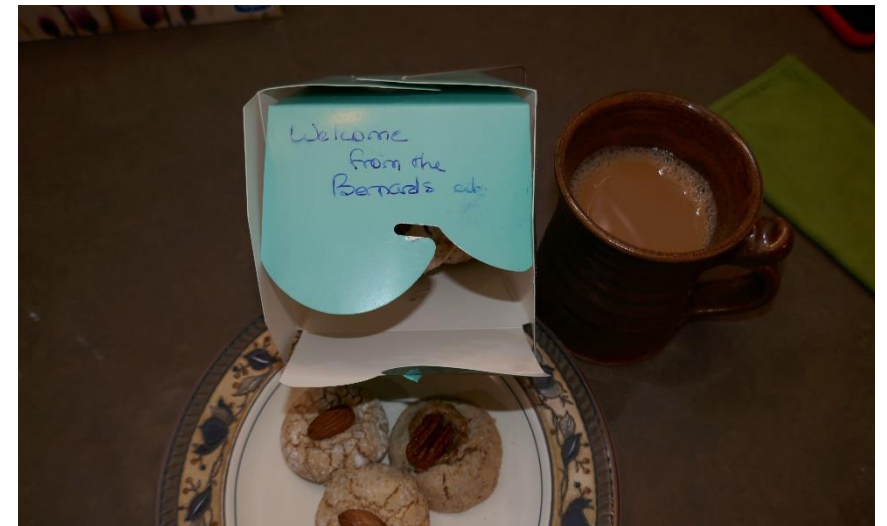


A New Beginning



As fall came to an end, about one year ago, we were busy getting settled into our new home and community in Norwood.



There was lots to do! It was so nice to receive a warm welcome from the new neighbours.

Visits



It was great to be able to visit a few friends and family after our return to Ontario.



Guests



By mid December we were excited to finally be ready to welcome a few visitors of our own.



Hockey Night/Day in Marmora



Mike was very happy to find some local hockey groups that welcomed him in. He was also invited to play in the prestigious (if you can breath, you can play – he was a little short of breath) Marmora tournament.

Exploring



Meanwhile we spent time starting to explore our new surroundings. There were many interesting spots for us to check out. These photos were taken in Campbellford, Hastings, and the Hiawatha First Nation on Rice Lake.

Happy Birthday



February 29th marked what would have been Rhonda's dad's "25th" birthday (yes, he was born on February 29th, 1920). We were happy to get together with Rhonda's siblings and some cousins in his hometown of Gormley to commemorate the occasion. Here is a photo of him celebrating his "14th" birthday in 1976.



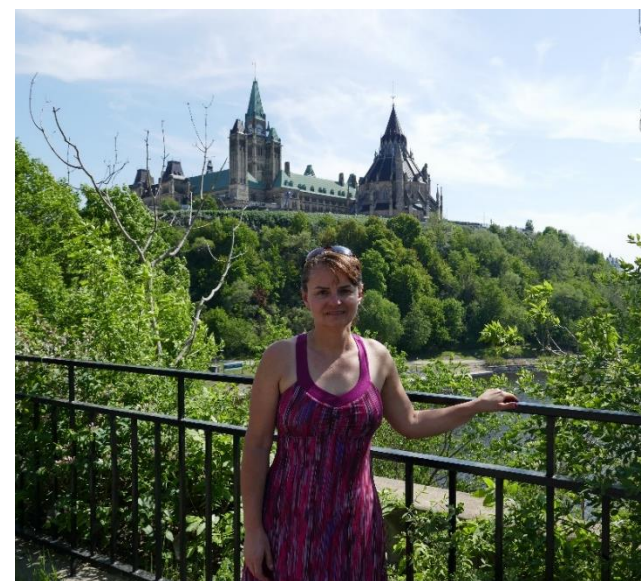
Spring Arrives!



When spring finally arrived, we were happy to get out on our bikes again. Lots of trillium and lilacs.



We explored a couple of nearby provincial parks – Ferris and Petroglyphs (taking photos of the petroglyphs is not permitted). We even did a day trip to Ottawa.



Kayaking



A couple of kayaking videos:
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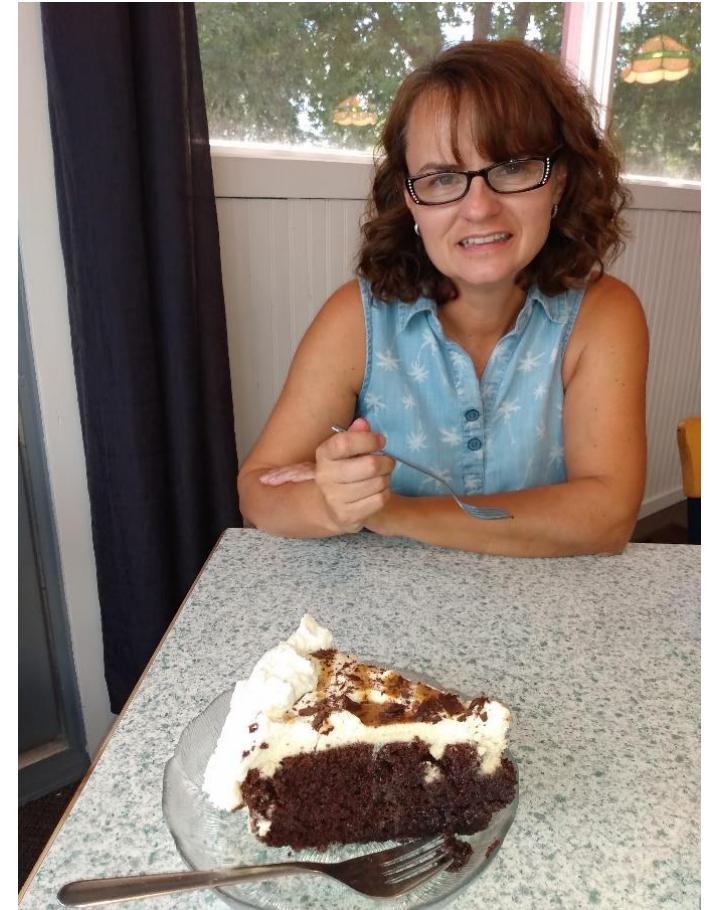
Of course we were eager to explore the many waterways in the Kawarthas. Our first kayaking trip was to Rice Lake. We soon discovered Kashabogg Lake, another great spot to get onto the water.

Food!



Takeout, farm markets, and patio dining was the order of the day. Chip trucks are everywhere out here!

One of the vendors at a local market sells these amazing hand decorated sugar cookies. They taste good too!



We were pleasantly surprised to find that Peterborough has many excellent restaurants. Even some of the best Trinidadian food we have tasted. We have sampled many butter tarts, but we ate them all so no photos.

Home Front



Meanwhile, at home, we finally got grass! Soon after, a fence went up.

Adventures in Deck Building



At last it was time to put up a deck. It was all new to us, and it took up the entire remainder of the summer, but ultimately we were very happy with the results. Rhonda figured everything out while Mike was cheap labour.



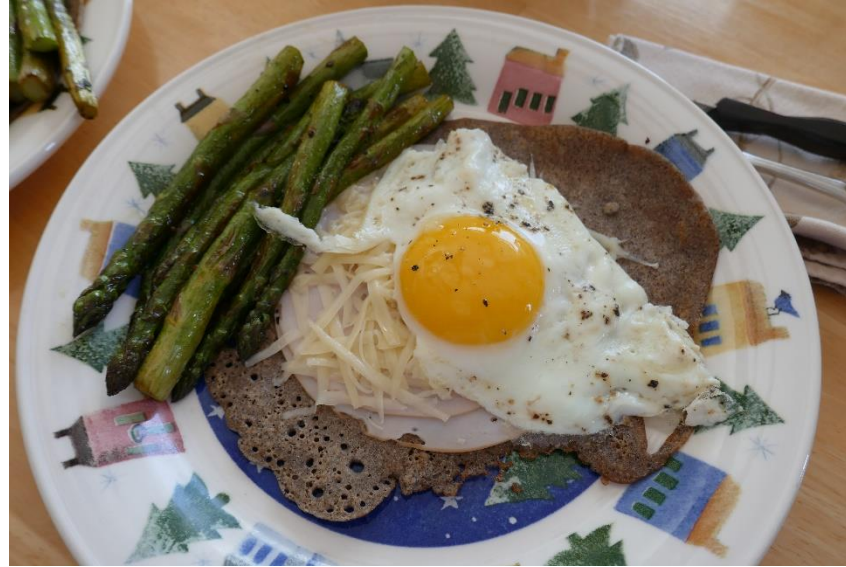
Et Voila.

Smoking



With the deck finally installed, it was time to get a barbecue. We opted for a smoker style pellet grill. We especially love the pizza oven. It's also very good for making bagels.

Cooking Up a Storm



We managed to grow a small vegetable garden and enjoyed all the local summer produce. We seem to spend a great deal of time cooking these days.

More Visits



Despite the restrictions, and with a little creativity, we managed to accomplish a few visits with family and friends.

Happy Anniversary!



Mike's mom and dad celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Fall Colour



Fall is special here in the Kawarthas. These photos were taken at the Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park.

Cycling Tours



Lang Hastings Trail in Fall: <https://youtu.be/rKiBZg1U3nI>



Sheep moving in formation: <https://youtu.be/NRp1r8J2I6s>

We continued to enjoy our bike rides well into the fall.

Boo!



Our neighbors' talking pumpkins: <https://youtu.be/uj9f-uBtwSc>

We were pleased with our Halloween display, considering our front walkway and garden was installed just an hour or so before trick or treating began. We had a good turnout here, 53 kids on our small street.

Norwood



The countryside here is so picturesque. To the right is the bridge over the Ouse River in Norwood.



Geese on Mill Pond:
<https://youtu.be/vEnuPkm9P9c>



The Ouse River close to our house:
<https://youtu.be/Bs1BvSUs7yM>



Just outside of our subdivision, there are some nice trails along the Ouse River and Mill Pond.

Happy Birthday!



December 13th marked another milestone as Mike's very special aunt, Philma, celebrated her 90th birthday.



We hope that next year more of you will be able to come visit us in our new rural home.