

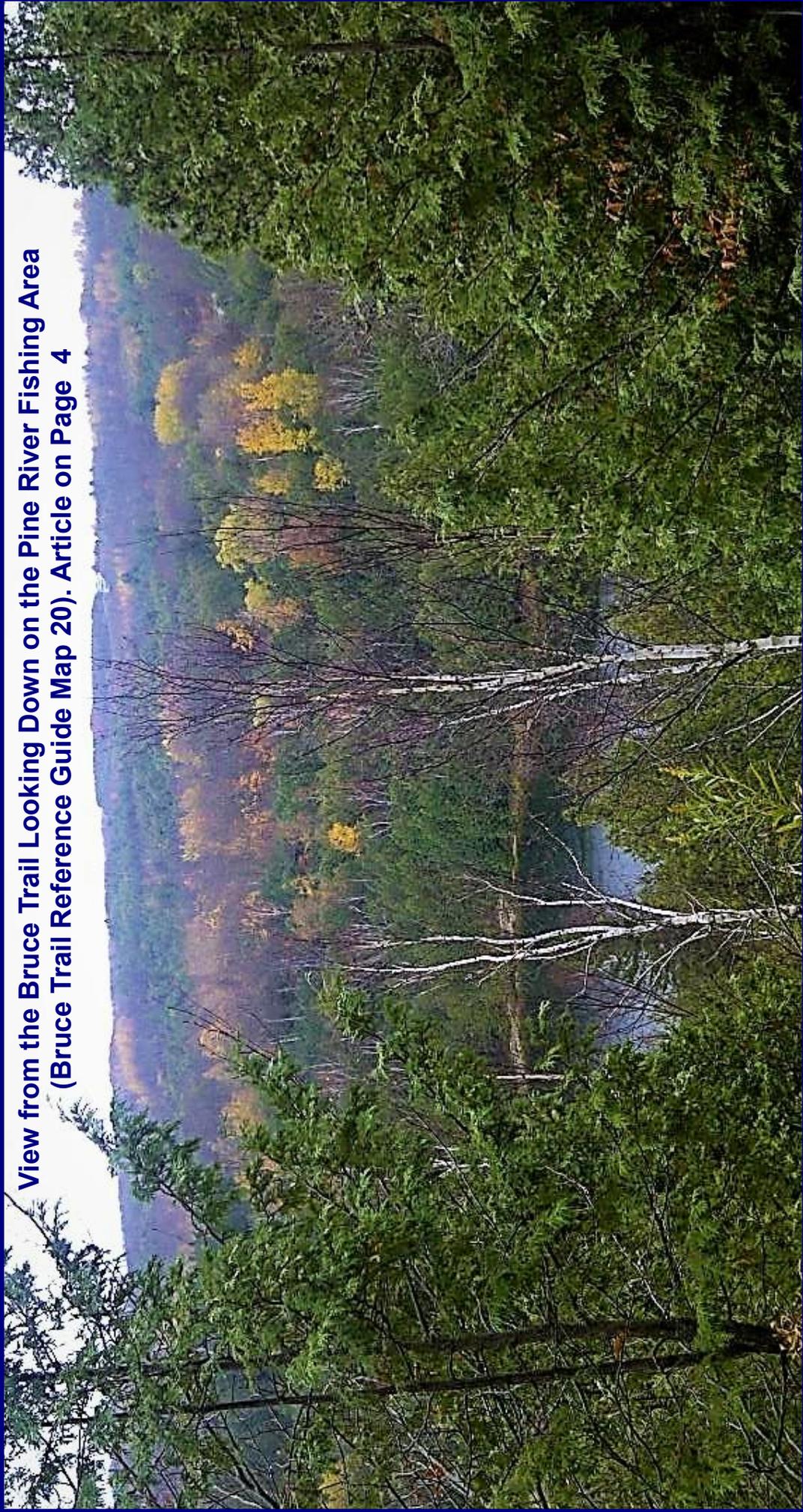
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View from the Bruce Trail Looking Down on the Pine River Fishing Area
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President's Message—Marilyn Ross

What an outstanding 2020 we have all just come through. Welcome to spring which is fast approaching and to some great hiking, following all the covid restrictions. Likely you, as well as many others, are getting out on the trails to immerse yourself in nature to boost your happy feeling. Over the past summer and fall unprecedented numbers of people flocked to our trails to enjoy them. Some were less familiar with hiking etiquette which has created issues for local residents. As hikers we are all aware of being respectful to properties we travel over or near. Parking in many locations along the length of the trail has been a huge issue for hikers as well as residents of the area. The Bruce Trail Conservancy is working with the clubs to come up with possible solutions to some of the concerns.

On another note, I would like to thank all those who participated in our Annual Christmas tree sales event in December at Hockleycrest farm. We had the biggest sales ever in 2020 for this event. The pre-cut trees, the cut your own trees, the wreaths, the planters, the Grinch trees and the Bruce Trail merchandise all sold out after 3 days of sales! We usually run this event through all the December weekends up until Christmas. The Caledon Club started selling Christmas trees 15 years ago. Dave Moule and Sally Cohen generously offered the use of their farm, so the club planted many Scotch pines on the property that made great Christmas trees. From that point, creative volunteers came up with the idea of making wreaths, then planters and this year Grinch trees. It has been quite an evolution turning it into a great Christmas event.

As everywhere, all the club's organised events have been cancelled and we are not planning any for the spring or summer at this point. All the CHBTC board meetings have been held through Zoom. All meetings with the Bruce Trail Conservancy or other clubs are held on Zoom or via email, or phone calls. Our last event was our first Drive-In Movie fundraising event in September which was a great success. COVID protocols were followed making it an event that could be planned again.

Congratulations to Heidi Bischof who is our new BTC director. Heidi began her new role in October following the BTC AGM. Thank you to David Lamb who held that position for the previous 6 years.

I look forward to lots of wonderful hiking with social distancing during this pandemic.

PLEASE GO GREEN!

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An Intriguing New Nature Reserve – the Pine River Nature Reserve... or “What You Learn On A Tuesday Hike...”

By Janice McClelland

Photos by Brian Cornfield, volunteer Land Stewardship Director, Dufferin Hi-Land BTC

I was hiking with the Dufferin Hi-Land Tuesday hikers when a fellow hiker paused and leaning on his hiking poles, said “Janice, have you heard about the recent land acquisitions in the Dufferin section?”

My ears perked up – (I had not heard). He went on “It’s a new nature reserve, part of it is *not* on the Optimum Route and the landowners and neighbours donated significantly to help us purchase the land”.

Now that was intriguing – the BTC purchasing land that was *not* on the Optimum Route – a rare occurrence – and very encouraging news about landowners and neighbours helping to secure this nature reserve. My initial thought was – this must reflect a positive feeling in the local community towards the Bruce Trail, Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) and its volunteers...

After the hike, I called Antoin Diamond, Vice President of Land Acquisition at the BTC, to learn more about this story. And imagine this, the story got better!

Antoin told me that the acquisitions were sparked when a local family, the Van Nostrands, sold an 86 acre maple forest to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, at the same time significantly and generously donating to the BTC towards the cost of the property. This secured forever over half a kilometer of current Bruce Trail on the Optimum Route. (We’re talking about the main Bruce Trail just north of the Bell Lookout Side Trail in the Dufferin section -map 20- a very scenic area.)

This 86 acre property abuts the Pine River Fishing Area on the south, an area managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). (If you were to draw a pie, the bottom half of the pie would be the MNR owned Pine River Fishing Area and the top right quadrant would be the 86 acre maple forest.)

Abutting the Van Nostrand property on the west was a 94 acre property – no Optimum Route – containing informal entrances and exits where ATVs and dirt bikes had been accessing the property over many years and had seriously degraded the land. (This is the upper west or left quadrant of our imaginary pie.)

Carl Alexander, volunteer Land Securement Director for the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club, says “There were spaghetti trails on that western property, serious erosion, particularly on hillsides and wallowing mudholes in creeks”.

In a generous move reflecting respect for the environment, an anonymous donor funded the acquisition of the western 94 acres with its innumerable access points. Neighbours agreed to help raise funds for on-going land stewardship – an important element in this case.

Talking about land stewardship...the headline in the Orangeville Banner in mid October 2020 read: *“We have to stop the destruction!”* Dufferin Hi-Land Club volunteers removed truckloads of garbage. A Mulmur neighbour who owns a small infrastructure company kindly donated and

transported to the site nine 2.2 ton concrete barriers, each 12 feet long and 3 feet high. You did read that correctly - nine 2.2 ton concrete barriers! The concrete barriers were installed to block several access points that had been used by off-road vehicles, resulting in abuse of the land on this “buffer” property.

Even that was deemed not enough. More access points, particularly on uneven ground, needed barring. A friend of Carl’s with a logging business came to the rescue with a number of giant willow tree trunks – useless in his yard – but just the ticket for barring off-road trails. By the end of September 2020, the huge trunks were in place, signage was posted, fencing and trail cameras strategically positioned - and most of the off-road motorized traffic stopped. Most of the off-roaders respect that the land ownership has changed and are adhering to the new rules.



In preparation for this article, I was privileged to hike part of the new nature reserve with Carl, a long time Bruce Trail volunteer. Carl, who is quietly proud of his local farm roots in the area, says “Due to Covid I was home – not travelling – and this was a very meaningful, ‘boots on the ground’ project”.

Carl also referred me to Bill Duron, a local landowner, who has had a handshake agreement with the BTC for 26 years, permitting the Bruce Trail to cross his scenic property - just over a kilometer north of the properties in question.

Bill, who treasures nature – forests in particular – met with local people interested in protecting the rural environment. Bill told me “I have a deep respect and admiration for the work of Bruce Trail volunteers and the professional management of BTC staff”. Bill saw that the only solution to combatting the noise, environmental degradation and garbage was that the properties be sold to the BTC who could then manage the area in accordance with the BTC’s policies of protecting the Niagara Escarpment. Bill was also instrumental in helping to raise local funds for the acquisitions to take shape.

Step in the BTC Board who approved the acquisitions, recognizing this was a practical example of protecting and restoring the environment within a conservation corridor that contains the Bruce Trail. As Antoin relates, “This acquisition became an additional example of putting real meaning into the term ‘conservation corridor’.” Adam Brylowksi, BTC Manager of Conservation and Trail, describes this nature reserve as “existing on a sandy moraine containing a beautiful mature sugar maple/beech forest on the eastern portion and a very hilly area with regenerating forest on the west. The use of vehicles on the western portion has caused serious soil erosion and prevented proper seed germination. There is

a mix of high and low ground with streams running through it flowing down to the Pine River. There have been significant alterations to the water flow.”

Commenting on the conservation corridor, Adam notes – “A conservation corridor is really necessary in southern Ontario where a majority of land use has been converted to agriculture. A wider corridor has a more helpful impact. Certain birds and mammal species require wider tracts of land to be successful.” Adam also cautions that with a road allowance bordering the north side of the new nature reserve, it will be a challenging property to manage. That being said, Adam, his team at the BTC, and the Dufferin Hi-Land Club volunteers are determined and well prepared to enforce BTC policies of no motorized vehicles on this land.



I did say that this story gets even better – well here’s some sweetness to add –

In December 2020, a third abutting property of 12 acres of mature deciduous forest was generously donated by a branch of the previously mentioned Van Nostrand family. (John Van Nostrand was a key player in these acquisitions.) This property adjoins the nature reserve on the north east side and it will allow the portion of the Kilgorie Side Trail on the travelled 15th Side Road to be re-routed off the road.

And...

The BTC included the outstanding costs of acquiring this nature reserve in its fundraising appeal at the end of 2020 where we are fortunate to have a wide community of support with donors that are committed to conservation.

Antoin reminded me of BTC founder Dr. Philip Gosling’s thoughts about the Bruce Trail and its volunteers respecting and acting as guardians for the environment. I turned to the press release from 1962 – The Bruce Trail A Proposed Hiking Trail Along the Niagara Escarpment –

“The Bruce Trail Committee has come into existence in order to represent the determined views of those who envisage the Escarpment as a ribbon of greenery held in perpetuity for the delight of the naturalist, hiker, skier, geologist, artist or indeed for anyone wishing to re-establish contact with the natural world; a place to retreat, as it were, from excessive urbanization and the pressures of our present day industrial life.

The essential element in such a plan is a central spine, to link together the diverse elements of the Escarpment in a unified whole. That central spine is the proposed Bruce Trail, a continuous footpath on which people will be able to walk either the whole length of the Escarpment or a part of it.”

That press release was written fifty-nine years ago and certainly resonates today!

Congratulations to the Bruce Trail Conservancy staff, members and donors, the Dufferin Hi-Land Club and the local community. We now have a significant new Nature Reserve. These acquisitions, together with the Pine River Fishing Area, make almost 400 precious acres of contiguous conservation land!

Land Acquisition Committee – Alternate Member Needed

Virtual Zoom Meetings

First Tuesday of every month

The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) has several committees that are comprised of representatives from the 9 clubs. One of these is the Land Acquisition Committee (LAC). The committee consists of 9 club representatives, 4 BTC staff, and 2 reps from the BTC Board.

This committee recommends to the BTC Board the purchase (or receiving of donations) of land which forms part of the continuous, secured conservation corridor containing the Trail. The committee also, on occasion, considers revisions to the Optimum Route of the Trail, based on new information that has come to light.

The Caledon Hills representative is Dave Moule. He has been on the committee since the late 1990s, and hopes to continue in the role for a number of years to come. However, the BTC Board has directed that every club should have both a member and an alternate member, so that the club will be represented and the committee will have full attendance in the event that one of the regular members is unable to attend. Both the member and the alternate may attend meetings, but only one of them may vote.

Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. Before Covid, the meetings were held in person at BTC Head Office in Dundas. Even before Covid, some members or alternates chose to attend virtually via Zoom conferencing. Now, under Covid restrictions, all meetings are held virtually via Zoom. Traditionally, meetings were held at 7 p.m., but recently the meeting time was changed to 4 p.m. on a trial basis.

There are no formal qualifications to be a member or alternate on the LAC. However, some knowledge or experience in the following areas would be beneficial:

- Knowledge of the Trail, not just in the club section, but throughout the entire length of the Trail.
- Knowledge of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and planning principles generally.
- Experience in real estate, law, or surveying.
- Ability to read and understand maps.
- Basic knowledge of Excel spreadsheets.
- Some basic understanding of ecology, nature, forestry, flora and fauna.

If you are interested in this opportunity or have some questions, please email Dave Moule at salydave445@gmail.com.



Earth Day, 2017

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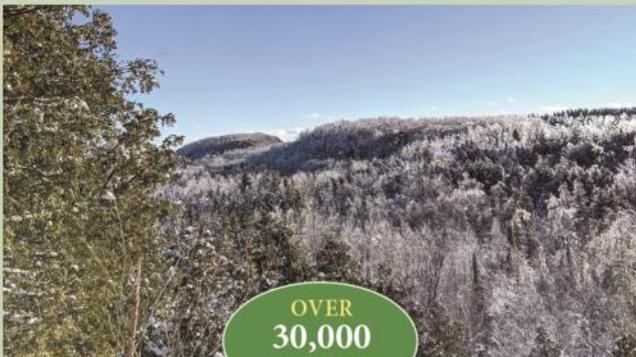
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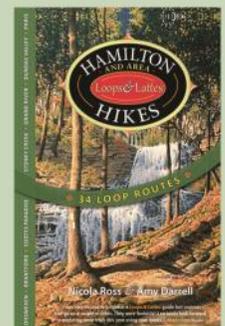
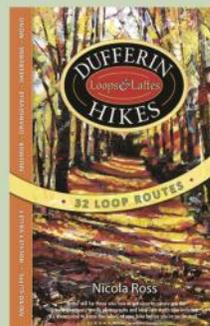
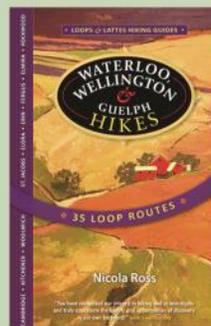
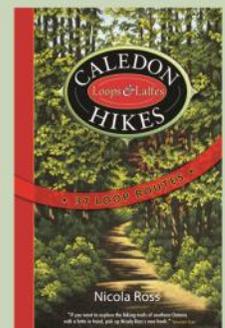
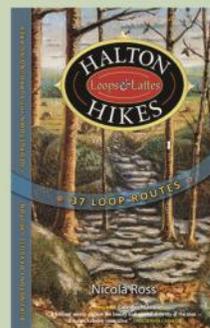
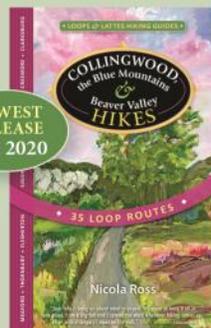
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Dog Strangling Vine: We Need Your Help - By Gary Hall

Relax dog owners, Dog Strangling Vine won't strangle your dog. It can, however, affect entire habitats, including forests, meadows and wetlands, by crowding out native plants and young trees thus preventing forest regeneration. Insects and birds that rely on native species can be deprived of habitat and food. Dog Strangling Vine, a relative to Milkweed, is a major threat to Monarch Butterflies, a species at risk in Ontario. Monarch eggs that hatch on Dog Strangling Vine will never complete their life cycle since Monarch larvae are totally dependent on Milkweed plants.

The management of invasive species along the Bruce Trail is one of the top priorities of your Caledon Hills Biodiversity Team. When it comes to Dog Strangling Vine early detection is crucial. A few of our Land Stewards have been locating and recording locations of Dog Strangling Vine on properties that they manage. Fortunately, in most cases these patches are small, sometimes consisting of a single plant.

In the case of a single plant or a small patch, the plant(s) can be removed by digging out the root. Larger patches are more complicated and may take several years to eliminate. Removing the seed pods from smaller established patches can keep the patch from spreading.



Recording the Location of Dog Strangling Vine

Here's how you can help:

The first step is to learn how to identify Dog Strangling Vine. See the photos below. Once you learn to recognize Dog Strangling Vine, report your sighting(s) with approximate location(s) to: info@caledonbruce-trail.org attention Land Steward Director. Include a cell phone image with your report if possible.

Learn how to avoid accidentally spreading Dog Strangling Vine. You can do this by staying on marked trails and if you take your dog along be sure to keep it on a leash. Hikers and dogs can be super spreaders of invasive species.

The above actions will go a long way in keeping our properties and trails free of unwanted invasive species. Thank you for helping to control Dog Strangling Vine.



Dog Strangling Vine in Spring
Notice the pink, star shaped flowers and oval leaves with pointed tips.



Dog Strangling Vine in Summer
Notice the yellow/green bean-like seed pods.



Dog Strangling Vine in Late Summer and Fall
Notice the fluffy white seeds similar to those on the milkweed plant.

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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Garlic Mustard Patch

By Gary Hall

It was the middle of May, a couple of months after the Covid19 restrictions began when the Bruce Trail gave Land Stewards the go ahead to inspect their properties. My inspection of Hemlock Ridges turned up the usual locations of Garlic Mustard patches, although significantly reduced in size because of continued removal over the last few years – that is except for one exceptionally large patch on the Glacier Valley Side Trail. Pulling Garlic Mustard isn't one of my favourite activities, so having lots of time on my hands because of being confined close to home, I decided to spread the job over several days, spending no more than an hour and a half on the Garlic Mustard and using the rest of my time wandering the property with my camera enjoying the sights and sounds of nature.

What a productive and amazing experience it turned out to be, from the delight of discovering that there was a family of Barred Owls on the property to finding a four petaled trillium (quadrilium). I even found the work part of the day relaxing as I listened to the singing of several species of birds. I was visited by a Pileated Woodpecker that unfortunately didn't hang around long enough for me to retrieve my camera to take its picture. The real highlight of my mornings was listening to the adult Barred Owls communicating with their young and hearing the young owls calling back. I'm including just a few of the many species I photographed on my way to and from the garlic mustard patch.

Believe it or not, this year I'm actually looking forward to continuing my quest of ridding Hemlock Ridges of Garlic Mustard while soaking up the sights and sounds of nature on this beautiful BTC nature reserve. Hopefully, we'll be out from under the shadow of COVID 19 by then.



Barred Owl



Blackburnian Warbler

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Black-Throated Green Warbler



Hairy Woodpecker



Ovenbird



Veery Thrush



Four-petalled White Trillium

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Club Award Nominations

Nominations for the annual Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club awards are on pause due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We look forward to celebrating our wonderful volunteers at our next Volunteer Picnic which will be scheduled when health guidelines permit. Below are the awards criteria.

THE ISABEL EAST AWARD

The recipient must be a member of CHBTC.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated the club's values of transparency, excellent communication and inclusiveness.

The recipient of this award has clearly helped CHBTC members to enjoy club activities.

The award may be given for an exemplary demonstration of enthusiasm in a particular project, office or year. It also may be awarded for continued demonstration of enthusiasm over a number of years and/or variety of activities.

THE BARRY WESTHOUSE AWARD

The recipient must be a member of CHBTC.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated active involvement in the physical work of trail maintenance and development.

The recipient must have a long-standing volunteer commitment to trail work. The recipient best exemplifies an unsung volunteer commitment to the trail.

THE LAURENCE CHRISTIE BIODIVERSITY AWARD

The recipient will be an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to preserving and/or enhancing the biodiversity within BTC managed lands in the Caledon Hills section, either in a leadership role or through active involvement.

Preference will be given to CHBTC members, however, other individuals or groups may be considered.

The recipient may be recognized for either a long-term commitment to environmental issues or for a single exemplary project.

THE JUNIOR APPRECIATION AWARD

This award is given out to club members who are under the age of 18 that regularly volunteer their time and have demonstrated a willingness to help CHBTC members enjoy club activities.

The ROSS MCLEAN AWARD was retired in 2019.

Prior Year Winners

Ross McLean Award

2010: Dave Moule
2011: Laurence & Irene Christie
2012: Dave Platt
2013: Barry Westhouse
2014: Carol & John Maxwell
2015: Helen Billing
2016: Jean Kerins
2017: Alan Billing
2018: Janice McClelland
2019: Beth Gilhespy

Junior Appreciation Award

2013: Faeron Darrell
2014: Peter Moule
2015: Alison Moule
2017: Guste Zeromskis
2018: Jenna Nensi

Barry Westhouse Award

2007: Roy Bauman & Sally Smyth
2008: Gary Hall & John Maxwell
2009: Jim Wilker
2010: Charlie Atkinson
2011: Frank Chow
2012: Dave Hull
2013: Norm Randle
2014: Dave Sarginson
2015: Jacques & Karen Martin
2016: David Weicker
2017: Jim Graham
2018: David Lloyd
2019: Jamie Matheson
2020: Joan Richard

Isabel East Award

2007: Jeanette Cave
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2009: Janice McClelland
2010: Tuesday Hiker Group
2011: Greg Huffman
2012: Robert Gillespie
2013: Ray Matsalla & Dave Platt
2014: Joan Richard
2015: Carol Sheppard
2016: Albert McMaster
2017: Kristina Zeromskiene
2018: Marilyn Ross
2019: Louise Carberry
2020: David Lamb

Laurence Christie Biodiversity Award

2019: Laurence Christie
2020 Franca DeAngelis

**Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club End-to-End
Thanksgiving Weekend
October 9, 10 and 11, 2021**

**The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club "Fall Colours"
End-to-End is currently on pause for 2021.**

**Expect an update once Provincial COVID restrictions
have been removed.**

**In the event that the End-to-End can take place,
participants will be able to complete the challenging
distance of 71.3 km over all three days of the
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Sally Cohen Moule

An Amazing Bruce Trail Supporter

It is always a pleasure to feature a club member in the Caledon Comment, and this edition showcases Sally Cohen Moule, a long-time member who has contributed in many different ways. Sally joined the Bruce Trail over 30 years ago, about 1989 or 1990. Having grown up in Sault Ste. Marie, Sally was never near the Bruce Trail, but read about it as a teenager in the Globe and Mail. In University she read both the Globe and Toronto Star, and in one of the papers remembers reading about the Bruce Trail and thinking she wanted to hike on it someday. This is Sally's story:



I met my future husband Dave Moule in Toronto, and on our second date, Dave took me on a weekend to the Bruce Peninsula to do trail maintenance with a group of Bruce Trail members on a work party. We stayed at a cottage in Barrow Bay, did trail maintenance and shared dinner. I was with Ross McLean and Chris Walker, two people who I consider to be BTC icons. After experiencing the beauty of the Peninsula (I still remember the sound of the waves crashing against the shore when we stayed in the cottage) and doing the trail maintenance, I fell in love with the Bruce Trail. I continued to participate in big work parties organized by Ross and Chris with Dave for many years.

In 1993 Dave and I decided to invest in a country property. One of the criteria was that the optimum route of the Bruce Trail had to go through the property. We purchased our present country home in Caledon and promptly arranged to put an easement on the back 12 acres of the property so the Bruce Trail could be protected forever. When we bought this property, I joined the Caledon Hills Club; prior to that I had been a member of the Toronto Club.

I decided to volunteer for the Caledon club executive and took on the role of Landowner Relations Director. I also attempted two end-to-ends (E2E), Toronto and Blue Mountain, but unfortunately, I did not complete either. However, I did learn that my maximum hiking distance was under 20 km a day to prevent blisters and knee pain.

I helped Dave annually for over 30 years with the trail maintenance on his section of trail from McKays Harbour to Lions Head on the Peninsula (with time off to look after 3 children). With the children we went north at least once a year, sometimes twice, for the Fall and Spring maintenance on his section of trail near Lions Head and stayed at the Lions Head Beach Motel. All the family have warm memories of our yearly trips to Lions Head.

Around 1995-96 Dave and I got the idea to plant Christmas trees on our property to create a fundraiser for the Bruce Trail. Small trees purchased by the Caledon club were

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planted and pruned annually for many years by volunteers, and for the last 15 years the annual Christmas tree fundraiser has taken place on our property, raising about \$50,000 for the BTC.

In 2008 Dave and I had a little extra money and decided to purchase a piece of property on the Hockley Rd. which allowed us to permanently protect about 54 acres of land by severing and selling part of the property to the BTC.

I sometimes think I want to do an E2E of the whole Bruce Trail. I did the Hike Leader Training Course in 2013 and lead a few short hikes until beginning my official E2E of the Bruce Trail by leading an E2E hike on the Caledon Hills section in the Spring of 2018 over multiple days and of the Toronto section in the Fall. I still hope to complete the entire E2E.

After the children grew up and I retired from 30 years plus of being a French Immersion teacher in elementary school in York Region, I decided to join the Caledon Hills executive again as club Secretary, and I was thrilled in the Fall of 2018 when I was given an Honorary Life membership in the BTC. In 2020, I took on the position of Trail Captain for a section of the trail from 5 Side Rd. south to the Glen Haffy Side Trail.

The BTC has always been Dave and my number one charity and we like to donate to it in order to “preserve a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever”.

Sally's Bruce Trail story really is quite remarkable, and we are thankful for her support which has ranged from attending trail maintenance work parties to being a club board member, to providing landowner permission to have the trail on her property, to creating an easement for the trail, to envisioning the club's most successful fundraiser selling Christmas trees, to providing land to grow the trees, to leading hikes, to rejoining the club board, to becoming a Trail Captain and also by being a donor. While we cannot all aspire to contributing in such a wide variety of ways, the Bruce Trail Family is stronger because of all its amazing supporters, one being Sally Cohen Moule!

Did You Know:

With the help of lots of amazing Bruce Trail supporters like Sally Cohen Moule, the Caledon Hills Club was able to donate just over \$25,000 to the BTC in 2020. Ironically Covid 19 helped with this too. Our operating costs were lower due to the covid restrictions and our two fundraisers were successful. The covid-friendly drive-in movie night in Guelph was well supported, and our annual Christmas Tree sales at Sally and Dave's farm were more successful than ever this year.

There is always a silver lining!



Save the Date

At the time of publication of the Spring Caledon Comment, all club activities are on hold until further notice with the exception of the Annual General Meeting.
Log onto the club website for updates on future events.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, April 11, 2021
VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

An email will be issued from the Bruce Trail Conservancy in early April inviting you to join the virtual meeting. We look forward to your participation.



Our newest end-2-end badge in the Wildflower Series features a Trout Lily.



This year, a winter badge has been introduced for our badge enthusiasts.

Visit our club [website](#) for details on how to earn these new badges.
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