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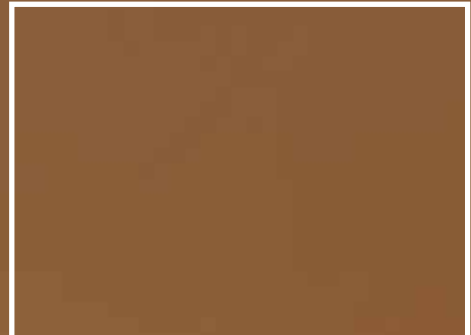
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50 Issues

We're proud and amazed that this is our 50th issue. But what does that mean?

It's more usual to count periodicals by volume or year. Issue numbers don't give a clear sense of time. A weekly publication would produce 50 issues in one year. A daily newspaper, in less than two months. An unsuccessful publication could easily be in and out of business before 50 issues were published.

So what do 50 issues mean in our case? Because we publish quarterly, or four times a year, 50 issues work out to 12 years and two more issues, or 12 ½ years in total. For a small business like ours, it's been 50 times that we've sourced interesting feature story ideas, found the writers and photographers or done the writing and photography ourselves, chosen 50 landscape photos for the centre of the magazine, worked with a designer 50 times to create a good layout, reached out to advertisers both regular and new, 50 times at least, and 50 times done the proofreading, copyediting and checking, checking, checking, and still sometimes have had errors pass into print.

"We can't find the mistakes," we tell our printer after we have done a final check before signing off our

files to be printed. We do our best but usually there's something to regret in each issue. But who's counting?

Some of our advertisers have added messages about our 50th issue in their ads this time, and we appreciate that thoughtfulness and encouragement. Will we be around to complete another 50?

What's In a Name?

"That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." These famous lines from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* came to mind as I was working on our cover story. Joe D. Shorthouse approached us with the idea of a feature on wild native roses and he had me at the word "roses." It turns out there are only three wild, native roses that grow near the Escarpment. Joe's feature and photos show and tell us everything we need to know to identify them, even though they look remarkably alike.

In Addition

From wild roses to nurtured gardens: this issue we feature one of last year's garden tours, in the old, stately residential part of Hamilton, right up against the base of the Niagara Escarpment, which they refer to as "the mountain." The Grand



People behind the Halton Hills Eco Film Fest, from left: Monika Caemmerer, Frederic Caemmerer, Daisy Radigan, Hilary Duignan, Gayle Withers, Chris Miller.

Durand garden tour isn't held each year, so we're happy that we caught it last year to share with you this year.

Beyond our annual focus on glorious gardens, we're presenting the amazing photos of butterflies and birds that Lois McNaught has been able to take near Burlington and Hamilton. Is it luck or hard work and dedication that lets her capture such beautiful glimpses of nature?

Photographer Chuck Burdick was kind enough to share his special take on some landscapes of the southern part of the Niagara Escarpment. He says he looks for beauty in shape, colour and texture, and that he finds it year round near the Escarpment. Do you agree that he has?

Community Involvement

Our longtime sales person Chris Miller wears many hats in the Halton Hills community and beyond. Always ready to help with community events and fundraisers for worthy causes, he's also active with Halton Hills Eco Film Fest, which is a program of environmental films and table displays at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown. See our Coming Events calendar on page 62 for upcoming showings, and the photo on this page for some of the others who run this festival.

Gloria

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

Let us know what you think!

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

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better with every issue.
Stephen Baker, Milton

Thank you for including
my poem in your "Poems
of the Niagara Escarpment"
feature in the Winter 2019-
20 issue. I was thrilled to
see it! ...It means a great
deal to me to have my work
appear in your informa-
tive, beautiful magazine.
Jennifer Foster, Hamilton



Thank you for printing the
photo of the 'Colored (sic)
Corps' provincial plaque - pg
41. It is an excellent example
of how insidious and total
is the amurricanization of
Canada and Canadians. A
more subtle example is
your own preference for the
amurrican 'three feet' (obsolete
for over 45 a) than the
Canadian/SI 'a metre' - pg 52. I
appreciate that it's very difficult
to resist amurricanization

when every teacher and
professor in Canada is or has
been amurricanized, to the
extent that essentially none
can speak without using
amurrican pronunciation
and valley girl up-talk. Even
the venerated Canadian
journalism standards require
that when both measurement
units are given, the amurrican
must be primary, with the
Canadian/SI relegated to
subservience, in parentheses.

I have never understood why
any Canadian would want
to emulate such a backward
country as the USA, when it
is so hard to find anything
at all admirable about it.

Glen Pearce, Cloyne

Ps: My wife is anything
but 'Petty'. In fact, she
is magnanimous to a
fault - pg 8 [Ed. note: see
the letter to the editor.]

*Editor's reply: Thank you for
your humorous letter. While
we wouldn't try to change
the spelling on the photo of a
historical plaque, we do try to
keep to Canadian spelling in
our editorial content. As for
measurements, I confess that
feet come to me more easily
than metres. We agree with you
that at present, it is difficult
to admire the U.S. As for
your description of your wife's
character, we would not dare
to comment. Keep sending us
your assessments of our work!*



The story in the NEV Winter
issue about Hamilton's
Waterfalls in Winter is a
tremendous article.
Congratulations to Mr
Hollock. To put something like
that together requires a lot of
research and work. A small
group of us hike the waterfalls
in the Niagara Peninsula
regularly all year round and
have lots of seasonal pictures
but to compare pictures a
century apart is an incredible
concept. I have one comment



about the Decew Falls in St
Catharines. That falls actually
powers the Morningstar
Mill which has been in
operation since 1872. It is
well preserved as a museum
today but still produces flour
for demonstration only in
the summer months. Decew
Power Plant is less than a km
down the road and is fed by
the man-made Lake Gibson
as is the Mill. The power plant
began in 1898 and was built to
supply power to the Hamilton

Radial Electric Railway.
The group working on the
project were told by Lord
Kelvin, the English authority
at the time, that electricity
could not be transmitted
further than 12 miles.
Undaunted, these gentlemen
developed new equipment
and transmitted 22,500
volts, 34 miles to Hamilton,
rewriting history and setting
a new world standard.

Art Weaver, St. Catharines

Joseph Hollock replies:
Thank you Art Weaver for
your informative comments
about the Winter Waterfalls
in Hamilton. The article was
primarily about Hamilton's
waterfalls, however Decew
Falls was included as it had a
connection to Hamilton. The
first use or purpose of Decew
Falls, as you mentioned, was
to power the Morningstar
Mill, however I did not
mention this as it had no
connection to Hamilton and

would have taken up more
print room in the article. The
Hamilton connection came
during the second use or
purpose of Decew Falls where
some water that normally
would flow over the falls was
diverted from Lake Gibson
(above Decew Falls) into
a tunnel towards the new
power plant downstream. This
tunnel then reduced the
water flow slightly over the
falls (similar to Niagara
Falls today). The electricity
that was produced from
this power plant then was
transmitted to Hamilton
for the Hamilton Radial
Electric Railway, again as you
mentioned. The third use of
Decew Falls today is tourism
to promote the beautiful
waterfall and demonstrate
the water powered milling
process. The power plant
is still in use today, but the
electricity goes into the power
grid and not just to Hamilton.

Joseph Hollock, Dundas



Carrot Cake

with Maple Cream Cheese Icing

Prep Time: 10 min. | Chilling Time: 60 min. | Total Time: 1 hr. 55 min. | Serves: 24

Ingredients

2 cups (500 mL)	All-purpose flour
2 tsp ea. (10 mL)	Baking powder and ground cinnamon
1 tsp (5 mL)	Baking soda and salt
1/4 tsp (1 mL)	Ground nutmeg and ground ginger
3	Eggs
1 1/3 tsp (325 mL)	Sugar
3/4 cup (175 mL)	Canola oil
2 tbsp (30 mL)	Maple Syrup
1 tsp ea. (5 mL)	Finely grated orange zest and vanilla extract
2 1/4 cups (500 mL)	Packed coarsely grated carrot
1 cup (250 mL)	Drained, canned, crushed pineapple

Maple Cream Cheese Icing

8 oz (250 g)	Plain, brick-style cream cheese
1/4 cup (60 mL)	Unsalted butter, softened
1/4 cup ea. (60 mL)	Icing sugar and maple syrup

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). In large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and ginger. Set aside. In separate bowl, use hand-mixer to beat eggs with sugar, oil, maple syrup, orange zest and vanilla until blended.
2. Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in carrots and pineapple. Scrape into greased and floured or parchment paper-lined 9 x 13-in. (3-L) baking pan. Smooth top of batter.
3. Bake 35 to 40 min., or until a cake tester comes out clean when inserted into centre. Cool cake completely in baking pan set on wire rack.
4. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese with hand mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in butter until blended. Beat in icing sugar and maple syrup just until smooth. Spread icing on cooled cake. Refrigerate at least 1 hr. before serving.

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▲ On Sept. 18, the Town of Orangeville announced the selection of four art submissions to be added to the public art that adorns utility boxes throughout town. One of the works is a view of Vicki Barron Lakeside Trail at Island Lake Conservation Area, painted by Judi Island of Orangeville, left. PHOTO PROVIDED.

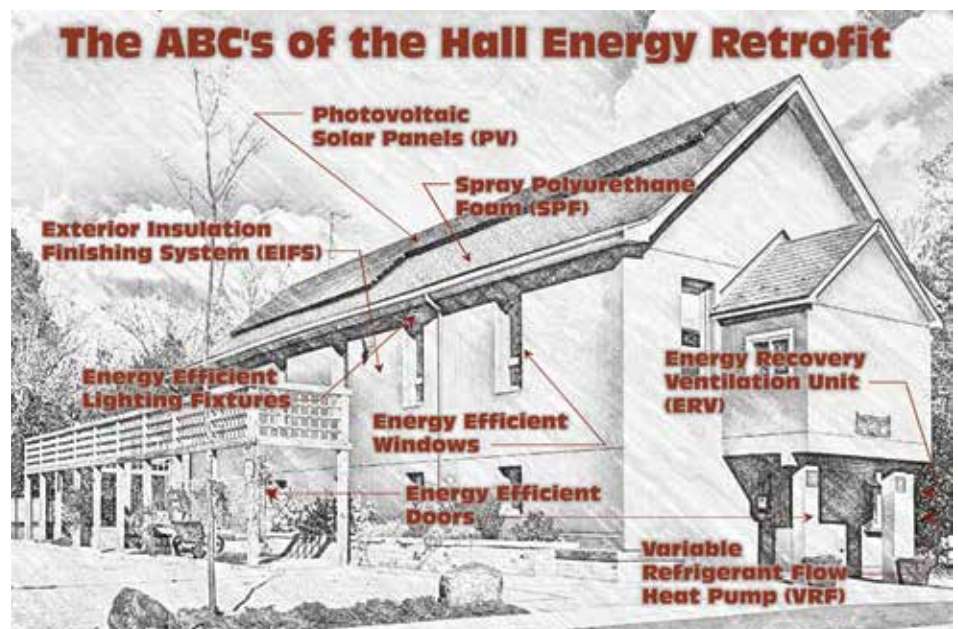


▲ Canadian Raptor Conservancy held an owl talk and presentation at Niagara Glen Nature Centre on Nov. 1. The Barn Owl was one of the featured owls. The evening concluded with an outdoor “owl howl” by visitors. PHOTO PROVIDED.



◀ The 1905 Canadian Niagara Power Generating Station, located just above the brink of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls in Niagara Falls, was available for the public to visit as part of Doors Open Ontario on Oct. 26. Access in the decommissioned power plant extended to the interior generator room housing 11 original generators, marble-lined offices, the original control room, balconies and more. PHOTO PROVIDED.

► The project called Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral won one of the Canada’s Clean50 Top Project Awards on Oct. 3. The award recognizes Eden Mills’ Carbon Neutral Heritage Energy Retrofit as one of 20 best sustainability projects completed in Canada over the last two years. In 2017, the Community Hall was renovated to achieve 94 per cent carbon neutrality. IMAGE OF HALL PROVIDED.





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◀ Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens won the Garden of the Year award at the North American Garden Tourism Conference in Victoria, B.C. on Nov. 5. The Botanical Gardens include a glass-enclosed butterfly conservatory that shelters more than 2,000 butterflies. PHOTO PROVIDED.



EVENTS ALONG THE ROCK ■

◀ Sarah Doney, an apprentice cook at Queen Victoria Place Restaurant in Niagara Falls, won a \$1,000 scholarship award at the Nov. 7 Apprentice Cooks and Chefs Showcase Dinner at Queenston Heights Restaurant. At centre is Gary Torralville, associate dean, Canadian Food and Wine Institute at Niagara College. Right, Paul Pennock, director of culinary services for Niagara Parks. PHOTO PROVIDED.



▲ Concerned Residents Coalition held their fundraising Christmas market on Nov. 17 at St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood. PHOTO BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT.

◀ The Town of Orangeville launched an online tool on Jan. 16 that shows residents when snowplows are out and how recently they were active in an area. PHOTO PROVIDED.

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▲ Niagara Parks Floral Showhouse in Niagara Falls opened the annual Cyclamen Display on Jan. 18. The display runs to March 4. PHOTO PROVIDED.



▲ Mary Dagg, daughter of Anne Innis Dagg, subject of the film *The Woman Who Loves Giraffes*, answered questions after the Jan. 22 screening at Halton Hills Eco Film Fest in Georgetown. The film's executive producer Paul Zimic looks on.

GAZETTE

Growing Canada's Biggest

By Kate McGowan

As evidence of damaging climate change grows across the world, we all feel the sense of urgency to act. What can we do to help in Niagara, the Escarpment and beyond? One simple answer is: grow native plants. Native plants are beautiful, hardy, low-maintenance species that can support up to 100 times more wildlife than “traditional” exotic plants. By selecting native plants for your yard or even a balcony container, you can take the first steps in restoring the

Southern Flying Squirrel, Rusty-patched Bumblebee and Monarch Butterfly. Not only is the Carolinian Zone home to one-third of Canada's at-risk plants and animals, it's also home to a quarter of our human population. With the region's population projected to grow significantly, so will our impact on nature and the health of wildlife.

Carolinian Canada and WWF-Canada have therefore launched www.inthezonegardens.ca, with free native garden guides for easy access to expert advice and an online tool to help track your efforts and impact for wildlife.

The Carolinian zone in southern Ontario includes the southern part of the Niagara Escarpment. With the warmest climate in Canada, the Carolinian zone is the northernmost reach of plants and animals whose ranges extend south to the Carolinas in the U.S.



landscape in your area.

Landscape restoration is one of the first building blocks of reversing climate change. Its role is important in areas where biodiversity is rich and in need of protection, and those threatened by development. Situated at the southeastern end of the Carolinian Zone, Niagara faces both challenges.

The Carolinian Zone stretches west to Windsor and north beyond Toronto. It is a hotspot for biodiversity, with more species of rare plants and animals than anywhere else in Canada, including Blanding's Turtle,

As your native plant garden grows, you'll see a diversity of caterpillars, butterflies, birds and bees return to help rebuild a resilient ecosystem. As gardeners track their progress, the tracker aggregates the size and type of restored landscapes across the zone, giving a big picture of the difference homeowners are making. Together we really can grow Canada's biggest wildlife garden.

Portrait of a Garden

David Bannister and his family live just north of Pinery Provincial Park on Lake Huron. Their home is in a

Wildlife Garden



◀ David Bannister's garden includes natural areas and a water feature. PHOTO BY DAVID BANNISTER.

forested area with pine, oak, maple, witch-hazel, dogwood, and Shagbark Hickory. When their house was built 35 years ago, the developer was under strict rules to maintain as much of the original woodland as possible, so building a shady garden was the obvious path forward. David created a plan soon after moving in, and carved out areas that would remain natural, leaving space for pathways, a deck, perennial garden, water garden and shed.

In addition to species already growing in the forested area, such as Wild Geranium, Columbine, and Fringed Polygala, David planted Trilliums, Jack-in-the-pulpit, Hepatica, Bloodroot, Trout Lily, Foamflower, Dutchman's Breeches, Mayapple and many ferns.

Deer, squirrels, Raccoons, rabbits and many kinds of birds had always frequented the gardens and woodland, but the variety and volume of wildlife really increased when a water garden was added about 20 years ago. Many more types of birds appeared,

and there were occasional visits from Coyotes, foxes, Opossum, Skunks, frogs and one Ermine who made itself at home for four months!

Over time, the lawn naturally transitioned to other shady groundcovers and the trees have continued to mature and fill in spaces where construction brought in more light.

While the garden beds and woodland plants are grazed on by wildlife, David has built caged, raised vegetable beds to feed the humans in this landscape, too, ensuring that this garden helps both wildlife and humans thrive.

You can find growers of native plants at inthezonegardens.ca. In the Zone has partnered with growers across southern Ontario to label their native plants, making it easier to select plants that benefit the environment. The In the Zone tag assures that the plant is native and grown from seed collected locally and ethically. The network of native plant growers and retailers is growing, so it's becoming easier all the time to find native plants.

Do you have a native plant garden? Share how you're building healthier habitat for wildlife and people. Email contact@inthezonegardens.ca.

David Bannister's garden was first featured in the December 2019 edition of In the Zone newsletter.

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Celebrating Cycling: Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates' Achievements

On June 6 and 7, 2020, Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) will hold a 10th anniversary Manitoulin Passage Ride, bringing cyclists to the island for free by the Chi-Cheemaun ferry from Tobermory. On June 6 there will be an evening event in M'Chigeeng, a First Nations community, with a mini powwow and a special local beer.

The two-day ride offers three route options each day, a short, medium and long-distance ride, and is fully supported with mechanical support and light snacks.

MICA also offers five-day Alvar Cycle Tours. While the June tour has already sold out, tours in September are still available. These tours provide an in-depth island experience, letting you explore marine and geological history, natural alvar formations, art galleries, First Nations culture, local food and drink and more.

In 2012, MICA published the first Manitoulin Island and La Cloche Mountains Cycle Routes and Road Map, making it easier for cyclists to navigate in the area. By 2017 there were more than 5,500 cyclists taking the ferry to the island. This year there are five different map editions, featuring more than 800 km of cycle loops and routes. These maps can be bought on MICA's website manitoulincycling.com and on the ferry, among other places.

In 2018 eight bilingual wayfinding trailheads were opened on the island, giving points of interest and cycle route descriptions at all route starting points: Little Current, Mindemoya, South Baymouth, Providence Bay, Kagawong, Gore Bay, Julia Bay and Sheguindah.

Paved Shoulders

Another significant achievement has been the establishment of paved shoulders for cyclists on the Island's provincial highways 551, 540 from Little Current to Kagawong, and Hwy 6 from Ten Mile Point to Little Current.

"Cyclists from all around North America choose Manitoulin as a cycle destination to experience our quiet roads, Manitoulin's rich limestone flora and observing our wildlife still protected by the old split rail fencerow way of farming," says Maja Mielonen, MICA's president. "They find peace cycling on quiet hardtop rural roads along the gentle rolling hills. Smelling the tall lavender bushes in spring puts a smile on your face, hearing the migratory Sandhill Cranes enriches all fall rides and resting on the many lonely beaches is a highlight for all seeking an off-the-beaten-path holiday experience."

Thousands of Km

MICA is credited with forming the Georgian Bay Cycling Route, a 1,000-km route around Georgian Bay and onto Manitoulin Island. This route is part of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail that goes from Parry Sound to Midland to Owen Sound, to Espanola and Sudbury and west to Sault St. Marie.

"In partnership with many," notes Maja, "among them the Great Lakes Generation Trust, Share the Road and Ontario by Bike, the north-south connection was opened



Cyclists enjoy seeing the old Swing Bridge in Little Current.

The bridge is Manitoulin's gateway to the mainland and serves thousands of boats passing from Georgian Bay into the North Channel.

PHOTO BY MAJA MIELONEN.



▲ Lakes on an island in a lake: Manitoulin's 108 inland lakes offer wonderful views and swimming opportunities. PHOTO BY MAJA MIELONEN.

up and is now part of the CycleOn provincial cycle web. A good portion, about 3/4 of this route is ready and fully signed as part of the over-3000-km Great Lakes Waterfront trail."

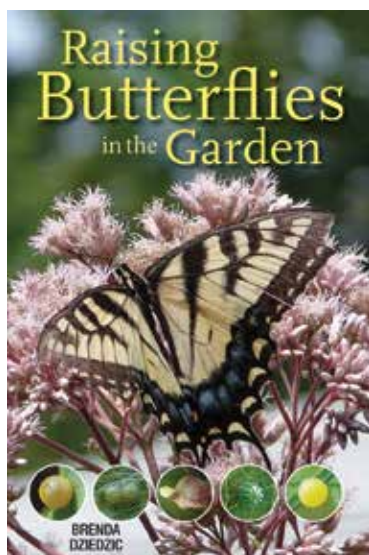
MICA has been formally recognized for their efforts. In April of 2019 the group won the Wheels of Change Organization of the Year award from Share the Road Bike Summit in Toronto. In November 2019 MICA was given the Industry Leader Product Development Award from the Destination Northern Ontario Summit.

MICA's efforts are making inroads close to home, as well.

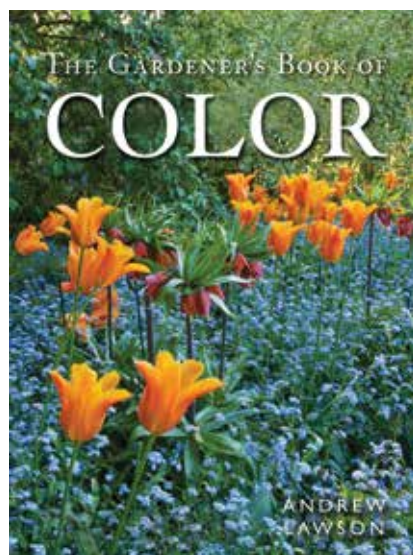
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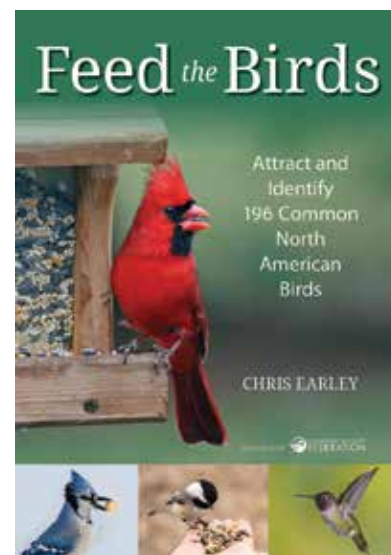
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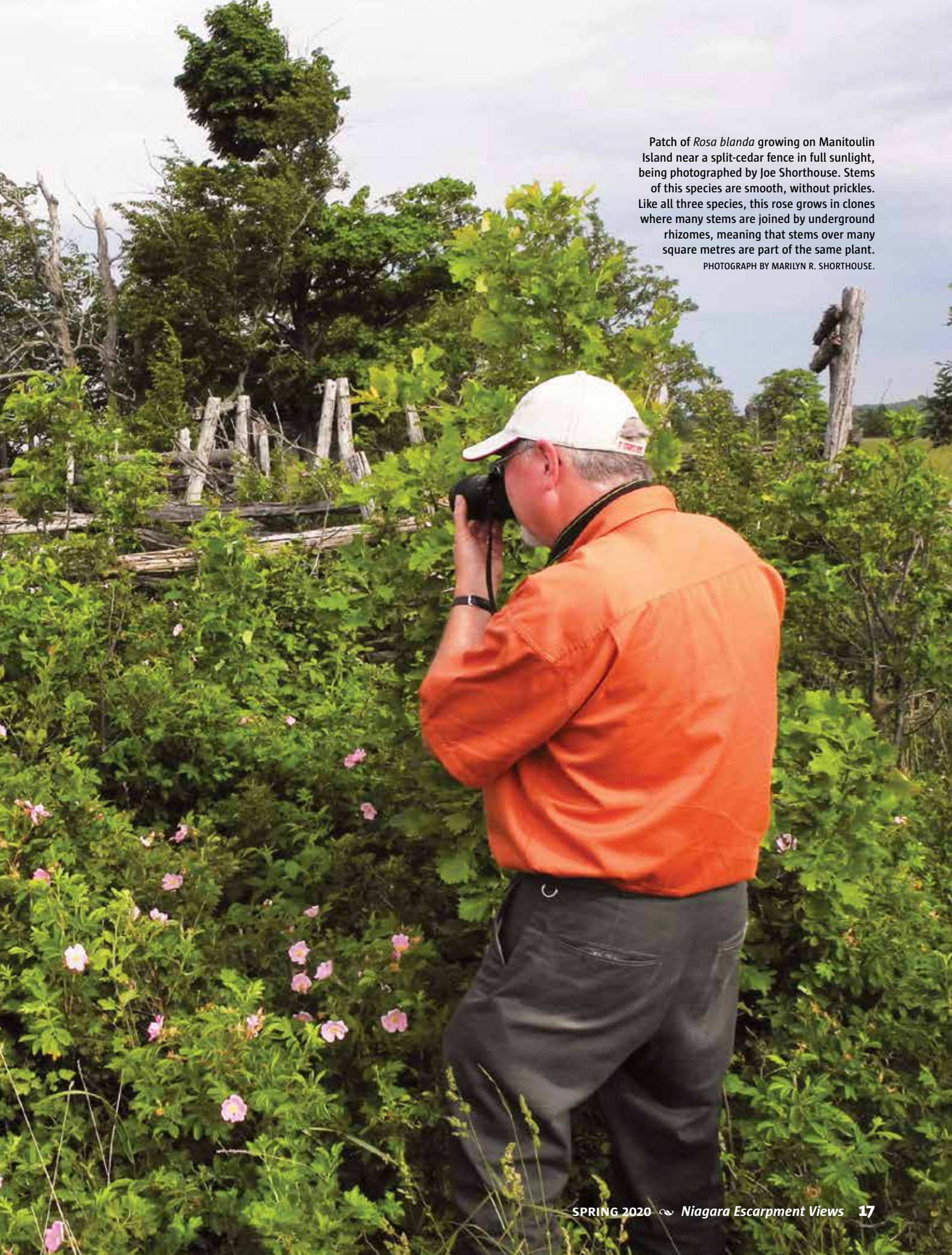


Three Wild Roses OF THE Escarpment

WRITTEN & PHOTOGRAPHED BY JOE D. SHORTHOUSE



The three most common native wild roses found on the Niagara Escarpment and surrounding terrain are the Prickly Wild Rose (*Rosa acicularis*), the Smooth Wild Rose or Meadow Rose (*Rosa blanda*), and the Swamp or Marsh Rose (*Rosa palustris*).

A man wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt, dark trousers, a white baseball cap, and glasses is seen from the side, holding a camera to his eye. He is standing in a field of dense green bushes with small pink flowers. In the background, there is a rustic fence made of split cedar logs and several tall evergreen trees under a cloudy sky.

Patch of *Rosa blanda* growing on Manitoulin Island near a split-cedar fence in full sunlight, being photographed by Joe Shorthouse. Stems of this species are smooth, without prickles. Like all three species, this rose grows in clones where many stems are joined by underground rhizomes, meaning that stems over many square metres are part of the same plant.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MARILYN R. SHORTHOUSE.



Rosa blanda growing on a dry alvar near the Meldrum Bay lighthouse at the west end of Manitoulin Island. Some flowers are in bud, some in bloom, and some have lost their petals leaving the five star-shaped sepals. Having flowers appear several days apart is a strategy to ensure that at least some flowers on a shrub will be visited by insects and pollinated if there is a period of cool, rainy weather.

All three native wild roses are often referred to as “species roses” which signifies that they grow naturally rather than the highly modified kinds found in gardens.

The three Escarpment species are found in different habitats. Prickly roses prefer disturbed sites with dry, well-drained soil, in partial shade at the edge of forests or in the shade of fences.

Their reddish branches are covered with numerous, slender, straight prickles.

Smooth Wild Roses are common in such stressed sites as sand dunes, rocky, gravelly fields, alvars, pastures, meadows, clearings and open woods. They often grow in dense patches along roadsides in dry to moist soil. The reddish-purple stems are smooth with prickles found only near the ground.

Swamp or Marsh Roses

prefer wet areas along streams and ponds, frequently growing within dense vegetation of other shore plants. Their branches are reddish brown and smooth, however, they have sharp, curved, yellow prickles.

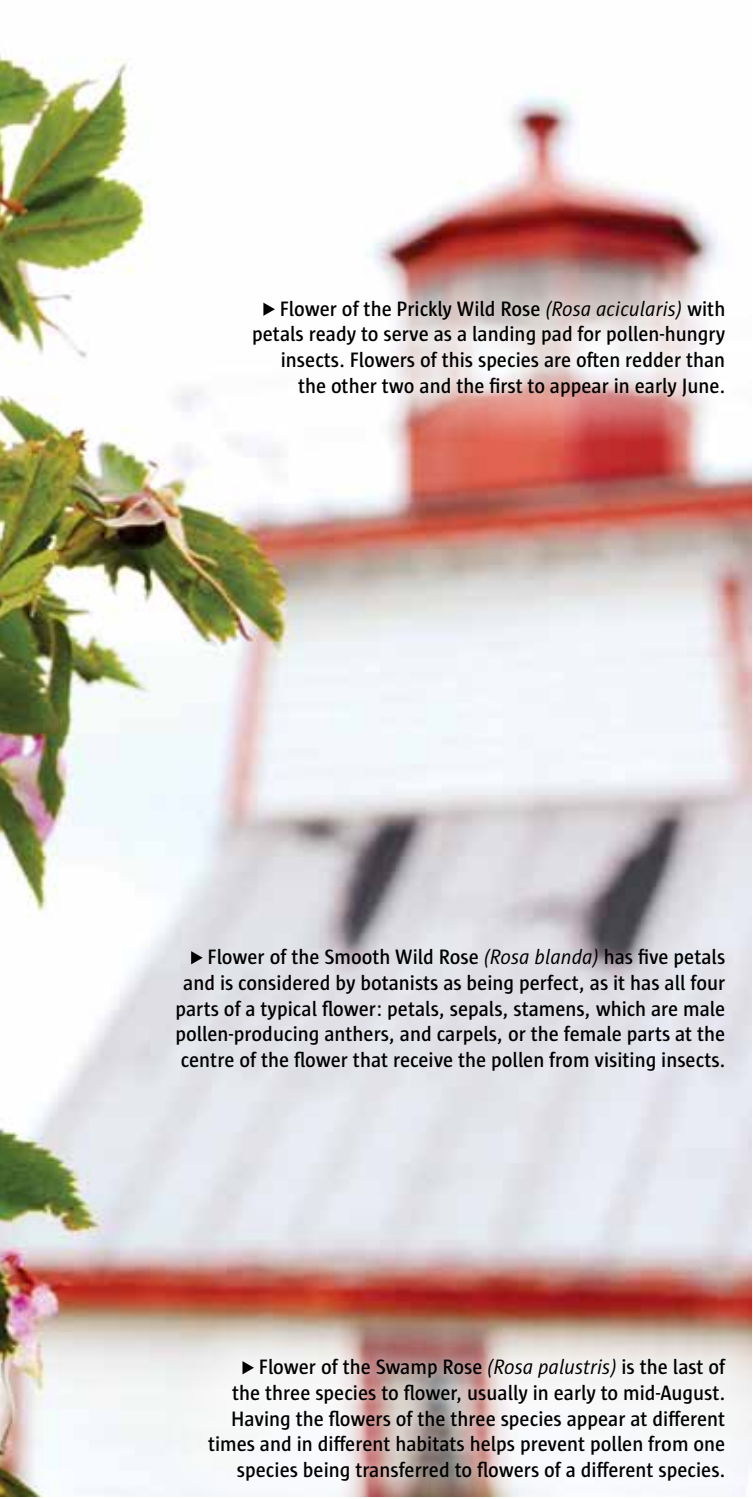
Wild roses likely were among the first shrubs to move onto the Niagara Escarpment after the continental ice sheet melted. They remain tolerant to cold climates, easily surviving temperatures down to -40C.

They thrive in diverse habitats and possess a kind of inherent ruggedness that makes them thrive where garden roses cannot.

Flower Parts

All native wild roses have simple, single flowers that appear at the tips of new lateral branches of older stems. All four parts of a typical flower: sepals, petals, stamens and carpels, are easy to see.

Sepals are the leaf-like structures that encase



► Flower of the Prickly Wild Rose (*Rosa acicularis*) with petals ready to serve as a landing pad for pollen-hungry insects. Flowers of this species are often redder than the other two and the first to appear in early June.



► Flower of the Smooth Wild Rose (*Rosa blanda*) has five petals and is considered by botanists as being perfect, as it has all four parts of a typical flower: petals, sepals, stamens, which are male pollen-producing anthers, and carpels, or the female parts at the centre of the flower that receive the pollen from visiting insects.



► Flower of the Swamp Rose (*Rosa palustris*) is the last of the three species to flower, usually in early to mid-August. Having the flowers of the three species appear at different times and in different habitats helps prevent pollen from one species being transferred to flowers of a different species.



immature flowerbuds. They extend from the base of the petals in a star shape during flowering. The most prominent structures at the centre of flowers are dozens of stamens, the yellow filamentous structures that form a circle. Anthers at the tips contain pollen that

fertilizes the embryos.

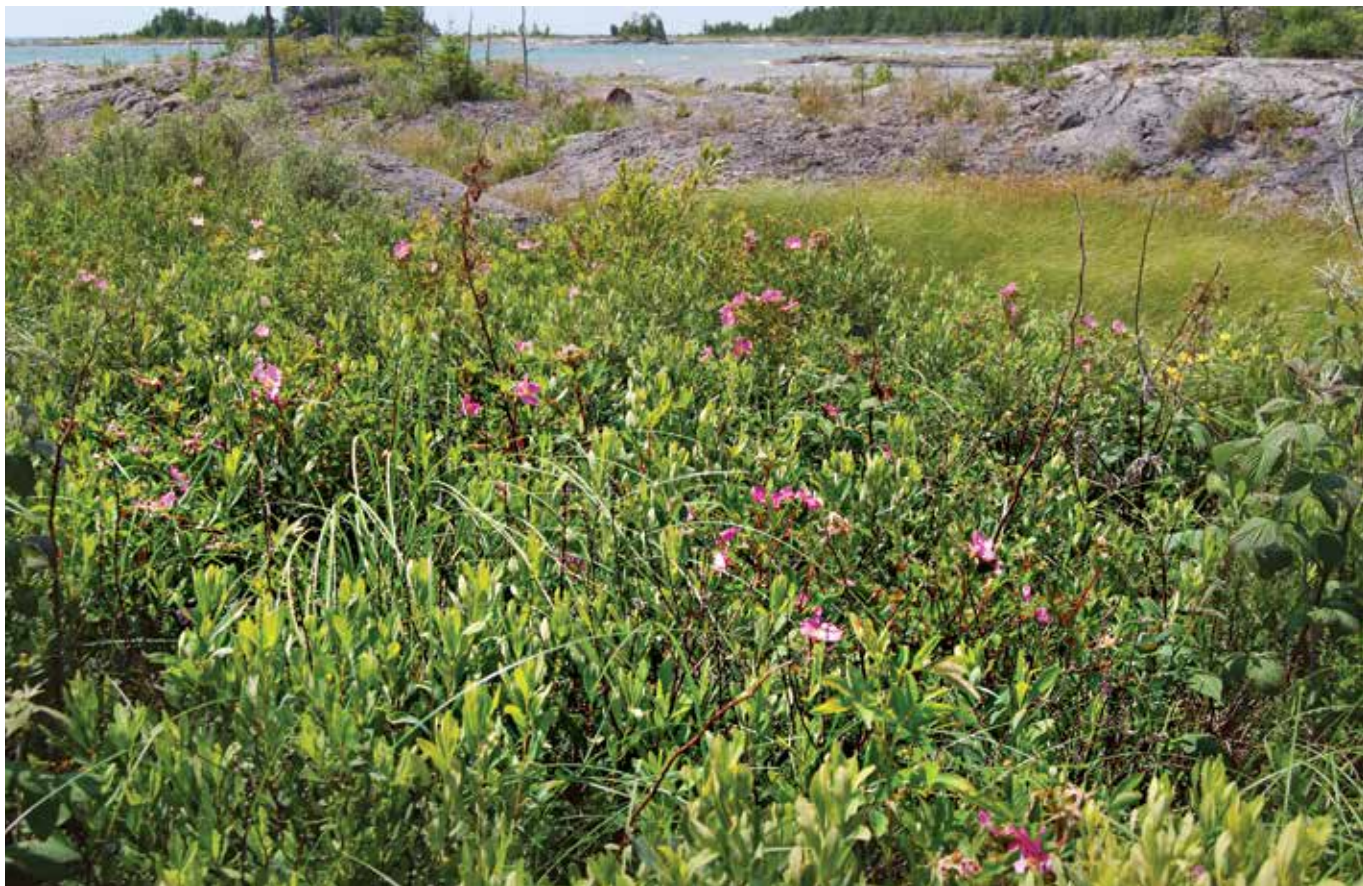
The yellow, lumpy dome at the centre of the flower is the upper part of the female structure called the carpel. The tip of the carpel receives and processes incoming pollen. Pollen grains that fall onto the surface grow tubules down to the embryos.

Four other species of roses that have naturalized but are not native, are *Rosa rugosa*, *Rosa canina*, *Rosa eglanteria* and *Rosa multiflora*.



▲ Patch of *Rosa acicularis* growing in partial shade in thick vegetation at the edge of a forest. Leaves are usually larger than those of the other two species. Stems are covered with sharp prickles. Botanists use the term prickles rather than thorns as prickles are part of the epidermis and easily break off in your fingers. True thorns arise within the stem and do not break off easily.

▼ Patch of *Rosa palustris* growing in wetland at the edge of Lake Huron. The stems of this species are clothed with paired, widely-spaced, downward-pointing prickles which easily snare clothing. Patches of this rose are the most difficult to walk through.



Each flower has five pink to deep red, rounded petals with wavy edges. Roses bloom only once a season and emit their characteristic fragrance. The function of petals and anthers is to attract, reward, and recruit bees, beetles and flies into carrying pollen from flower to flower and fertilizing their seeds. They produce copious amounts of pollen as a high protein reward for the insects visiting them. When insects feed on pollen, some sticks to their bodies and is carried to other flowers.

Reproduction

Pollination is so important to wild roses that the pollen is developed while buds are blunt, greenish spheres, so they are ready for pollination when flowers open. Rose flowers do not self-pollinate as this would lower the quality of seed production. Flowers open for two to three days, then the petals fall off. This happens over a period of several weeks to ensure that at least some flowers are open during periods of warm, dry weather when insects are active.

Once the flower is fertilized, the base begins to swell forming the well-known

fruits called hips. Hips are the seed pods of roses with the outside fleshy part turning red in the fall. About five to 20 bony seeds form within each hip. Hips remain on the shrubs over the fall and winter making them easy targets for birds and mammals.

Seeds are not damaged by the digestive systems of animals, indeed their consumption aids in seed dispersal. Rose seeds must be subjected to the cold temperatures of two successive winters before they germinate. This strategy improves the chances of some seedlings appearing in a season with ideal growing conditions.

Roses also reproduce vegetatively. They make copies of themselves by underground stems called rhizomes which extend from the base of the initial or mother plant in search of nutrients and water. New shoots called suckers arise at various distances along the rhizomes resulting in large interconnected patches called clones. All the stems we see in a rose patch may look like individual plants, but they are connected to the mother plant. Only if stems and rhizomes become separated from the mother plant, are they



▲ Hips of *Rosa blanda* which are the structures where the embryos are fertilized by pollen. The insert shows fertilized embryos that have developed into seeds, called achenes by botanists. The fleshy parts of hips are eaten by birds and mammals resulting in the seeds being transferred to new habitats once they pass through the digestive system. Seeds are surrounded with glass-like threads which must be removed when humans eat hips as they will damage our digestive system.

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Wild roses are used by many insects and mammals as a source of food, but are not seriously damaged by them. Even if the shrubs are eaten to the ground, new stems will grow from the rhizomes. Many species of insects feed on rose leaves. Ten different species of specialized tiny wasps called cynipids induce galls on roses. Note the two spherical, satellite-shaped galls above the flower. Inside a gall is a single cynipid larva that causes the atypical growth that provides it with food and shelter.



▲ Scarab beetle feeding on the protein-rich pollen of a rose flower. Pollen from the anthers clings to the body and is transferred to the female parts when the beetle flies to another flower.

considered distinct plants.

This growth pattern is beneficial when fires occur because the rhizomes survive high surface temperatures and quickly sprout new stems. Growing by rhizomes also allows various parts of the clone to share resources. For example, rhizomes growing in areas with abundant water or mineral nutrients send these resources to other parts of the clone that need them. Clones that expand by rhizomes and are not disturbed can theoretically live for hundreds of years.

Being a multi-branched plant with many growing

tips, means that defoliation by insects or browsing by mammals causes no long-term harm.

Plant Intelligence

All parts of a shrub are connected and have an extensive understanding of their immediate environment and react to light, temperature, water, nutrients, defoliation, soil structure, toxins, microbes, gravity, insect attack and chemical signs from other plants by altering their growth.

Somehow, the mother plant can coordinate the number and direction of new rhizomes and suckers and



▲ Flowerbud of *Rosa palustris* with unopened petals enclosed by five green sepals which are leaf-like structures that protect the petals. The yellow pollen-producing anthers have already formed at this stage making them ready to cling to visiting insects within minutes of the flower opening. Once the flower opens, the sepals hang downward from the base. The green spherical structure below the sepals is the developing hip.

send them towards sources of moisture or nutrients. How mother plants detect increasing gradients of these is unknown. Furthermore, rhizomes somehow avoid collision with sister rhizomes and even start to grow around rocks before contacting them! Some botanists have suggested that plants like roses exhibit a type of intelligence.

Roses have long been an important source of food and medicine for humans. Early First Nations people used roots, stems, bark and hips for treating colds, fever, stomach difficulties and diarrhea. Rose hips contain more

calcium, Vitamin C, iron and phosphorus than oranges. Hips can be dried and steeped in boiled water as tea, or they can be used to make sauce or jelly.

Wild roses of the Niagara Escarpment are symbolic of our love of the outdoors. Let's not only "stop to smell the roses" but gain an appreciation for their repertoire of survival skills. **NEV**

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▲ I couldn't believe my good fortune when I came upon a very special bird, a rarely-seen male Indigo Bunting, in the Hendrie Valley of Burlington. It is the only one I've ever seen and I was so grateful it hung around long enough for me to capture its magnificent beauty.





When I retired, having been an athlete most of my life, I thought it best to keep fit so I started walking or hiking every day on the many trails in and around Hamilton. With the Niagara Escarpment running right through the city, we are fortunate to have an abundance of beautiful waterfalls and trails from which to choose. Along these treks I noticed lots of wildlife and beautiful landscapes. The opportunities for photos were endless so I began taking my camera with me whenever I went. It's been about 20 years now and this has proven to be one of the best decisions I ever made. I'm having so much fun being out in nature and taking pictures.



▲ I've seen many Screech Owls over the years but they've always been sleeping in the sun, never with their eyes open. I was delighted, therefore, when I came upon this one in the Hendrie Valley of Burlington, who had at least one eye open and seemed to be winking at me.

◀ I was delighted to find this beautiful female Black Swallowtail on a lovely pink Coneflower, or Echinacea. It is quite an impressive looking butterfly and one of many species in the largest genus of the butterfly family *Papilionidae* (swallowtails). Black Swallowtails usually live only 10 to 12 days, although some can live up to 35 or 40 days. In cold weather they hold their abdomens above their wings which keeps them warm.



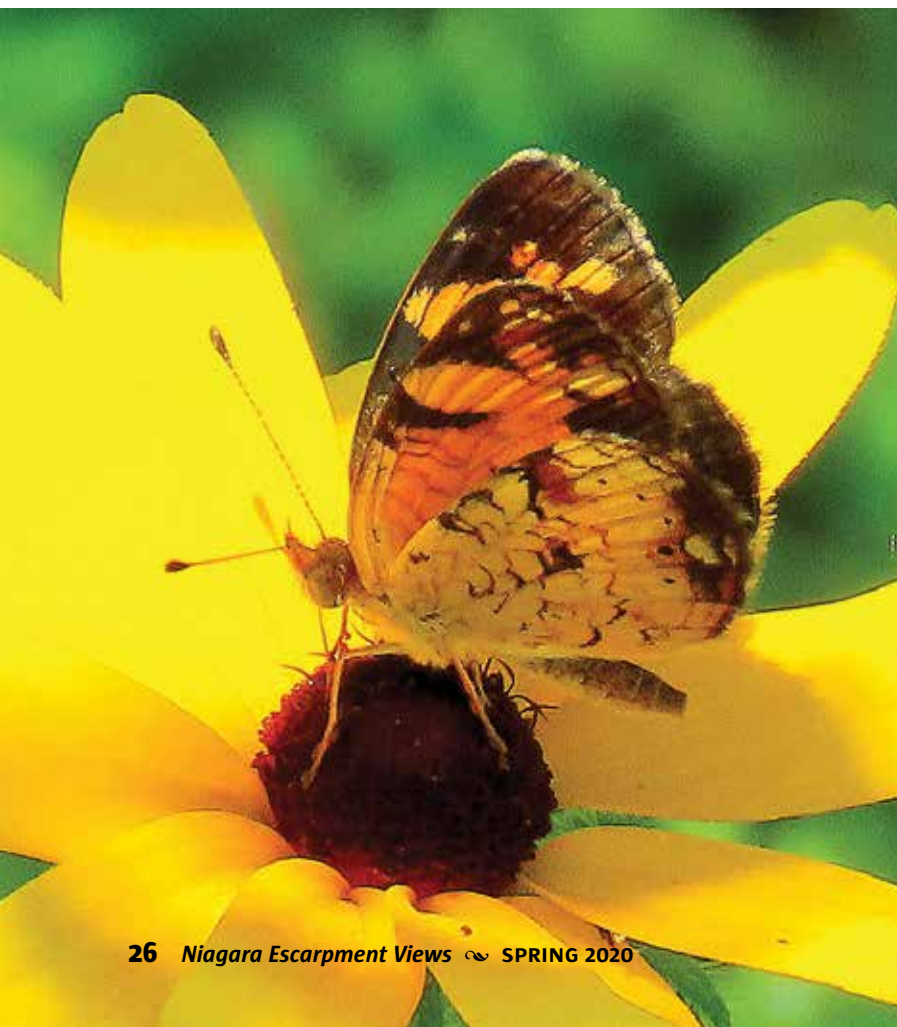
▲ The Great Spangled Fritillary is a somewhat rare butterfly for this area, and one of the most beautiful, which I have seen only a couple of times. It is perhaps the largest (62 to 88 mm) of the Canadian greater fritillaries. They have only one generation each year and have a fairly long lifespan. Most butterflies are in flight for about a month at most, and many much less, but Great Spangled Fritillaries will fly for several months, from mid-June to mid-September. This one was found at the Urquhart Butterfly Garden in Dundas.



▲ I saw this gorgeous Green-winged Teal in the pond at Valley Inn Road in Hamilton and was taken with his iridescent green-striped head. I rarely see these ducks so just had to get a photo. Luckily, he wasn't continually diving like some ducks do, so I was able to capture his lovely colours.



▲ This male and female Redhead pair were gliding along Hamilton Harbour in the winter. As with many birds, the male is decidedly more colourful and larger than the female although both have their own charm. I was so glad to be able to capture the two of them together in such a stately pose.



◀ Every year these Pearl Crescents seem to be drawn to yellow Daisies. They are very tiny and I've often wondered if butterflies are attracted to colours which are similar to their own. This one was photographed while I was hiking at Princess Point, a beautiful natural area of Cootes Paradise in Hamilton.



▲ The Painted Lady is one of the most familiar butterflies in North America. This one was attracted by the lovely tall purple Verbena that was growing in the Hendrie Park of the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) in Burlington. Its flight is fast and erratic, making it extremely challenging to get a good photo. I practise persistence, keeping at it until I get the shot I want.



▲ In the spring I came across this Red-bellied Woodpecker and his mate gathering material to build a nest in this hollow tree in the Hendrie Valley of Burlington. Here he tries out his new digs. They seem to be a perfect fit.



▲ These poor Barn Swallow chicks at Harbourfront Park in Hamilton were so hungry and anxiously waiting to be fed when I saw the parents fly right past them with no food. They were so disappointed, and so was I! This went on for a few more times until the parents eventually brought them something to eat.



▲ Often confused with a Monarch, the Viceroy butterfly is smaller in size and has a distinctive horizontal black band across its hind wings. As with the Monarch, it is thought to be noxious to most of its predators. I found this one on a Buddleia, or purple Butterfly Bush, at the Urquhart Butterfly Garden in Dundas.



▲ Last summer RBG featured a scented garden with brilliant plants chosen for their ability to attract butterflies and other insects. Bright orange Marigolds drew this lovely Monarch. I saw many more Monarchs this past season than in previous years.



▲ One winter at LaSalle Park Marina in Burlington this gorgeous Wood Duck hung around all season. There was little open water on Hamilton Bay so he was quite close to shore, providing an ideal photo opportunity. His iridescent colours are so impressive that he is definitely one of my favourite ducks.

► This butterfly was hopping around on the grass at the Arboretum of the RBG in Burlington. It was a Mourning Cloak, one of the first butterflies to appear in spring. I've only glimpsed three or four of these in my lifetime and have never been able to get a very good photo but it eventually landed with its wings open so I was able to capture its full beauty.

► I don't often see Bald Eagles but last winter was surprised to see this juvenile along the shore at Hamilton Harbour. This one was just standing on the ice as if posing for a photo. After the California Condor, the Bald Eagle is the largest North American raptor.




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Going for walks in the cold and snowy wintertime often brings unexpected rewards, such as this juvenile Red-tailed Hawk that was sitting on the shore at Hamilton Harbour. I was thrilled to get such a close shot of this beauty.



This juvenile Eastern Phoebe, a medium-sized Flycatcher, was flitting about in the Hendrie Valley of RBG in Burlington. I was pleased when he stopped long enough to enjoy a snack and I was then able to get the photo.



▲ I was hiking in the Hendrie Valley in Burlington when this male House Finch crossed my path. He was no doubt looking for seeds on the ground as they feed almost entirely on seeds and are able to handle them easily with their thick conical bill.



▲ The Great Crested Flycatcher is more often seen than heard, so when I happened upon this one while hiking in the Hendrie Valley of Burlington, I quickly got off a few shots before he flew away. This is a fairly large insect-eating bird which dwells mostly in the treetops.



Lois McNaught adds "I'm so grateful to my dad for developing my avid interest in nature and photography. He always made sure I had a camera, even from a very young age. He was a photographer himself, with his main career in accounting and a part-time career in commercial photography, so I learned a lot from him." **NEV**

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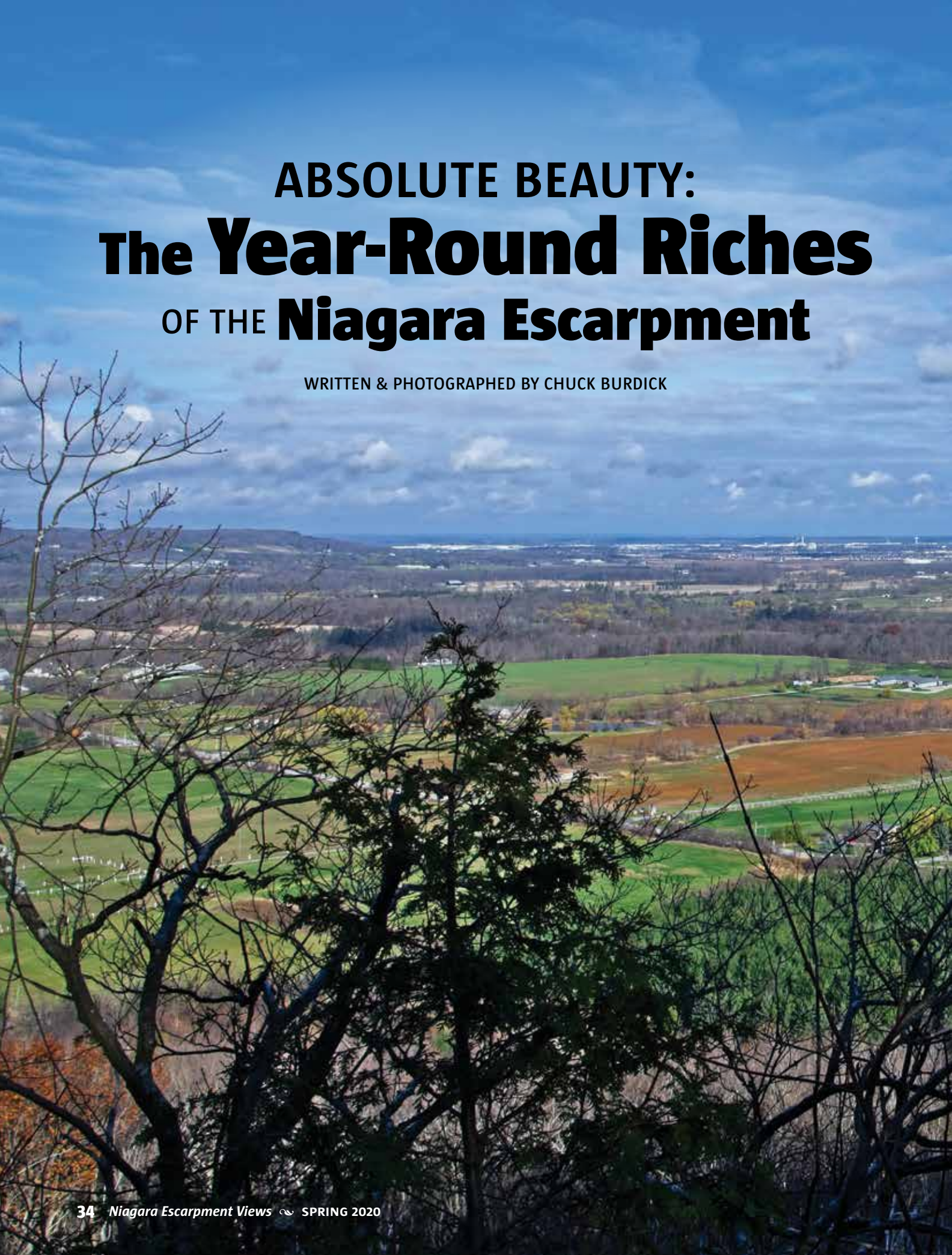
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A photographer aims for an interesting bird at the 2018 Hawkwatch Open House, Beamer Memorial Conservation Area. This high point of the Niagara Escarpment produces wind updrafts that are important for migrating birds of prey in spring.

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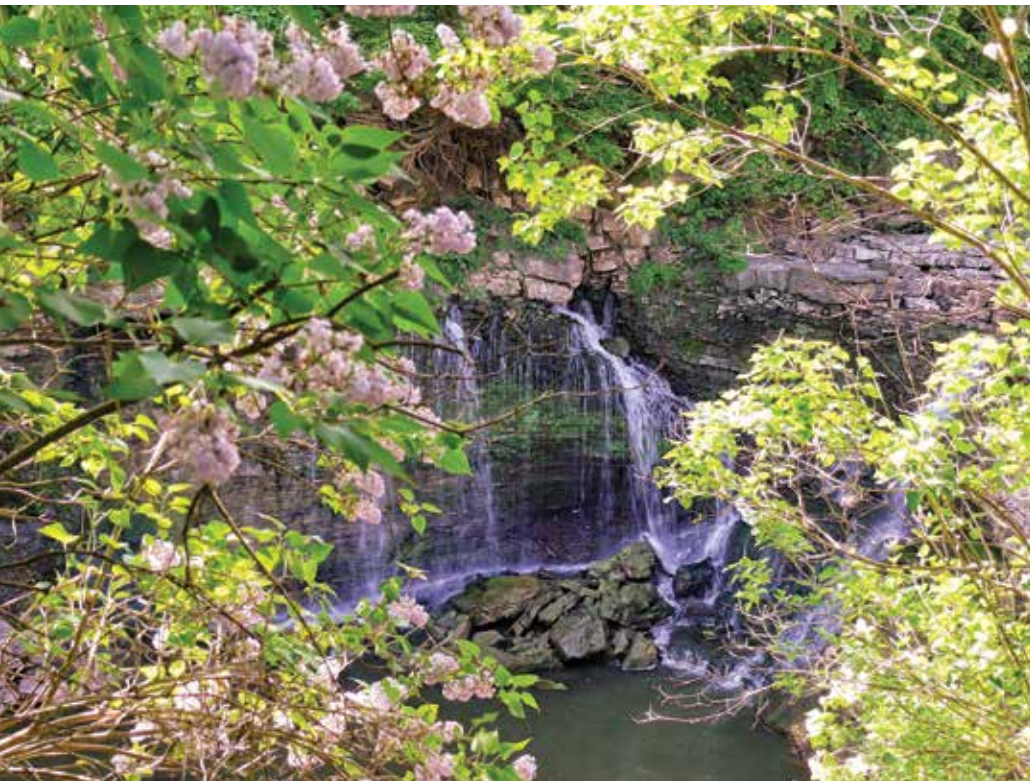
ABSOLUTE BEAUTY: The Year-Round Riches OF THE Niagara Escarpment

WRITTEN & PHOTOGRAPHED BY CHUCK BURDICK



I am a self-taught photographer working in multiple genres including macro, landscape, and abstract photography. I seek to capture beauty in this world with emphasis on shape, colour, and texture. I find all three characteristics in abundance along the Niagara Escarpment.

Brock Harris Lookout at Mt. Nemo Conservation Area provides a wonderful view from the Escarpment.



▲ TOP: Located within Twenty Valley, Ball's Falls Conservation Area in Jordan offers two waterfalls. These are the upper Falls in spring.

▲ BOTTOM: The more accessible lower Ball's Falls are beautiful year round.

▲ BOTTOM: There is a manmade water control structure in the Ball's Falls Conservation Area, just downstream of the foot bridge over Twenty Mile Creek.

Over the years I have photographed the Escarpment around Niagara Falls, the gorge at Niagara Glen

Nature Reserve, Ball's Falls Conservation Area in Jordan, and Mt. Nemo Conservation Area in Burlington. The numerous locations and

changes of seasons provide an endless number of possibilities for images. Spring and summer provide lush vegetation and an infinite

variety of green foliage. Autumn dazzles with brilliant reds, oranges, and golds.

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▲ TOP: In May, large amounts of algae floating on the surface of Twenty Mile Creek create beautiful abstract designs.

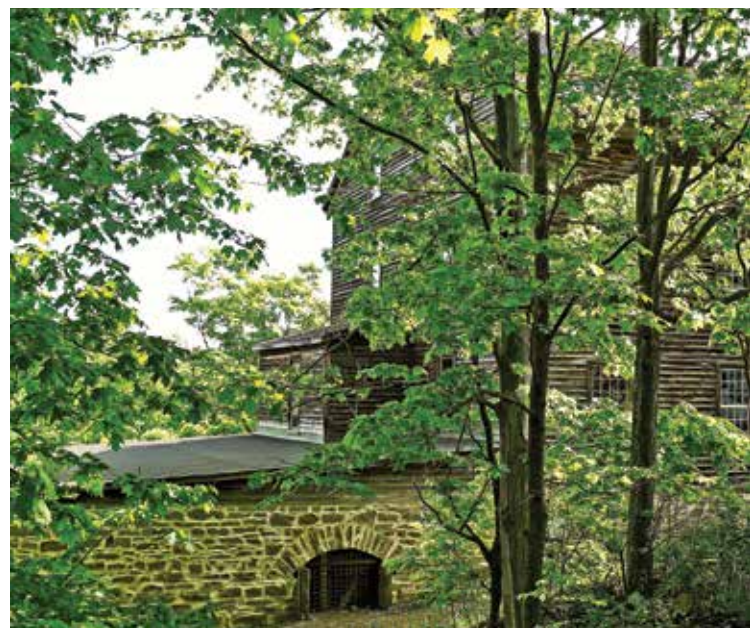
▲ TOP: The water flow along Twenty Mile Creek and over Ball's waterfalls varies from a turbulence during spring rains down to a trickle in the late summer.

▲ BOTTOM: Throughout autumn, the hickory, white oak, and yellow poplar trees at Ball's Falls are ablaze in orange and gold.

► The Bruce Trail runs through Jordan and the Balls Falls Conservation Area just south of the Lower Falls.



▲ The Ball's Falls Fairchild Pioneer Cabin is furnished with items reminiscent of the 18th century. "The Ball's Falls area along the Escarpment is my favourite location for photography," says Chuck. "The diversity of the landscape, seasonal changes, and historic buildings provide numerous opportunities for photography under different lighting conditions."



▲ For years the Balls Falls Flour and Grist Mill was the only one in the area. Today the flour mill is operated in order to produce bags of flour that are for sale to visitors.

Early winter, before the first snows, brings starker images that emphasize the rocky trails and large boulders. And, of course, winter in Niagara Falls is an unbeatable setting for

spectacular photography. The mist from the falls alights on tree branches and coats them with layers of ice which reflect the night lights from the casinos and hotels.





◀ Mt. Nemo Conservation Area in Burlington has five km of hiking trails that connect with the Bruce Trail.



▲ According to an Ontario historic plaque at the site, the Ball's Falls four-storey Grist-Mill, built in 1809 by John and George Ball, was powered by Twenty Mile Creek at the Lower Falls. Equipped with two runs of stones, the mill provided flour for British troops during the War of 1812.



◀ The photographs of the moss-covered rocks were taken in September on the Bruce Trail within Jordan Village.





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▲ In November, with the riverbank vegetation free of leaves, it is still difficult to photograph the rushing water in the Niagara River while being careful not to trample the plants.



▲ Niagara Glen Nature Reserve, located near the Niagara Whirlpool along the Canadian side of the gorge, has the backdrop of the steep walls of the gorge, huge boulders and the Niagara River.



Niagara Falls was photographed on an extremely cold day in March. The sedimentary rock formations of the Niagara Escarpment are very evident adjacent to Horseshoe Falls.



Winter at Niagara Falls provides opportunities for spectacular photography. Spray from the falls creates beautiful ice formations over the rocks and boulders at the bottom of the American Falls.

► The moss-covered rocks in front of the Brock Harris Lookout at Mt. Nemo were photographed in November before snow had settled in.

The Niagara Escarpment is a photographer's paradise in every season. There is always something new and beautiful to discover. These photographs barely begin to tell the story as they cover

such a small portion of the riches that the Niagara Escarpment has to offer. **NEV**

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► Jane Anderson, owner of the Georgian-style house on the tour, with an Azalea in bloom. She took over the property in 1989.

▼ Purple packs a punch in the flower bed in the circular front drive of the mansion called Barnewin.



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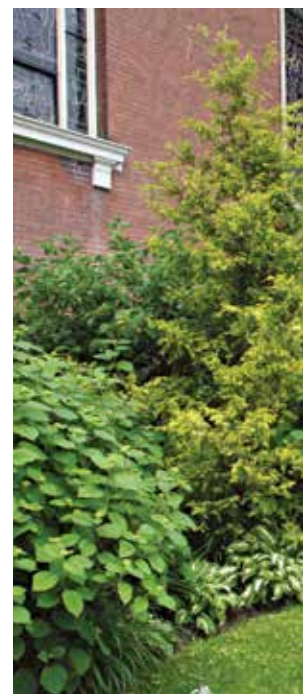
◀ Formal symmetry in the plantings and the restrained white-and-green colour scheme emphasize the splendor of this Georgian-style house.



▲ No lawn in this formal, Victorian, wrap-around yard at this impressive corner property. Black mulch, black fencing, a black urn make the colours pop.

◀ Denis Olivier and Jessica Hume, owners of the Victorian corner house, with their dog Lily, at the fire table in their courtyard rear garden. Careful plantings include Hydrangea, Pyramidal Oaks, Dogwood, Tri-colour Beech and Mock Orange.

Last year the Durand Neighbourhood Association held a garden tour which they called the Grand Durand Garden Tour, The Hidden Gardens of Hamilton's Historic Southwest. Here are some favourite photographs of the gardens, including ones that show the gardeners.



◀ Linda Miocinovich, owner of the 1896 worker's cottage, is an avid cyclist. Her lushly planted back yard includes this Snowflake Viburnum and Climbing Hydrangea.



▲ A fine example of beauty in small spaces. The front garden of this 1896 worker's cottage is filled with small trees, shrubs, Boxwood, Heuchera and Hydrangea, surrounded by a striking black metal fence.





▲ Variegated Hostas edge this wavy border of flowering shrubs and native species in the award-winning gardens at Central Presbyterian Church.

▼ A vine-covered arbour frames an obelisk and plantings of Hostas in part of this front garden.



▲ Carrie Hughes inhabits an art-filled garden with her husband, artist Chris Hartnett. The cushions at the seating area mirror the flowering Dogwood while a tribute to Picasso's work *Les Femmes d'Alger* fills part of the garden wall.



▲ This garden near the base of Hamilton's mountain makes good use of descending elevation. Owners Sydney Cook and Phil Mason have situated a patio near their large rock garden.

► Unusual and fun, especially on a garden tour! Ken and Teresa Reid created a putting green on artificial grass in their back yard. "We're the anti-garden garden," says Teresa of their low-maintenance space. "We just get out the blower," adds Ken.





► This small urban garden makes an impact with its central paved and furnished living space surrounded by narrow beds planted with Hydrangea, Peonies, Japanese Maple and more.

▲ Roses and irises are favourites in this Hamilton back yard, owned by the Hares.



► Orla and Andy Hares in the centre of the four-bed raised vegetable garden in their back yard.

▼ Kelly Rose, Mike Locke, daughter Maeve and Franklin the dog enjoy the living space in their elegant side garden.





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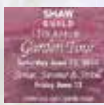
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▲ Interesting jagged lines of brickwork separate garden beds from lawn at the front of this modern house.



▼ Owners Bill Mullin and Lynn Wilson, with Eddie their Greyhound, in the back garden of their minimalist house. Jagged brickwork mirrors the design in their front yard.



▲ Lincoln Shand and Christopher Dywan with the Beauty Bush in the garden they started about nine years ago.



▲ The colour blue shines in this rear garden.



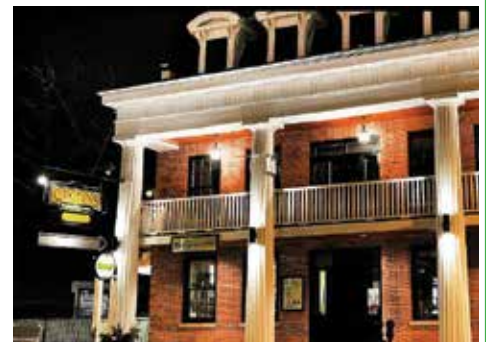
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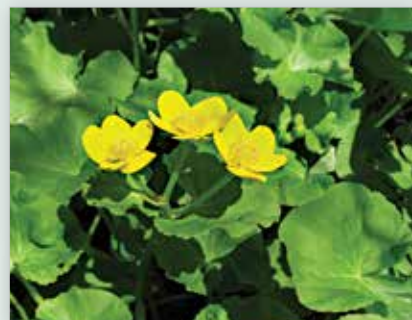
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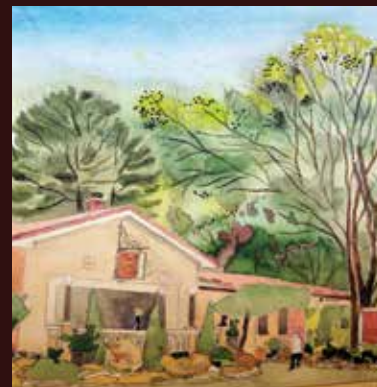
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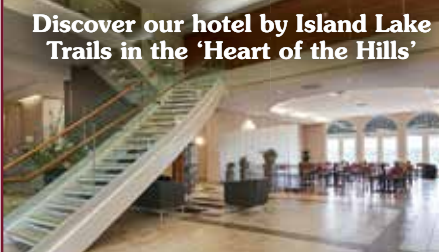
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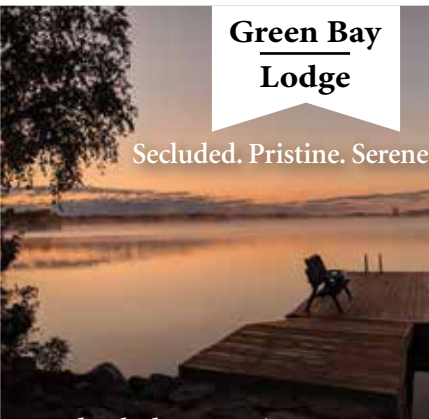
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These are some observations about our property from my journal entries from last year.

March 15

A difficult walk through the woods today. Lots of ice and snow but also high water levels everywhere that's a little low. The swamp bridge has vanished under water. I've never seen the swamp as high or broad before. At the back, fast-flowing water has breached the seasonal stream beds. Deer droppings are floating. I was afraid of falling. My snow boots got wet through. I'm glad to be home.

March 18

After yesterday's unpleasant walk on ice, today I wore different icers on my boots. I didn't slip even when I tried to! So that was much better. The ice is starting to rot, though, so I was breaking through, sometimes into watery ground. But I heard a Red-winged Blackbird.

March 19

A lovely warm day. I went around the back, sitting on every bench for a while to enjoy the sun and peace. I heard Robins near the pond and a Cardinal's spring call. In the back corner I heard then saw, a Downy Woodpecker tapping at a tree above where I was sitting. Very relaxing.

March 21, Spring

After lunch I wore rubber boots because of the mud and water, and walked to the pond via the Natural Rock Garden. A whole lot of deer droppings there, including a pile of surprisingly large droppings. Approaching the pond I saw a duck fly up but I couldn't tell if it was male or female. Passed

over the swamp which is almost still completely frozen over, although the pond is more than half clear of ice.

March 28

On the walk today I saw my first Turkey Vulture of the year flying above the forest in a big circle. I've also seen deer teeth marks on the trunks of medium-sized dogwoods, where they nibbled off the bark. They make a distinctive chevron pattern. It's on a few trees. I should photograph them.

April 3

It's so windy today that one of my recycling bins went flying across the road. There have been snow flurries as well. On my walk around the back I was afraid of trees falling on me.

April 8

On the walk today: two female turkeys were between the neighbours' and my house. Just started screaming at Thomas who didn't quite seem to know where they were. He did charge one who flew to the ground from the fence, then up high into an overhead tree. The other flew up as well. They didn't seem afraid of me.

Before this, I heard the Western Chorus Frogs, two of them calling to each other, one higher-voiced than the other. Right before this, I saw a Turkey Vulture flying, three times. Whether the same one three times, or three different ones, I couldn't tell. I think I have to take my camera every time I go outside now. – I thought I was hearing things but two turkeys were just outside my office window and then I went outside on the front porch and one turkey was on the driveway and I got still photos and a video of them!



A Guinea Hen trotting along the fenceline.

April 9

After posting photos of the turkeys on our Facebook page, I was informed by several people that they are Guinea Hens. Which had actually been my first thought but I dismissed that as being impossible. And when I Googled the call of turkeys, it sounded just like the birds I saw. Whose they are, is a mystery.

April 10

The tale of the Guinea Hens continues. They're back at the front of my house, they were in my neighbours' rose garden, they've been up the road – all this morning. They are walkers! I just don't want to learn that they've come to harm.

April 20

Rain again today. Chilly. I



A dogwood showing the chevron marks by deer nibbling the bark.

walked with an umbrella to the pond by the Main Path and around the hill. I can walk here under an umbrella because the paths are wide enough. Chorus Frogs were calling at the swamp. Yesterday we heard Spring Peepers at the pond, which I've never heard before, as I've only ever heard them at the swamp. The rain is greening the grass and causing the Garlic Mustard to pop up. This is the time to pull them. I also see *Vinca Minor* growing. So much to do.

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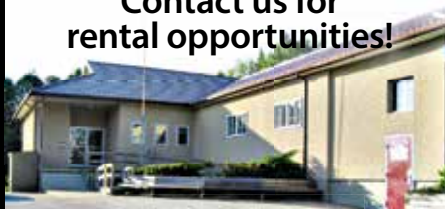
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By Bob Barnett

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At Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC), we feel tree planting is good but second-best to conserving the woodlands and wetlands we have working for us now. On the 8,777 acres we own, we have 2,500 acres of mature forest and another 3,400 acres of rapidly maturing forest. These are the best trees for soaking up carbon. They have huge canopies, millions of leaves and their roots and fungi extend for miles. Their leaves and roots build soil carbon. We have 5,000 more acres of younger trees which are slowly maturing, plus grasslands and wetlands where we have less information about their carbon potential. Altogether, we estimate EBC lands sequester 41,000 tonnes of carbon a year. That's over 120,000 tonnes of CO₂.

Sadly, some conservation authorities and the provincial government in Algonquin Park sell trees to fund staff or keep mills active. The only trees we cut are one at a time for safety on our trails.

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2. Donate enough to help EBC buy sufficient acres to cover your usage. EBC will record you as the patron of those acres. What about an acre for \$100 for 20 years? That sequesters four tonnes a year.
3. EBC will use the funds to acquire more acres. A donated acre only costs us about \$100, and 85 per cent of our new reserves are donated.

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The benefits go far beyond carbon sequestration. Those two acres will aid flood prevention and provide cleaner air and water, more habitat for species of conservation concern and

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Please note: sequestering carbon and calculating carbon offsets is a complex business. For the Climate Bond program described here there is no widely-accepted protocol; EBC will use the measurements from the enhanced forestry program and maintain our own registry to provide you with a carbon "offset" we can all be comfortable with.

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



Mature trees are the best for soaking up carbon.
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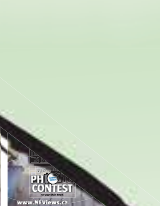
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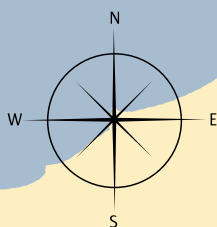
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