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Michael Monahan, email

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Karen Hartung, Brantford

I have enclosed a cheque in
the amount of \$100 payable
to NEV to cover [10 back
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for you to enclose a short
note as to exactly how many
past issues are available?

Siegfried Grabs, Moose Creek

[Editor's note: copies of all
back issues dating to early
2008 are available.]



I really enjoyed the article. It really captured what we do here
and why we do it. Thank you to you and Mike for the coverage.

Valerie Assinewai, Ojibwe Cultural Foundation



I read the article. Wow. Thank you for hosting me and WPEC in
such a large feature.

Tunde Otto, Willow Park Ecology Centre

A big thank you for your article on snakes and fear thereof! I am
one of those unfortunate people that suffer with ophidiophobia
AND there's a hibernaculum just over the fence in the backyard...
needless to say, there's a steady stream of the critters slithering
to and fro to the wood pile and the gardens and sometimes
even getting into the basement, oh my. I will keep your article
handy for future use. I know I know, they are more scared of
me than I of them. Still... But they were here long before me
so it's time to get over it! Funny story: one of the first shedded
skins I found in the garden was quite beautiful and I hung it
close by, but it startled me every time I passed it. Maybe that was
taking it a bit far. They do have the cutest eyes though! National
Geographic had a great article on snakes years ago with some
fabulous close-up shots of their faces and they're adorable! Very
expressive eyes. Not like a great white shark's or anything. It's a
work in progress... Take care and keep writing great articles!

Patricia Hettinga, email

■ EVENTS



▲ In St. Catharines on March 14, David Suzuki and Tara Cullis on their
Stronger Together Tour, joined Niagara Academy for Indigenous Relations to
discuss climate change issues as part of Art in Action Climate Festival.
PHOTO BY ALEX HEIDBUECHEL.

▼ In November 2025 Hamilton Conservation received a pledged donation of
\$200,000 over two years, from RBC Foundation for the Saltfleet Conservation
Area Wetland Restoration Project. This project will restore four wetlands above
the Niagara Escarpment to protect from flooding downstream and provide
wildlife habitat. PHOTO BY PAUL STACHO.



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Monthly Lodge Programming:

Date: May 11, June 15, July 26 @ 10:00-12:00pm

RHT Gathering:

Date: May 19-21 2026

Foundation Teachings:

Date: May 25, June 29, July 14, August 18 2026 @ 01:00pm

Plant Sale:

Date: June 14, 2026 @ 10:00am

Debajehmujig Open House:

Date: July 16, 2026 @ 10:00-03:00pm

Summer Mainstage Production:

Date: August 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 2026 @ 07:00pm

Matinee August 8, 15 2026 @ 02:00pm

6 Foot Festival:

Date: September 25, 26, 2026 @ 10:00-03:00pm

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▲ Tyler Grant and K9 Trigger demonstrated their work as part of Ministry of Natural Resources Canine Program, at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show on March 20. Dogs support conservation officers enforcing wildlife protection laws and help with tracking evidence and suspects.

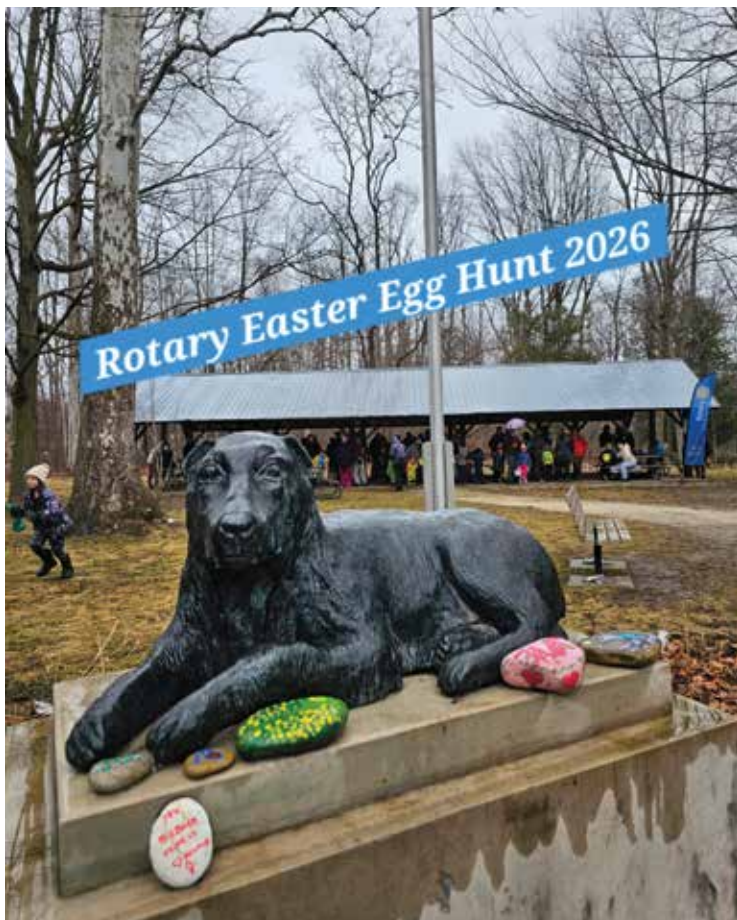
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▲ On March 22, Anishinaabe Traditional Grandmother Kim Wheatley gave ancestral storytelling sessions during Credit Valley Conservation's Maple Syrup in the Park festival at Terra Cotta Conservation Area in Halton Hills. PHOTO PROVIDED.



▲ Town of Halton Hills held an Environmental Symposium on April 1 at Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown for the public to learn about environmental activities happening in town.



▲ Foodland staff gave a demonstration of food preparation at The Spring Cottage Life Show in Toronto on March 27.

◀ The Rotary Club of Meaford held an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at Beautiful Joe Park. PHOTO BY SHARON MANSION, BEAUTIFUL JOE HERITAGE SOCIETY.





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► On April 2, arborists Aaron and Ryan, from left, of Silver Creek Tree Care, helped volunteers in the Toronto Bruce Trail Club clear a dangerous tree near a trail. PHOTO BY LAURENT THIBAUT.

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▲ On April 12, Phil Parrot-Migas won the Around The Bay 30K Road Race in Hamilton for the third year in a row. PHOTO BY GRAHAM PAIRD.



▲ Mark Zelinski presented his new book of photography *Niagara Escarpment: Land Between Waters* to Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club in Georgetown on April 14, and signed copies for purchasers.



▲ Lanzarotta European Market in Ballinafad held a grand reopening on April 15, celebrating the store's renovation and enlargement.

► Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club celebrated its 60th anniversary on April 18 in Georgetown, when Bill McIlveen gave a presentation on the club's history beginning with the formation of Earth, and Don Scallen presented views of Halton's wide variety of plants and animals.



▼ The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) received the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award in Conservation presented in partnership with Ontario Heritage Trust. The award was presented on April 17 at Legislative Assembly of Ontario and recognizes BTC's seed orchard project. At left is John Ecker, chair of Ontario Heritage Trust Board of Directors. Receiving the award, centre, is Lyndsey Wilkerson, BTC restoration coordinator. At right is Her Honour the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.
PHOTO BY DAHLIA KATZ.



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▲ On April 20, Ecojustice, on behalf of Environmental Defence and Ontario Nature, filed a lawsuit in the Federal Court against the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Julie Dabrusin, and the Town of Wasaga Beach, seeking urgent action to protect one of Canada's most fragile and important endangered species habitats. The lawsuit seeks to protect the Piping Plover's critical habitat on Wasaga Beach from damage by the Town and third parties. PHOTO BY MERRI-LEE, CARE OF ONTARIO NATURE.

◀ Local businesses in Pelham organized for the third year, a cleanup of the community on April 18 to celebrate the Earth. PHOTO BY HEATHER HAMILTON, HAMILTON'S OF PELHAM.

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY JUNE 21 **Summer Solstice, Drumming** **Down the Sun & Yoga on the** **Beach**

Entry by Donation
7pm: Yoga bring mat or blanket
8pm-9pm bring a drum or
anything to shake or rattle
Charles Daley Park, Jordan;
Lakeside Park, Port Dalhousie;
Ryerson Park,
Niagara-On-the-Lake
More info:
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or 905 562 3746



▲ ZEPHENIA JAMES BY JUSTINA MOORE

SATURDAY JULY 11 **Gardener's Garden Tour**

Niagara-on-the-Lake
Horticultural Society
9:30 to 4pm Tickets & info: www.notlhortociety.com

SUNDAY, AUG. 23 **Joe's Summer Social**

Beautiful Joe Heritage Society
will host live music, canine
demo, park tours, family fun,
food, vendors.
Noon to 4pm Beautiful Joe Park,
Meaford More info: <https://beautifuljoe.org>