat and food for all kinds of wildlife. In Ontario, that includes at least 38 bird species, several mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, and countless insects, spiders, and fungi.

Many species use cavities in snags for nesting and shelter, including birds, for example owls, wood ducks, nuthatches, wrens, chickadees; mammals, for example, bats, squirrels, racoons, bears; amphibians like tree frogs; and reptiles like the Gray Rat Snake. Raptors such as eagles, hawks and owls will perch on top of snags

while hunting to observe the surrounding area, or to sun themselves. Finally, many species of wildlife use snags for food. Some organisms eat the dying tree directly, such as fungi, and wood-boring insects, while others feed on those species, such as woodpeckers, predatory insects and spiders."

Sticks and Twigs



▲ The remains of a meal. This debris from a pine cone was close to a brush pile. A collection of edibles like this is called a larder.

“Brush piles are made up of branches of various sizes, and often have vines and other vegetation growing on them,” says Laura. “They form naturally in forests when storms cause tree branches to drop, and can also collect in areas when spring flood waters carry debris along a path.” Both Laura and Bruce

point out that people can make effective brush piles. “They can be of any design,” says Bruce, “from just a few branches piled up on each other to an assortment of small logs piled together and covered with smaller branches. They are excellent places for small wildlife to hide and take shelter. Think



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▲ Autumn evidence of a snag in the making. These are wood chips likely made by a Pileated Woodpecker.

► Future snag: this big, living maple has the wood chips seen above, at its base. There are at least three fresh woodpecker holes in the trunk.

◀ A drey stands out high in a tree while the setting sun paints a pink streak in the sky. Laura Timms explains that squirrels weave twigs together to form a hollow sphere with an entrance near the tree trunk, and line the inside with grass, moss, pine needles or feathers.



rabbits for nesting and hiding.”

Laura adds “Brush piles can provide cover from predators, shelter from weather, nesting sites, perching sites, food, and temperature regulation for many wildlife species, including small mammals, birds, snakes, frogs, salamanders, bees, and other insects and spiders.”

“Leave standing dead trees alone,” declares Bruce,” and leave logs on the ground. Where windfalls have been removed, brush piles can be created. Add animal nesting boxes in woods that have few good old snags with cavities.”

Laura agrees. “Landowners with forest on their property can allow dead or dying trees to remain standing, allowing for the creation of snags and their persistence on the landscape.

How to Help



Urban landowners that have a small number of trees can also incorporate snags into their property. Although the tops of dead trees in an urban yard may need to be removed for safety, the bottom 10 to 15 feet of a tree can be left, and will still provide important resources.”

Laura adds the important point “Many types of wildlife habitat are protected under the Provincial Policy Statement as Significant Wildlife Habitat.

This includes features such as bat hibernacula, raptor foraging and perching habitat, and old growth forest among many others.”

For more information, contact your local conservation authority. **NEV**

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The Plewes' Mills of the Escarpment

BY GERALD HUNT

The elevations, fresh water and waterfalls of the Niagara Escarpment have attracted industry since the early 1800s and are the reasons that so many mill structures exist there today. One family in particular is associated with many of the Escarpment's mills: the Plewes of England. ~Editor's note.

▲ The Speeton Mill on Boyne River near Hogs Falls in Flesherton is now a beautiful private residence. The mill was formerly named the Little Mill and the Pepper Mill. It was owned by William Plewes who also owned the Kimberley Mill.





▲ Front row, second from right, is the gravestone for William Plewes, owner of Kimberley Grist Mill until his death in 1882. He is buried here in Vandaleur Pioneer Cemetery located between Kimberley and Markdale.

◀ This sign hangs on the former Speeton Mill in Flesherton.

The Plewes family of Yorkshire, England, had an expertise in the design, construction and operation of water-powered mills. By the middle of the 19th century coal was taking over as a power source in England and many of the water-powered mills in Yorkshire were being converted to steam. The abundance of water power in Ontario and lack of industrial development provided an opportunity to this enterprising family.

The Plewes family of millers left Yorkshire in the 1850s with money in their pockets and purchased water rights and existing mills in Ontario and beyond. They were likely financed by their Yorkshire cousins who continued to operate mills in England. So far there are records of 31 of their mills in Ontario, 21 of them along the Niagara Escarpment. About six of them still exist today.



The Kimberley Grist Mill on a tributary of the Beaver River that comes down from Old Baldy, is now a wine-making store. The mill pond forms part of a parkette. The mill was owned by William Plewes who was born in 1804. After his death in 1882, he was succeeded by his son John A. Plewes, who paid \$2,000 in 1886 to the estate of William Flesherton for The Speeton Mill. Descendants of William currently live in Kimberley.



◀ This private residence in Terra Cotta was formerly a house owned by Plewes family members. Their Terra Cotta Mills on the Credit River was nearby. Now, only the millrace remains. The present village community centre used to be a Methodist Chapel established by the Plewes family. Simon Plewes of Catwick, Yorkshire, owned the mill until his death by drowning in the Credit River in 1876. He is interred in Acton Pioneer Cemetery. After his death, his younger brother David Plewes purchased the mill. In 1906 an electric power house was built on the site of the Plewes grist mill to power the nearby Terra Cotta Pressed Brick operation.

PLEWES' MILLS NEAR THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT

The Plewes family is associated with the following water-powered mills in locations near the Escarpment from the Collingwood area in the north, to the Thorold area in the south. Some of these mills still stand, while others are mere ruins, or only have ponds or millraces still visible, or have disappeared entirely.

COLLINGWOOD: Kirkville Mill, Silver Creek. Dam and mill pond remain.

KIMBERLEY: in Beaver Valley on tributary of the Beaver River. See photo.

MARKDALE: Victor Mills on Armstrong Creek. Ruins, dam, mill pond remain.

FLESHERTON: Speeton Mill on Boyne River, 1.5 miles downstream, near Hogg's Falls. See photo.

CREEMORE: Roller Mills and Electric Light Works. No sign of ruins, but a parkette exists on the other side of the Mad River, dedicated to earlier mills.

GLEN HURON: Grist Mill, downstream from Hamilton Mill. Owned by Angus Plewes of Markdale, who also owned the Victor Flour Mill.

DUNEDIN: Grist Mill on Noisy River. James Plewes drowned here 1877.

MAPLE VALLEY: Glandore Mills on Noisy River, 500 m upstream from Hwy 124, N of Shelburne. Ruins, dam. There were three mills at this site, Plewes Grist Mill, Reid Saw Mill and Stuart Planing Mill.

NEAR MAPLE VALLEY: Lavender Falls Mill, Noisy River, 1 mile downstream of Hwy 124, N of Shelburne. Now a beautiful private residence.

HONEYWOOD: Black Bank Creek Mill, E of Redickville on Sideroad 21, N of Shelburne. Dam remains.

SHELBURNE: Roller Mills on the Boyne River. Ruins built over. Mill burned down around 1935.

MANSFIELD: Boyne River Mill on a different Boyne River, W of Airport Rd., N of Hwy 89. Now a private residence.

HORNINGS MILLS: William Airth Mill on Pine River. Cast iron penstock, or large pipe for conveying water to the water wheel, and mill pond remains. Parts of old mill concrete structure can be seen. See photo.

ERIN: McMillan Grist and Flour Mills, West Credit River. destroyed by fire in 2013. Former mill ponds remain. See photo.

TERRA COTTA: Terra Cotta Mills, Credit River. Millrace ruins. Nearby, a private residence was formerly a Plewes House. See photo.

EVERTON: Hortop Mill, Eramosa River. Destroyed by fire in 2017. Plewes Cottage is now a private residence. There were two mills, one on each side of the river. Mill channels and cast-iron penstock remain.

ACTON: Acton Mill, Black Creek. 19th century penstock, millrace and mill pond remain. Currently a modern mill. See photo.

CAMPBELLVILLE: Campbellville Grist and Flour Mill, 16 Mile Creek. Mill pond remains.

MILTON: Martin Mill, 16 Mile Creek. Part of the former mill pond is now a parkette.

LOWVILLE: Lowville Mill, Bronte Creek, Guelph Line S of Campbellville. See photo.

THOROLD: Overholt Mill, 12 Mile Creek





▲ Close-up of sign on the former Kimberley Grist Mill.



▲ Charlotte "Lottie" Plewes was born in the Lowville Mill House in 1858. Charlotte married the Rev William George McAlister, in Brantford, in 1885. A suffragette and published author, she died in 1936. PHOTO: SFU DIGITIZED COLLECTION, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY.



▲ McMillan Grist and Flour Mills in Erin were leased in 1908 to Simon Plewes of Kimberley, 1875-1934. The West Credit River flows under Main St. and there are former mill ponds accessible from a walking trail. In 2013 the Mundells' historic planning mill burned to the ground.



▲ A gravestone for Simon Plewes is in the Acton Pioneer Cemetery. Carved on it are the words: IN/ MEMORY OF/ SIMON PLEWES/ DIED AT SALMONVILLE/ MAY 23 1876/ AGED 45 YEARS/ Born at Catwick/ YORKSHIRE ENGLAND/ ALSO OF/ MARY/ HIS DAUGHTER/ Died May 17 1877/ AGED 4 YEARS/ ALSO/ GEORGE C./ HIS SON/ Died JULY 28 1879/ AGED 4 YEARS



▲ Lowville Mill on Bronte Creek at Guelph Line south of Campbellville is now a beautiful private residence and City of Burlington Heritage House. It was built in 1836 for James Cleaver, father-in-law and partner of David Plewes. David was the brother of Simon, and was the most successful of the Plewes millers. He was the owner or partner of mills in Lowville, Milton, Oakville and Brantford. He died in 1905 and is interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

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▲ Ruins of Glandore Mills on the Noisey River in Melancthon Township are upstream of County Road 124, Maple Valley. There is a footbridge going over the top of the structure at the millpond. This dam supported a grist mill and a saw mill, owned by the same William Plewes who owned the Kimberley Mill, and his son-in-law, William Walker Reid. William was married to Sarah Foxton Plewes. Sarah died at Horning Mills in 1909.



▲ William Airth Mill at Horning Mills was located on the east side of the Pine River, about 150 m downstream of the dam.



▲ The mill stone from the mill in Erin remains in the open, having survived the fire.

◀ Isaac Warcup Plewes was the proprietor of the Grist and Flour Mill on 16 Mile Creek in present-day Campbellville when the mill burned down in 1857 or 1858. Isaac was the son of James Plewes of Yorkshire. With his brother-in-law David Plewes, Isaac also owned the Martin Mill in Milton and the Chisholm Mill in Oakville until 1870. He died in 1924. While none of the Martin mill remains, part of the former mill pond is now in a parkette. PHOTO: SWANSONS 162, ANCESTRY, PUBLIC TREE 2016.



*Gerald Hunt of Georgetown was born in Great Britain and raised in Yorkshire. He is related to John Plewes, who was born in 1796 and died in 1851 in Acton. **NEV***



designed by John A. Plewes of Kimberley in 1867. The penstock can still be seen on the far side of the dam from the mill pond dam.



▲ John Plewes of Speeton, Yorkshire, owned a mill on Black Creek in Acton until his drowning in the millrace in 1851. John is buried in Acton Pioneer Cemetery. His sons Alfred, David and Simon operated the mill after his death. A modern flour mill exists at the same place today. The mill pond is in Fairy Lake Park.

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By Gloria Hildebrandt



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▶ A vast selection of unique toys, books, crafts, games and more, at five locations in southern Ontario, including Collingwood. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. Minds Alive!, Collingwood, mindsalive.ca



Winter is a time to get together with others.

Work parties. Religious holidays. Cultural festivities. New Year's Eve and Day. Birthdays. Simple dinner parties with friends and neighbours. All can be occasions when you don't want to arrive empty handed.

If you need a little inspiration, some ideas to start brewing, browse these pages for shops to explore and delights to consider, from low cost to *how much*? Turn the pages and start dreaming...



▲ More than 2,000 antique glass windows, most from England, to choose from. Prices vary. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. The Stonehouse of Campbellville, thestonehouse.ca.



◀ Colourful custom glass pieces fill a window of The Gallery Upstairs, which offers a huge selection of unique gift ideas beyond fine art. Prices vary. Photo by Mike Davis. The Gallery Upstairs, Milton, thegalleryupstairs.com.



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▲ **Incense & Holders** — A large variety of incense lets you choose how to improve your mood and the scent of your space. From \$1 to \$3; holders \$6 to \$18. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. **The Down to Earth Shoppe**, Dundas, thedowntoearthshoppe.ca.

When I was a child, my father used to take me Christmas shopping for the family. One year when I was a young teen, he waited until late afternoon of Christmas Eve. As our family is of German descent, we always celebrated on Christmas Eve.

So this was cutting things close. As well, for some reason he decided to shop at the local country general store. In those days the store was crammed full of everything the farming community could use, from open barrels of nails and screws of all

sizes, to heavy-duty rubber boots, metal pails, denim overalls, gloves for work and for dressing like a lady, as well as rows of cans of food.

My Dad and I scoured that store for suitable presents and the pressure was on, because it was this store or nothing

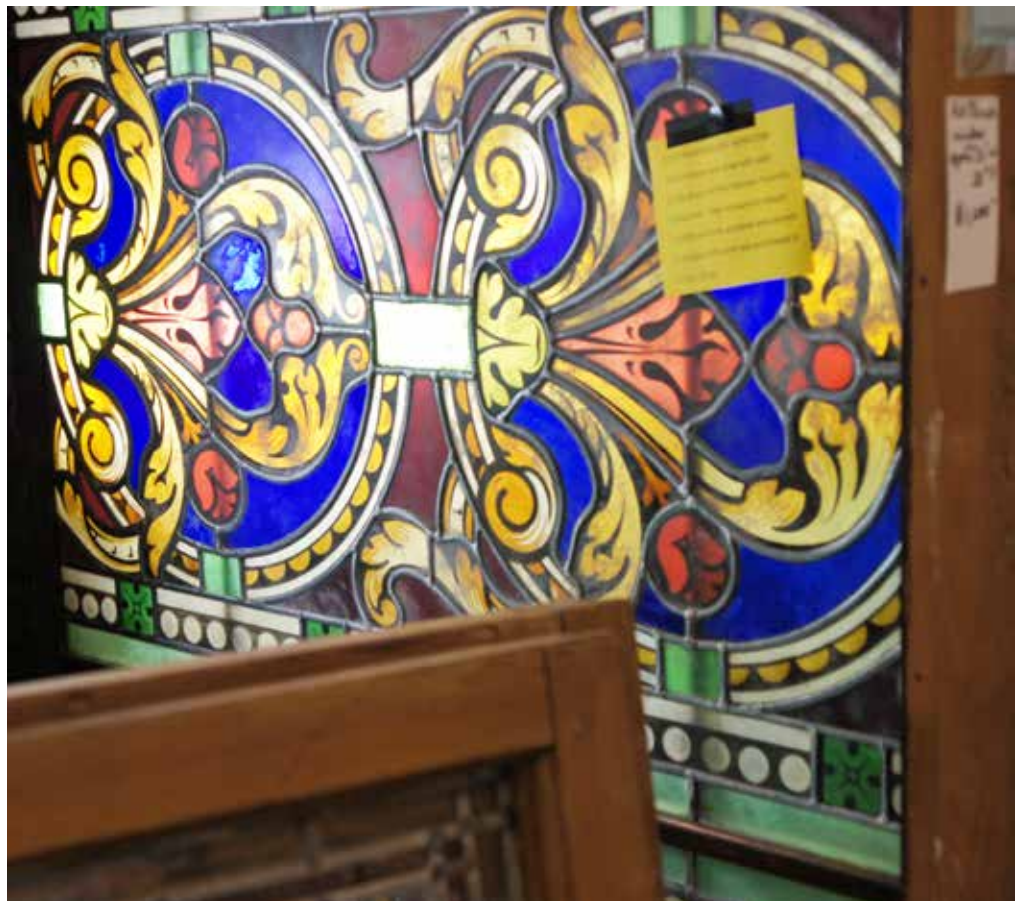
under the tree later that evening. I had even younger nephews to buy for and wondered what we might find for them. We scored colouring books and crayons. Then we saw wooden toy puzzles. A flute. A little glider to put together. I think we added



▲ Trendy and stylish beadwork pieces and costume jewellery start at \$10.
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◀ Musical Instruments — Guitars to sitars, gongs to bongos and more. Prices vary. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. [Vinyland, Acton, vinyland45.com](http://Vinyland.com).

▶ A vibrant stained-glass window salvaged from (Honest) Ed's Warehouse in Toronto, approximately \$1,200. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. [The Stonehouse of Campbellville, thestonehouse.ca](http://TheStonehouse.ca).



some candy and chocolate bars, and were relieved to have some gifts to give. We may have wrapped the toys in the brown paper from my mother's stash of grocery bags, and tied them with my father's gardening twine. We may not have put anyone's



◀ **Old Vinyl & More** — Proudly selling “nothing new,” Vinyland has vintage albums from the ‘60s, 45s from before, and CDs from Indie groups. Prices vary. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. Vinyland, Acton, vinyland45.com.



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name on them, because it didn't matter who got what.

But how would the little boys respond to these humble items? Turns out, they were delighted.

I think there were some rapid exchanges once the gifts were unwrapped – someone

swapped the flute for the glider, but the toys entertained them for the whole of Christmas Eve. It wasn't the price of goods that gave value. It was simply their fun.

This winter, if you have gifts to buy for young or old, for Christmas, birthdays or



Statuary large and small, plus an international assortment of fine, fun and funky garden art are displayed outdoors. Prices vary. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. The Gallery Upstairs, Milton, thegalleryupstairs.com.

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▲ Lavish decorations for Christmas, including lights, large figures and story display cabinets, have been an annual presentation by The Stonehouse of Campbellville, which specializes in selling antique glass windows. The full spectacle can be seen from mid November to New Year's Eve. Admission to the grounds is free but there is a voluntary donation box with all the money collected, going to a women's shelter in Halton. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. **The Stonehouse of Campbellville**, thestonehouse.ca.



▲ T shirts and albums are good sellers at Vinyland in Acton, according to owner Frank Gaveckas. Prices vary. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. **Vinyland**, Acton, vinyland45.com.

one of the other holidays or celebrations, you may not have an old-fashioned general store nearby. You may also want to bring your gift giving up a notch or two.

From the pages of our magazine this past year, which is our 10th anniversary as we'd like to remind you, are some ideas and offerings from stores that

welcome your custom and are worth your visit. **NEV**

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► **Didgeridoos, Djembe Drums** — Playing Australian didgeridoos is said to help with sleep apnea. The coils are a lesser-known kind of didge. \$225 to \$410. At bottom are African Djembe Drums, up to \$360. The Down to Earth Shoppe also hosts didgeridoo workshops and drumming circles. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS. **The Down to Earth Shoppe**, Dundas, thedowntoearthshoppe.ca.



▲ Festive Christmas china. Royal Albert tea cups & saucers in the "Poinsettia" pattern, made in England. \$20 each. Lakeshore Antiques & Treasures, Niagara-on-the-Lake, lakeshoreantiques.ca.



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Getting Ready for Your Christmas Pageant: A producer shares her notes

By Colette Shand

Christmas pageants are by definition a bit awkward—in that lovely real way that real life can be. Everyone is anxious to have it all come out just right. Accept the awkwardness and go with it. It will be fine.

The incredible strength of our small congregation in Oakville, St. Aidan's Anglican Church, is that there is really just no room for “doing it wrong.” We always get through to the other side of whatever we are doing—to that place where grace resides. There are compliments and congratulations for every honest effort. Encourage and commend everyone.

The best advice I received was from the minister's wife: “remember, it's not about

you, it's about the kids.”

Feeling fortunate to be able to help create an opportunity for the kids, and adults too, to experience some authentic drama of the healthy kind will help you manage any nervousness. As always, prepare, prepare, prepare.

Think about the differences of using narrators versus speaking roles. We eventually reached a point where each child had some words to speak. How did they do? Wonderfully. Each child spoke in a clear, bright voice and all landed their lines, more or less. Your script and musical selections are your foundation stones. Get them settled on as early as possible.

We did have one mom strategically placed up front to do a little prompting when necessary, but by and large, each actor inhabited their role and aced it. It was a great advancement in our production and it was awesome to see each actor grow into greater responsibility over the years.

Magical Moments

From my vantage point, there are some magical moments that should not be missed:

- When each actor puts on their costume and sees themselves as the character for the very first time.
- In a community, the children learn from each other and are eager to take on the next role in a subsequent year. Once, I suggested a quick and easy redesign of our donkey (a cardboard cut-out attached to a broom handle). Nine-year-old actor Mary told me firmly that the donkey would have to be just the same as



▲ Julie as an angel.

before, because it was her turn this year to steer it!

- Moments of silent anticipation in a production can be exciting—like waiting for the next wise king to announce their gift.
- Things can become so comfortable in a production, that some of the action gets lost. One year, Joseph and Mary were so comfortable on stage in front of everyone singing along to “Mary Had A Baby Boy,” that they forgot to retrieve the baby Jesus doll from the bag he was in and “deliver” him. Finally, the congregation called out for Jesus and they pulled him out of the bag!

- Unofficial detours can often actually play out better than planned events. Don't sweat the small stuff.

There is so much grace in a 20-minute production. All the parts come together in the end: actors, costumes, makeup, props, rehearsals, lines, sets, processions and recessions. Enjoy every moment.

Colette Shand is a drama lover and directed the Christmas pageant for four years at St. Aidan's Anglican Church in Oakville. This article first appeared in the November 2017 edition of the newspaper Niagara Anglican.



▲ Terrie as Mary and Morgan as Joseph.

The **POETRY** and **ECOLOGY** Project

TURNING LIGHT INTO ENERGY

Like seedballs, free seed packets and wild-animal rabies vaccine drops, clear-plastic packages of leaflets were scattered around and freely available through the year, in locations not remembered. Opening the package released a world of images, words and information.

The Poetry and Ecology Project is a work of printed poetry and photographs created and distributed in 2018. It consists of packets of seven separate single-page leaflets with a focus on the themes of wild creatures, wild birds, water, food, trees, degraded land and flowers and pollinators. Each leaflet contains three poems, plus a list of relevant local environmental organizations, all illustrated by colour photographs. On every leaflet are the words of poet and scientist Madhur Anand: “Poetry, like chlorophyll, is a catalyst for turning light into energy.”

The project was directed by Deborah Bowen, an English professor at Redeemer University College in Ancaster who is examining, as she puts it, “the voice of environmental hope in contemporary Ontarian poetry.” She adds “the aim was simply to connect with local poets and local environmental agencies, and to discover in what ways they can speak to each other with hope for the future of our region.”

Another reason for Deborah to work on this project was to demonstrate that “the Christian story involves a call to *stewardship* of the creation, and to try to correct a little bit the false view that Christianity champions the human *domination* of nature.”

Many of the poems reflect the land or wildlife near the Niagara Escarpment, and these are reprinted in the following pages.



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Rebeka Borshevsky, Liane Miedema, Elise Arsenault, Joshua Voth, Jeff Vandergoot

THE HIGHWAY THAT BECAME A FOOTPATH

JOHN TERPSTRA

—after the other side won the civic election

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and I saw the holy city, coming down out of heaven,
and the holy raving protester who climbed into a tree
to resist the building of the last highway
was still in among the leaves,
but the tree had grown much taller,
and the protester had been living up there for such a long time,
not alone, that several generations of protesters now populated the
canopy,
freely trafficking the branches of their swaying neighbourhoods,
as the six-lane highway
wound between the trunks below
as wide only as a footpath,
a red-dirt earthway busy with pedestrians.
And the highway-that-became-a-footpath
led past the longhouse raised
during the same resistance, down in the valley,
for it still existed (both longhouse and valley existed still)
and other longhouses,
which were standing at that location several centuries earlier,
had re-materialized, their hearth-fires
burning still; an entire village, thriving
beside the hallowed creek that ran through the east end of the city.
And I saw the trees that formed the longhouse walls
take root, and continue to grow,
forty-thousand times forty-thousand,
their canopy providing all the roof
that the people needed.
And from a privileged perch at the top of the escarpment,
watching as the new city came down out of heaven,
it was clear that the leaves of those trees
were for the healing of the community.*

John Terpstra is a Hamilton writer and cabinetmaker. He has published 10 books of poetry, many chapbooks, and four prose projects. "The Highway that Became a Footpath" comes from *Brilliant Falls* (Gaspereau, 2013).

GIANTS

JOHN TERPSTRA

There used to be giants,
and they loved it here. They'd sit
their giant hinds in a row along the top edge
of the escarpment, and pick at the loose rock
with their hands or their feet, then throw or skip
the smoothest stones across the bay, to see who could land one
on the sandstrip, three miles away;

or they'd spring themselves off the scarp top
like you would off a low wall, and go running
all the way to the end of the sandbar,
and jump across the water to the other side,
or jump in, splashing and yelling up the ravines,
chasing each other's echoes.

This was only a few thousand years ago,
and the giants were still excited about the glaciers,
which were just leaving; about not having to wear
their coats all the time, and what
the ice and water had done, shaping and carving
this gentle, wild landscape!

They loved it here.

I'm telling you, they absolutely loved
every living minute here,

and they regretted ever having to leave.

"Giants" appears in John Terpstra's *Falling into Place* (Gaspereau, 2002), a book about the geography of the Iroquois sandbar in Hamilton. This poem is also engraved on a plaque at one of Hamilton's lookout spots, Sam Lawrence Park, on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment, as part of a literary series placed across the country by Project Bookmark Canada.

CITY WITH A VIEW

BERNADETTE RULE

We are a city on the edge
and beyond. On the escarpment
one becomes a small child
lifted onto her father's shoulders
again, astonished at the sudden vistas.

Yet we dream of being
Toronto dreaming of being
New York. Erecting
brave new buildings
over derelict lots
we demolish old trees
and fountains.

We believe the lake
should be used and not seen.
Pool owners and cottagers,
we come to work every day
oblivious of the lake beside us,
the lake in our faucets.

This lake which we are
poisoning will poison us,
who so love being a city
that we have forgotten the earth,
except here and there:

here in the gardens
where memory sweetly lingers
to water our senses
and to pollinate light with colour,

and there on the edge
of the escarpment
where we are surprised again
every time
by where we are.

LOOKING FOR A FAST BUCK

BERNADETTE RULE

For four years and four months
I took the road through the woods
twice a day and more
and only saw the deer six times.
I still believe they were there
at least six hundred times,
but I wasn't quick or lucky
enough to spot them.

Sometimes
I looked so hard each branch
became a rack. Whole hillsides
of deer raised their heads
with the wind and spent
some cool contempt on me
before fleeing on all sides,
leaving me only mundane meadows.

Bernadette Rule lives in Hamilton. "City With a View" and "Looking for a Fast Buck" come from *Full Light Falling* (Image, 1988); she has published six other volumes of poetry. In 2017 she won the Hamilton Arts Award for Writing.

THE ONE VIRTUOUS ACT OF THE DICTATOR

ADAM DICKINSON

The crow sat in the poplar like a black boot.
He was, at first glimpse, a prank,
the remnants of an unruly evening
beside the only rail lines in town.

One of the laces dangled from his beak,
a stick that he had clipped and untied.
When the crow stretched his neck,
he was a boot that reached to the knees.

From the wooden balustrade
he cast his decoration,
it hurried through the branches
in the slapping of its own applause.

When I caught the stick, the crow
quit the tower, his body an adamant march
beyond these houses, back to his bunker
having simply made the trains run on time.

Adam Dickinson teaches at Brock University in St Catharines. He has published four books of poetry: *Cartography and Walking* (Brick Books, 2002), from which these poems come; *Kingdom*, *Phylum* (Brick Books, 2006); *The Polymers* (Anansi, 2013), which was a finalist for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry and the Governor General's Award for Poetry, and most recently, *Anatomic* (Coach House Books, 2018).

DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE MASONRY

ADAM DICKINSON

There is little doubt
that bats are in the chimney.
At dusk, you can hear
the folded sheets
of their slender ascent,
a private appearance
over rooftops,
the steam from a bath
that has just been filled.

Their modesty confounds us.
They dart in the cover of tree tops
as though rushing from bathrooms to dress.
When we see them in the dark
we are half of the mind
they are leaves we've mistaken.

One evening, something
clung to the ceiling
above the fireplace,
cramped in its brown shiver,
the body of an old man
hunched before a tub.
We didn't think to get
the paddle or the broom,
but opened all of the windows,
turned out the lamps,
and felt for the railing to the street,
its cold abashment
working blindly in our hands.

A BARN OFF THE 401

DANIEL DAVID MOSES

Hurry past the weathered
Boards—for there are no words
In whitewash now, no names

Or questions stretched across
The ingrained red. The man
Who wanted an answer,

Who painted *Where will you
be in eternity?*
Is gone already, just like

His farm. Only the wind
Remains, wandering
In the fallow fields

Beyond, too despondent
To do more than sigh. Why
Is it we never know

Who they were, farmers and
Their sons? Wind, settle down,
Be a wreath for this barn.

Daniel David Moses is a Delaware playwright and poet who grew up on a farm on the Six Nations lands on the Grand River near Brantford. He has won numerous awards for his works. "A Barn off the 401" comes from *A Small Essay on the Largeness of Light and Other Poems* (Exile, 2012).



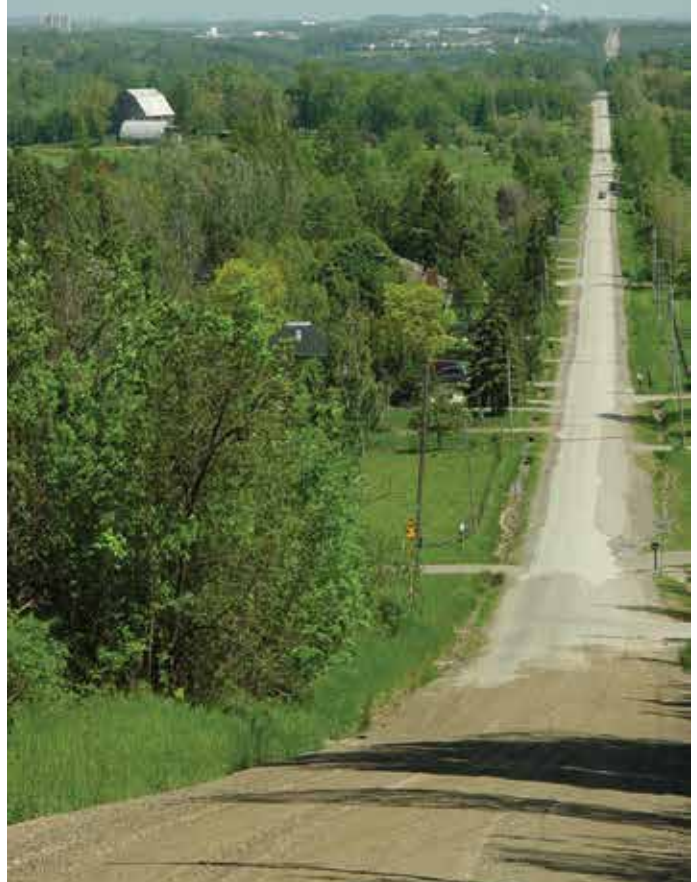
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I SAW YOUR MATE UP THE RIVER

ANNA BOWEN

I saw your mate up the river
her red crown like pine needles in the snow
soft gray body, a suggestion

You are downstream
with geese that pepper the frozen riverbank
standing slim-legged on the ice
burying their bills in their wings,
their tracks point backward --
arrows in retreat
tracing unworn paths in the snow

You are white-breasted
black-crowned, beak
a curved upholsterer's needle

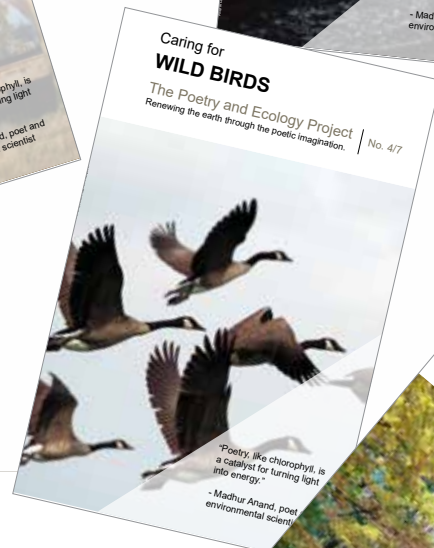
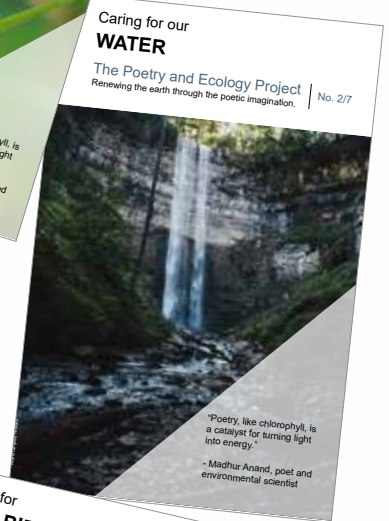
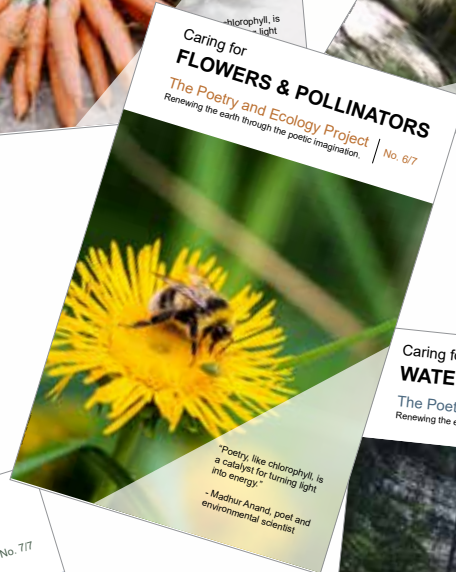
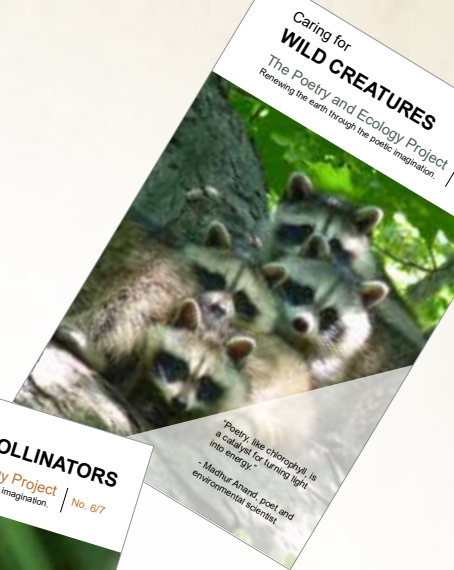
The geese have been crossing
the path of commuters --
who stop on their afternoon rush home
to mates and frozen riverbanks
gingerly circumvent the geese
laying a new path

For a moment trespassing
the paths they are meant to follow,
watching feather-pressed breasts pass safely.

Anna Bowen is a Guelph writer and interviews authors at Bookishradio.ca. She is currently working on poetry about reciprocity, care, and trees.

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Transition to Winter Storms

By Gloria Hildebrandt

The dogs and I are just back from a week away from home, so early this morning I took them out for a walk around the back. A few inches of snow were on the ground. Around the house there were rabbit tracks everywhere. Normally, I guess they're kept away by the dogs barking at the windows. I saw squirrel tracks as well, and canine tracks leading under the wire fence at a property line, but I can't tell coyotes from foxes or dogs. The tracks under the fence weren't from my dogs, because there wasn't snow when they were last there.

Thomas, my little dog, is not a good hunter or naturalist, because his extremely loud barks of excitement at a scent trail frighten everyone far off. He races back and forth, tracking and sounding like bells ringing.

Sounds in Silence

Early on the walk, in the cedar forest, I heard separate rustlings and then whirs, probably of Ruffed Grouse, although I didn't see anything. I heard the clear chirp of one of the smaller woodpeckers, although I can't distinguish their calls. In the far corner of the property, beneath an apple tree that hangs over a path, the snow was completely churned up, likely by deer, possibly by coyotes, both of whom eat apples, as you can tell by the scat. Dogs do not produce such fruity scat. My dogs were very interested here, their noses deep among the snowy leaves.

At the pond I sat a moment on a bench and took in the

silence. While walking even quietly, I can make a huge noise crunching through the snow. Punctuating the silence was a sound I couldn't identify, likely a bird, but sounding like a drill. Not the rapid hammer of a Pileated Woodpecker, but a faster buzz or "brrr."

It looks like winter has set in. The snow shows no sign of melting. I won't be able to do my warm-weather outdoor chores, and it's difficult to think of what to do instead. Of course, cold temperatures mean I can't spend hours outside anyway. Winter work is more about maintenance.

"It's a time for crockpots and baking, candles and puzzles."

I have to keep the woodbox stocked with firewood from the stacked pile outside, and I may have to replenish the baskets of kindling stored on the verandah. There are paths and porches to keep shovelled free of snow.

Work From Home

I'm fortunate not to have to clear the driveway myself, as Mike does it with the snowblower attachment to the tractor. If he weren't around I'd try to find someone who offers the service for a fee, and get on his list. That could mean not getting the drive done until a day or two after a storm, but I'm also fortunate not to have to commute to a job, as I work from home.

I don't usually absolutely have to get somewhere if the weather's bad.

But it looks like I don't have much to do outside in winter. I guess I switch to more activities indoors, like reading, cooking, watching TV. Maybe this winter I can do more housekeeping and decluttering. It's a time for crockpots and baking, candles and puzzles.

I'm not good at change, even of the seasons. At least when winter turns to spring I'm eager to get out and start mucking about. The transition to winter requires a more deliberate shift in focus.

uneven steps into the laundry room where the wood box is kept. I have to carry the sling full of firewood about 10 times to fill the box.

The wind was whipping snow squalls around me as I did this. The dogs were soon eager to get back inside. Thomas was shivering. When I had filled the woodbox, I called them back outside so we could have a bit of a walk. They love to run outside and I wanted them to be able to toilet and stretch their legs in the warmest time of the day. All I could manage was a big loop around the yard and into the front door. It is seriously dangerous outside when going into the back yard is an Arctic expedition.

I remember when I was young, hearing of farmers in storms getting lost between their houses and barns, needing to have a rope tied between the two, glad of a light on outside the barn or even a candle burning in a window at home.

Someone in Toronto was recently complaining about the price of hydro. I'm just grateful to have electricity. It means I have heat from the oil furnace, water in the pipes, the ability to flush the toilet, have a hot bath, and easily cook or bake. Without power, these conveniences are gone and everything becomes extremely difficult.

When the weather is dangerously frigid, having a snug house to retreat into, and soup on the stove or water boiling for tea, can keep you alive. I don't take it for granted.

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Nature: We're Taxing it to Death

By Bob Barnett

Nature brings us a whole suite of benefits. It cleans the air, the water, prevents floods, welcomes tourists and helps protect native species. Almost 10 years ago the Ontario government released a report, *Estimating Ecosystem Services in Southern Ontario*, which shows that nature provides us with \$85 BILLION dollars worth of services every year.

How do we reward those landowners who understand this and protect it? First, we tax it every year for its property value. Then, when the landowner sells it, we tax it again for its capital gain.

I understand that 20 and 40 years ago when we decided to tax properties on their current value and we decided that rich people shouldn't pass on so much of their wealth that we didn't understand that nature had a value. Its benefits were ascribed to "externalities" or things we didn't count as having a real financial value. At that time, we didn't know that an acre of forest brings us "services" worth \$1,800 an acre every year and wetlands are worth \$6,140.

So why do we continue to tax nature? Municipalities need the money, they don't see the benefits flowing as cash into their economy and the province doesn't want to pay for it either. Here's an anomaly: Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) has 48 conservation agreements which reduce the value of the property because the owner has agreed not to subdivide the property, not to build more houses, not to sell the aggregate and to use good forest management practices. Despite the value of the property being reduced

by a federal government-approved \$100-\$200,000, the provincial government refuses to reduce the assessment.

The federal government doesn't distinguish between capital gains for good and bad things. They give exemptions for houses, which are of political advantage, but not nature which is actually helping the public and government save money while achieving community objectives like protecting increasingly rare species. Protecting farmland is good: it produces the food we eat, but it only protects a small fraction of the ecological services of forest or wetland. Farmland is exempted from capital gain.

Beating Property Taxes

My discussions with landowners tell me that they have to beat property taxes by harvesting their woodlot every seven to 15 years. Many argue this is good for the forest and good for the economy. Studies indicate that mature, or unharvested, woodlots sequester far more carbon than those with younger trees growing where the mature ones have been removed. Only 10 per cent of harvested wood lasts a century. Most of it ends up as fuel, in landfill or left as slash left in the forest. But yes, it helps the conventional economy as it adds to our manufacturing GDP. That's why most foresters and most economists prefer timber to leaves and fatter trees which sequester more carbon and slow climate change, which is just another externality. Note: EBC has sold \$200,000 of carbon credits to companies which voluntarily agree to sequester carbon. We are allowed to sell and certify these credits because we use "enhanced"

forestry management. That means sparing it from harvest and letting the trees grow instead. Despite EBC's success, few companies are willing to spend money to "do the right thing" and become carbon neutral.

What happens when capital gains or "estate" taxes rear their ugly head? Most often, the family can't afford to keep the forest or wetland in the family; they need to sell it off. The new purchaser often logs the mature timber or figures it's a good place for a new house. Often it both gets logged, then resold to a city slicker who doesn't notice the difference since they're looking for a place to live in the country.

Avoiding Other Taxes

What can YOU do to avoid crippling capital gains/estate taxes?

We suggest looking into adding covenants to your title if you are willing to avoid severances, new buildings,

aggregate extraction, commercial tree harvesting etc. This exempts you from capital gains on the portion of the value covered by the use restrictions. It also gets you an income tax receipt for the value reduction which then offsets the capital gain. Then you CAN afford to pass the land along to your kids. See the example in the box in which a "normal" transfer of land to the kids costs \$60,000 but one with a conservation agreement has no cost.

Others choose to donate some of their land outright to EBC which not only cancels out the gain on the ENTIRE portion donated but also gives you an income tax receipt which can be used against other parts of your estate.

For more detailed advice, call your investment advisor or Bob Barnett at EBC.

Bob Barnett of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy can be reached at 888.815.9575 or through www.escarpment.ca.

CAPITAL GAIN EXAMPLE	NORMAL	WITH CONSERVATION AGREEMENT
Value of Recreational Property	\$400,000	\$400,000
Original Purchase Price	-\$50,000	-\$50,000
Value of Improvements	-\$50,000	-\$50,000
Value of Conservation Agmt.		\$100,000
Capital Gain	\$300,000	\$200,000
Taxable Capital Gain	\$150,000	\$100,000
Tax on Gain	-\$60,000	-\$40,000
Value of Income Tax Receipt		\$40,000
Net Cost of Transfer	-\$60,000	\$0

This table illustrates a sample project. The first column illustrates how much capital gain tax the government collects if the property is sold, or transferred to a family member. Each case is different, but a \$400,000 recreational property could cost \$60,000 to transfer, based on a \$150,000 increase in value from the time of purchase. The second column illustrates how one can save that \$60,000 tax by placing a conservation agreement on title. This means you decrease the value by agreeing not to sell gravel or build more houses on it. You get a capital gain exemption of \$100,000 and an income tax receipt worth \$40,000.

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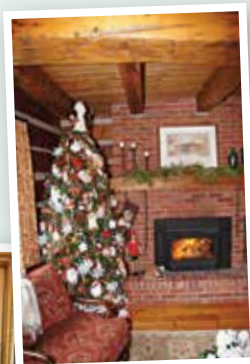
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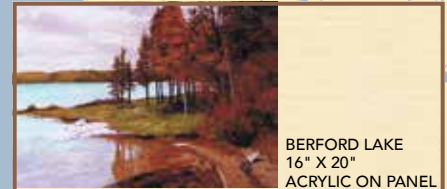
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