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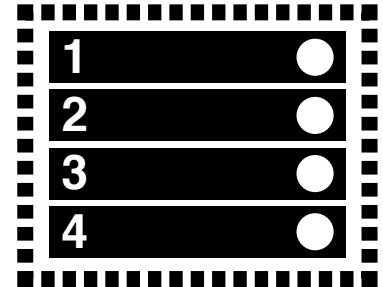
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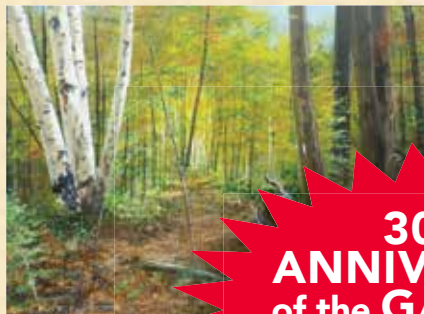
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Conservation  
Halton Award, 2014  
to Mike Davis in  
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# Mediocrity vs. Greatness

**W**e've all heard the saying "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," right?

Here at the magazine we had reason to think of that recently. In our Spring 2019 issue we had a group ad listing several garden tours near the Escarpment. We've had this kind of group ad for garden tours for years. Our designers created the look and our tour advertisers provide the logos and content, which I edit to fit the space. You can see that ad on the left.

Our eyebrows raised therefore, when we came upon page 9 of an annual publication called *Destinations Hamilton*. There on that page was something that looks like our group ad with only the most minimal changes to it! You can see their ad on the right.

The annual is published by *The Hamilton Spectator*, which is a division of Metroland Media. I sent a letter to the person named as publisher of the magazine, indicating our amusement at the more than passing resemblance to our ad design, and asking if there are other ways in which we could collaborate with Metroland. Instead of a reply from the publisher, a regional director of advertising responded, admitting that the ad layouts

are similar but that the ad was "built" at *The Hamilton Spectator* and that the background photo, ad size and type used are different.

If you've read the book or seen the movie *All the President's Men*, you'll know another saying, "a non-denial denial."

We remain flattered that our work and creativity was given so much time and attention by staff at *The Spec*, and we pledge to continue developing original content that is worth imitating.

Oh, and that quote I put at the start of this piece?

Turns out it's by Oscar Wilde, and the full quotation is, with italics added for emphasis, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery that mediocrity can pay to greatness."

## In This Issue

We have some other group ads in this issue, one for artists' studio tours and shows, on page 21, and another ad for fall fairs, on page 39. Watch for these kinds of ads to appear in other publications!

Pay attention as well, in this issue, to our back pages. On page 58 Bob Barnett announces that people in Ontario contributed enough money to purchase and protect Willisville Mountain! What an astonishing achievement.

**2019 Garden Tours**

**EARTH BOUND TOURING GARDENS**  
Red Bay, South Bruce Peninsula.  
May 1 - Thanksgiving  
Open Daily 9 am - 5 pm.  
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Garden Centre. [www.earthboundgardens.com](http://www.earthboundgardens.com)

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20 individual gardens.  
Details at [www.ruralgardens.ca](http://www.ruralgardens.ca)

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**CARNEGIE GALLERY 26TH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR**  
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Visit [www.durandna.com](http://www.durandna.com)  
for Tickets and Tour Information

**28TH ANNUAL NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GARDEN TOUR**  
July 6, 10 am - 5 pm  
Note the extended hour! 8 distinct & beautiful gardens in Old Town. Tickets available through link at [www.nothortsociety.com](http://www.nothortsociety.com)

**GRIMSBY GARDEN TOUR**  
July 13, 10 am - 4 pm  
Self-guided tour of 9 beautiful Grimsby gardens. 905 975 5473  
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Left, original creation by our staff. Right, the other version.

roads in Clearview Township around Creemore. Fun and fellowship flow through the pages of her experiences of the festivals held here in the fall.

I know it's too early for Christmas trees, but this issue extends to the end of November, and some Escarpment towns host Christmas house tours in late November or early December, to raise money for charity. To get you in the spirit to go on your local tour, we present our favourite photos from last year's Fonthill United Church's Christmas house tour. Check out what Niagara designers put together.

*Gloria*

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.



## Let us know what you think!

Write us at [editor@NEViews.ca](mailto:editor@NEViews.ca) or *Niagara Escarpment Views*, 50 Ann St., Georgetown ON L7G 2V2.



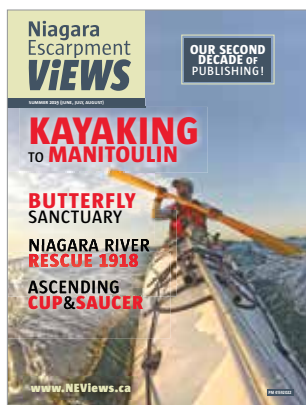
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Keep in touch with Escarpment news between issues at our website. We have unique content not seen in the magazine, and you can leave comments in response. See [www.NEViews.ca](http://www.NEViews.ca).



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## ■ READERS & VIEWERS



I would like to address a comment in your recent issue on p. 5: "We recently had a business tell us that they won't support our magazine because it's print and they are trying to reduce their carbon footprint". I wonder if people really know what they are talking about or just spouting the current rhetoric of today's society, rhetoric meaning 'language designed to have a persuasive or impressive effect on its audience but often regarded as lacking in sincerity or meaningful content'.

On the front page of our Bed & Breakfast website [[farmerswalkkbb.com](http://farmerswalkkbb.com)] we state: "Please note: We support printed paper advertising. Please see the Niagara Escarpment Views (<http://www.neviews.ca>) we have free copies of this wonderful magazine for our B&B guests". Admittedly I am not of the digital age but rather the printed paper age but I do make use of the digital world and I find it very useful, with limitations as you may know through my wall quilt, "Electronic Intrusion," which addresses the horrible accidents that can come from

cell phone use while driving.

That aside, all wireless devices emit radiation in the form of electromagnetic fields and they adversely affect the cellular health of our bodies. In people's idealism to reduce our 'carbon footprint' I wonder if they really understand what carbon footprint means: it is the amount of carbon dioxide and other carbon compounds emitted due to the consumption of fossil fuels. Therefore, to begin with, it might be suggested that we all drive electric cars and we stop heating our homes with gas or oil heating (fossil fuels).

To say that a business would not advertise in your magazine because you use printed paper (and you also have a blog on the internet as well) seems rather ludicrous in view of how the world is going now, digitally. And I wonder in the long run, if humans are not going to pay a higher price for this use than they realize. Reducing carbon footprint may take a back seat eventually as to how digital devices are impacting on human health.

I'm sorry but I disagree and I am proud to say that I advertise twice a year in your 'paper printed' magazine.  
**Sandra Small Proudfoot, Mono**

Can't thank you enough for this wonderful and informative magazine. Since I am an "armchair Traveler" I appreciate the beauty this magnificent country has to offer, and especially in Springtime.

Sincerely your grateful Reader,  
**Erika Hildebrandt, Mulmur**

On page 10 of this issue [Summer 2019], you have a picture of Premier Ford, MPP Bill Walker at the Wiarton Willie Festival. What you did not mention was that to the left of Wiarton Willie is long standing MP for Grey, Bruce, and Owen Sound Larry Miller. An over-site that should be corrected. On another topic, this is the first time I have picked up your magazine and I am enjoying it immensely.

**Robin Woodyard, Stratford**

We love your magazine!! Having lived in Halton for 50 and 60 years respectively it brings back so many fond memories of hiking the Bruce Trail. I would like the Summer 2019 issues sent to the following Bruce Trail members as a gift of friendship from us...Please remind us before our next subscription runs out. We don't want to miss a single issue.

**Pam & Bill Brown, Comox, B.C.**

I have just activated a 2 year PayPal subscription since I'm not able to pick up a copy

close to home here in Fort Erie. I have enjoyed reading your magazine for the past few years when I was able to pick up a copy while on vacation at Evergreen Resort in Red Bay. I have just returned from a few days there and picked up the Summer 2019 issue so I would like you to please start my subscription with the next issue (Fall) rather than receive a duplicate. Many thanks for a great magazine showing the many things right in our own backyard in Ontario.

**Lorraine Brown-Joyce, Fort Erie**

I am the tourist information agent on-board the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun. I am emailing you to let you know that the summer 2019 Niagara Escarpment Views magazines are currently running low on-board. Approximately one stack/bundle are used by passengers every two days. If you could please send some more on-board when you can, that would be greatly appreciated.

**Jacqueline Odjig**



*Editor's note: Karen Root wrote and provided photos for "The Butterflies of Butternut Hill Farm: A Monarch Waystation," Summer 2019,*

*shown above. She sent this recent update:*

I contribute my butterfly data as a citizen scientist to e-butterfly and last year my Waystation boasted the first reported Monarch egg in Ontario! It was noted in the 2018 Lepidoptera Summary.

*Later, she sent this further note:*

One of your magazines is making its way to Montreal :-). I had a stranger drop by here and come up the driveway and she was a Scientist/Researcher from a Montreal University that was doing a study on Monarchs on behalf of the Montreal Insectarium and she was counting my milkweed and monarch larva. She was using my data that I submit as a Citizen Scientist on e-butterfly. Was kinda cool! Anyhow I gave her one of your magazines and she was taking it back to Montreal with her :-)

**Karen Root, Campbellville**

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**f [www.Facebook.com/N.E.Views](https://www.facebook.com/N.E.Views)**

I have just finished reading the very interesting article on Butternut Hill Farm and thoroughly enjoyed the very beautiful pictures. As a result I am going to contact Monarch Watch to find out, whether my farm qualifies as a Monarch Waystation. I have lots of milkweed growing wild in different areas.

Monika Caemmerer, Acton



I enjoyed your article on The Cup & Saucer, a trail I have hiked many times, both the old and the new. One comment I have is about

your picture on page 14/15. It is not a view of M'Chigeeng/Billing's. The view is looking north across the Saucer with Honora Bay and the Windmills just beyond the Saucer. In the background is the North Channel and the North Shore. The small lake on the right, is an unnamed lake as far as I know and is east of the Saucer. My cottage is just out of view in the right, at the top of Lake Manitou.

Tom Birchall, *by email*



Just to let you know a friend of mine, Bruce Wilson, was inspired by your Plewes Mills article to develop a dual sport motorcycle ride based on

visiting various of their mill sites. This will be for an upcoming ride for the Ontario Dual Sport club where Bruce is on the executive and I am simply a member. Today we test rode a portion of the route to various Mills locations. Thought you'd like to know.

Bob Hewson, *by email*



The Iron Scow is located at 7230 Niagara Parkway, not 6075 Niagara Parkway. Please correct for future.

Shelley K.  
*by email*



I'm a resident of north Campbellville and two weeks ago my husband and I had the pleasure of seeing a pair of sandhill cranes in our yard. It was a very cool and rainy day. They spent about 5-6 hours hanging out until the rain passed at about 5pm and we watched them fly off. Today, they were back in our yard. I suspect it's the same pair, they just looked a little dryer and like their feathers have begun to molt and change for spring.

I've attached some photos of the dancing and playing that they did together. It was an amazing sight!

Jessica Trzoch, Campbellville

## Featured View

At a recent Town of Halton Hills workshop, I was devastated to learn of proposals to decrease road width to create medians and boulevards in a very busy area of Georgetown, including Queen Street which connects the GO Station and a local high school. These changes would result in increased risk to both pedestrians and cyclists because if there's not enough room for cyclists to ride on the road, they're forced onto the sidewalk, making it unsafe for pedestrians. The safe distance for cars to pass cyclists is one metre. Drivers can't stay "wider of the rider" when there's less road space for cars and bikes to share.

Workshop participants were concerned about increased traffic leading to and from the GO Station. The way forward? Increasing shared pedestrian/cyclist paths --> less cars = less

traffic = less CO2 emissions.

As reported in the local paper *Independent & Free Press* (IFP), participants at a cycling summit called for "the promotion of children cycling to school." The Town's proposals would decrease width of busy roads near a large school. IFP reported a local councillor stating "bike lanes are being added gradually throughout the municipality as roads are reconstructed." Here's an opportunity to make streets affected by these changes safer for cyclists (and pedestrians).

Why with funds available for creating medians and boulevards are they not being allocated for bike lanes? At the very least I would ask that the Town not create more danger for cyclists and pedestrians.

Want to lower CO2 by 2030? Begin making changes now.

Jayne Bell, Georgetown



◀ Baby Robins in the nest.



▲ Blue Jays at a feeder.

# Spring Photos

BY BREEANA JENNINGS



Red Squirrel examining a peanut shell.

**T**hese photos were taken by Breeana Jennings in the middle of May, 2019 when she was in grade six. She is interested in animals and spent a lot of time getting these shots of a good variety of creatures. Here's hoping that she continues to develop as a naturalist.

If you have photos or drawings by a junior naturalist, of animals, birds, plants or landscapes, please contact us through [editor@NEViews.ca](mailto:editor@NEViews.ca).



▲ Baltimore Oriole at a grape jelly feeder.



Mourning Dove and two chicks in a nest. ▶



Goldfinch among golden dandelions.



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► During Earth Week, on April 27 Orangeville had 52 people helping to plant 350 trees and shrubs along the trail by Fendley Park. The event was sponsored by Credit Valley Conservation and UPS. PHOTO PROVIDED.



◀ On May 11 dozens of people gathered in Georgetown for a climate action rally. At the next Council meeting, the Town of Halton Hills unanimously passed a resolution declaring a climate change emergency, joining at least 27 other municipalities who have done this. PHOTO BY TED BROWN.



▲ Nicole Brookes and Chris Simmons, financial advisors with Edward Jones, had fun with members of Paw Patrol at the 2019 At Home in the Hills spring show on April 26 and 27 in Georgetown.



▲ Furnace Room Brewery in Georgetown hosted the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on May 14.



# SWEET APPLE *pot pies*

Prep Time: 10 min. | Total Time: 60 min. | Serves: 4

## Ingredients

|          |                                                                         |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5        | Apples such as Granny Smith, Crispin, Pink Lady, Honeycrisp             |
| 2 tbsp   | Lemon Juice (30 mL)                                                     |
| 3 tbsp   | Unsalted Butter (45 mL)                                                 |
| 1/3 cups | Sugar (75 mL)                                                           |
| 1 tsp    | Ground Cinnamon (5 mL)                                                  |
| 1/4 tsp  | Ground Nutmeg (1 mL)                                                    |
| 1 tbsp   | Ground Cinnamon (15 mL)                                                 |
| 1        | Compliments Deep Dish Pie Shell, thawed according to package directions |
| 1        | Egg                                                                     |
| 1 tsp    | Sugar (granulated or coarse) (5 mL)                                     |
| Optional | Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream for serving                          |

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 190°C (375°F). Peel, core and dice apples; toss with lemon juice.
2. Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Stir in diced apples, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg; cook about 5 min. to begin softening apple. Sprinkle flour overtop. Stir through; cook another 5 min., or until apple is tender. Spoon filling into four 4-in. (10-cm) ramekins (1 cup/250 mL).
3. Tip pie shell out of foil dish onto lightly floured work surface. Pat pastry flat, patching together any large cracks. Using a 4-in. (10-cm) round cutter (or dish to trace), cut out 4 pastry rounds. Cut a small "X" in the centre of each round for air vent. Use tines of fork to crimp edges. Whisk together egg and 1 tbsp (15 mL) water. Brush pastry with egg wash and sprinkle with sugar. Place pastry rounds on top of warm apple filling.
4. Bake about 15 min., or until crusts are golden brown and filling is bubbling. Let stand a few minutes before serving. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

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▼ The Manitoulin Trade Fair was held in Little Current from May 24 to 26. Participants included Denise Callaghan, owner of Anchor Inn Hotel in Little Current, in the centre of the left photo, flanked by staff members, and Dallas Bondy, on the right in the photo below, with colleagues from Debajehmujig Storytellers of Manitowaning.



▲ The Gallery Upstairs, in Milton, held an opening night reception on June 13 for the exhibition of 40 original works by the Viera Brothers of Cuba. The show was a fundraiser for St. Benedict Parish of Milton.

► Rotary Club of Hamilton AM hosted the 9th Annual Imagine in the Park children's arts festival in Gage Park, Hamilton on June 1. Over 4500 children and adults attended and every child left with a free book. Photo by David Gruggen Photography.



▲ From left, Terri LeRoux, executive director of Credit Valley Conservation Foundation (CVCF), Karen Ras, chair of CVCF, Natalie Faught, CVC's Credit Valley Trail senior coordinator and Jim Muscat, CVCF's past chair at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Conservation Gala on May 30 in Brampton. Funds were raised to help secure 44 acres of land in Caledon that will help form the Credit Valley Trail. PHOTO SUBMITTED.



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▲ Conservation Halton hosted the Friluftsliv Foundation Gala on June 20 at Kelso Quarry Park. An indoor forest was created to be a visual representation of climate mitigation and adaptation, and the trees were auctioned to raise funds for tree planting. The goal was for each of the 1,153 trees and shrubs to be funded and this goal was easily surpassed. Each of the trees will be planted on Conservation Halton properties to restore forests affected by invasive species. PHOTO PROVIDED.



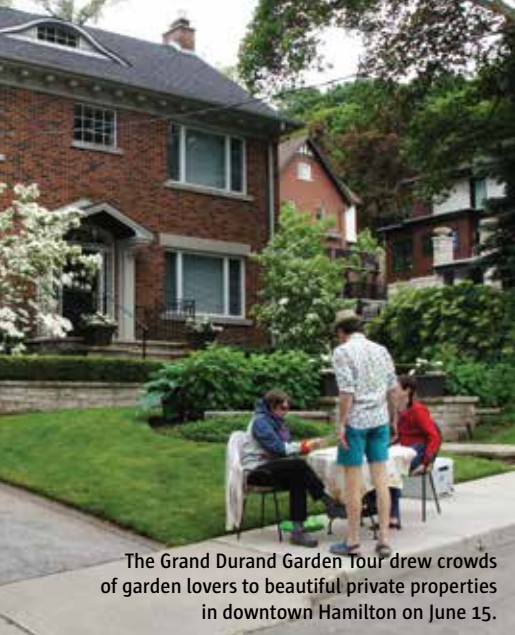
▲ On June 22 members of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, Bay of Islands Community Association, MacGregor Bay Association, Willisville and Vale celebrated the successful purchase of Willisville Mountain north of Manitoulin Island, ensuring its protection as a natural area. The public is welcome to use the existing walking trail to the summit. More trails and parking spots are planned. PHOTO PROVIDED.

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▼ West Branch Drive Park in Georgetown was officially opened on July 25. The park includes a playground, basketball court, fitness equipment and trails.





The Grand Durand Garden Tour drew crowds of garden lovers to beautiful private properties in downtown Hamilton on June 15.



▲ Half a car stole the spotlight in the Glen Williams' Canada Day parade, July 1. PHOTO BY CHRIS MILLER.





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# ESCARPMENT NORTH: **Works**

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Spirit.**



▲ Paul Duff's work "Larch Study Cape Croker." Duff loved the Bruce Peninsula and captured many scenic landscapes in his paintings.

# of Nature or Spirit

**T**he northern part of the Niagara Escarpment in Canada is sparsely populated. Wild spaces are bigger here. It's easy to get close to nature. Big bodies of water are near. Where there is water and wild space you can often sense spirit, the feeling of calm, awe or even fear you may get when immersed in landscape that's beyond the human-made.

The works by the artists featured this year share the theme of nature or spirit. Some are by First Nations people, some with family ties to Manitoulin Island. Others have chosen to make Manitoulin their home. Others work from a love of the Bruce Peninsula.



▲ This display in Gallery de Boer in Owen Sound has the works of Wikwemikong artist Leland Bell at the top. Left, is his piece entitled "Coming of the Three Fires." On the right is "Oath for Peace." The bottom row, second from left, is Randy Trudeau's "Thunder Birds." Next is Randy Trudeau's "Medicine Bear," and right, his "Amik the Busy Beaver."



▲ The two large pieces are by James Simon or Mishibiniijima, originally from Wikwemikong. The top left is his "The Boy Keeper of Manitoulin Island." The one on the right is "Dreamer's Cove." Leaning against the wall at left is one of his untitled works. Available at Gallery de Boer.

► Spotted in Gallery de Boer: Carl Beam's signed self portrait, "Artist in Studio in Progress," contains the lines "in the earth-block house Ann & I built" which is an interesting reference to Ann Beam, his wife, and their Neon Raven Art Gallery/studio/house adobe complex in M'Chigeeng. For Gallery de Boer, see [gallerydeboer.com](http://gallerydeboer.com).



**T**he painter Paul Duff, originally from the Hamilton area, chose to move to the Bruce Peninsula with his wife Leila, decades ago.

"Paul loved nature and this is what he was attracted to," says Leila. "We'd go out for a walk and take a little picnic and hike for a few hours."

Leila shows the many paintings by her late husband in the gallery dedicated to his work. "He had really almost a photographic memory. He would see something and

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▲ Just one of the many rooms in the Paul Duff Gallery on Hwy. 6 near Mar on the southern Bruce Peninsula. The gallery is dedicated to the many works of the late Paul Duff. More of his paintings can be seen at [paulduffgallery.com](http://paulduffgallery.com).



▲ ► Ann Beam in her Neon Raven Art Gallery at the edge of M'Chigeeng, with only some of her pieces. The huge-scale multi-media "Earth Incorporating" was created around 2000 and shows her signature technique of including brands and pieces of packaging. The smaller piece declares and is entitled "Go Into the Kitchen of Your Heart and Cook Up Some Love." More information is at [neonravenartgallery.com](http://neonravenartgallery.com).



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### THE GALLERY UPSTAIRS

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▲ The Gallery Upstairs, in Milton, offers a selection of Norval Morrisseau originals, prints and serigraphs. For more, see [thegalleryupstairs.com](http://thegalleryupstairs.com).

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remember it and paint it. He didn't take a photograph."

### Natural Talent

"He developed just by painting all the time and getting tips

from various artists," Leila adds. Paul's natural talent was identified at an early age. "A famous director of a big gallery in England came to Canada and advised Paul's

mother not to let Paul study with any school because they all had various ideas and they decided you should paint this way or that way and so this director said don't let him

study, so he just advanced."

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Paul Duff Gallery near Mar, South Bruce Peninsula. The gallery is open through September

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► The right panel displays four iconic lighthouses on the Bruce by Paul Duff: Cabot Head, Cape Croker at left, Tobermory, and Lion's Head at bottom.

▼ This work available at Milton's The Gallery Upstairs is authenticated as "20/975 Gift of Knowledge to Children by Norval Morrisseau."





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▲ Kent Wilkens in his Golden Gallery in Tobermory. On the easel is his version of Tobermory's Little Tub Harbour in 1925, inspired by an old photograph. "It is documenting the beginning of the 'turtle' that would affect the look of tugs on the Great Lakes for the next century," notes Kent. "You can see the beginning of it on the boat to the left. The large steamer on the right I think is the Caribou, but I still have to confirm that. A packet steamer from back in the day, that serviced Tobermory." Reach Kent through [goldengallerytobermory.com](http://goldengallerytobermory.com).



▲ Paul Duff painted windows on the world, with many works featuring the Bruce Peninsula.

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and by appointment by calling 226.974.1928.

### **Other Galleries**

These pages also feature some of the works of other artists, available at other galleries along the Escarpment. Plenty

of artists love to live and work here, particularly inspired by nature, landscape and animals. Autumn is also great for viewing and buying new works, as it is a popular time for gallery open houses and artists' studio tours.

All of these gallery owners and artists welcome visitors, no matter whether their knowledge of art is great or little. It's easy to enter the world of art along the Escarpment. **NEV**



▲ Richard and Barbara Edwards of Edwards Studios, Kagawong, show some of their work. Richard paints mostly local landscapes and creates serigraphs; Barbara creates works in glass, jewellery and weaving. See more at [edwardsartstudios.com](http://edwardsartstudios.com).

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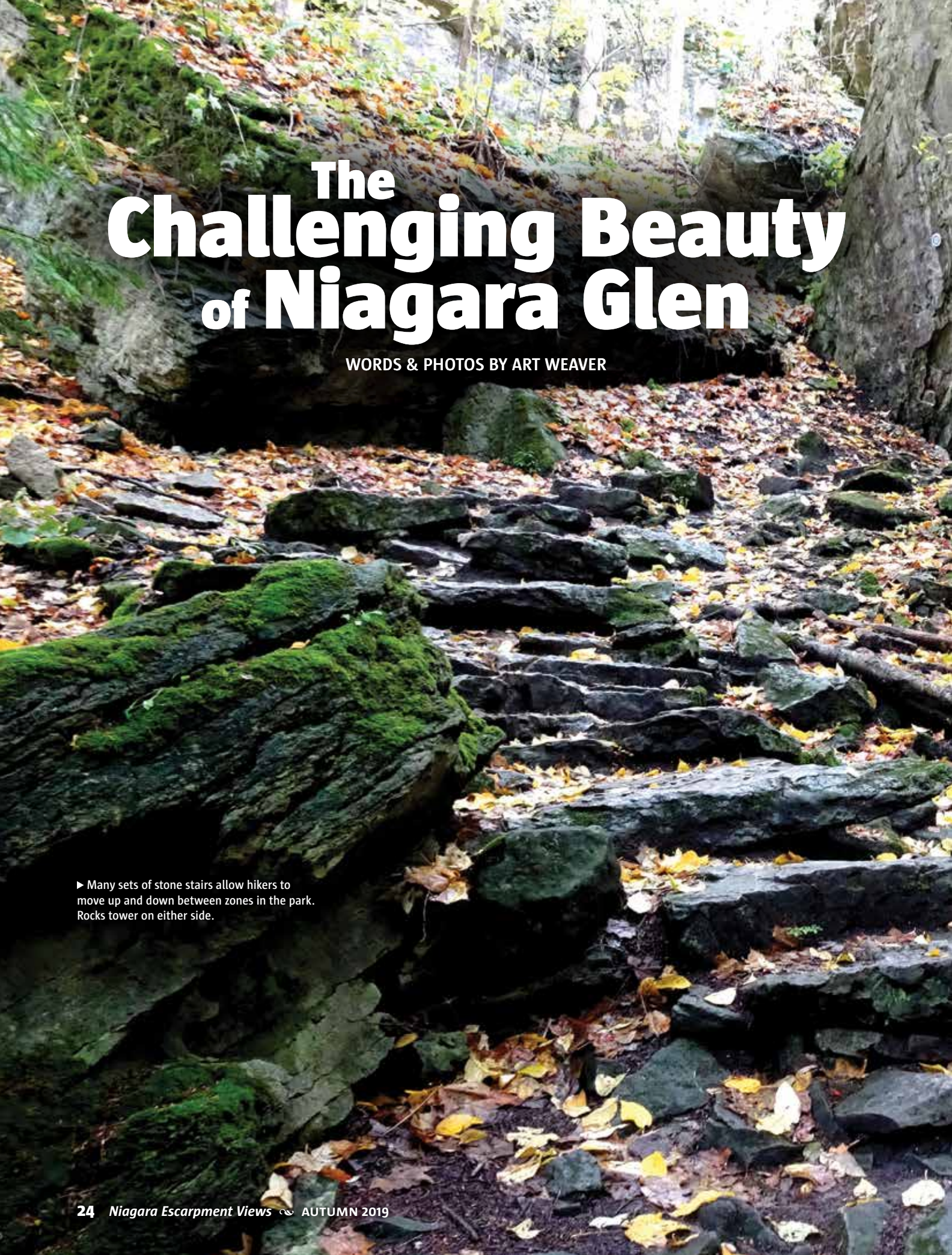
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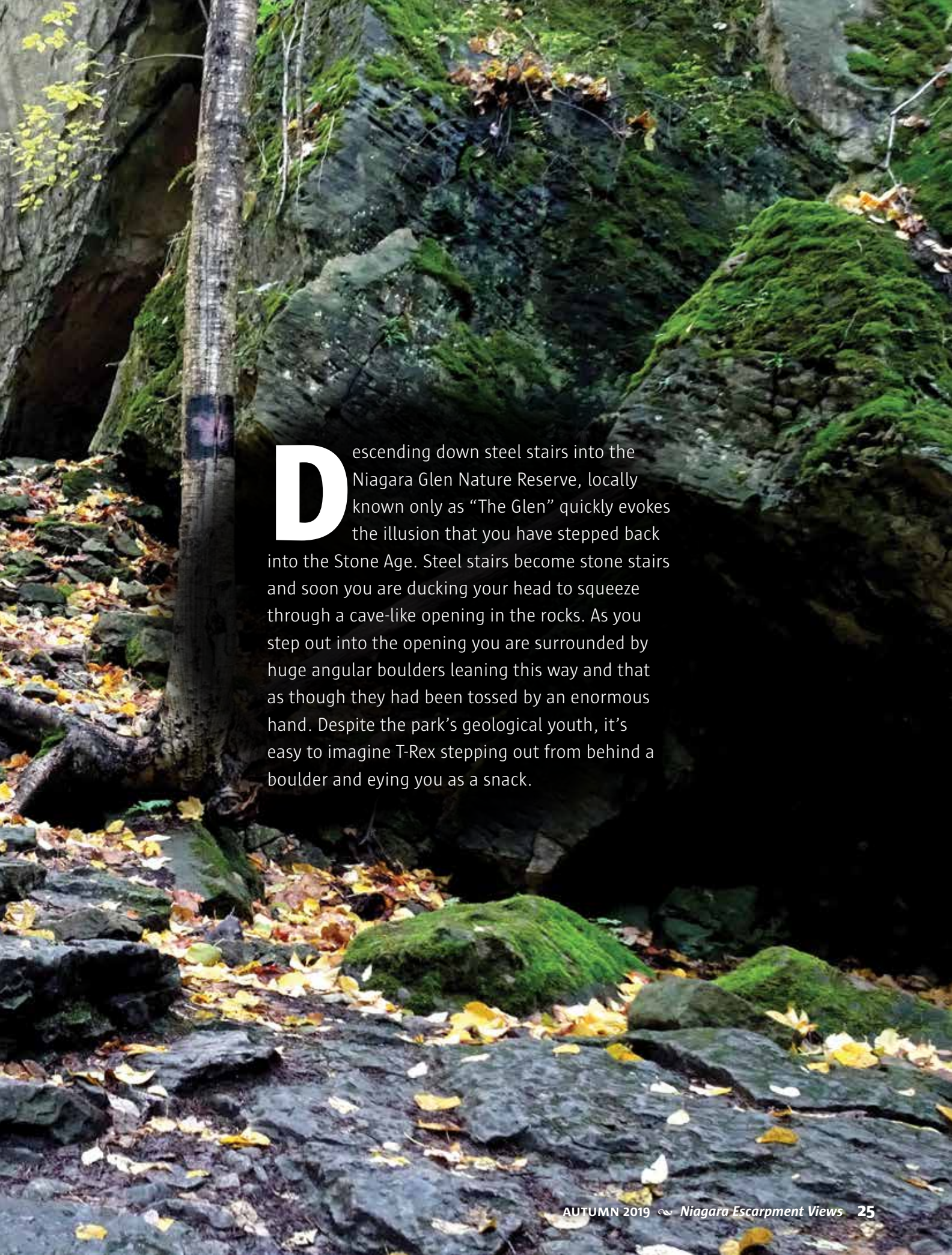
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# The Challenging Beauty of Niagara Glen

WORDS & PHOTOS BY ART WEAVER

► Many sets of stone stairs allow hikers to move up and down between zones in the park. Rocks tower on either side.

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, there are dark, wet rocks covered in fallen yellow and orange autumn leaves. A tree trunk is visible on the left side. In the background, there are large, moss-covered boulders and a cave-like opening in the rocks. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting a forest interior.

**D**escending down steel stairs into the Niagara Glen Nature Reserve, locally known only as “The Glen” quickly evokes the illusion that you have stepped back into the Stone Age. Steel stairs become stone stairs and soon you are ducking your head to squeeze through a cave-like opening in the rocks. As you step out into the opening you are surrounded by huge angular boulders leaning this way and that as though they had been tossed by an enormous hand. Despite the park’s geological youth, it’s easy to imagine T-Rex stepping out from behind a boulder and eying you as a snack.



▲ A typical trail along the Niagara River, in Foster Flats. In the fall, brilliant Carolinian forest covers the park.

**T**he Glen is located on the east side of the Niagara Parkway about five km south of Queenston Heights Park or three km north of the Whirlpool Aero Car. It is made of three distinct zones as you move down toward the river. The upper level is called Wintergreen Flats which was at one time the Niagara River bed leading up to the brink of the Falls. This section is very flat and is set up for, and well used as, a picnic area. Standing at the fenced edge of the flats you have a breathtaking view of the Niagara Gorge and the lower park since you are actually standing on what was the brink of Niagara Falls.

The middle section is called Wilson Terrace named

after James Wilson, the first superintendent of Niagara Parks and instrumental in preserving the Glen. It is the steepest and most physically demanding to hike. This area is where most of the massive boulders, some the size of a house, reside, which have fallen from Wintergreen Flats. Some of the boulders had continued their travels into the river bed creating the intense Devil's Hole Rapids. In this area you will also discover giant potholes carved through solid rock and huge mushroom-shaped rocks called sea-lilies. It is believed the potholes were formed by small, very hard pebbles trapped in a small depression in the rock beneath the Falls and spun so rapidly that they carved

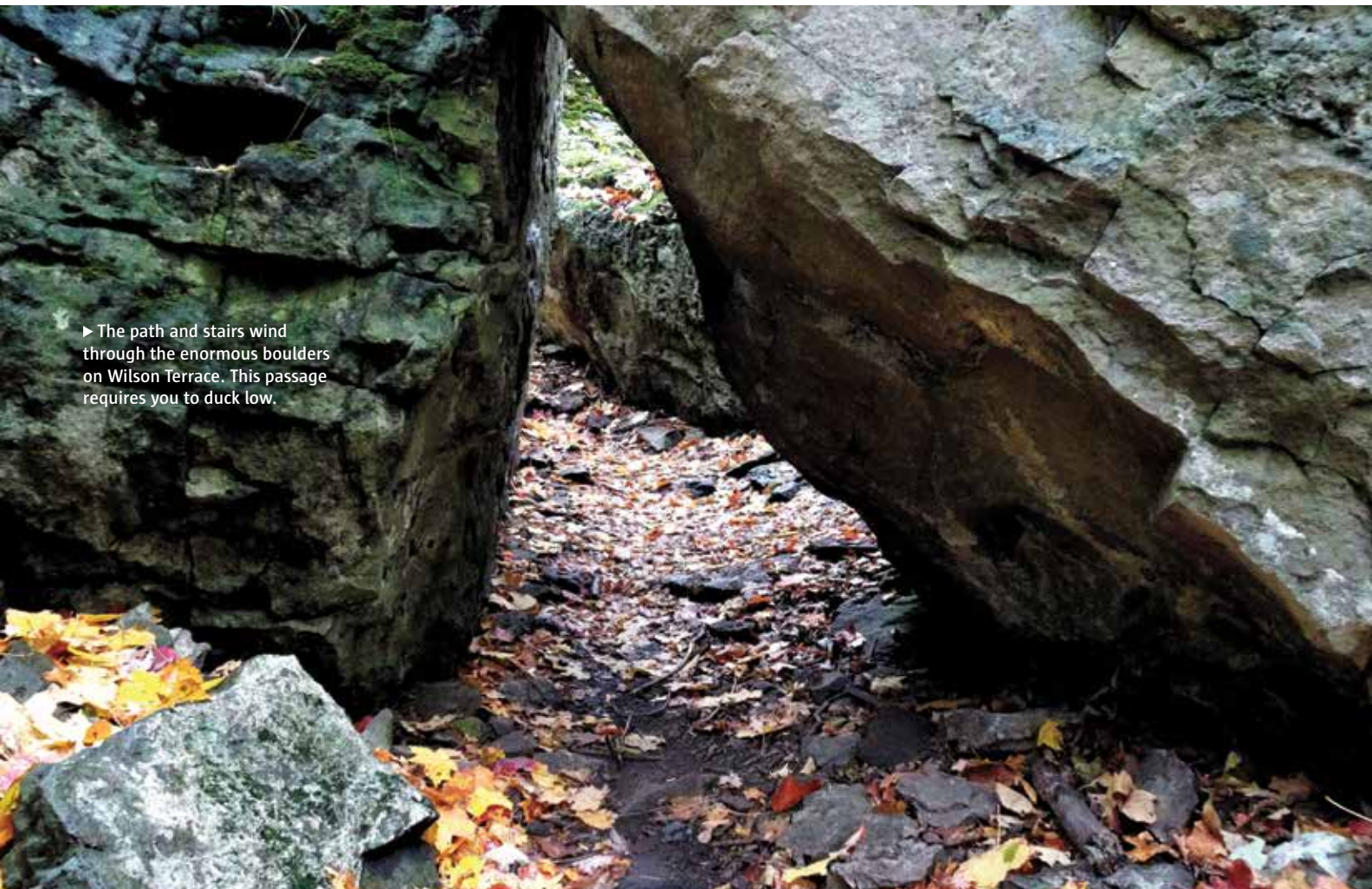
these holes. Sea-lilies are large limestone boulders having their bases eroded by the violent rapids below the Falls.

### Old Growth

The lower section, Foster Flats, is named after a hermit known only as Mr. Foster, who lived in this area and was given permission to build a saw mill and harvest some of the trees and float his lumber downriver to Queenston for sale. This section butts up against the river and runs back from the 35-ft river bank. It is relatively flat and home to some of the oldest and tallest tulip trees in Canada at 225 years old and 135 ft tall. Scattered throughout the area are old-growth cedar trees that have been studied so closely that they

have been given descriptive names like Elephant Trunk Cedar, 175 years, and Sitting Arm Cedar, 218 years. The oldest is Medusa Cedar at 316 years old and having a trunk diameter of only 14 inches. There are a reported 691 ancient cedars on the Ontario side of the Niagara Gorge.

Within these lower two natural sections of the park, there is a series of stone trails zigzagging up and down stone stairs with spectacular views of the prehistoric landscape at every turn. The River Trail follows along the river bank where you can be mesmerized by the violent action of the Devil's Hole Rapids. For the record, the water of the Niagara travels at 40 kms per hour and the flow rate of the river averages around



► The path and stairs wind through the enormous boulders on Wilson Terrace. This passage requires you to duck low.



► Wilson Terrace has a number of these potholes, many of which are large and are favourites for photography. They were formed by water.



▲ The “Elephant Trunk” cedar, thought to be more than 175 years old, is one of the more interesting of the more than 600 old cedars found in the park. The eight-to-10-inch diameter of the tree trunk does little to reveal the tree’s age

5,210,600 litres per second.

Roughly two km north of the park is the Niagara Whirlpool which can be accessed either via a secondary trail leading out of the Glen along the river or directly down a long set of stairs leading from a small parking area on the Niagara Parkway.

### Unique Geology

The Glen is a unique place with a colourful geological history as hinted at above. This history started approximately 12,000 years ago when the third version of the Wisconsin Glacier, which covered most of this

area with a sheet of ice between two and three km thick, started to melt and recede. The meltwater initially formed five rivers all headed east following various routes toward the ocean. As the glacier receded and the land beneath started its isostatic rebound, all of the rivers were cut off except the mighty Niagara. Isostatic rebound, also called post-glacial rebound, is the decompression or rise of a land mass once the huge weight of glacial ice sheets have been removed after a glacier recedes. The original Falls tumbled over the Niagara Escarpment

at Queenston in an area called Roy Terrace after Roy Spencer who determined the origin of the Falls.

The Falls began its steady erosion south through the soft limestone creating the Niagara Gorge until about 10,500 years ago. At this time there were a number of geological effects including changes to the glacier’s retreats and advances plus the rebounding land that caused the meltwaters to reroute again through northern Ontario. For the next 5,000 years the Niagara River was reduced to 10 per cent of its flow and the much-reduced Falls were

stalled at what is now called the Glen. It was that period of steady flow that sculpted the Glen that we enjoy today.

The Glen contains many botanical and geological points of interest. There are numerous large fossils of Trilobites thought to be extinct for 250 million years that can be spotted along the paths, sometimes visible in stone stairs you may be climbing. There are hundreds of examples of trees versus rocks where the trees refuse to give up their right to live and envelop the rocks with their roots creating abstract art. Some species, less



▼ A typical “sea-lily” rock found below Wilson Terrace. The bases of these rocks were eroded by the violent rapids at that time, creating the unusual mushroom shapes.



▲ This may be the “Medusa” cedar, which is more than 300 years old. This is an excellent example of rock versus tree, and clearly, the tree does not give up easily.

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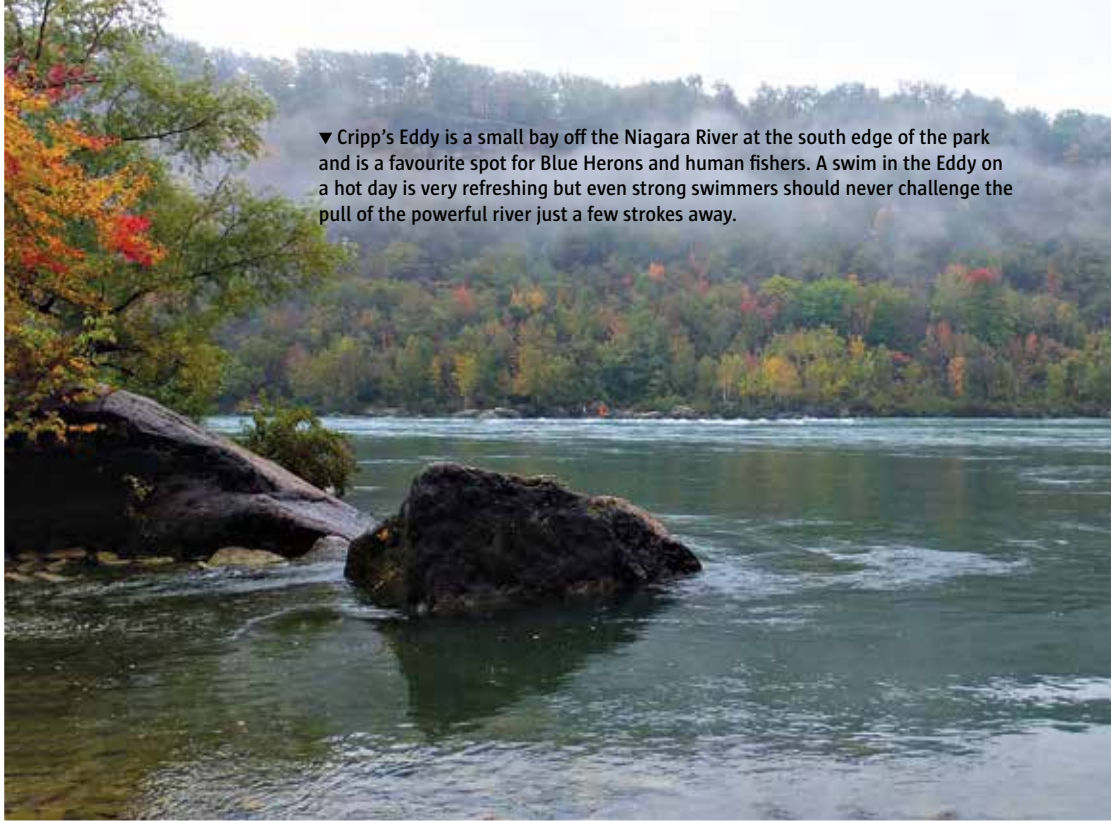
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common to this area, can be found in the park: Chinkapin Oak, Butternut Hickory, Hop Hornbeam and Sassafras.

Through all seasons the landscape is softened by carpets of moss and of course the fall colours of the Niagara Gorge are spectacular. Every trip to the Glen is a different adventure and we always discover something new. I wouldn't think of hiking the area without my camera. **NEV**

*Art Weaver's last article for Niagara Escarpment Views was "Searching for the Elusive Slime Mould," Autumn 2018.*

▼ Cripp's Eddy is a small bay off the Niagara River at the south edge of the park and is a favourite spot for Blue Herons and human fishers. A swim in the Eddy on a hot day is very refreshing but even strong swimmers should never challenge the pull of the powerful river just a few strokes away.



► Another example of the beautiful autumn colours of the park is here at the lower end of the "Devil's Hole" rapids. Water here travels at 45 kms/hr.



▼ This Trilobite fossil, about 10 inches long, was found in the Foster Flats zone beside a set of stairs following the river trail.




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Fallbrook area of Niagara Escarpment north of Georgetown.  
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# CLEARVIEW'S *Fun Festivities* FOR FALL

WRITTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY ROSALEEN EGAN

A wide-angle photograph of a street scene in Creemore, Ontario. A large white banner is strung across the street, featuring the text 'Creemore Festival of the Arts' and 'Part of the Small Halls Festival'. The banner also includes logos for 'SMALL HALLS FESTIVAL' and 'CLEARVIEW'. The background shows a street lined with trees displaying vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. A utility pole stands in the middle ground, and a car is visible on the street in the distance.

# Creemore Festival of the Arts Part of the Small Halls Festival

Banner over Mill Street, Creemore, Township of Clearview.  
These festivals are held the weekend before Thanksgiving.

**F**rom family bowling to high-end art exhibits, from concerts to chicken races and hiking the Bruce Trail, the Small Halls Festival and Creemore Festival of the Arts offer lots of variety with a local flavour. That includes a Taste of the Town event on Sunday, and other opportunities throughout the festivals to sample local food and drink.



▲ Rozlyn Kemp and her pet chicken getting ready for the annual running of the chickens, Sunday in Duntroon.

**T**he Niagara Escarpment in the fall is stunning. If the colours are not enough to get people out exploring, Clearview Township offers individuals, families, and communities a variety of ways to discover and celebrate the area and each other.

Clearview Township, in Simcoe County, is less than two hours from the GTA, and about 40 minutes west of Barrie. It includes the

Minesing Wetlands, and the highest points on the Niagara Escarpment near Singhampton, offering great views of Georgian Bay.

The Small Halls Festival and Creemore Festival of the Arts take place over four days the weekend before Thanksgiving. This is their sixth year, and they run from Thursday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6.

Amanda Murray, community culture and tourism coordinator for

the Township of Clearview says, “There are eight small community centres in Clearview. Each hall has a board and volunteer committee. My role is to work with each of the committees to identify the type of programs, music or food event they want to have in each of the halls.”

“We start planning in January for the four-day event,” she adds. “We hold a couple of workshops with each of the hall committees.

When we work with the volunteers, we make sure there is a wide variety of programs that represent what the hall, village or hamlet is really about.”

### The Halls

Using the Brentwood Community Hall, near the southeastern border of the Township as an example, Amanda says, “It is one of our smallest halls, but it puts on the biggest concerts. It has a beautiful big backyard

► Log Cabin, and North America's Smallest Jail, PHAHS Festival of the Arts location, Creemore.



◄ Pet and farm chickens are given numbers and punny names, such as Plucky, and encouraged to run through the obstacles. Not all are inclined to do so. No chicken is harmed.



▲ A stop along the road to enjoy the colours: Hwy 124 looking west between Duntroon and Nottawa.

property. We set up a stage, a theatre tent, and bring in food trucks.” The hall also does a harvest market, a harvest breakfast and a beef dinner on the Friday night. “It’s really about community,” Amanda adds.

To show the variety each hall offers, Amanda says “Dunedin has really embraced live theatre. We partner with them to add in a dinner at the New Farm. Every year we are trying to enhance the small halls to give a really good experience to the visitors but also the locals.”

Each of the eight halls carries its own history, and holds its own interest. The Singhampton Community Centre, as an example, started life as a church and is the only hall owned by the community rather than the Township.

The Brentwood Community Centre was a school built in 1875. Some of the halls were former military buildings, such as the Duntroon Hall, that was originally a drill hall at Base Borden and moved to its current location after the Second World War.

Each hall is equally funded and promoted through the Township. Clearview helps pay for new and enhanced activities and events, musical artists, culinary chefs for activities, and live theatre.

“Because my team works directly with the hall boards, and we have that one-to-one contact, there is a great working relationship,” says Amanda.

Clearview uses the Small Halls Festival as a key driver for tourism, with the hope that visitors attracted to the many activities





▲ Amanda Murray (right), and Lily White, a culture and tourism assistant, outside Brentwood Community Centre.

▼ Back Roads Rally sign, Hwy 124 and Hwy 91, Duntroon looking toward Nottawa. Participants receive a map and the route to the various small halls is well marked.





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▲ Dunedin Community Centre, next to the Noisy River and Dunedin Park, is beautifully situated on the Niagara Escarpment near the Bruce Trail.

included in the festival will then return to the area. The Township hosts 12 signature events throughout the year, plus there are three farmers' markets that occur weekly.

### Back Roads Rally

Added to the festival in 2017, the Back Roads Rally is a car and motorcycle tour. The idea is to connect the visitor to five different halls that are open on Sundays.

"They get to experience all the events and activities that are happening on Sunday afternoon, win prizes, and just have a great time experiencing the back roads of Clearview," Amanda says.

The rally provides a great opportunity to take in the

colours and landscape of the Niagara Escarpment. Besides the villages and hamlets, suggested points of interest along the route include The Devil's Glen Provincial Park south of Collingwood, with the highest lookout along the Escarpment, and the EcoPark & EcoBark Dog Park in Stayner. Each participant receives a package with a map and challenges that are representative of each hall as a way to learn about the halls and to win prizes. Proceeds from the rally support the halls' accessibility and operational expenses.

### Creemore

Station on the Green in Creemore was built in 2000

in honour of the village's rail history and to act as a cultural and heritage centre.

Adding even more variety and interest to the Small Halls Festival, Clearview Township partners with the Purple Hills Art and Heritage Society (PHAHS) that presents the Creemore Festival of the Arts the same weekend.

"It's an amazing partnership," says Amanda. "The Festival of the Arts brings in marquee artists. They are high, high-quality Canadian artists, some are local and some are nationally recognized. PHAHS makes sure the log cabin and the Station on the Green and all of downtown Creemore are programmed. When

people come into the village, there's lots to do. They can really spend the whole day experiencing all of our artists and crafters. It's really the locals that make it unique."

The marquee shows are art- or heritage-based, and presented by collectives, partnerships or individuals. The artists on location component involves artists and artisans who display original works of art or one-of-a-kind crafts. Open studios are encouraged so visitors can see the artists' process. Some art activities are interactive.

The Small Halls Festival and the Creemore Festival of the Arts offer the discovery of the talents, the family and community spirit, and the



▲ Singhampton Community Centre and Park is the only small hall owned by the community, not the Township of Clearview. It's called the Tall Small Hall because of its high elevation on the Niagara Escarpment.



▲ Avening Community Centre, former barracks at Edenvale Aerodrome, and moved after Second World War, hosts family events and concerts. There is a bowling alley in the basement.

beautiful coloured landscape of the Niagara Escarpment as it presents itself in the Township of Clearview.

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# GREAT LOOKS, GREAT IDEAS:

## Favourite Photos from Fonthill United Church Christmas 2018 House Tour



Traditional colours and materials displayed in a big, bold way, set the scene for an elegant season. Statement pieces and large-scale decorations like the cedar-and-lights swag across the fireplace surround, and the bells on the coffee table reveal a confident style.  
BY EMBELLISH INTERIORS.



Shapes rather than colours evoke the Christmas theme in this living room. Snowflakes on a rustic twig tree stand out within the subtle, non-traditional colour scheme. Browns, whites and evergreens give a natural feeling.  
BY LE VILLAGE.



▲ The reason for the season: Fonthill United Church, which hosted this Christmas house tour, was a popular stop with its tea room, bake sale and crafts sale. Proceeds from the tour went to support church programs for the community.



**N**ovember seems to be the most popular time to hold



Christmas or holiday house tours which usually benefit local charities or community programs. Decorators or sometimes the homeowners themselves, unpack treasures for public display.

◀ A warm and inviting table for Christmas doesn't have to be decked in red. Subtle, unusual touches like greenery tucked among the dishes and fresh Eucalyptus leaves in a vase are welcoming. BY OLIVER AND RUST VILLAGE INTERIORS.



One pure colour brightens this washroom for the festivities. Large snowflakes, sparkly branches, flowers and shine play up the dream of a white Christmas. BY COX HOME FURNITURE.



This year was for bird watching cardinals, which were a popular décor touch, for good reason. Red poinsettias and small scarlet ornaments on a tiny tree make a loud statement that Christmas is here. BY LOG CABIN GIFT SHOPPE.



Great idea: decorate the top of a door frame by hanging seasonal berries, bows and balls.



▲ A place setting for the kid in all of us. Treat bags beside cardinal plates and a Christmas tree place card holder bring smiles to the party. BY VERMEER'S GARDEN CENTRE.



▲ Friendly and jolly: this basement fireplace was the focal point for fun with its oversized baubles, red tree skirt serving as a hearth rug, a colourful swag along the mantelpiece, and handmade giant lollipops on the side.

Common themes can be revealed. One year there were owls everywhere, another year it was peacocks. This

year cardinals ruled the roost. Always there are greens, candles and some toys. The Christmas tree can

be traditional or unusual: white or neutral or First-Lady fire-engine red. House tours show lovely

homes at their fabulous best and are an enjoyable way to get ideas and see new possibilities. For those who



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▲ Great idea: natural minimalism that still gives a Christmas feeling: pine cones in a bowl, repeating the colour of the mirror frame and marble veins.

► Great idea: a tempting hot chocolate/coffee/tea station fosters *hygge*, a Danish word for cozy comfort.

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*My approach to decorating for Christmas would be finding the liveable blend between traditional pieces that invoke every year's memories and newer modern accents.* MEG GIZUK, OWNER, OLIVER AND RUST



haven't yet brought out the decorations, tours can be the inspiration needed to move into one of the most wonderful times of the year.

These are our favourite photos of beautifully done homes that were part of Fonthill United Church's Homes for the Holidays house tour last year. In addition, we zoomed in on some special or fun ideas that may be easily replicated for your own house this holiday season. **NEV**

► Great idea: a real cedar-wrapped outdoor handrail welcomes visitors to a home that's decorated for Christmas.





▲ Great idea: add freshness with a bouquet of traditional evergreens, pine cones, ribbon, red berries and unusually, eucalyptus leaves.



► Great idea: proclaim your attitude to the season on painted barn board.

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# Making Progress

By Gloria Hildebrandt

**W**hen I inherited the forest property from my father in 2012, I soon learned the importance of patience and dedication. Things that I want to accomplish for the property take a long time. Yet I'm seeing some progress.

Early on, I had two memorial benches made to honour my mother and father. One is on top of the hill where my mother loved to sit. The other is at the pond, which my father cherished. Both have their names and messages engraved in the back rests.

Mike and I have been working hard on the property ever since I became the owner, keeping the paths mowed and bridges repaired, cutting firewood each year, removing invasive plants and learning about everything that lives here. I thought we deserved memorial benches as well, because we have spent a lot of time and sweat on this land. Now two engraved benches sit in places that are meaningful to us: Mike's at the edge of the pond where he goes in to swim, and mine at the back of the property under a White Pine where I like to sit and absorb the silence. "Benches" is off the To-Do list.

Our battle with invasive species is showing results. Mike has put in hours dealing with Garlic Mustard, Buckthorn, and the latest concerns, Wild Chervil and Creeping Bellflower. I took on *Vinca Minor* or Periwinkle, and help with the others. I also burn the piles of large Buckthorn that Mike pulls out with the special hand wrench or even his Kubota tractor when the trees are too big for hand weeding.



Benches with our names on them provide places to sit in different places on the property. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

## Assessments

Last year we had a plant expert from our conservation authority tour the property and advise us as to which species to work on and how to eradicate them. She sent us a prioritized plan but to be truthful, we pretty much carried on doing what we could, when we could.

This year Mike asked the expert to return. Although it was disheartening to learn of new concerns, I was delighted when she was impressed with our progress. She was so pleased with our dedication, that she later informed us that we would be getting a road sign that acknowledges our efforts. I'm as happy about this as a child is who gets a gold star on some homework.

So progress is being made on invasives, although we realize that this is a job that will never be done.

Progress is also being made on preserving the property as a nature reserve through a conservation agreement with Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC). This means that even when ownership of the property

passes into others' hands, by sale, gift or death, there will be restrictions on what can be done to it. Basically, the intention is to keep it as natural forest and wetland, to preserve and protect its plants and animals.

This is something my father wanted from the beginning, when he and my mother bought the overgrazed rocky land in the early '60s. He did not enter into a conservation agreement during his life, because he was bequeathing it to me and knew that I felt the same way about the land as he did. I hope that he would be pleased that it will be permanently protected.

There are several steps to getting a conservation agreement finalized. It has been a slow process. Recently EBC sent professionals to do a bio blitz, which means identifying all the different species they can find in a short time.

## Bio Blitzes

There is nothing that tires me out quite the way a bio blitz on my property does. I think three separate ones have been

done here, and within five minutes my heart always sinks because I know it's going to be a long day. Inevitably, people haven't even left my back yard before they're exclaiming over wild plants, taking photos, huddling over identification books. I have what I consider more interesting things to show them in the woods, but they are bent over a blade of tall grass for what seems a long time.

"You do know there are 14 acres, right?" I say.

We have a great variety of habitat: a cedar forest, a hardwood forest, rocky Escarpment outcroppings, a pond, a swamp, wetland and a hillside. Hours of stopping regularly to pore over specimens leave me extremely weary. Yet I'm always happy to do it again. With every bio blitz and expert who visits the property, we learn a bit more about the incredible diversity that makes this little parcel of land worth preserving.

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

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Before opening hour at Copper Kettle Pub's outdoor patio, Glen Williams. This space is popular in both warm weather and on cool days when the fireplace keeps things cosy.  
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# Questions for the Federal Parties

In the summer issue we published a call for questions to be put to the main parties in this fall's federal election. Here are our two questions, with the parties' responses published in alphabetical order according to party name. Each party was given a maximum word count of 225 words.



**A FEDERAL ELECTION IS COMING!**

1

As of publication of this issue, the exact date of the election has not been announced, **but it must be held by Oct. 21.**

2

**What question would you like to put to the political parties?**

3

**Send your most important question to us by June 15**  
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4

**Then watch for our Autumn issue** where we'll share their responses.

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## Question 1

As a print and online magazine that celebrates the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve the Niagara Escarpment, plus Manitoulin Island, we have readers & viewers who want to know: **What in your climate change policy will result in the protection of all of Canada's nature reserves?**

### Conservative Party of Canada

Canada is home to some of the world's most beautiful parks and natural environments — which we must preserve and protect for our future generations to enjoy.

Conservatives have a proud legacy of managing Canada's natural environment and improving Canada's environmental performance. In fact, the founder of our party and Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, laid the groundwork for our national parks system and created the first three.

Andrew Scheer and Canada's Conservatives will continue to build on this legacy. This is why, we recently unveiled A Real Plan to Protect our Environment — the most comprehensive environmental platform ever unveiled by an opposition party.

One of the key planks of this plan involves creating a cleaner and greener natural environment and protecting our air, land, water, and wildlife.

As Prime Minister, Andrew Scheer will:

- Lead a science-based terrestrial and marine conservation assessment to identify the best opportunities for expanding our protected area network, including parks, marine protected areas, national wildlife areas and migratory bird sanctuaries.
- Identify high-value, low-conflict areas and initiate an expedited process to declare the area as protected.
- Work with Indigenous peoples to explore options for more active participation in the management of protected areas.
- Reinstate up-front consultations with communities and stakeholders before determining protected area boundaries.
- Ensure that protected area approval processes are reasonable, timely, and respectful of local communities.

### Green Party of Canada

The protection of nature reserves is one of the most important parts of dealing with climate change. Maintaining habitat is key to protecting species, as the United Nations has declared there are a million species facing extinction. Also, natural infrastructure, like reserves, helps absorb carbon, and some help mitigate flooding. We will establish additional reserves, both on land and in our oceans with a goal of restoring the ecosystems we need to survive. At least 30% of our land and oceans should be protected, using the criteria set by the IUCN.

### Liberal Party of Canada

During the last election, Canadians made a clear choice between the Conservative & NDP plan for austerity and cuts, and our plan to invest in the middle class, grow the economy, and protect a healthy environment for our kids and grandkids. Today, Canada's economy is one of the fastest growing in the G7, Canadians have created more than 1 million jobs since 2015, and it is no longer free to pollute anywhere in Canada. The Liberal government is taking action to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change across all sectors - from industry, to buildings, transportation and agriculture. This means using clean electricity to power our homes, workplaces, vehicles and industries, and using energy more efficiently. It also means more resilient infrastructure and ecosystems that can better withstand changes to the climate, and it means expanding protected areas and parks with a whole host of important new conservation measures. This includes \$500 million to create a new Nature Fund to protect species at risk, expand wildlife areas and sanctuaries, manage protected areas, implement the Species at Risk Act, and establish a coordinated network of conservation areas.

Andrew Scheer, like Stephen Harper before him, has no real plan to address the costs of climate change or to harness the opportunities of a clean economy. Justin Trudeau and the Liberal team are focused on protecting a clean environment and combatting climate change, while growing our economy.

## Question 1 continued

### New Democratic Party

Making sure that our lands and waters are protected is essential to making real progress on our climate change goals, and to safeguarding a good quality of life for all Canadians. New Democrats also plan to better protect Canadians from toxic substances in everyday products like cosmetics, through a strengthened Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Conservation is a vital way to protect ecosystems and preserve biodiversity. New Democrats will protect 30% of our land, freshwater, and oceans by 2030 and back those protections with funding and enforcement. We'll also work with other levels of government to develop a system of urban national parks — and a national approach to tree-planting, using responsible reforestation to help lower our carbon footprint. It's time for strong action to protect species at risk in Canada. New Democrats will use all the tools available under the Species at Risk Act and ensure the implementation of recovery strategies to preserve biodiversity for generations to come. Canada's freshwater resources are critical for the health and well-being of our ecosystems, our communities and our local economies. A New Democrat government will implement a national freshwater strategy and work with the provinces and territories to protect our waterways under international agreements.

## Question 2

**What is your party's position on replacing the 700,000 barrels of oil a day we import from Saudi Arabia with Canadian oil, and instead of exporting our product out of the country, we refine what we need, thereby avoiding potential ocean spills both inbound and outbound?**

### Conservative Party of Canada

While some politicians may pretend that the world doesn't need oil and gas anymore, it's simply not true. Even the most conservative estimates forecast that global demand for oil and gas will continue to grow for years to come.

Canada has a choice to make — develop our own resources, create good-paying jobs across our country, and grow our economy, or have countries like Iran and Venezuela meet that demand and, in doing so, boost regimes that abuse human rights and take virtually no steps to protect the environment.

Justin Trudeau has made his choice. He continues to make it harder to extract Canadian resources and has done everything he can to get in the way of pipeline construction. Andrew Scheer and Canada's Conservatives will make a different choice.

Canada has more than enough oil — not only to displace imports from the aforementioned rogue states — but to put an end to all foreign imports once and for all.

We have a vision for an energy independent Canada by 2030 with an energy corridor stretching across our country.

Andrew Scheer and Canada's Conservatives will:

- Cancel the Trudeau Liberal carbon tax
- Establish clear timelines for pipeline approvals
- Eliminate foreign interference in the pipeline approvals process, and
- Invoke federal jurisdiction when necessary.

An energy independent Canada would be a Canada firing on all cylinders — across all sectors and regions.

### Green Party of Canada

While our goal is to end the use of fossil fuels, there will have to be a transition period, and our goal is to minimize Canada's carbon footprint, by using local gas. We can use existing pipelines and rail lines with improved safety legislation. Refining it will create additional jobs. Exported oil sands crude is purchased at a lower price, but this will be a fair price. We will eliminate the use of polluting bunker fuel to import oil.

### Liberal Party of Canada

The Liberal plan has always been clear: To develop the vital infrastructure that is critical to our ability to get Canadian resources to global markets, and to do this while protecting our environment, which includes safeguarding our oceans and combating climate change - and it's working. Our emissions are going down and our economy is booming.

And part of that plan includes protecting and making historic investments in Canada's coastline. Our coasts support traditional Indigenous and coastal community livelihoods, attract tourism, and enable the export and import of our goods overseas. They are home to an abundance of Canadian fisheries, and play a key role in strengthening the economy and growing our middle class. That is why the Liberal government launched the Oceans Protection Plan - which is the single-largest investment in Canadian history to protect our oceans (at \$1.5 billion).

While Andrew Scheer has no plan at all, our plan is supported by leading scientists and economists across Canada. We've made incredible progress together, and our plan is working for Canadians - but there's much more hard work to do. Across Canada, our children and grandchildren are counting on us to take action now on climate change. And that's exactly what we're doing.

### New Democratic Party

Where oil and gas will continue to form a part of Canada's energy mix in the immediate future, we will continue to prioritize domestic upgrading and refining instead of shipping our raw resources and jobs to other countries. New Democrats believe that public funds are best spent supporting the transition to renewable energy, rather than on profitable oil and gas companies. We will fulfill Canada's G-20 commitment to eliminate these fossil fuel subsidies and redirect these funds to low carbon initiatives.

New Democrats believe in giving Canadians a stronger voice in energy decisions that impact their communities. We will overhaul the process for reviewing major projects to ensure adequate time for public consultation, and provide core funding to support Indigenous communities participating in these processes. We will ensure that proposed projects align with our emissions reduction targets, respect Indigenous rights and create good jobs here in Canada.

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By Bob Barnett

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The “Escarpment” in our name suggests the backbone for our work which extends to cover the broader ecological corridor to the Lake Huron shore. Just north of Willisville is the west entrance to

Killarney Park and just south is “Sunshine Alley,” the protected route the voyageurs took to the prairies when that was the only way to get there before the railway.

Protecting nature is not just a matter of protecting a patch of land within the property boundaries and the species living there, breeding there or passing through. There is no doubt that we need to protect those species, especially if they’re rare, endangered or threatened. We must also look at the full range of services the land provides. The trees are sequestering carbon, the soil is storing carbon for generations, the wetlands are slowing down water to prevent floods and filter out impurities, the trees remove particulate from the air and provide oxygen.

We think of the land as being a place to visit. Yes, it helps by proving tourism assets like walking trails, views and sometimes climbing or hunting. Those amount to

almost two billion dollars a year in the Greenbelt alone.....which is just a fraction of Ontario south of the Pre-Cambrian Shield where nature, if left alone, provides \$85 billion dollars a year of services. Those benefits disappear when the land is paved for roads or parking lots or houses are built. The grass in the front and back yards provide negligible benefits compared to “nature.” The roads just bring more pollution and CO2 from tailpipes.

## Enlightened Alan Shaw

Some people, like Alan Shaw, get the picture. Protecting nature is part of their DNA. Alan was born in his house in the Earls Court district of Toronto. He was a gunner and radio operator during WW2. His Mom gave him the house in 1946. He fought for the use of seat belts long before their use was recognized as essential. He fought against

smoking and for public transit. He was one of the first to come out and build the Bruce Trail..... all the way from the section he maintained near Speyside, right up to Tobermory.

From his bed in Sunnybrook’s Veteran’s Wing he’d tell me about his plans to repair the Scarborough Bluffs and ask about the Silver Maple on his lawn. He knew that trees and nature are good for people long before studies

began to arrive proving that we heal faster in nature and long before doctors started to prescribe time in nature to prevent disease.

Al saw everything from his bicycle seat vantage point. He pedalled 50 km out to maintain the Bruce Trail near Milton and back when he wasn’t working as a postal worker or heading out by bike to Florida or across Europe. Al died in December at the age of 97. He left his estate to Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy and the Bruce Trail.

He knew this was the best way to protect the land he loved. He knew that by protecting land he was providing a place for people to be well and for nature to give us its ecological rewards.

We are grateful for Al’s support. It allowed us to protect Willisville Mountain and it will protect many more properties. His bequest alone will allow us to protect almost 100 donated properties, maybe 5,000 acres or 20 square km. We could buy two Willisville Mountains with his gift or it would allow us to buy the two properties with 1.8 km of the Bruce Trail that we are working on right now. Those properties will hold off global warming by sequestering carbon and help local municipalities build their tourism economies. The more people it keeps out of hospitals, off pills and becoming more fit, the better.

Al’s gift will have a long chain of benefits, far beyond the money and the land itself.

*Reach Bob Barnett of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy through [www.escarpment.ca](http://www.escarpment.ca) or 888.815.9575.*



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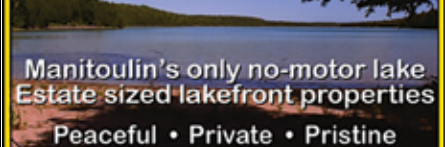
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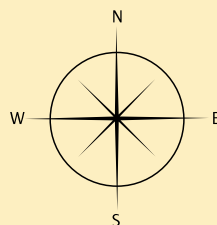
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