

## READERS AND VIEWERS



I was recently picking up a package from Food Stuffs and discovered your magazine -- congrats on an excellent issue. In this current business climate it is encouraging to see a mag doing well. And based in Georgetown too. Great to see -- may the future bring you continued success. The effort required to compete in this industry is understood since I spent 30 years in it before retiring.

**Reg Finlayson,**  
(Formerly Director of Sales & Marketing for *Chatelaine*)

I am writing with respect to your front page article entitled COVID ESCAPE TO THE BRUCE TRAIL I am a resident of Georgian Bluffs and surrounding areas to that - as you may or may not know we have ZERO deaths from COVID-19 and very few outbreaks due to careful, compassionate and diligent work on the part of all residents in the area. When you write an article like this telling people we are an escape from COVID-19 - you set the tone to make us into a hot spot. I was standing in line at the grocery store when I heard the cashier and a man from Cape Croaker [*sic*] wondering why you would do that to us? Until more people are vaccinated and red zones disappear - encouraging

people in those zones to come into ours is just selfish. We have high number of senior and immuno compromised people up here and many long term care facilities. I know you need to sell advertising bc your magazine is free - however - not on the backs of our residents please. Thank you and I bet the folks up here would love an apology for putting them at risk.

**Marianne Jacobsen,**  
Georgian Bluffs

Well done on another edition of NE Views. I enjoyed your article "What Covid 19 has Taught" in the Spring Issue. Your first paragraph on the "tolls of the Relentless News of case numbers, ... to stay home" was bang on. On another note, might I suggest that future contributors featuring a specific biking or hiking trail or phenomena, include a situation map, at the beginning of their article to "orientate" the reader. Then, more detailed smaller scale site/trail maps could be used, intertwined within the article, to compliment and augment the specifics.

**Nicholas David Holmes, Retired History and Geography teacher,**  
Ridley College, St. Catharines

I have finished reading & enjoying "every page" of the Spring 2021 NEV. A close friend introduced me to this amazing & unique magazine a few years ago. I have since enjoyed & appreciated it so very much. We have a multi-layered interest in NEV, since we met while starting our careers in publishing; we both worked for a daily newspaper in the 1970s, so we do appreciate all that you put into this unique publication. Thank you. It is time to renew

our subscriptions: mine & the gift subs. I always give to this friend. I would like to add a second gift for my brother; also an extra single copy of Spring 2021 for him...

**Karen Hartung, Brantford**

I wanted to say how much I appreciated your editorial comments in the front of the magazine about the stress we are all experiencing with this present virus. I have had to close down our B&B for now and given that I am not a candidate for the vaccine, it may be that our B&B will be closed permanently, now, after twenty-nine years of sharing our home with so many wonderful guests over the years. Your focus on the Bruce Trail and Niagara Escarpment hiking brought to mind the many Bruce Trail guests we've had stay with us, some of whom, stand out in my mind... So many memories of our guests and so regretful in having to close down because of this virus hanging over all our heads. Thank you for reminding us of what we are grateful for. It echoed how I've felt too...frustrated some days but always mindful of the fact that I am still alive.

**Sandy Small Proudfoot, Mono**

Just finished reading Spring 2021 niagara escarpment views. Great magazine and I share the appreciation for nature and conservation and particularly enjoy the photography. I was greatly saddened to read viewers comments from Lynda Pogue who felt the magazine was racist because there were no coloured people in the articles. 99% of the magazine articles are given to photos of nature walks, birds, turtles and animals. In this issue

there are three photos of white people in different articles. Perhaps "Lynda" could submit an article worth publishing with colored people, not that it would make any difference to anyone. I am afraid this "poor me" attitude has created for me an animosity that did not previously exist. Just my opinion.

**Connie Sawyers, Shelburne**

I recently picked up the latest copy of your magazine. I was appalled and outraged by the letter from Lynda Pogue, wherein she accuses the magazine of racism. She mentions passing through Erin. I am sure her hobby or mission is to do just that: pass through, pick up little local publishings and check for black content...She is giving black people and Black Lives Matter a "black eye".

**Margaret Haynes, Georgetown**

I found the letter from Lynda Pogue, published in the Spring 2021 issue of NEV, a cheap shot at a fine publication. Actual systemic racism is a serious problem. A person using "systemic racism" as their default position is very disturbing. Most of the photos in NEV are of wildlife. There were only a handful of identifiable people in articles in the Winter 2020-2021 issue (previous to the letter) and the Spring 2021 issue (which contained the letter). This hardly warrants or justifies such condemnation. In the interest of being consistent, I found it odd that no mention was made of the two and one-half page spread on the serious matter of missing Indigenous women titled "Missing and Murdered Females".

**Garry Tate, via email**

I'm writing to say how very moved I was to learn of the Hildebrandt & Davis Nature Park in the Spring 2021 issue of *Niagara Escarpment Views*. I will remember the visits George and I made years ago to your home and property, and also a hike we took with you and Mike. You both helped to open my eyes to the beauty of our escarpment area and to how important it is for us to maintain natural environments for the future. I didn't realize how extensive the process is for placing a conservation easement on a piece of property. You are to be commended for persevering, and congratulated for being the first EBC reserve in Halton Region.

Trudi Down, Hamilton

I am very happy with the opportunity of receiving the Views. It has been so many years and I always enjoy it. Congratulations for the first 10 years. And what a magnificent story with the land donation. The 14 acres of land donated back to nature? Wow. Not many people would be willing to do this. This is really outstanding.

Marek Jakubczyk, Woodbridge



I was delighted to get my Spring copy of *Niagara Escarpment News* [sic] from our local Foodland. I was over the moon seeing “Cycling Caledon’s Terrific Trailway” on the cover! Mike Davis’ article on the Caledon Trailway was excellent. The Caledon Trailway is an unknown gem to many and I suspect Mike’s article will encourage them to come out to Caledon and see for themselves the beauty of the Trailway. Mike’s choice of photos was fantastic and his mention of the so many local businesses along the way very much appreciated. Hopefully it will draw folks to walk or bike the Trailway and support our local

businesses. Albeit I enjoyed reading all the articles Mike’s resonated with me because I have had the privilege of chairing a volunteer book writing committee since 2017. Our group assisted the author Diane Allengame and editor Donna Davies to produce the incredible book *The Caledon Trailway: Building the Dream*. All book sales go back to Trailway enhancements. I encourage Mike and your readers to go to [caledontrailwaybook.ca](http://caledontrailwaybook.ca) to see more photos and get information on the book and on the Caledon Trailway. Thanks to you and all the supporters and contributors to your amazing publication.

Cheri Cowan, Caledon

“Do Profits Trump Nature” [Spring 2021] by Bob Barnett reveals how developers are paving over nature. One obvious solution would be to reduce the massive immigration (more than 350,000) annually, half of it into Toronto, the GTA and surrounding towns. The vast overcrowding produces air, noise and traffic pollution. Also, the high demand for housing has created a dangerous house bubble as individual debt skyrockets. To accommodate the need for housing, municipal leaders are pressured into giving developers approval for large, treeless subdivisions, which increasingly make inroads into our natural system and farmlands. What is the endgame? To turn Southern Ontario into a megacity horror like Los Angeles? It’s time for responsible leadership rather than cynical opportunism.

Nick Sopinka, Kimberley



We always enjoy reading your issues, they bring much-needed respite through nature into our home. We also look forward to finding new treasures close to home, definitely going to visit Georgetown’s gorgeous Old Seed House Garden this spring. Thank you for sharing your passion with us.

Bernadette and Bob Cordingley, Brampton

Our volunteer group at Friends of the Old Seed House were happy to see your article about our organization in the NEV Spring 2021 edition. It was a delight to read. Last year the garden was a hive of activity with so many people visiting. We hope many more will come to participate in the beautiful surroundings this year. So a big thank you on helping to spread this joy to a wider community.

Sue Cunningham, secretary



**D**isposed Rocks, Friendship Rocks, Rocking Rocks, Peaceful Rocks. Whatever you call them, they're a small size that have been painted with encouraging, inspirational or good fun messages. What are you up to? Please place them where others can enjoy them. This activity has become a bit of a craze in parks in the US and Canada. There is a short red trail in George Park in Woodstock, Ont. that carries the Canada Rock, but the Town of Hamilton still operates after the winter season. We encourage you to enjoy your own rocks, but please do not place them in public places or on public property. We will be happy to photograph or



PHOTO BY SANDRA FLORES

I got your Niagara Escarpment Views (Winter 2020-21) issue. I really enjoyed reading your magazine. All the articles presented in this magazine are really interesting, but one in particular caught my eye “Little Rocks that stand out”. These rocks were left by people along the short rail trail in Georgetown, even though I did not paint any of them, I would love to share what I do with you... I started painting rocks in 2019 and I have painted almost 1200 rocks and sold 200 rocks. People love them as presents and of course for a variety of special occasions... Thank you... for the beautiful article you published.

Sandra Flores, email

I very much enjoy & appreciate your magazine. Even though I was disappointed to see the article on painted rocks! Since as stated in the side bar of one of the photos “Ontario Parks (states)...leaving painted rocks in wild places are bad ideas!”

Mary Ransom, Vineland



PHOTO BY DORA JEFFRIES

Ever since we saw the recipe for Apple Pie cookies in your magazine my grandchildren, Madeleine and Mitchell Wallace and I have had so much fun making them and eating them. At first we cut pastry strips and formed a lattice to look like your photo. This proved to be too much work so we started using cookie cutters to make the top pastry. The two teddy bears holding hands is their favourite. We all enjoy your wonderful magazine, thank you.

Dora Jeffries, Acton

*Editor's note: Actually, this recipe in the Autumn 2020 issue is thanks to our advertiser, Foodland.*

**Featured View**

Every woman who serves as a sailor, soldier, or aviator should have the same opportunity to succeed in their careers as the men they serve with, without fear of sexual exploitation by their peers or superiors. Further, when they have experienced sexual misconduct, they must feel safe coming forward without fear of any reprisal. For any of the talented, gifted, hard-working women I've had the fortune of leading or serving with during my career: If you have experienced any sexual harassment, misconduct or worse, I regret not doing more to eradicate this unethical, immoral behaviour while I served. I will use my voice as a parliamentarian to ensure we make this right.

Alex Ruff,

MP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound