

# New Developments



**T**his Autumn we have a couple of new developments to highlight. We're introducing a new column called Nature Craft. It shares the work and ideas of Nicholl Spence, our talented graphic designer, who is also very good at creating almost anything with her hands. This first column shows what she can make out of roadside apples, the ones that are ignored by all but wildlife. Nicholl gathered a supply of free fruit and turned it into apple butter, apple brandy and of course, pies and tarts.

The second announcement is the publication of my memoir, *The Gift of Land: Living With Nature*. Based on my columns of the same

name in this magazine, it details my upbringing on a 14-acre property in north Halton. I share stories of encounters with its various wild animals but I also explore the challenging relationships I had with my parents. The property is now designated a nature reserve, something my father in particular, would have loved.

Copies of this book can be ordered by mail order through page 47. I've also been invited to give a book signing and presentation in September at Ginger Press Bookshop & Coffee Bar in Owen Sound. Call there at 519.376.4233 or Mike at 905.866.7888 for details.

Perhaps you'd like to join our Launch Party for this book on Oct. 5 at the property, the Hildebrandt + Davis Nature Park. Celebrations will feature a tour of the property, a reading and a light lunch by the fire. Tickets are limited and include a copy of the book, signed if you wish. To reserve spots for you on your

own, or with your spouse or partner, see page 53.

## Features This Issue

Our cover story is provided by our frequent contributor Sandra J. Howe, who shares her exploration of the Lindsay Tract Trails on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula. The various trails here offer great exercise by bicycle during the beautiful season of the year.

Autumn remains a favourite time to visit the studios and homes of fine artists. This year we introduce some brilliant members of the Fine Arts Society of Milton during last year's studio tour. There are unique pieces for everyone at these exhibitions and sales.

Concerned citizens along the Niagara Escarpment from Niagara Region to Grey County continue to press the provincial government to protect the Greenbelt. Dan O'Reilly reports on some of the many community groups' activities to get Premier Ford to keep his Greenbelt promise. This was

well before the July floods in southern Ontario brought more attention to the role of wetlands and green spaces.

Dedicated Bruce Trail member Ron Savage has published another book that provides funds to Bruce Trail Conservancy for the purchase of important lands. *Exploring Sydenham* details 50 trails in a large area of the Niagara Escarpment between Beaver Valley and Warton. Ron provided photos to illustrate an excerpt from this work, giving an idea of what can be experienced while hiking here.

Whatever your cherished outdoor activity, autumn is possibly the best time to get out there and stock up on memorable outings in this exquisite part of the world.


*Gloria*

Gloria Hildebrandt


*P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.*


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