

Readers Reply to Readers

Re: Letters to the editor re: Nature's Porn submitted by Ms. Pagani and Bervie: With everything that's going on in the world today, that you should be so offended by a picture of a mushroom captioned "Nature's Porn" is quite frankly mind boggling. Had it not been captioned in that way what would have been your first thought? I know what mine would have been: "Wow that mushroom looks like a penis!!!!"...oops...I said the "P" word. And I'm sure most people would have the same reaction....and come on...you know it...so would you!!! Live a little...laugh a little. I'm sure it made a whole lot of people chuckle. I know I had a good guffaw!!!! NEV is celebrating their 10th anniversary....congratulations... and here's to 10 more!!! Cheers.
Diane Lennox, Virgil

I've only been a casual reader of your magazine until recently, when the article on "fungi porn" pulled me in with both its gorgeous photos and light-hearted sense of humour. I was dismayed to read the negative letters in the next issue! I can't believe people were offended (did they read it?) and completely missed the pop-culture reference. One of the wonderful things about mushrooms is their amazing variety, and any lover of nature would be proud to advertise alongside pictures of this quality. They are meant to draw attention! Please keep up the excellent work!
Lorysa Cornish, Brampton
P.S. I'm including a couple of pictures I took last fall - a mushroom that made me laugh and another that I thought was beautiful! Enjoy.

I would like to respond to the letter by Louise Bowlby regarding Wiarnton Willie. First most people do not realize Willie an albino ground hog is actually domesticated. No different than a white rabbit, duck or goose as an example. Any person that loves nature knows that a white albino animal would only live a very short time in the wild due to its color. These animals are extremely rare in nature. Willie gives many people an opportunity to see a rare animal in his pen which is constructed in a natural setting.

To say the Wiarnton mayor and council is keeping Willie caged up is selfish is just not a true fact. The town of Wiarnton does not make millions of dollars off having Willie in his pen. The town is actually more of a convenience for tourists on their way through to other locales. The local businesses are closed after six daily and closed Sundays. They are not on tourist hours.

As for the comparison to dog owners many do keep them locked up in cages while at work. One lady in Wiarnton that espouses animal rights lets her white German Shepherd run off leash constantly in the parks there harassing other dogs and people and does not practice what she preaches regularly.

We spend several months from spring to fall in the area and have done so for 25 years and always enjoy the beautiful scenery along with the occasional peek at Willie. He has put Wiarnton and Ontario on the map by coming out looking for a shadow and we hope it continues for many generations to come.

Bob Holmes, Kitchener

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I look forward to each new issue of Niagara Escarpment Views. I grew up hiking at Rattlesnake Point, then moved to Dundas and spent years - literally! - exploring the myriad of trails on foot and on horseback. We moved

to Tobermory several years ago: it seems the Escarpment is a constant in my life. I belong to a local writer's group, and am involved with the global movement '100 Thousand Poets for Change'. I would be very interested in seeing more creative writing, specifically nature-oriented in theme, in your magazine... Thanks again for producing an interesting and well-organized publication.

Lorraine Campbell, by email

I have been a Niagara Escarpment Views subscriber for several years. I love the magazine. Thank you for publishing such a unique and interesting magazine. We live

in Ohio near Cleveland but visit Canada several times per year especially places within the escarpment. We often patronize Escarpment Views advertisers when we are in the area. When we retire in a few years, we plan to explore the escarpments area in depth especially the Bruce Trail... Thank you again for publishing the Niagara Escarpment Views. I learn something new from each edition and find much inspiration for my next trip to the area! Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of your Kelly.
Nell Rapport, Ohio

Editor's note: this was spotted on the Bruce Trail group Facebook page: Flashback Friday...a few weeks ago on this Bruce page, a few

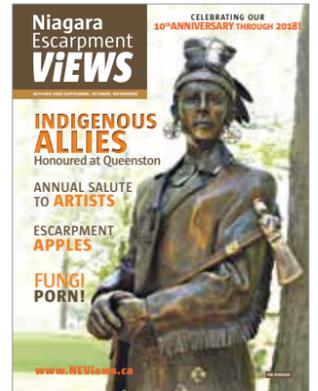
were having a discussion about fungi. Yes, there's been many this year but in this particular one, member Gloria Hildebrandt provided a link to the magazine 'Niagara Escarpment Views' including where one could pick it up for FREE! A great 'fun with fungi' article was found inside! Once I'd found it at my local MP's office, I started to read it. In said magazine, I found that The Gallery Upstairs was holding a meet & greet with none other than Robert Bateman! Armed with some of his art, I was fortunate enough to spend a few minutes with this Canadian icon. The first thing I thanked him for was his belief & support of The Bruce Trail. Apparently he took a group of fans hiking last year! He signed a bunch of stuff, posed for a pic that I'll cherish forever & it would never have happened without this page, or great members like Gloria. Thank you, Gloria, for taking the time to add the link that day.
Bill Murray via Facebook

Recently I read the Winter 2018 NEV and was pleased to see a reprint of an article - "Getting ready for your Christmas pageant" by Colette Shand - from the Niagara Anglican of which I am the Editor. Thanks. Wonderful magazine.
The Reverend Hollis Hiscock, by email

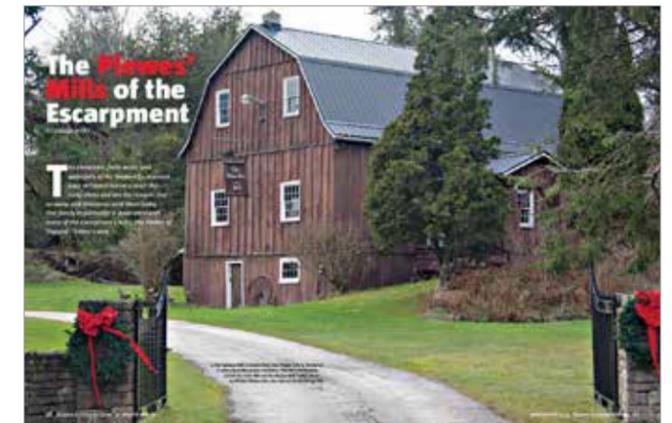
Correction: I was reading your Winter 2018/2019 articles on grist mills....I saw my home in your article (Kimberley Grist Mill) and just want to point out that it is my private residence. The wine making tenant left quite some months ago. Possibly a correction might be made to this? I would rather not have people coming here to see about the wine making when it is private property. Thanks very much.
Wendy Archer, Kimberley

I just picked up the Winter issue a couple of days ago... this time it was the article on Animal Shelters that inspired me to lead a land-based workshop about where animals go in the winter time. I really love your magazine... Thanks again for all you do.
Sarah Earley, Gore Bay

I have just picked up the latest edition of Niagara Escarpment Views and have learned more history of my family than I previously knew. I know of a few mills that were owned in the area. Especially ones that were owned by William Plewes, my great Grandfather. The article was very insightful. I learned some things I never knew. Thank you for running this article.
Bill Plewes, by email



Enclosed you will find a cheque for a subscription to your magazine. I came across this particular magazine in my travels. It was delightful to read. I enjoyed the articles very much. Thanking you in advance for your time and efforts.
Mrs. Guadagno-Simpson, Elora



I hear there is a story in your Views about the Water Mills of the Plewes Family and I would just love to read it and pass one to each of my brothers and sisters. I went around today in Collingwood where I thought I would find one but no luck. Can you please let me know where I can find one. ...After getting 15 copies out to my brothers and sisters I am now able to get back to you. We all loved it. What a wonderful story. A few of us knew the story but then there were some who forgot or just didn't know. SO THANK YOU FOR JUST A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO OUR FAMILY!
Lorraine Plewes Beattie, via Facebook