

Library Month Profile

Jeanne Minhinnick

By Anna Feldman Gronau

Two framed photos hang in Milford's Ann Farwell Library. But, who is this Jeanne Minhinnick – the person in the photograph who's *not* Ann Farwell?

Jeanne Minhinnick was my grandmother. Before her death in 1985, she was so well known in the County, particularly in South Marysburgh, and her work so much about remembering, that I hadn't imagined a reintroduction might ever be called for.

Jeanne had true County credentials: Her mother Jennie had been a Welbanks. Jeanne's grandfather's grandfather, a Loyalist, had settled in 1783 on South Bay – where Welbanks descendants still reside. When Jennie died in 1903, shortly after the birth of her only child, Jeanne was raised for a time by her maternal grandparents, Hiram and Esther. As owner/editor of *the Picton Times*, Hiram, and his wife, knew or were related to practically everyone. Jeanne spent winters in Picton and summers visiting the homesteads and farms of friends and relatives – observing, first-hand, communities marked by mutual respect and affection and an ease with people's differences. So began her lifelong sense of belonging here.

Growing up, Jeanne witnessed a way of life that retained 19th century customs, furnishings, and speech – intriguingly different from her father's Toronto household. The County was relatively isolated; people saw little need for a lot of change. In Jeanne's words, "They were content, though not complacent." Eventually, it became her life's work to research, record, preserve and explain that old-fashioned world before it disappeared.

Jeanne's passion for old houses invariably overlapped with her love of the written word. At age eight, she wrote a "novel," killing off all her young protagonist's relatives by chapter three so she could inherit a 17th century house in England! Jeanne read insatiably and wrote throughout her life.

Despite loving history, Jeanne was herself thoroughly modern. As a young woman, in the spirit of the 1920s, she went to work – writing articles, then editing various periodicals at Maclean Publishing. She met and married a handsome World War I veteran, William Nelson ("Bat") Minhinnick, a commercial artist and writer. Their friends included artists and bohemians.



Jeanne as a young woman

She was always in tune with all things new and intellectually leading edge. Her outré behaviour – including smoking! – scandalized her in-laws. Though, when Alix (my mother) was born in 1925, there was joy throughout the family.

By 1937, the story goes, Jeanne's book habit and thus a debt at Britnell's (Toronto's preeminent bookstore) had grown significantly. So, she approached Mr. Britnell for a job. By 1940 she was his chief assistant and buyer and had developed the store's rare and old book department.

Around that time, Jeanne met Ann. Witty and level-headed, Ann complemented Jeanne's determined romanticism. In 1940, they purchased a derelict 1830s house near the Welbanks homestead on County Road 13 as a vacation home. They moved it across fields onto land purchased from Earl Collier and named it Bay House. And, when vacations weren't enough, they bought a nearby farm.

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The Legacy of A Baby Boomer

By Doug McGregor

Like many people these days, I feel stressed and bummed out about the state of the world. Much of this hails from the actions of various nations and societies. Is there something about our generation that has re-spawned the evils of racism, extremism and even state sponsored torture? Or is it a simple resurgence of mankind's darker behaviours?


As a child, I learned about the horrors of WW II. I naively felt at the time that the evils committed then were behind us as species as if it were part of some great learning. Our political and social systems had evolved to be strong enough to prevent bad conditions from forming and letting bad people into power. Genocide and state institutionalized torture were things that all but died in 1945 and evil had been stamped out. Imperialism was dead and all we had to do was patiently overcome the Cold War.

As an adult I was lucky to work for a multinational company and met people of all different races, religions and countries. Many became friends and I became a better person for it. At the time it seemed like the world was pulling together as a global community and I felt somewhat comfortable in my outlook, particularly after the Berlin wall came down.

However the world hasn't turned out this way. Terrorism, genocide and racism have become more serious. Disappointingly the tools of the 5th estate (journalism) have faded as competition from the internet and sensationalist biases mean we can no longer rely on a single source to keep us informed. Indeed, it is a struggle most days to figure out where the truth lies.

So one way or another we seem headed for self-destruction. Depressed yet? Me too!

So where do OUR responsibilities lie as individual citizens. For me, that's a real dilemma. I used to think I had three major roles: 1) to live my life in relation to others as I would like to be treated; 2) to stay informed about current affairs domestically and abroad; and, 3) make the best choice possible for election to government. But is that enough?



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I have to admit the recently departed Harry Smith got me thinking. His commitment to social justice seems to have been the *raison d'être* of his later years, if not his life. His sentiments lay very similar to many in terms of being your brother's keeper. However Harry did not just feel or talk, he ACTIVELY opposed injustice. He personally kept the spotlight on many evils so that those with the power and resources could see what was happening and move to remedy. It's food for thought in a troubled age.

But are things really that bad? Well yes and no. Clearly the advent of the internet means we are far more aware of developments and issues across the globe than we ever have been before. A click of a mouse button can tell you about weather in Seattle or the political unrest in Uganda. I'm hoping that this means we are still in a period of transition as the world becomes increasingly more connected and aware. The internet should be a tremendous vehicle for bringing us closer together but first we still have to get over the shock of discovering and more deeply understanding other cultures. There is a foundation being laid for this, especially in Canada. I hope it spreads in a sustainable fashion.

Lastly, I leave you with one further point and this one is more optimistic. While far from solved, the number of people living in extreme poverty is falling. In just 20 years over a billion people escaped extreme poverty through goal setting by the UN. Tons and tons of more work needs to be done, including in this country, but clearly something is going right. The baby boomers have not been up to some of the challenges of this new world, but this is something to feel good about.



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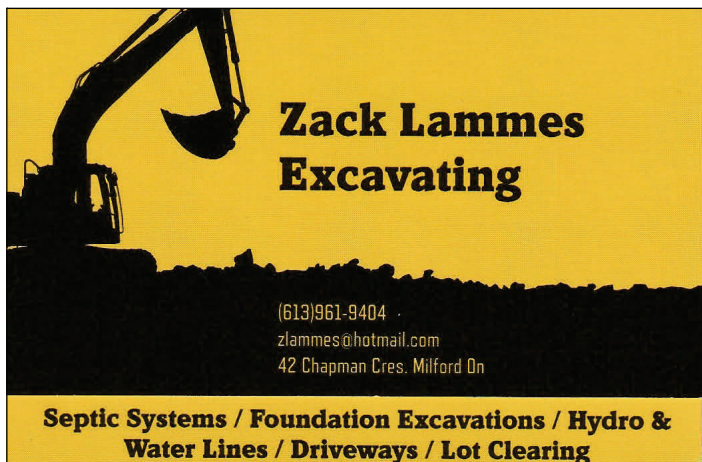
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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
September 1901

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Sun. 1 - Mirt and I took Pa out to Jake's. We stayed till after tea. Got caught in a little rain coming home.

Mon. 2 - I helped Whit work on the roads. Every thing was quite mussy under foot.

Tue. 3 - I helped Whit hoe straw berries. It was a lovely day.

Wed. 4 - Helped Whit till noon. Then Whit helped me pick tomatoes. It was pretty hard work not being used to it.

Thur. 5 - Whit helped me pick tomatoes all day. Mr. Collier took a load out to Bloomfield and one down to Boulters.

Fri. 6 - I helped Whit pick apples till nine o'clock. Then Whit helped me pick tomatoes up till five o'clock. Mr. Collier took down 40 crates in the four noon and Whit took 89 crates down at night. It has been a very warm day. And I haven't been feeling any to well all day.

Sat. 7 - After dinner Mirt and I went down to Spaffords. It was very hot. Along about eight o'clock the wind sprang up out of the North East. And very cold wind blew off all Spafford apples.

Sun. 8 - Mirt and I were at Spaffords. Went to the Union to meeting then come up home and went to the Carman at night.

Mon. 9 - Mirt and I come home. Weldon Thompson come up with us. I hired him for a month to helped me pick tomatoes. We fetched a heiffer up with us. Mirt is going to start a butter factor. After dinner Weldon and I helped Whit pick tomatoes till about 3.30 o'clock. Then Whit helped us pick the rest of the after noon.

Tue. 10 - Weldon and I picked tomatoes. Whit helped till noon. Mirt went down to Picton. We are having very cloudy weather.

Wed. 11 - Rained a little shower after breakfast. Weldon and I pulled beans cut corn and picked tomatoes. Whit helped me about 11/2 hours.

Thur. 12 - Rained all the four noon. After dinner it cleared up and we picked tomatoes Whit helped till the after noon.

Fri. 13 - We had a very heavy shower of rain in the morning then cleared away and we went to picking tomatoes. Mr. Collier drew three loads.

Sat. 14 - I helped Whit pick apples till about 2.30 o'clock then Mirt and I went to Picton. Weldon helped Whit from ten o'clock till 2.30 o'clock.

Sun. 15 - Mirt Weldon and I were alone all day. The wind blew a gale all day. Tried to rain again but didn't amount to much.

Mon. 16 - Rather a nice day. Archie come up and helped me picked tomatoes. Whit drew 80 bus. out to Bloomfield.

Tues. 17 - Oh dear rained all the four noon don't no how I am going to get the tomatoes picked. This has been a very rainy and cloudy fall making it very bad for the tomatoes. It cleared up at noon and we picked in the after noon.

Wed. 18 - Archie was up helped me pick tomatoes till noon. Then he went out to Jake's. Mr. Collier faced up the crates for me today. Whit drew two loads in.

Thur. 19 - All most frost last night. I was pretty scared. Mirt helped Weldon and I picked tomatoes most of the day.

Fri. 20 - Weldon and I finished picking the patches then Weldon went to cutting corn and Mirt and I drew in the beans.

Sat. 21 - Weldon and I finished cutting the field corn at noon. After dinner Weldon helped Whit. Mirt and I went down to Spaffords.

Sun. 22 - Mirt and I come up from Mr. Spaffords to the Carman. Aunt Margret Hicks Funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Ferguson. He preached a grand good sermon and the crowd was more than the church would hold. After the sermon was over we come out to Pa's stayed till after dinner and then come on home.

Mon. 23 - Weldon and I helped Whit pick tomatoes in the four noon and then after dinner Whit helped me. Mr. Collier took down two loads.

Tue. 24 - Whit helped me pick tomatoes all day. Mr. Collier took a load out to Bloomfield in the morning and down to Boulters after dinner.

Wed. 25 - Next thing to frost last night. I have been picking tomatoes all day. Whit helped me again today. Mirt baked bread today and oh dear what trash.

Thur. 26 - Weldon and I picked tomatoes and put them in piles. It was a very nice day.

Fri. 27 - Weldon and I bound corn part of the four noon. After dinner we helped Whit pick apples. Ida and Hugh were out for dinner. It was a extra fine day.

Sat. 28 - Weldon and I finished binding the corn at nine o'clock then we helped Whit pick apples till noon. After dinner Mirt and I went down to Picton. Weldon set up corn.

Sun. 29 - Rained by showers all day. Tom and Bertha up for tea and sit the evening.

Mon. 30 - It has been rather a nice day. Weldon and I helped Whit cut corn till about nine o'clock then we went back and cut our pop corn and finished setting up the field corn. Mr. Collier took a load of tomatoes to Bloomfield and put them in piles. Mirt has been very busy laying up plums and grapes all day.

(See Sarah's notes on page 7)

Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Milford Fair 2019

By all accounts the 2019 fair was one for the record books. Perfect weather, increased attendance and plentiful exhibits brought smiles all around.

Congratulations to the Fair Board, the Recreation Committee and all the volunteers who gave of their time to create a lively, memorable event.

The 2019 Murray Clapp Memorial Citizenship Award Recipients

Glendon Walker, Leona Head and Joyce Minaker presented awards at the Milford Fair to this year's recipients Mendy Berkson, Brad Leavitt, and Cheryl & Kevin Wanamaker.

(Absent: recipients Janet Keough & Donna Faye Salt)



Sarah Moran Collier, Nancy Butler and Vicki Emlaw organized produce exhibits



This year's fair supported the Back The Build campaign for the new hospital in Picton. The fair was opened by Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation Chair, Barbara McConnell

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Believe It or Not Coming Alive

I think I must be only half alive!

After going through my life frontwards and backwards, I couldn't come up with any event that shouted, "Halleluia! I am really alive!"

Oh, there has been the odd little spurt that might raise the blood flow a little. Like pulling in a little perch when I went fishing. Or assisting a ewe with the birth of her lamb when she couldn't manage by herself.

Or, breathing a sigh of relief when the recalcitrant heifers are back in their pasture after visiting a neighbour's flowerbed without invitation.

Or, offering up a prayer of thanks when our child's fever has subsided.

Or, finding out the lump in my breast is benign.

Or, very grateful that my family wasn't injured in an accident.

Or, elated on the birth of a daughter.

Or, the pleasure of having a winter supply of wood, a freezer full of the results of our labours and a well-stocked cellar.

So, maybe I haven't been hit by a bolt of lightning. I'm happy to settle for a grumble or thunder.

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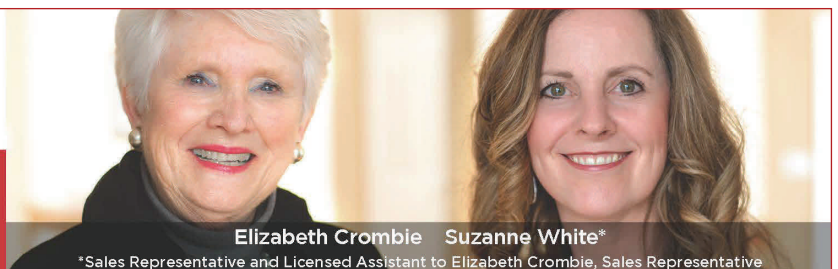
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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Entrance doors to trouble are many and wide – the exits are few and narrow.

Did you know? (I can't prove these are true facts.)

- ◆ A snake can have up to 300 pairs of ribs.
- ◆ A shark can detect a drop of blood 200 metres away.
- ◆ Just before someone is struck by lightning, his or her hair will stand on end.
- ◆ If you flew to New York from London on the Concorde, you arrived two hours before you left.

A Sunday school teacher asked the children, just before she dismissed them to go back to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Little Johnny quickly answered, "Because people are sleeping."

A group of hikers were being led through the wilderness by a guide. On the third day, the hikers noticed they had been travelling in circles. "We're lost!" one of the men complained. "I thought you said you are the best guide in the United States?"

"I am," the guide answered, "but I think we may have wandered into Canada."

Definitions received from kids:

- ◆ Asked to define H2O and CO2: H2O is hot water. CO2 is cold water.
- ◆ A spinal column is a bunch of long bones. The head sits on the top and you sit on the bottom.
- ◆ One by-product of raising cattle is calves.
- ◆ The word 'trousers' is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.
- ◆ Syntax is all the money collected at church by the sinners.

A musical director wasn't happy with the performance of one of the percussionists. Repeated attempts to get the drummer to improve failed. Finally, in front of all the performers, the director said in frustration, "When a musician can't handle his instrument, they take it away, give him two sticks and make him a drummer."

A stage whisper was heard from the percussion section, "And if he can't handle that, they take away one of the sticks and make him a conductor."

After church, little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. He asked his mom, "Where'd you get him?"

His mother replied, "He came from heaven, Johnny."

Little Johnny says, "WOW! I can see why they threw him out."

A real estate agent was driving around with a new trainee when she spotted a charming little farmhouse with a hand-lettered "For Sale" sign out front. After briskly introducing herself and her associate to the startled occupant, the agent cruised from room to room, opening closets and cupboards, testing faucets, and pointing out where a "new light here and a little paint there," would help.

Pleased with her assertiveness, the woman was hopeful that the owner would offer her the listing. "Ma'am", the man said, "I appreciate the home improvement tips and all, but I think you read my sign wrong. It says, 'Horse' for sale."

Exit Lines:

- ◆ *Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.*
- ◆ *Never miss a good chance to shut up.*
- ◆ *Whether a man winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends on a lot on the kind of chick he married.*

Nelson Notes... Anecdotes and background about Nelson's diary entries.

By 1901 the "Barley Days" were a distant memory and the canning industry had blossomed as a critical source of income for county farmers. The magnitude of this for Nelson Hicks is seen in the hard work and the worry of the tomato patch throughout September.

Nelson's crop goes to Bloomfield and Boulter's for canning. Wellington Boulter was a visionary for social and business initiatives in the county. He founded the first cannery here in 1882. He was born in Demorestville and was one of 20 siblings helping on the farm. He became a very successful entrepreneur, introducing canned produce to Europe, Africa, China and Australia; Boulter's "Lion" canned goods won gold medals at exhibitions in Paris, Glasgow and Chicago.

Nelson's tomatoes very probably travelled even further than those of Vicki, his descendant, now following in his tomato footsteps!





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(*Jeanne Minhinnick* continued from page 1)

Jeanne continued to comb antique stores and collect books – amassing a library of around 3000 volumes on Canadian history and 19th century social life. Still at Britnell’s, she also began writing on houses and furnishings for magazines including *Canadian Homes and Gardens*. Eventually, as her reputation and income from



L-R Jeanne, Charlie Emlaw, Ann, Alix, Joan Emlaw, Floyd Fudge, George Emlaw at Bay House after a swim

writing and lecturing grew, she was able to join Ann on the farm full time in 1950.

The two threw themselves into rural life. With husbandry books and the patient advice and support of neighbours – Colliers, Emlaws, Fudges and Gydes – they raised sheep. And, as if that weren’t enough, in 1951, they founded the Milford Public Library – using their own books and donations from friends and contacts across Canada. They also started a painting group taught by professional artists, and organized a horticultural society, beautifying the township with crab-apple trees for local farms.

In 1958, Jeanne was offered work on a grand restoration, Upper Canada Village, and made the wrenching decision to leave farming. Still friends, Ann kept the farm, and Jeanne, Bay House. At “The Village,” Jeanne researched, selected and acquired furnishings for forty buildings, overseeing every interior detail. And her literary mind was hard at work. She and her colleagues invented every individual who lived or worked in each building. Rooms had to look, sound and even smell authentic – right down to the “slightly dusty curtains in the parlors.” As a novel creates a world where its characters breathe and live, so too did Jeanne’s houses.



Jeanne & Ann at Forest Hill



Jeanne at her desk at Britnell’s

In 1961, The Village opened to rave reviews. And soon, other opportunities beckoned. Jeanne wrote and lectured widely and planned and executed furnishings for numerous historical restorations – several had been home to famous individuals and all presented new research and imaginative challenges.

Throughout, Jeanne remained active in the County, spearheading and supporting heritage projects, from opening museums to protecting Loyalist graveyards. She entered flower arrangements at the Milford Fair, occasionally winning. I remember her at Bay House, weeding on summer mornings and clacking away on the little red typewriter in her library. Her beautifully written, meticulously researched book, *At Home in Upper Canada*, was published in 1970 and became a definitive reference on its subject.

In 1973, my grandparents “retired” to Picton. But Jeanne kept working, donating her expertise to the restoration of Macaulay House in Picton, and consulting on restoration of historic rooms in the Parliament Buildings. In 1978, she was awarded the Order of Canada, and in 1979, the Gabrielle Leger Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Heritage Conservation. Also in 1979, Prince Edward County hosted a lavish dinner in her honour – a tribute that moved her more than the medals ever could.

Jeanne sought out – and usually found – the magic and the possibilities in things. *And* she would find a way to make *you* see them too. (Although, unfortunately, my poor mother sometimes felt like another of Jeanne’s projects!) Jeanne’s clothes, like her furniture, were often second hand, but she made them elegant. A school friend of my mother’s once asked, “Is your mummy a movie actress?” In her later years – with her aquiline nose and high cheekbones – Jeanne conveyed the very image of aristocratic “authoress.” And whether lecturing to museum curators, telling you over sandwiches about her lunch with the scandalous Broadway star Tallulah Bankhead, or describing shopping at Giant Tiger, Jeanne’s stories were as deftly composed as an article for *Antiques* or a mantelpiece tableau – and twinkling with magic.

U.C.W. met at South Bay United Church on Wed. Sept. 18th at 1:00 p.m.

President Sandra opened with our theme Hymn, purpose and The Lord's Prayer.

Joyce's devotional was based on James Chapter 2, verses 14 – 20 and was entitled *Stopping the Cycle*.

Several steps were suggested to stop the cycle of addiction to strong drugs.

Nine members answered roll call with various interesting stories about passing our summer.

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and accepted as read.

Treasurer Joyce reported a favourable financial report allowing a substantial amount available to support our church.

We received a lovely thank you for our support at the time of Charlie's funeral.

Two motions were made by Karen and seconded by Maureen; we are making a donation to the Terry Fox Run. Also, Carol is to receive funds for our kitchen expenses.

Nora presented us with a tricky contest that we didn't always agree with the reasoning for the answers.

Our meeting was closed with our U.C.W. prayer.



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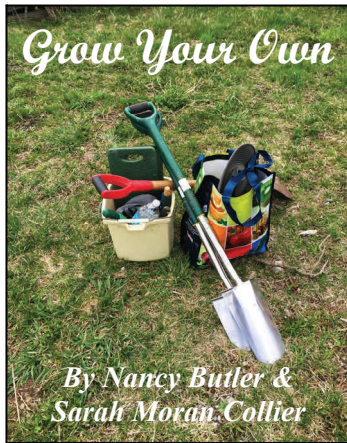
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wed. October 9th – U.C.W. will enjoy a potluck lunch at the church at 12 noon. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. with Karen Guernsey giving the devotional; Roll Call is a Thanksgiving thought; Program – Jan Collier; Objective – planning our luncheon and craft sale.

Saturday, November 16 – South Bay United Church luncheon and Craft Sale 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bake Table, Homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea, coffee

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That was such a happy day at this year's Milford Fair. We heard that a family, new to living in Milford, were having so much fun that they stayed all day and didn't want to leave. The fair is such a great introduction to our small friendly community... welcoming to everyone

who attends.

We were over the moon (a full harvest moon it was, too!) about the many beautiful entries proudly presented in the grain, vegetable, fruit and honey categories this year. Maybe it was because spring came late, so there was plenty of produce to pick in your gardens. Perhaps it was because so many of you made an extra effort to select all kinds of good things to bring in and share with all of us. The loaded tables positively glowed! Some people did their last-minute clean up and polish right in the shed. Thank you to all who entered. And thank you to everyone who came in to admire the impressive displays.

Our busy judge highlighted some exhibits as exceptional: a gorgeous red lettuce (from Shannon Desjardins) was a surprise to see at this time of year, celery (from Robin Reilly) is so hard to grow in this area, the Green Brulee (from Vicki Emlaw) is an especially delicious, beautiful and rare Tom Thumb tomato, and finally (from Jess Posgate) the imaginative and beautifully presented collection of salad vegetables that won the Barry Laramy trophy.

This traditional country fair has been around for a long time but this year there were some very exciting new things to see. Agricultural Fairs were established to inspire growers and makers and introduce them to the latest and greatest innovations. The Milford Fair continues that tradition. We were intrigued to see innovative exhibits like a beeswax food wrap (from Elis Ziegler,) a beeswax hand balm (from Alyssa Hawkins) and golden raspberries (from Amor Conde.) And there were plenty of the old favourites that we love to see, notably the grain grown by the Cowan family.

Some vegetables were completely new to us: a "Black Russian" radish, "Lively Italian" peppers and "Apache" hot peppers. Save those seeds please, so we can all have a go at growing them. Every year someone brings in a beautiful specimen of vegetable, fruit or grain that we don't yet have a category for. If you have ideas for additional categories you'd like to see, please get in touch with us now, before the memory of the great produce showcased this year fades. We'd love to hear your suggestions for new categories, or any ideas you may have to improve the grain, vegetable, fruit and honey part of the fair. Please contact us in person or via email at either nancy.butler@queensu.ca and sarahomoran@gmail.com.

There were 170 entries in total. Hooray! This year we're donating 50 cents for every entry made to "Back the Build." In honour of your growing and exhibiting efforts, we're donating \$85 for the new hospital. Many people who entered exhibits are also donating their prize money to "Back the Build". Not only in fairy stories do vegetables turn to gold!

We can't name everyone who made this fair special, but if you did anything at all to be a part of it, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It's just great to see old friends and make new ones. Without you, there would be no fair. We're already looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

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Buried Roots

By Braydon Scully

So...What Wine with Turkey?

With Thanksgiving upon us, I am faced yet again with what to serve with the Thanksgiving bird. Harvest and wine production for the 2019 season is in full swing at wineries around The County as you read this article. Get out and meet your local vintners, who are hard at work right now putting together future offerings, but who are still quite happy to offer you some libations for your upcoming dinner. So a harvest celebration is clearly on the table this issue!

My first advice, as it is for any dinner or special event, is to drink what you like. There should not be any hard and fast rules that force anyone to not truly enjoy what they are drinking.

The traditional choice for Turkey is Chardonnay, for which we are blessed, or perhaps cursed with a lot of choices! The county expression of Chardonnay with crisp acidity, minerality and bright flavours is a truly perfect choice to pair with Turkey and the traditional side dishes.

Great choices from the county this season are many, but here are a few I can heartily recommend:

Stanners Vineyard - Chardonnay 2016 - \$30

Trail Estate - Estate Chardonnay 2017 - \$35

Huff Estates - South Bay Chardonnay 2017- \$30

Closson Chase - Vineyard Chardonnay 2017- \$30

Lighthall Vineyard - Lighthall Chardonnay 2017 - \$35

For the red wine lover Pinot Noir is the go to choice and once again the county is well positioned to provide for your needs! My recommendations include:

Closson Chase - Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017 - \$35

Rosehall Run - JCR Pinot Noir 2017 - \$40

Keint-He - Portage Pinot Noir 2016 - \$25

Karlo Estates - Lake on the Mountain

Pinot Noir 2017 - \$35

Lighthall Vineyard - Pinot Noir 2017 - \$35

For those of you who like to celebrate with sparkling wine, you are in luck. Sparkling wine and in particular Rosé sparkling wine is an absolute standout with Turkey! Several quality producers of sparkling are here in the county. Have a look for:

Hinterland - Rosé Traditional Method 2009 - in magnum only - \$150 (Now, I get that is a bit on the high side but it is well aged with significant time spent in the bottle on the lees prior to disgorgement. If you can stretch for it, this will definitely be a memorable large bottle!)

Hinterland - Les Etoiles Traditional Method 2015 - \$43

Huff Estates - Rosé Cuvée Janine 2016 - \$30

Rosehall Run - Stardust Brut Cuvée 2011 - \$50



Stretching outside the boundaries of The County offers up a plethora of additional choices both for grape varietal and style. One grape that must be mentioned for pairing with turkey is Gamay, either from its home base in Beaujolais or from right here in Ontario where Niagara is producing some of the best wines available from this grape. Unfortunately the Picton LCBO has yet to get the memo on this and does not stock any really worthwhile Niagara Gamay's for you to try.

One Beaujolais that is available and has been mentioned in this column before is the 2017 vintage of **Georges Duboeuf - Beaujolais Brouilly 2017 - \$19**

There were also a few notable wines that I think will offer good value available in the September 28th LCBO Vintages release that will pair well with the holiday. Unfortunately we are at the mercy of the almighty LCBO for what they deem to send our way, but fingers crossed and go have a look for some of the following.

**Pierre Sparr - France, Alsace - Brut Rosé
Cremant D'Alsace - \$20**

Hidden Bench - Niagara - Estate Riesling 2017 - \$25 (dry)

Cloudline - Oregon - Pinot Noir 2017 - \$27

Jules Taylor - New Zealand - Pinot Noir 2017 - \$25

Chartron et Trébuchet - France, Burgundy - Macon Villages 2017 - \$24 (Chardonnay)

Thanksgiving for me is a time for mindfulness of our connection to the land and the seasons we experience every day. At this time of harvest, please have a thought for all of the farmers and growers who have worked so hard this year. If you are travelling outside the county to visit friends and family there is no better way to share this place than to take along a few bottles of our best wines or some fresh produce to showcase what The County has to offer.

In Vino Veritas! And Happy Thanksgiving!

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