

BERT MILLER

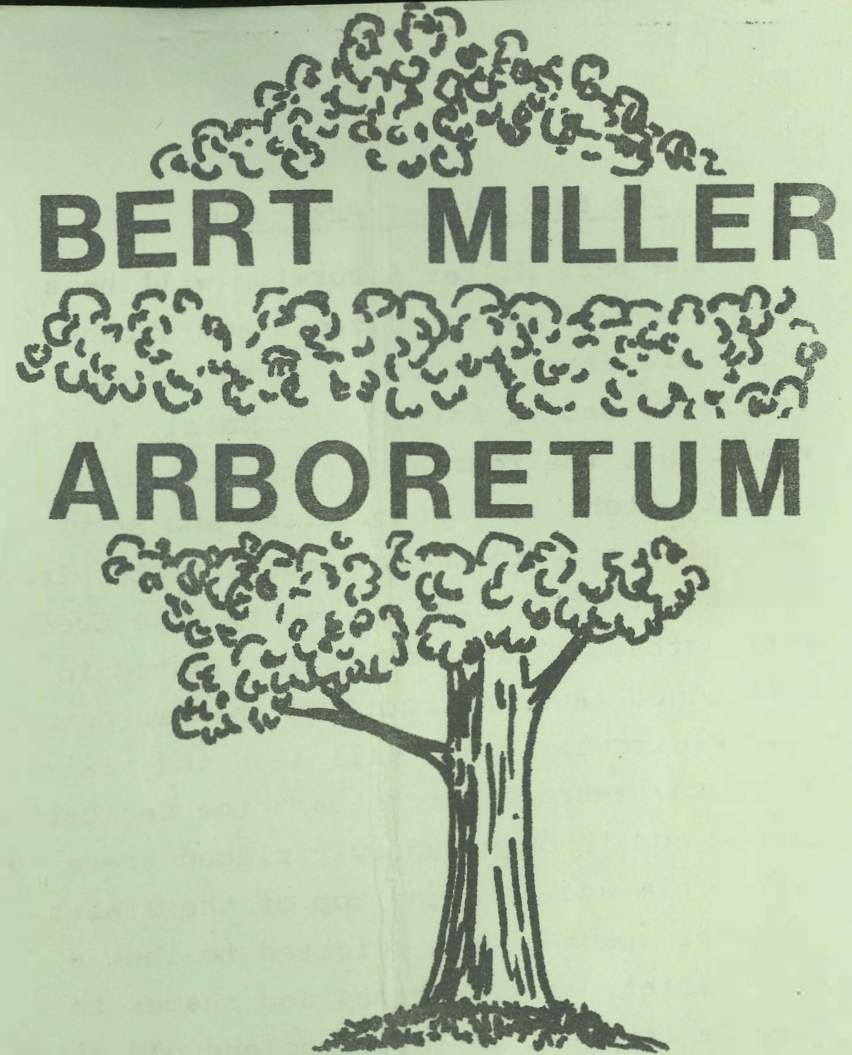
This arboretum is dedicated by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority to the memory of the late Albert Weatherstone Miller, formerly of Fort Erie, who in his lifetime brought the joys of natural history to two or three generations of beginning naturalists.

Mr. Miller, "Bert" to his countless friends, was born at Miller's Creek on the Niagara River and resided in Fort Erie within a few miles of his birth place all his life. The out-of-doors supplied a life long interest to him and, without formal instructions, his intense curiosity and memory led him to an encyclopedic knowledge of the flora of the Peninsula.

He belonged to Field Naturalists Clubs and he imbued the other members with his enthusiasms. After he retired in 1947, he was commissioned by McMaster University to study, catalogue and report on the herbacious plants of the Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland and his specimens constitute basic botanical detail in the records of that University.

As a natural outgrowth from his studies, he experimented in the growing of rare native trees. This hobby led to the creation of this arboretum by the gift from him of some rare specimens in 1964.

Following his death in 1973 at the age of 91, the Niagara Falls Nature Club, of which he was a member, suggested that the name "Bert Miller" should be given to this arboretum. The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority is privileged to join with the friends of Bert Miller in honoring the memory of a kindly, enthusiastic and very useful citizen.



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BALL'S FALLS
CONSERVATION AREA

The Bert Miller Arboretum

The Bert Miller Arboretum will be a show-place of selected trees and shrubs which are found naturally in the Niagara Peninsula and vicinity. Ultimately it is hoped that the four acre site will display seventy-eight species of trees and shrubs. Some will grow in their natural state along the brow of the gorge of Twenty Mile Creek while others will be formally planted in maintained lawns surrounding the two ponds.

A circular trail will lead the visitor under the entrance arch, past the dedication plaque and through randomly placed trees to return him again to the top of the stairs.

The species were selected to show a wide variety of tree types and shapes to inspire interest in the young and old alike in one of our most valuable natural resources.

Visit the Arboretum frequently and at all seasons of the year to better appreciate the blossoms, leaves, fruit and fall colours and to ~~watch~~ the growth of the trees in the Bert Miller Arboretum.

Programme

2:00 P.M. - Planting

Members of the Niagara Falls Nature Club, Peninsula Field Naturalists, and the Fort Erie Horticultural Society will join with members of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and family and friends of the late Bert Miller in the completion of the planting.

3:00 P.M. - Dedication Ceremonies

Mrs. Miller will symbolically plant a Kentucky Coffee Tree (one of Mr. Miller's favorite trees) near the entrance arch and unveil the dedication plaque.

3:30 P.M. - Refreshments