

Chris Miller Awarded

A member of the *Niagara Escarpment Views* team as a salesperson and contributor, Chris Miller of Acton has been recognized by the Diocese of Niagara of the Anglican Church of Canada, with an Order of Niagara 2020.

In addition to serving for many years in a broad capacity at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church in Acton, Chris volunteers for a vast range of worthy community efforts. He chaired the marketing committee for The United Way for 20 years, was an organizer for Classics Against Cancer Car

Show, annually organized a team for Bethel Hospice Hike, and served on the board of Acton's Dougan Centre, which supports people with mental health concerns. Chris has also participated in the ALS Walk, the Terry Fox Run and for 15 years, served as master of ceremonies for the Canada Day Parade in Glen Williams. He and his late wife Sally were members of the Victorian Order of Nurses Friendly Visiting program. He has staffed Salvation Army kettles for Christmas and he drives once or twice a week for Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills.

► Bishop Susan Bell of the Diocese of Niagara with Chris Miller. PHOTO BY GAYLE WITHERS.

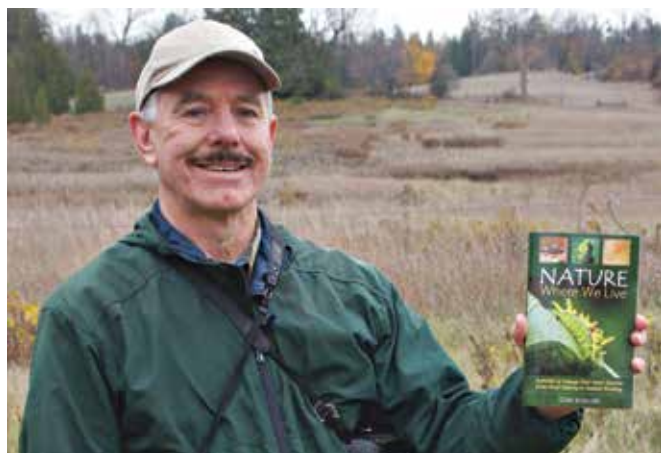


Exploring Nature Where You Live

Georgetown resident Don Scallen is well qualified to write *Nature Where We Live*. A retired middle-school science teacher and past president of Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club, he is

knowledgeable about how to spot wildlife and understand what they're doing. This slim volume encourages people of all ages to engage in year-round nature activities.

"Chapters include breeding salamanders in the spring,



▲ Don Scallen's book *Nature Where We Live* has something for all ages.

searching for caterpillars in the summer, learning about singing insects in the autumn and tracking animals in the winter," says Don. His many excellent photographs fully illustrate his educational points.

He names salamander spotting as a favourite activity. "Salamanders arrive at ponds just as our long northern winter is ending," he explains. "Their appearance signals that spring has arrived. They are beautiful creatures and we have only a brief window to experience that beauty before they leave the ponds and retreat underground for the rest of the year."

Nature Where We Live can be bought for \$20 from Urban Nature Store in Toronto and Mississauga, and

their online site; from Wild Birds Unlimited in Guelph; Booklore in Orangeville; and from Amazon. It can also be ordered from Don at donscallen232@gmail.com for \$20 plus \$5 shipping via e-transfer.

"I hope my book inspires people to learn more about the wildlife in their communities and in nearby natural habitats," adds Don. "I hope that people will arrive at a greater appreciation of these creatures and of their need for trees, wildflowers, clean water and other natural features. I also hope my book encourages families to explore nature together and to light the spark of a lifelong love of nature among the children of those families."