

Fantastic Community Support from TBM Residents

We have lift off! The TBM Tree Trust seed and seedling nursery is starting to fill up with small tree seedlings, harvested from underneath the canopy of older, resilient, and well adapted trees in our area.

Many residents and landowners answered the call to offer Tree Trust volunteers the opportunity to harvest seeds and baby seedlings from older, legacy trees. Seedlings have been transplanted to the Tree Trust TBM Nursery located at Tomahawk. Harvested seeds will be cold treated as part of the germination process, then planted in the nursery in the spring of 2022.

An objective of Tree Trust TBM is to ensure older, native, locally adapted and legacy trees are not only preserved but also perpetuated. Three of the five trees that Tree Trust has cared for so far set seeds this year, allowing us to collect seed and, pending successful germination, ensure the succession of these robust, locally adapted trees. Additional tree seeds and seedlings have been harvested from locations throughout the valley including areas in and around Ravenna, Heathcote, Thornbury and the Windfall development.

Thank you to the many volunteers who supported the harvesting and planting, including Hart Needles, Mark Wilson, , Rick Kremerer, Charlie Maitland, Norine and Garth Baron, Julie and Colin Sless, Lorraine Sutton, Tobias Effinger, James Houghton, Jeannine Miessner, Linda Wykes and Ryan Gibbons. Thanks also to the Blue Mountain Fruit Company and Arboreal Tree Care, who helped prepare the nursery site, and to Town Council and Staff who, in addition to providing the nursery site at Tomahawk, installed protective snow fencing.

Establishing the Tree Trust TBM Nursery has demonstrated the power of collaboration among volunteers, local businesses and Town officials. At each step, when something needed to be done, the word would spread and the hands-on effort, know-how and equipment would somehow magically materialize. There is clearly a very strong interest in both our existing and future trees.

At this phase of the nursery project we need one more item – a

water storage tank. Any suggestions or contributions will be greatly appreciated. Let the magic of community collaboration begin!

Tree Trust TBM is a charitable organization that collects donated funds to maintain and extend the lives of significant legacy trees in our community.

You can donate or learn more at www.treetrust.ca (go to the TBM community page). In addition, we will be running our very successful holiday gift card program again this year; gift cards will be available for purchase shortly. tbm@treetrust.ca



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---Southern Georgian Bay Residents---

Amateurs is a novel for readers who like a good drama, especially if it takes place in familiar surroundings but unusual circumstances. The author wrote it while living in a Collingwood Senior's Residence, and all the action involves the residents or the staff. It is his third published novel.

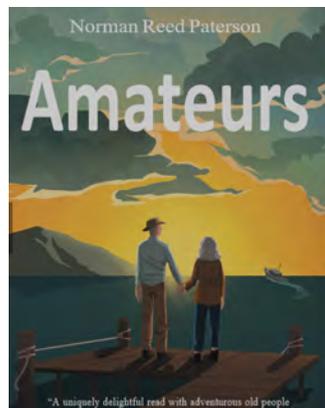
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Amateurs can be purchased from the author Norman Paterson, Jessica's BookNook in Thornbury (jessicas.ca).

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