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The Rockcliffe Park Foundation has applied to the City of Ottawa Major Capital Program seeking support for the restoration of the Centennial Garden. Details, pages 4 and 13.

Rockcliffe Park Residents Association

The Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA) is a volunteer-run membership organization. The RPRA implements and manages our community's programs. These programs are divided into our three core mandate areas: community building, heritage and environment. The RPRA also represents the interests of Rockcliffe and its residents to the city.

The RPRA board meets on the third Wednesday of the month, except July, August and December. Meetings are in the evening and are open to all.

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Rockcliffe Park Foundation

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation is a registered charity that works to raise funds and stewards an endowment that provides the grants for our community's programs, events and initiatives. Our mandate is to support activities in three core areas: community building, heritage and environment.

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation relies on the generous contributions from neighbours and local businesses to support the many priorities that make our community thrive.

rockcliffeparkfoundation.org

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Please Note: To learn more about the Rockcliffe Park Foundation, visit our website or email us at info@rockcliffeparkfoundation.org.



This summer the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA) decided to forgo a summer break and met as a board of directors in both July and August via virtual means. The work of committees of the board also continued over the summer consistent with past practice, as well as eblasts to members of the association (not to mention the work of those compiling and delivering this publication). However, it was not all work, with a social reception for directors and their partners held in June at the home of Community VP Lisa Cogan, and an Outdoor Movie Night planned for August 25 in the Jubilee Garden.

On July 12 a community meeting was held at the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, hosted by representatives of Enbridge Gas. This information session was requested by the RPRA, together with a group of concerned Rockcliffe Park residents. Enbridge is proposing an expanded natural gas pressurization station and related facility in the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District.

We understand that Enbridge proposes that the expanded facility be built in a new location on lands owned by the National Capital Commission (NCC), not far from where the current – but much smaller – station is now situated. A formal application under the relevant rules has not, as of this writing, been filed with the NCC, according to a representative of the NCC.

The RPRA has discussed this proposal with our councillor, Rawlson King. We have questioned the new location and offered our view that a new facility should be presumptively subject to the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District Plan. Further information may be found in the Community Report on page 6 of this newsletter. We will continue to monitor developments.

The Enbridge project is separate from the NCC proposals for their lands along the parkway and for the Mile Circle. RPRA directors Leo Grant and Jean-Guy Dumoulin will continue to follow and report on the NCC's public pronouncements, news releases and any consultations with the community with respect to the NCC's plans separate from the Enbridge proposal.

Board members and others were asked over the summer to support the funding requests made by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation of the City of Ottawa for the restoration of the Centennial Garden. Our hope is that this application will be successful so that the Centennial Garden, established in the heart of Rockcliffe Park in 1967 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Canada, can be returned to its previous glory.

Since our recent participation as a community association in the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) survey, I have been advised that the results of this OPS and Ottawa Police Service Board (OPSB) survey will be presented at the August board meeting of the OPSB. I will share more regarding their findings in a future column in this newsletter or at our next board meeting.

Over the summer the RPRA did a refresh on its website, rockcliffepark.ca, to make it easier for members and residents of Rockcliffe Park to email the directors and officers of the board. The website has also been updated with our recent newsletters. Hopefully these updates will make it easier for members and residents to reach us.

Our next regular community/board meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm in the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall at 380 Springfield Road. Our meetings are open to all. I hope to see you there.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer.

Russell Gibson, President
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The Rockcliffe Park Foundation and the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA) are our two key neighbourhood organizations, linked in practice, history, and by shared values. The Foundation works closely with and provides grants that support the RPRA, whose volunteer board manages and coordinates our community programs and initiatives, in addition to representing the interests of our residents. These are divided into three core mandate areas: community building, heritage and environment.

More information on these important neighbourhood organizations may be found on the websites rockcliffepark.ca and rockcliffeparkfoundation.org.

Q&A with Sarah Baxter, Chair of the Rockcliffe Park Foundation

You have been Chair since 2020. What has stood out for you in your current role?

I would have to say the power of teamwork really stands out for me. Members of the Rockcliffe Park Foundation are volunteers, and I am constantly impressed with the commitment and dedication of our directors to go the extra mile and collaborate with our partners at the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association to have the greatest impact on issues that are important to our community. It has been especially encouraging to see how connected they have remained through the COVID-19 pandemic.

What has been your biggest challenge?

Certainly, the recent pandemic limited our ability to connect directly with residents and donors. As the fundraising arm for Rockcliffe Park, we rely on a personalized approach to our relationships, sharing community stories and understanding the interests and priorities of our residents. This input helps us find the intersection between the Foundation's mission and what residents care about. We had to rely on creativity – like most organizations – to adapt our outreach efforts to the new reality. I was inspired by the new ways we were able to connect.

What is the role of the Foundation and how does it raise its money?

The role of the Foundation is to oversee and work to raise funds for an endowment and provide grants to support our community programs, events, and initiatives in three core areas of activity: community, heritage and environment.

The Foundation grows the endowment fund by building up a strong community of donors who support a variety of fundraising initiatives, including:

Dining with the Ambassadors: This signature event brings the community together with our diplomatic neighbours who invite residents into their homes for a special evening of great food, fun and friendships. The next Dining with the Ambassadors event will be held in spring 2024.

Annual Appeal: Each fall, the Foundation reaches out to neighbours asking them to contribute to our annual appeal.

Planned Giving: To leave a legacy, residents can honour someone special by making a gift in their name or alternatively earmarking a contribution in their will or estate.

What is the Foundation most excited to take on next?

The Foundation has recently applied to the City of Ottawa Major Capital Program seeking support for the restoration of the Centennial Garden in the Village Green. The centerpiece of the garden is the Stone Circle, which was built in 1967 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Canada. Unfortunately, without sufficient maintenance over the years, this unique heritage landmark has fallen into a state of disrepair. The space is currently used by residents, visitors, educators, landscape architects and those just seeking refuge in greenspace. The Foundation has committed to raising 50 percent of the cost for restoring the Garden.

Q&A with Sarah Baxter (continued)



Can you share some examples of how the Foundation's work impacts our community?

Donations fund this newsletter, plus programs and activities delivered through the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association, which include our neighbourhood Heritage Walk, Movie Night, Rockcliffe Community Tree Day, Speakers Program, and our Children's Holiday Party.

Donations also support the Foundation's commitment to ongoing environmental and conservation programs in Rockcliffe Park, such as water testing at the Pond, tree planting to preserve our maturing tree canopy, maintenance of the sports field at Rockcliffe Park Public School and Jubilee Garden, and conservation initiatives including the data collection project on Pond use so that efforts at both conversation and continued access to the Pond can be maintained.

How can community members support the Foundation?

The board recently completed a gap analysis to determine how we can diversify our board in terms of representation and skill set. Specifically, we are always looking for members who can help us leverage the impact and outreach we have in our vibrant community. If residents are available to help, I want to hear from them.

Sarah Baxter
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Photo above: Hardworking volunteer members of the Dining with the Ambassadors 2023 Organizing Committee (from left to right): Jane Newcombe, Marianne Feaver, Marilyn Collette, Sarah Waters, Fiona Murray, Robert Collette, Marilyn Wilson, Cynthia Cusinato, Joseph Cull and Jill Dickinson; absent from photo: Kristen Healy, Sarah Baxter.

The popular Foundation fundraiser will be held again in spring 2024.

Photo: Leah Mowers Photography



The Rockcliffe Park Residents Association welcomes your input. Send your comments, questions and concerns to the appropriate RPRA member listed below.

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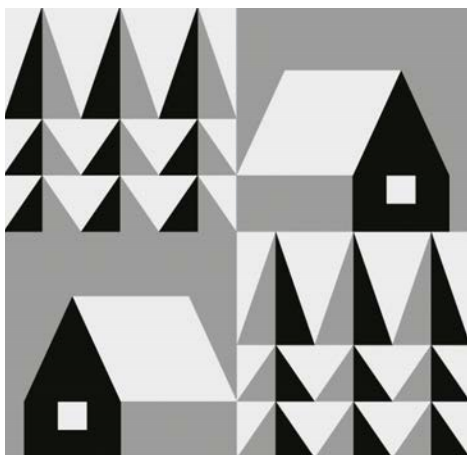
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 Rockcliffe News and Events Email Blast
 The Rockcliffe News
 RPR Website
 RP Spring Book Sale
 Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing
 Holiday Children's Party
 Outdoor Movie Nights
 Welcome Committee
 RPPS Soccer Field
 RRCRC Fundraiser

Presented here is an update on reports of interest from the summer, and upcoming activities.

Enbridge Pressurization Station Relocation

This letter to the head of the National Capital Commission (NCC), Tobi Nussbaum, is a follow up to the public meeting at our Community Hall on July 12 where Enbridge Gas presented their plans to locate their new and greatly expanded pumping station on NCC land at the junction of Sandridge and Hillsdale Roads. It conveys the strong concerns that were expressed and seeks an alternative site.

Subject: Rockcliffe: Enbridge Pressurization Station Relocation

Dear Tobi,

As you are aware, Enbridge is preparing to relocate and greatly enlarge their pressurization station – located on NCC land – that supplies gas under the Ottawa River to Gatineau. Enbridge presented a proposal at a public meeting at the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall on July 12.

The meeting brought out 60 to 80 people from both Rockcliffe and surrounding communities. All who spoke at the meeting were vociferously opposed to the proposed new site. The good news is that another site nearby was identified that would be widely acceptable. The NCC is pivotal to this solution as that site, as well, is on NCC land.

Enbridge's proposal was to move their station from its present well-hidden location to a near-by site in Rockcliffe Park which is fully visible and close to residences and well-used pathways.

Enbridge got an earfull! Much of it was directed at the NCC. This was because Enbridge reported that the NCC had directed them to favour this site over other possible sites. All present also regretted that the NCC had declined an invitation to attend the meeting.

Perhaps you have also been made aware of the petition opposing this site, and of accounts of the meeting that have appeared in community newspapers.

The new site proposed by Enbridge is within the Rockcliffe Park heritage conservation district. It is designated "Open Space." As such, the Rockcliffe Park Secondary Plan provides that it "shall be kept free of buildings except for structures accessory to a recreational activity or community gatherings on the land." The Enbridge facility is not such a structure.

We note that the NCC's mandate is heavily committed to the protection of heritage in the National Capital Region. To quote that mandate: "Our goal is to lead by example in the planning and stewardship of heritage places." Rockcliffe Park is a heritage place that is important not only to Ottawa but to Canada. Laid out in 1864, it is a very rare surviving example of an early planned community that focuses on green landscape as a defining cultural heritage attribute – it is unique in Canada. It is being considered by the federal government for designation as a national historic site.

The alternative site for the Enbridge station that would be widely acceptable is the nearby NCC work yard that is well set back and camouflaged from view. If that site is not large enough to accommodate both the Enbridge station and the work yard, it was suggested that the work yard could be relocated, without much difficulty, to an invisible site close to the nearby airfield. We understand that the Enbridge station, in contrast, has to remain close to the existing pipeline under the river.

We understand that a meeting on this matter between the NCC and Enbridge is coming up shortly. We urge you to endorse this alternative site. This will avoid further conflict with surrounding communities and will show good faith with respect to the NCC's mandate to protect an important heritage place.

The manager of your heritage program, Heather Thomson, was a welcome guest at our first-ever heritage walk in June last year. And you know the community well. We look forward to good news coming out of your meeting with Enbridge.

Attached is a bit of an elaboration on relevant parts of the Rockcliffe Park Secondary Plan in case such considerations arise in that meeting.

Sincerely,

Michele Hayman, Vice President, Heritage, RPR

Mark Willcox, Vice President, Environment, RPR

Attachment to letter to Tobi Nussbaum re Enbridge

At the July 12 public meeting, it was noted that:

1. The Rockcliffe Park Secondary Plan provides that the proposed site, designated "Open Space," must be kept free of buildings except for structures accessory to a recreational activity or community gatherings on the land.

2. The Secondary Plan also specifies that no commercial or industrial developments will be permitted within Rockcliffe Park. It is entirely residential.

3. As well, trucks are not permitted on roads within Rockcliffe Park or on the Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway. So Enbridge vehicles could not legally get to the facility.

4. At the same time, the Secondary Plan states that "Nothing in this secondary plan shall prevent the construction of any structure required to provide public utility services." However, it goes on to say "Such public utility shall be located... in a manner in keeping with the surrounding area..." We note, first, that the surrounding area is entirely parkland and residential, and second, that the purpose of this utility is not to provide local public utility services which is the presumed intent of this clause.

News from the Ottawa Safety Council

Ella Trolly, the new Outreach and Engagement Coordinator at the Ottawa Safety Council, recently contacted us to introduce herself and to outline items of possible interest to our residents:

- The Council is actively seeking part-time crossing guards for school safety zones.
- Community-gearred programs – including WalkSafe, CycleSafe, Car and Booster Seat Safety – are available to be booked.
- RoadSMART4Kids, a free online resource, offers activities, challenges, presentations and videos geared at learning road safety concepts, skill and awareness for elementary-age children.

For further information or to volunteer as a crossing guard, please contact Ella at outreach@ottawasafetycouncil.ca.

October RPR and RRCRC Food Bank Event

Martin Perras, a new RPR board member, and Dr. Emilie Perras are graciously hosting a donor appreciation event at their house on October 25. Designed to thank the donors who generously and regularly give to the RRCRC Food Bank, it is hoped that this gathering will also encourage new gifts for the food bank. Former RPR board member Nicholas Temnikov and RPR past president Peter Lewis, together with Sebastian Gaisert of the RRCRC, are organizing the program and welcome volunteers; contact Kate Struthers at volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca or Lisa Cogan at ejcogan@gmail.com to sign up. In these lean times, food banks are in huge demand and this one is no exception.

RPR Fundraising Guidelines

The final document which sets out the guidelines our efforts to fundraise must follow has been tabled for the September 20, 2023 RPR board meeting. The stated criteria has been vetted by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation and will in no way interfere with its work. It is anticipated that it will unanimously pass. Once accepted, it will be posted on our website, rockcliffepark.ca.

Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club (RLTC)

In the June issue of the New Edinburgh News, RLTC manager Michael Bowen stated that night court lighting was again being explored by the club. Upon learning of this development, a letter, signed by Lola Price on behalf of the RPR's Environment and Heritage committees, was sent to the club's president, Laurie Mayberry, for clarification of the club's position. To date, no acknowledgment or response has been received.

Looking ahead, our working teams have already begun drafting our community activity plans for the remaining months of 2023. Stay tuned.

Lisa Cogan, Community VP

Recap: Rockcliffe Park Children's Book Sale... and Future Plans

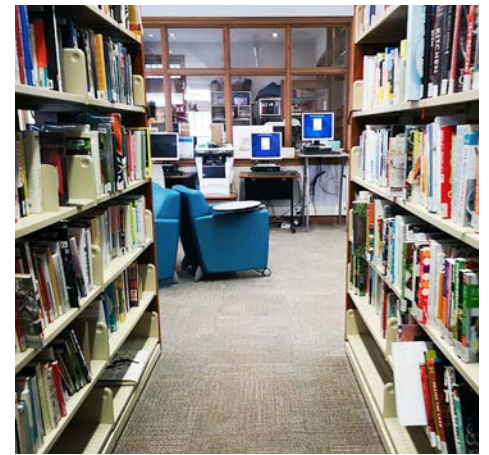
Volunteers with the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale held their first Sale of children's books on June 10 at the Community Hall. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this Sale a success and to the many families and patrons who purchased books and helped us raise funds for the Library. Thank you also to our councillor, Rawlson King, who helped to promote the Sale on his website and who, together with his wife, Linda Grussani, spent time at the Sale.

While raising funds is our principal objective, the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale is about much more than the amount of money raised; it's about community building and the promotion of literacy. The Children's Book Sale amply demonstrated this. After a hiatus of more than three years, volunteers and patrons were all happy to be back. "It was a delight to see so many smiling faces – the children especially were great fun to watch. They were so excited by so many books," said Linda McDonald, former chair of the Sale. The Cozy Corner Reading Nook, furnished with bean bags and chairs, was a popular spot with parents and children alike. At the end of the day, unsold books were donated to other groups promoting literacy and learning, including the RPPS Book Fair and a new micro-school that will be opening in Manor Park this fall.

The success of our Children's Book Sale has encouraged us to start planning for a return of the full Sale in April 2024. However, many of the concerns that made us reluctant to proceed with a full Sale this year are still with us: COVID-19 is still circulating in the community, most of our volunteers are older and, given the popularity of the Sale, our event space gets very crowded, so we are proceeding with caution.

We will be holding another Book Drive to collect your donations of gently used books on Sunday, September 10 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the parking lot behind Library. This date has yet to be confirmed so watch for details in future eblast announcements. Carolyn Brereton

Rockcliffe Park Library Summer Programming



Rockcliffe Park Library has been busy this summer with weekly children's programming, daily visits from the City of Ottawa camps held in the Community Hall – and lots and lots of book check-outs, of course!

The theme for this summer's Summer Reading Club was 'Breakfast on Pluto.' Pop in to see our to-scale solar system and see if you can find Pluto. (It's tiny!) Neighbourhood children have made wonderful, creative space aliens from sticks and stones, many of which now decorate the top shelf in the children's section. Dave Chisolm from the Royal Astronomical Society presented an informative program on all things space in July, and we hosted a virtual program with Scientists in Schools where kids made kaleidoscopes and designed their own galaxies. We had a whole week of games, including a life-size Candyland game inside the branch, an escape room and a giant Twister game on the lawn! In August we hosted the Humane Society and their furry friends, did some tie dying to create nebulas, and learned from Rockcliffe biologist Lola Price about the natural world outside the library. Our summer programming will end with a special drop-in party, 'Breakfast on Pluto,' on August 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come visit us for space cakes, a balloon artist and a green screen for having your picture taken in space! Martha Hodgson

Speakers Program

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm
 Rockcliffe Park Community Hall
 380 Springfield Road

November 22, 2023

Stephen Poloz:
 'These Turbulent Times'



Stephen Poloz, the frank, plain-speaking former Governor of the Bank of Canada and author of 'The Next Age of Uncertainty: How the World Can Adapt to a Riskier Future,' will speak on the turbulent times we live in.

The Speakers Program presents engrossing evenings with presentations by distinguished speakers, followed by questions, coffee and cookies. Admission is free.

The Speakers Program is an initiative of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association and is supported by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation. For more information visit rockcliffepark.ca.

Further speakers will be announced in the next newsletter.

Photo: Enbridge Inc.

Twenty-Nine Artists to be Featured in the 2023 New Edinburgh Studio Tour (NEST)

The New Edinburgh Studio Tour (NEST) is delighted to announce its return this fall after a three-year hiatus and is set to feature 29 talented artists at 10 locations!

Join us on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at various locations in the New Edinburgh neighbourhood. It's all free – admission, parking, and draws for door prizes at studio and gallery locations.

With studio and gallery destinations within walking distance of each other, this self-guided tour offers a unique opportunity to discover and connect with local and guest artists, professional and emerging, while experiencing the charm of New Edinburgh. Typically tucked away in their studio spaces and engaged in creative expression, NEST provides the artists an occasion to step out, exhibit their work, and share their creative processes. Media represented include works in oil, acrylic, mixed media, encaustic, textile, printmaking, jewellery, glass, photography and ceramic sculpture.

The participating artists include Tracy Armstrong, Iris Arnon, Susan Ashbrook, Carmen Bohn, André Breau, Lori Brethour Coulter, Pat Carbonneau, Jane Cass, Mira Culham, Karen Dyrda, Lynda Dyson, Sarah Jane Estabrooks, Johanna Jansen, Jennifer Anne Kelly, Clara Kim, Leslie Lambert, Aileen Leo, Ariel Lyons, Cathy Mavriplis, Andrea Mueller, Sara Mullen, Martha Nixon, Josée Robillard, Beth Stikeman, Maureen Trace and Musica Borealis (Karol Mabel Contreras, Yanik Fillion-Murphy and Eva Penner).

Artwork will be for sale directly from the artists and live demonstrations will take place at various locations throughout the two days. A brochure will be available at select local businesses prior to NEST with the artists' information, their locations and a tour map.



This event is made possible only through the collaborative efforts of our outstanding local business sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, artists, and those who have donated spaces – all of whom contribute to elevate and strengthen the artistic and cultural profile of our community. We are sincerely grateful for the ongoing support and title sponsorship of Natalie Belovic of Urban Ottawa, and sponsors Align Massage Therapy Lindenlea, Beechwood Auto Service, Beechwood Cemetery, Beechwood Market, Books on Beechwood, Metro and Pandore Innovations. Thank you to our advertisers and to MP Mona Fortier, MPP Lucille Collard and Rideau-Rockcliffe Councillor Rawlson King.

NEST is organized by a dedicated volunteer group of local artists who have combined their collective passion with a vision to build a vibrant arts scene in New Edinburgh. The planning committee includes founder Sara Alex Mullen, Josée Robillard, Ariel Lyons, Susan Ashbrook, and new committee member Beth Stikeman.

NEST is looking for volunteers to direct the public and hand out brochures at various locations on the weekend of the studio tour. Please contact Josée Robillard at josee.robillard@gmail.com if you are interested.

If you're a local business and would like to sponsor our event, please contact Beth Stikeman at beth.stikeman56@gmail.com.

For more information on NEST, please visit our website at nestudiotour.ca, follow us on social media at [instagram.com/nestudiotour](https://www.instagram.com/nestudiotour) or [facebook.com/NewEdinburghStudioTour](https://www.facebook.com/NewEdinburghStudioTour), or contact us at nestudiotour@gmail.com.

Josée Robillard

Photo at top: Ariel Lyons in her Rockcliffe studio. Ariel enjoys the process of experimentation. Her work is based on observation of place and person, her environment and reaction to it.

New Edinburgh's StreetFest Returns September 9



Building on last year's hugely successful fair, members of Laurentian Chapter IODE are once again arranging an exciting program of events to celebrate New Edinburgh's history. Funds raised will go to the Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families. From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, visitors can enjoy:

- Opening ceremonies at 10:00 am with music and speakers at 62 John Street;
- Doorstep Guides, posted outdoors and telling stories of five historic buildings;
- Porch Concert series featuring local musicians on 14 village verandahs;
- Beer and Wine Tent with a Toasty Arepas food truck at 62 John Street; and
- Cèilidh with Celtic music from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 62 John Street.

Tickets buy you:

- Three house tours, with access to the inside of some of New Edinburgh's oldest and most interesting dwellings (ticket holders only);
- Heritage Talks and music at St Bartholomew's Church (ticket holders only); and
- Horse and Wagon rides in the afternoon.

Tickets (\$30; kids under 13 free) are available through Eventbrite and at Books on Beechwood. Find more information at iodelaurentian.com. There are good times ahead!

St Bart's: the CLASSIC Community Bazaar!

Please mark your calendars for the Church of St Bartholomew's in-person Bazaar on Saturday, November 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at 125 MacKay Street. You'll find tables of gifts, attic treasures, antiques, books, home baking, jewellery, Christmas decorations, toys/games, preserves, crafts/knitting – and a charming Tea Room! You're sure to enjoy this happy event and will feel even better knowing you're supporting the Refugee Programme, the Ministry to the Gary J. Armstrong Home, Cornerstone Womens' Shelter and the Church's work in the wider community. The photo below shows a few of the charming (and valuable!) collectables at last year's Bazaar.

Don't miss out on some great shopping – perfect for holiday gifts and for your own collections as well. And thank you in advance for bringing your own shopping bags and cash.

What can you do to help?

The success of our sale depends on your generous donations. To donate items please contact Linda Assad-Butcher at lassadbutcher@gmail.com or 613 298-9980, or Liz Heatherington at elizmaryh@gmail.com or 613 601-8692 for pick up. Our most grateful thanks.

See you at the Bazaar!

Liz Heatherington



The NCC River House reopens

The NCC River House, previously known as the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club Boathouse, has reopened its doors after an extensive, five year renovation project. ONEC is thrilled to be returning to its special place on the Ottawa River that it has called home for the past 100 years!

We're ready to move back in so that we can keep doing what we do best – provide equipment and instruction so that people can connect with their waterfront sports community to safely enjoy their beautiful river... and now with a gigantic swimming pool to cool off after a paddle, row, sail or tennis match.

Celebrating a whopping total of 290 years!

ONEC is holding a special event on September 14 at the River House ballroom to celebrate:

- 140 years along the Ottawa River
- 100 years in the historic Boathouse
- 50 years of Summer Youth Camps

We hope you'll join us for great food, live DJ, a dance floor with LED disco lighting, photo booth, awards and speeches. Bring your dancing shoes and be ready to party like it's 1923! Find tickets and full details at onec.ca/gala.

John Moore

ONEC Communications Director

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Elizabeth Robinson (1922-2023)

A Remembrance

Editor's Note: Longtime Rockcliffe Park resident Elizabeth Robinson passed away in July 2023, just short of her 101st birthday. The September 2022 newsletter ran an account of a gala street party/birthday celebration held in her honour, with a biography written by her son, Geoffrey. That report presented an account of a woman who was obviously both respected and beloved by friends, neighbours and family. Reprinted here is a slightly edited version of the biography that ran in that issue.

Elizabeth Robinson was a prairie girl at heart, but she roamed far and wide during her 100+ years. Born August 20, 1922 and raised in the small town of Gleichen, east of Calgary along the CPR main line, she went to high school in Banff, served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Halifax and St John's, and studied at Queen's University in Kingston before moving to Ottawa to work in the Department of External Affairs in 1948. With her husband, Basil Robinson, she then set off for postings in London, Paris and Washington, and had four children in five years before finally settling down at 17 Mariposa Avenue in Rockcliffe Park, where she lived for almost 58 years.

Growing up in the prairies during the Depression made a lifelong impression on Elizabeth. She vividly recalled the many homeless men who passed through town on the rail in search of work. Some stopped at their house, where they were given beef sandwiches and milk before moving on. And like many who grew up in those times, avoiding waste became one of Elizabeth's core values. This is a woman who was recycling and upcycling decades before doing so was fashionable.

When World War II began, she was determined to enlist. Her original plan was to sign up with the Navy, but the only positions available for women were as cooks and stenographers, so she chose the Air Force instead. A few weeks later, she boarded the CPR train for Ottawa to begin her basic training. In 1943, she was deployed to Halifax where she worked as a "Filter Plotter" – tracking aircraft that flew close to or within Canadian airspace. From Halifax she was moved to the air force base near St John's, Newfoundland. Newfoundland was not yet part of Canada, which meant that as far as the Air Force was concerned, she was deployed "overseas" – a status that is still recognized by the government.

Thanks to a special program for veterans, Elizabeth was able to attend Queen's University on a full scholarship, completing a BA in 1948. After graduating, she returned to Calgary where her parents now lived, but was eager to move on. When her mother noticed an advertisement for jobs in the Department of External Affairs, Elizabeth applied immediately. A few weeks later, she was back in Ottawa for an interview, and soon she was working in the Department – first in its new United Nations division, and then in the office of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Lester B. Pearson. Pearson (and Canada) played an important role in the UN in those early years. As part of the UN division and as a member of Pearson's staff, Elizabeth traveled with the Canadian delegation to key UN meetings in New York and elsewhere. It was an invigorating time.

Among the staff in the UN division at the time was another westerner who caught Elizabeth's eye. Basil Robinson had grown up in Vancouver and had served in the Canadian Army during the war; his unit was among those that landed on D-Day and helped to liberate the Netherlands. After the war, Basil studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar before accepting a position in the department. Before long, Elizabeth and Basil were an item. When he learned that she was going to be posted to Paris, he phoned her in desperation (from a pay phone in the Lord Elgin Hotel) and asked her to marry him. Against her mother's advice, she agreed and the two were married at St Bartholomew's Church in Ottawa on December 16, 1950.

In those post-war years, married women were not welcome in the civil service – they were expected to make room for men returning from the war – so Elizabeth was laid off from her position in External Affairs. Or, more precisely, she stopped being paid for her work! The reality was that, like many foreign service spouses then (and now), she continued to play a vital role in the never-ending work of a diplomat, while also caring for four young children – Katharine, David, Brigitte (Ann) and Geoffrey.





After postings to London, Paris and Washington in the 1950s and early 1960s, Elizabeth and Basil returned to Ottawa. In the summer of 1965, they bought the white and green house at 17 Mariposa Avenue for the grand sum of \$35,000. For the next 20 years or so, Basil worked in the Department of External Affairs – with a four-year hiatus as Deputy Minister of what was then the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development – including several years as Undersecretary of State for External Affairs. As in the years abroad, Basil’s work was also Elizabeth’s. Together they had the privilege of working alongside some of the greats of Canadian history, including Lester Pearson, John Diefenbaker, Pierre Trudeau and Jean Chretien. And together they left a mark of their own.

With Basil’s death in 2012, Elizabeth continued to be the central figure in the Robinson clan, and 17 Mariposa the home base for countless gatherings of family and friends.

Geoffrey Robinson

Photos: Opposite page, at top, and this page, above: Elizabeth in 2022, at her home on Mariposa Avenue. Photos courtesy of Joseph Cull. Opposite page, at bottom: Basil and Elizabeth, looking radiant on their wedding day in 1950.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

23/24 SAT-SUN 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
New Edinburgh Studio Tour (NEST); at various locations in New Edinburgh; see page 8 of this newsletter for details and schedule

24 THURSDAY 2:00 to 4:00 PM
‘Breakfast on Pluto,’ Drop-in Party; Rockcliffe Park Library, 380 Springfield Road; see page 6 of this newsletter for details or bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/event/breakfast-pluto-end-summer-party

25 FRIDAY 8:30 PM (approximate)
RPRa Outdoor Movie Night; Jubilee Garden, details to come in the RPRa eblasts

OCTOBER

18 WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
RPRa Board Meeting; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; all are welcome

25 WEDNESDAY TIME TBA
RPRa and RRCRC Food Bank Event; see page 7 of this newsletter for details

SEPTEMBER

09 SATURDAY 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
New Edinburgh StreetFest; at various locations in New Edinburgh; see page 9 of this newsletter for details and schedule

NOVEMBER

10 SUNDAY 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Spring Book Sale Book Drive (tentative); in the parking lot behind Library at 380 Springfield Road; this date has yet to be confirmed so watch for details in future eblast announcements

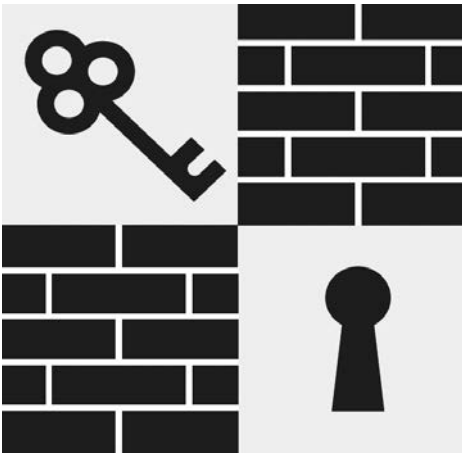
04 SATURDAY 1:00 to 4:00 PM
St Bart’s Community Bazaar; Church of St Bartholomew, 125 MacKay Street; see page 9 of this newsletter for details and schedule

14 THURSDAY 6:30 PM UNTIL LATE
ONEC Milestone Gala; in the ballroom of the NCC River House, 501 Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway; see page 9 of this newsletter for details or onec.ca/gala

15 WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
RPRa Board Meeting; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; all are welcome

20 WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
RPRa Board Meeting; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; all are welcome

22 WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM
Speakers Program: Stephen Poloz, former Governor of the Bank of Canada, on ‘These Turbulent Times’; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road



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New Interprovincial Bridge Study Planned

On July 28, the National Capital Commission (NCC) sent a notice informing us that Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is resuming geotechnical field studies on the Ottawa River.

During the work period, the public should expect to see a barge on the Ottawa River in the east end of Ottawa-Gatineau near Kettle Island. Crews will access the work site from a dedicated launch point located at the Blair boat launch. No impact to the shoreline or neighbouring communities is anticipated. This work will complete what was started last year near Lower Duck Island and McLaurin Bay.

A 2019 Federal Budget item directed the NCC to refresh studies on potential corridors for an additional Interprovincial crossing between Ottawa and Gatineau. The three corridors identified as having the most potential for a new interprovincial bridge and the proposed routes for bridge access are: Kettle Island (Hwy 50 to Aviation Parkway, extending to the 417), Lower Duck Island (Hwy 50, along Montée Paiement, Aviation Parkway to the 417) and McLaurin Bay Corridor (Hwy 50 to Hwy 174 to the 417).

Go to the NCC website page 'Refresh of studies for a sixth interprovincial crossing' (ncc-ccn.gc.ca/projects/refresh-studies-sixth-interprovincial-crossing) to access the refreshed report.

You will note that under 'Key Findings' the Kettle Island proposed corridor is favoured in almost all categories as the location of the new interprovincial bridge. The results of the geotechnical field studies on the Ottawa River have not, as yet, been published.

As many of you know, this is an issue that was successfully blocked a few years ago. The RPR will be meeting with other community associations to decide on a course of action to prevent Kettle Island from becoming the selected site. If you are interested in participating in this action, please contact secretary@rockcliffepark.ca.

Jean-Guy Dumoulin
with Michele Hayman, Heritage VP



This map shows the three proposed crossing options. Corridor 5 is the Kettle Island crossing site.

Photo: ncc-ccn.gc.ca/projects/refresh-studies-sixth-interprovincial-crossing



My office is excited to support the work of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA) and the Rockcliffe Park Foundation concerning the proposed renovation of the Village Green's Centennial Garden in the heart of the Village of Rockcliffe Park. Over the last year, both community organizations have worked hard on a preliminary plan for the restoration of the garden and this year the organizations jointly prepared an application to the City of Ottawa's Community Partnership Major Capital Program for funding.

As part of the application, an estimate of the cost of renovating the Garden was sought from a local landscaping expert, which also included input from city planners. The proposed work includes construction costs, updating park lighting, architectural drawings, project management, planting, and the addition of a new bench. The Rockcliffe Park Foundation has committed to contributing half of the cost of rehabilitating the Garden. My office was happy to endorse the plan and will examine providing additional funds from Ward 13's cash-in-lieu of parkland fund if required.

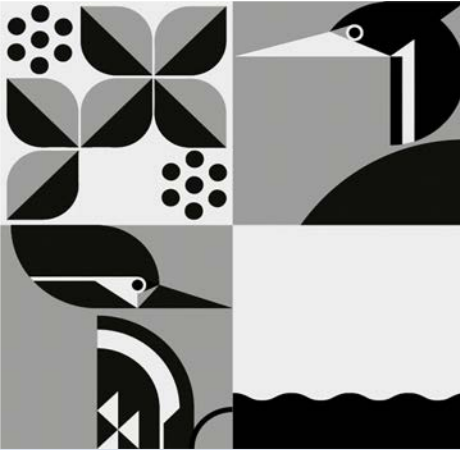
I will also continue to work with the RPRA to ensure consistency between the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District Plan and the city's other primary planning documents concerning technical details such as grade and height. As we know, the purpose of our heritage conservation district is to preserve and protect our built heritage and its historic landscapes. In July, I advanced a motion at Heritage Committee seeking to ensure that the Plan remains consistent with the objectives and policies of the Official Plan and the Rockcliffe Park Secondary Plan as the city's new Zoning By-law is developed. My specific motion will be discussed at the Planning Committee in August in preparation for the development of a new comprehensive Zoning By-law, which will ultimately be approved by Council in 2025. The by-law will implement the policies and directions in the new Official Plan approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in November 2022. The first draft of the Zoning By-law is scheduled to be presented to Planning Committee in the first quarter of 2024 for public input and Council deliberation.

My office is also continuing to monitor the proposed Enbridge Gas Rockcliffe Control Station Relocation Project. The utility has stated that because the current location poses access and safety concerns and the technology at the existing station itself is now outdated, the utility is intent to build a new natural gas pressure regulation station in the vicinity. Regulations state that any new station must be located at a site that is more accessible and which meets current safety and engineering design standards.

Because the project is located on federal land administered by the National Capital Commission (NCC), it is subject to Federal Land Use, Design and Transaction Approval (FLUDTA) under the National Capital Act. The project also triggers Section 82 of the Impact Assessment Act, which requires that projects proposed on federal land are reviewed by a responsible federal authority to determine if they are likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. In this case, the NCC is the responsible federal authority and at this stage of the process, the public, landowners, government agencies, Indigenous communities and any other interested parties are all invited to participate in the project's environmental assessment process. At my behest, I am pleased that an in-person public meeting was held on July 12 at the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall to share more details about this project and listen to resident concerns. I will continue to monitor the evolution of the utility's proposal as well as resident input to provide informed comment to federal authorities during the process.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office by phone at 613 580-2483 or by email at rideaurockcliffeward@ottawa.ca.

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Turkey Tales and Other Wildlife Sightings

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Activities

Invasive Plant Control
The Pond
Village Clean-up
Village Green
Jubilee Garden Maintenance

Si Taylor of Manor Avenue writes: "Living in Rockcliffe means learning to share with the local wildlife. Over the years, we have become accustomed to visits by deer, by a neighbourhood fox, by our corpulent resident groundhog and by the birds that live in our cedar hedge or come to our feeders. In the past few years, wild turkeys have become common. First there were groups of mature birds, some magnificent beautifully coloured specimens, often six or more at a time, who would cross our garden in procession from west to east, stopping to feed on the seeds the squirrels knock down from our feeders before disappearing across the road down Hillcrest and Manor. Occasionally, a single male would come in the afternoon to doze in the sun beside the house. This spring brought a new pattern: a single male on separate visits to our bird feeder, and a female with three chicks, being taught where to find seeds by their watchful mother. Then on the evening of June 30, something we had not witnessed before: around 8:00 pm the mother came to roost for the night 30 feet up on the branch of a large maple in the garden of our neighbour, Jocelyn Adams. Sheltered under the mother bird's capacious wings were her three offspring. Was she teaching them where to spend the night in safety?"

Iola Price took this recent photo of a very daring (or desperate!) turkey hanging upside down while raiding a bird feeder in the yard of a home in Rockcliffe Park.

On May 2, walking in the cemetery woods I chanced on two Turkeys presenting at each other face to face in full combat display, feathers all erect so that their apparent bulk was huge. On May 8, a Merlin appeared to be nesting in an old Crow nest atop a spruce near our house. The Merlins use our bird bath to drink. On May 30, a Jay came to drink – but was instantly driven off by a diving Merlin. Iola and I have seen four Merlins flying together, so if two were parents, at least two young fledged. Alternatively, the pair produced four young.

Anthony Keith, July 2023



Of Ticks and Fireflies



This line from a well-known children's song – "If you go down in the woods today you're sure of a big surprise..." – is true if you're unaware of the rise in our area's Black-legged Tick populations.

Public Health officials continue to warn that tick numbers are on the rise in Ontario, as are the number of cases of Lyme disease – a combination of better surveillance and reporting as well as tick number increases, especially in the Ottawa area. Over the period 2017-2019, researchers from uOttawa surveyed 28 sites across Ottawa for the tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) and the Lyme Disease bacterium (*Borrelia burgdorferi*) (journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0246484). And as recently as July 5, the Ottawa Citizen ran an article about a surveillance program in the west end. The highest incidence of tick numbers was in the Greenbelt and western end of Ottawa. Although in Rockcliffe Park (the park, not the village) no ticks were found, that has probably changed over the four years since the last survey, so take precautions when out walking along the river, in parks, along the paths at McKay Lake, or even in your own yard.

Ticks have a multi-year life cycle, starting out after hatching as pin-head-sized nymphs in the summer of the first year. After a blood meal, they drop to the ground, overwinter and emerge the following year and look for another blood meal. They don't actively seek humans, preferring small mammals (mice) when in the nymphal stage and larger mammals such as deer in the adult stage. But if you pass by, you are fair game. Precautions include wearing boots (no sandals, please), long-sleeved shirts and a hat, tucking trousers into socks, and spraying your boots and clothing with DEET or icaridin or wearing clothing impregnated with Permethrin. Prior to leaving your walking site, brush your trousers and inspect each other. Once home, put your outer clothing in a hot dryer for 20 minutes, if possible. Check folds and seams carefully for those tiny little black spots and drown them in a container of detergent and water, or in alcohol.

US lab research has shown that *Borrelia* bacteria fed blood from White-tailed Deer fail to reproduce – something in the deer blood kills them. It appears that although the adult ticks that have fed on deer are no longer infective, they will still lay eggs that will hatch out and start the cycle again. The hope is that this research will lead to an effective vaccine.

A juvenile tick is tiny; later stages are somewhat larger, with red and black backs. The US website web.uri.edu/tickencounter/tickspotters offers a free identification service (top-side up photo as a jpeg only) and the Ottawa Public Health website ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/lyme-disease.aspx offers additional information.

On biological and biodiversity grounds, I differ somewhat from OPH on the matter of yard care. On ecological grounds, we biologists suggest that wild borders are good for insects and other pollinators and that not mowing our lawns until the pollinators have emerged in May is a good idea. We also realize that fireflies, which are on a worldwide downslide, will benefit from wild and shrubby borders and longer grass in places. Light pollution (outdoor lighting disrupts the fireflies' ability to communicate with each other via their own lights), pesticides (yards sprayed to control mosquitoes and ticks) and habitat loss are all contributing factors to the loss of that summertime delight – dancing fireflies. Do we really want that to happen? The answer is to take personal precautions in regard to tick avoidance and to keep the environment safe for fireflies and our pollinators.

And, on a final note, we are not yet done with spongy moths. Although I have seen no evidence of leaf damage, my pan trap has collected over 50 male moths since July 29 (in 10 days). We have not eradicated the insect – just set it back a great deal.

Iola Price, 31 July 2023

Climate Resiliency Community Dialogue on Climate Change

On Tuesday, May 30, CAFES co-hosted a Climate Resiliency Community Dialogue in partnership with the Community Collective of Community Associations, composed of Lindenlea, Manor Park, New Edinburgh, Rockcliffe Park, Overbrook and Vanier Community Associations. This dialogue was one in a series of 11 workshops organized across the city in partnership with local community/citizens' associations. Their purpose was for attendees to share how climate change impacts are affecting themselves and their communities, and share possible responses to these risks at the individual, community and city level. These sessions are a first chance for the community to discuss how we can prepare for climate change and will inform the city's Climate Resiliency Strategy being developed by the City's Climate Change and Resiliency Unit.

Summary of the Climate Change Resiliency Workshop: The event took place at the Richelieu Vanier Community Centre, with over 40 attendees from Wards 12 and 13.

Key Workshop findings:

- There were many concerns about health impacts of climate change, on both humans and the natural world.
- There was concern about how climate impacts will affect marginalized and vulnerable groups.
- The loss of recreational opportunities outdoors due to climate change was a stated concern.
- Possible solutions included education, changes to infrastructure, and the building of community preparedness through emergency plans and networks.
- Several obstacles to effective collaboration between communities and the city were raised, with responses to overcome these obstacles.

The full report can be found at cafesottawa.ca/climate-resiliency-community-dialogue. A final report will be presented to the city in the fall. There will be much more work to do on this file in the future. I hope we can continue to take an active role! Mark Willcox, Environment VP

On Gardening: In Praise of Shade



When I first started gardening, what I envisioned and longed to create was the classic sunny English flower garden, carefully designed to bloom continuously from spring to fall. It's not an easy thing to create but, done well, it certainly is beautiful. Over the course of my gardening life, however, what I have come to appreciate, more than the classic perennial or mixed border, is a shade garden. Elegant, serene and tranquil, it's like a long, cool drink on a hot summer's day.

Shade gardens are also, arguably, the garden of the future. In this era of changing climate and global warming, a shade garden can be 10 to 20 degrees cooler than its sunny counterpart. The shade garden also places fewer demands on precious rainwater. Trees, which create shade, absorb and store carbon dioxide, a primary greenhouse gas. The shade garden is a lower-stress environment that is beneficial for plants, the planet – and, of course, us. So if you have an area of shade, rejoice. You aren't relegated to hostas, pachysandra or, perhaps, astilbes, lovely as they may be. You won't be able to grow vegetables or have a rose garden or colourful flowers for cutting, but you will be able to grow some beautiful and remarkable species. Let me suggest a few. The following are some of my favourite perennials for shade and semi-shade that thrive with relatively little attention in my garden:

Ajuga (Feathered Friends Cordial Canary) This cultivar has brilliant gold foliage with cobalt blue flowers in early summer. It thrives in part shade. There are many other varieties with dark, nearly black foliage. All may be, in my experience, somewhat invasive.

Asarum europaeum (European Tiger) This groundcover plant takes filtered shade. It has small, kidney-shaped glossy green leaves.

Cornus canadensis (Bunchberry) This dwarf species of dogwood is a shrubby, deciduous groundcover that spreads by creeping rhizomes and produces small, beautiful white flowers.

Epimedium (Barrenwort) These are easy to grow in part or full shade and, once established, will tolerate dryness and competition from tree roots. They are currently thriving in the dry shade under an Amur Maple in my garden.

Eurybia macrophylla (Bigleaf Aster) This is the taller groundcover, spreading rhizomes with large, heart-shaped foliage and flowers white-violet with a yellow center.

Galium odoratum (Sweet Woodruff) This is a vigorous groundcover for moist, shady sites. Tiny white flowers appear in late spring. It can be an aggressive spreader.

The foregoing plants are all groundcovers. The following are taller perennials for shade and semi-shade:

Aralia cordata Sun King (Golden Japanese Spikenard) This plant is an absolutely beautiful perennial, brightening up the shade garden with large, bright gold leaves. It's a big plant (36-40 inches tall and wide), with tiny white flowers giving way to purplish berries in the fall.

Brunnera macrophylla (Heartleaf Brunnera) An easy care perennial. The leaves have a frosty silver overlay. Blue flowers appear in the spring.

Pulmonaria (Lungwort) An unfortunate name for a beautiful plant. The flowers, in various shades of pink or blue, depending on the cultivar, appear in the spring, held just above the foliage, which is green with prominent white markings.

This is, of course, only a very partial list of possible perennials for the shaded garden. There are many others, including bleeding hearts, Virginia bluebells, *Rodgersia* and *Ligularia*. Shrubs such as oakleaf hydrangea and *Clethra alnifolia* are also doing extremely well in my woodland garden.

Readers who wish to explore this subject in greater depth should check out Ken Druse's most recent book, 'The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change.'

Gillian Edelson



Photos, clockwise from top left: *Ajuga* (Feathered Friends Cordial Canary), from gardeningexpress.co.uk; *Brunnera macrophylla* (Heartleaf Brunnera), from waltersgardens.com; *Epimedium* (Barrenwort), from bhg.com.