

Rockgarden Terrace Resort

AND MANITOULIN ISLAND

through the lens of
Roland Pfeiffer



Between Ourselves EDITION 4



“Come and walk with me. Along a path of memory....”

Between Ourselves: RGTR after 50 years

My father, Oswald Argmann, loved taking pictures and documenting life through poetic text. He started **Between Ourselves** many years ago and chronicled his journey to Canada as well as the creation of RGTR and Shaftesbury Inn. In August 2023 Roland Pfeiffer and his wife, Dorothy, vacationed with us at RGTR for one week. They were celebrating a wonderful milestone, 50 years of marriage. That reminded me of my parents milestone in love and RGTR that came to be in 1975.

Roland and Dorothy's secret to success? To let each other start the day in their own special way. For Roland, that meant an early breakfast with a camera by his side, at the ready to capture life go by. He graciously shared his images with us and through this next edition



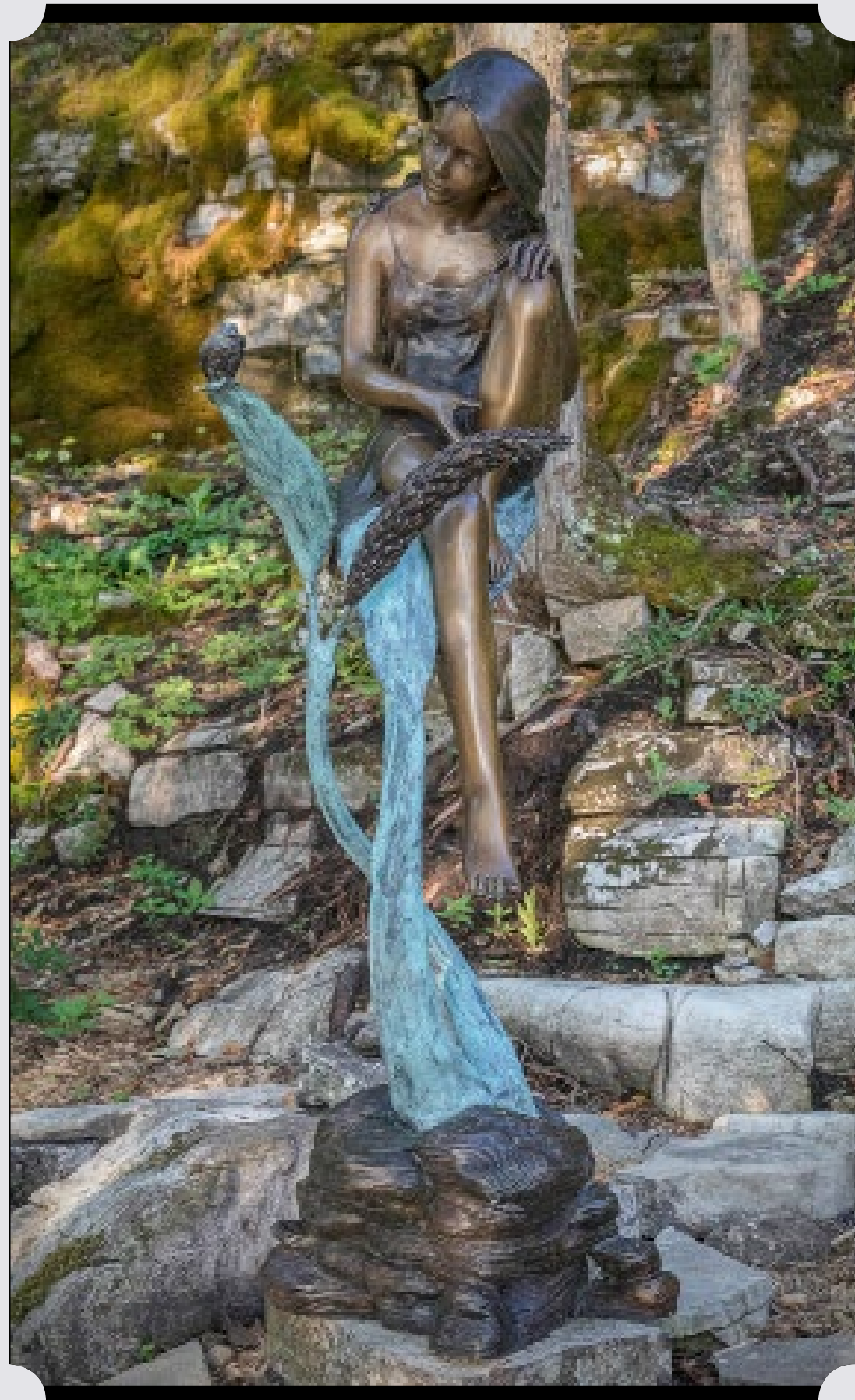
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of **Between Ourselves**, we pass them on to you. Let this be inspiration for what may lie ahead of your own Manitoulin Island journey and a reminder to take note and celebrate your own milestones. We hope you enjoy!

Island highlights...





Our cast bronze garden statues, to us, represent many things, but mostly, Angels of Rockgarden past and future. To former guest and celebrated musician, Keith Secola, the 'two-boys' statue was re-birthed the 'Key of G', as that was the sound of music he heard in the falling water. What do you see or hear when you look?

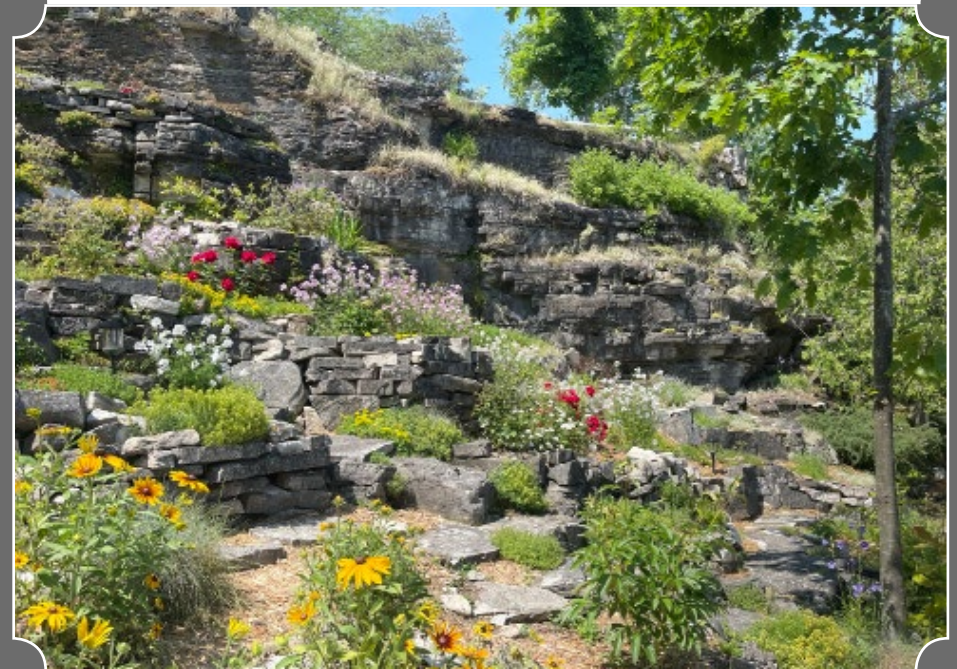


**“To plant a garden is to
dream of tomorrow.”**

AUDREY HEPBURN



*“Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Every morning you greet me. Small & white, clean
& bright, you look happy to meet me!”*



Kagawong and Cup & Saucer

THE EDGE OF THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT



Bridal Veil Falls

A 34-meter tall waterfall fed by Lake Kagawong. A steel stairway leads down to the gorge and you can even walk around the falls to take in all their beauty! Kagawong is one of 'Ontario's prettiest villages' with plenty of hiking, art galleries, chocolate & history to enjoy!



The Cup and Saucer has ~8 km of hiking trails, renowned for sheer drops, stunning vistas, and the famed adventure loop. Accessible from Hwy 540 between LC and M'Chigeeng.



Cup & Saucer

Sandhill Cranes



Sandhill Cranes are one of the oldest bird species and have been around for at least 2 million years. They have at least 18 different vocalizations, from piercing rattles to low purrs, even a snoring-like call while roosting. They are great dancers. When a male gains the attention of a female, they both present an elegant low bow, followed by a series of specific movements, calls and leaps, creating a stunning sight!

You can spot Sandhill Cranes almost anywhere, from Mexico to Siberia, but from Spring to Fall, they love the nearby Island's farmer fields. They may fly as many as 400 miles in one day during migration.



Cranes

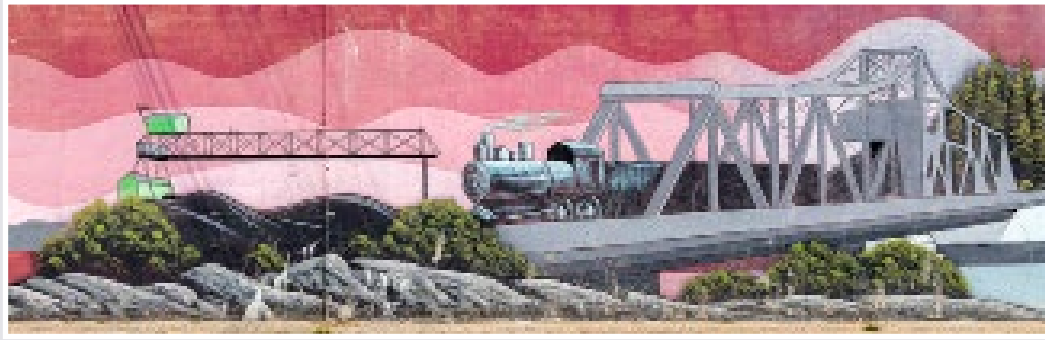
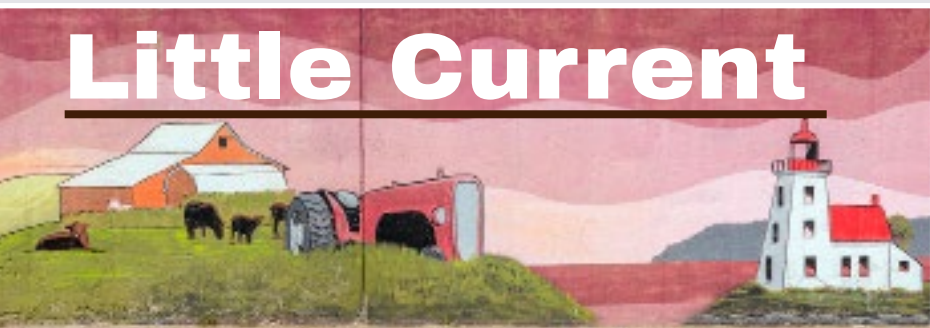


Sandhill



Little Current

Town murals...



Shaftesbury Inn



...the gateway to Manitoulin Island



Algoma Eastern Railway opened the LC Swing bridge to trains in 1913. In 1946, CPR saw the bridge modified for cars. Today, it is an Ontario Heritage Site and stays in the closed position except for the first 15 min of each daylight hour during the spring, summer & fall, when it opens to permit marine traffic to pass. In 2021, a replacement plan was announced which will include a new two-lane swing bridge nearby.

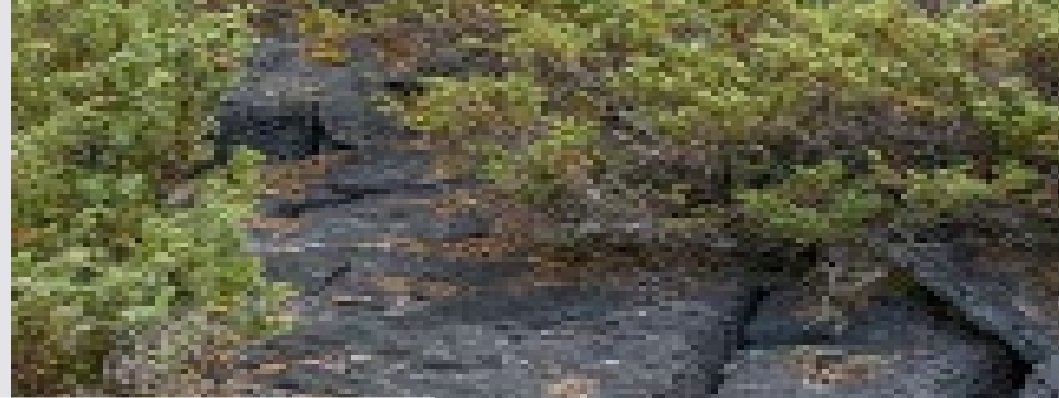
Swing Bridge...



Into the woods...



3 Little Pigs & Guarded Friends



Goldilocks & The 3 Bears



Alvars are open habitats with a thin covering of soil over a base of limestone or dolostone. The flat-lying stone is soft and can fracture creating blocks of various sizes called 'clints' creating spaces between them called "grikes".

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Highlighting the Art of Nature.

MINDEMOYA CAVE



Mindemoya Cave

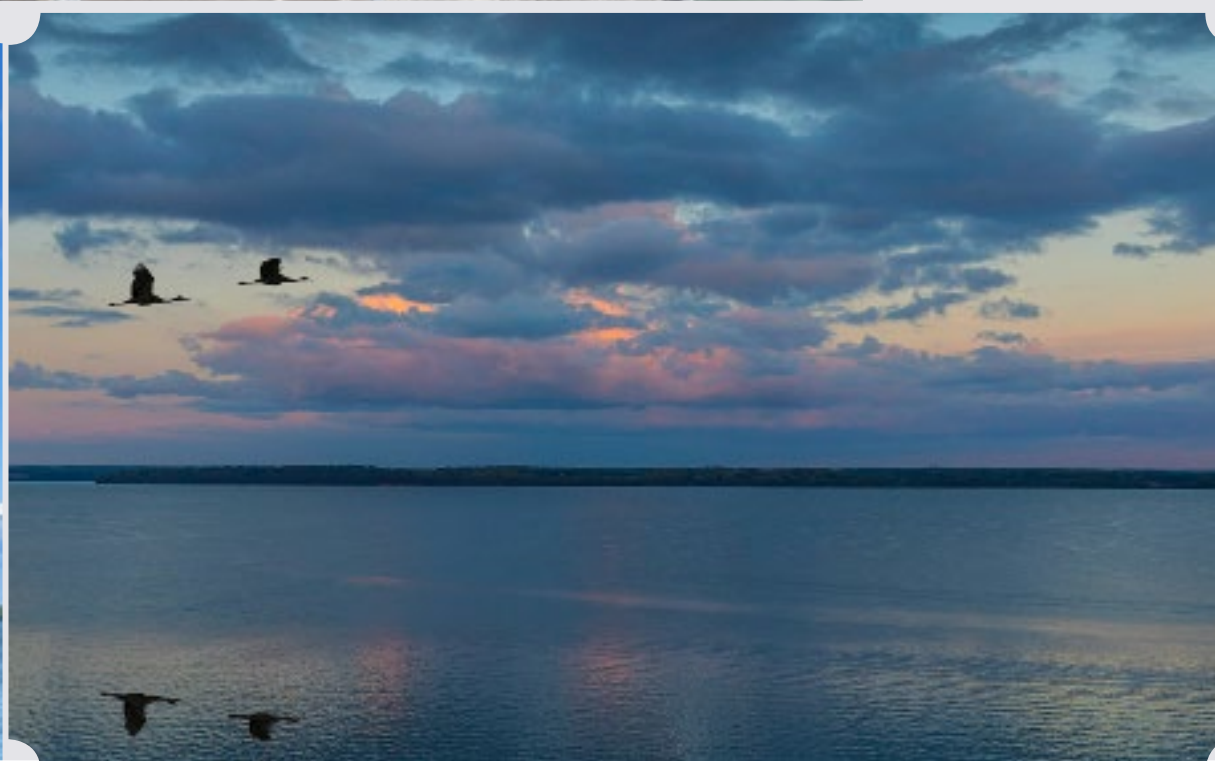
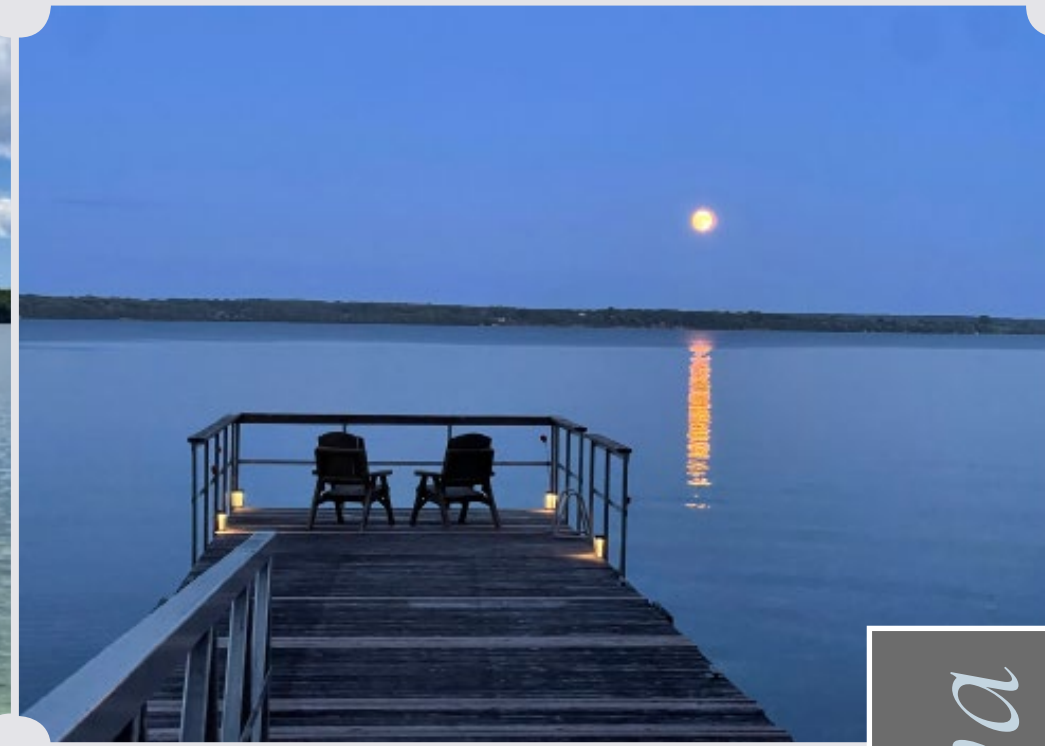


The cave was carved out by water after the last Glacier 10 000 years ago. It is ~ 9 to 15 ft high and 85 ft deep. With the help of an Inco engineer and his workers to clear

away dirt & heavy fallen rocks we could gain safe access. The beautiful natural carved Dolomite rock walls & the smooth washed out limestone floor are now highlighted.

Lake Mindemoya

MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT...



Lake Mindemoya

LAKE MINDEMOYA IS THE 3RD LARGEST LAKE ON THE ISLAND, WITH A PERIMETER OF 33.5 KM. ITS MARL CLAY BASE AND LIMESTONE IMPART A DEEP BLUE TO LIGHT GREEN WATER COLOUR. THE LAKE REACHES DEPTHS OF 69', WITH AN AVERAGE OF 24' AND SURFACE AREA OF 3,869 HA. MINDEMOYA LAKE CONTAINS TREASURE ISLAND, **THE LARGEST ISLAND IN THE WORLD IN A LAKE, ON AN ISLAND IN A LAKE.** SMALLMOUTH BASS, WALLEYE, YELLOW PERCH, WHITEFISH, PIKE, LOONS, DUCKS AND MANY MORE FRIENDS, CALL IT THEIR HOME!





Thanks for making us *your home*
away from home for so many years
past & yet to come....

