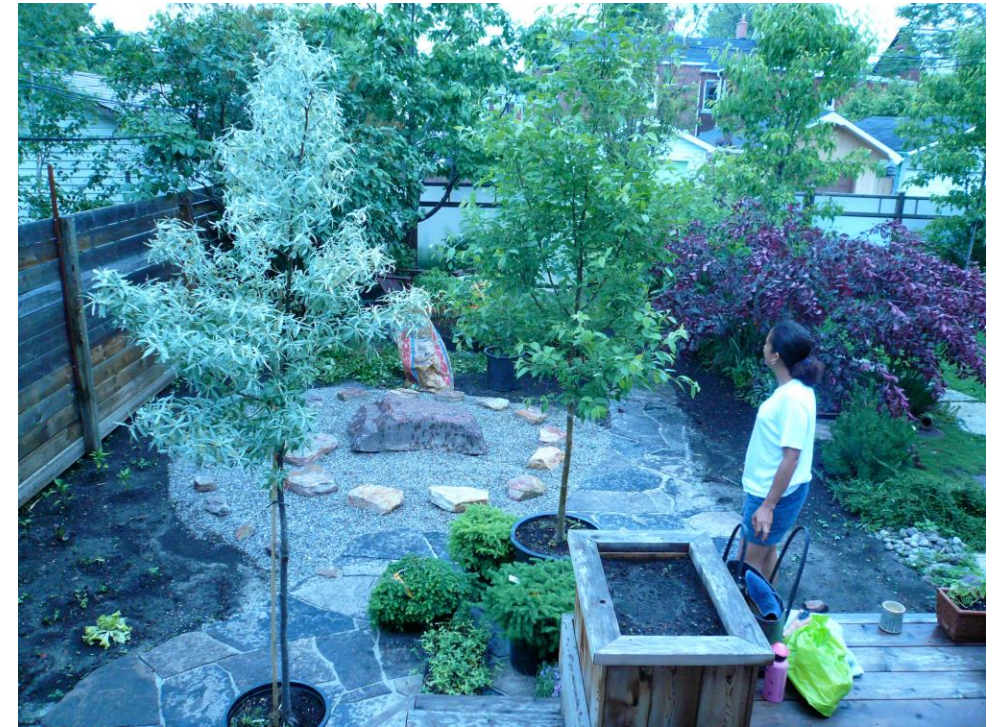


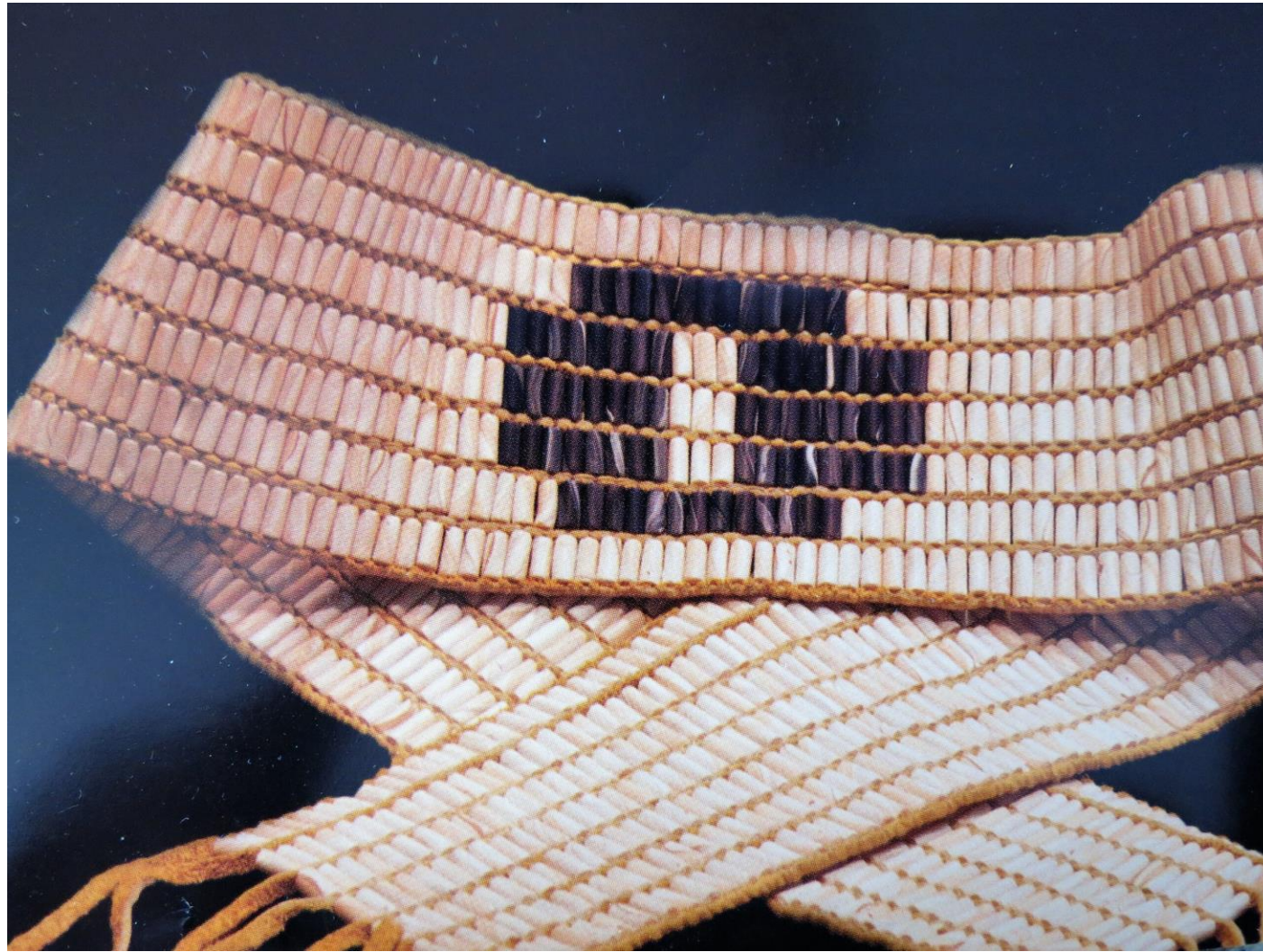
A Backyard Land Acknowledgement



I have colonized stolen land....



... that has been stewarded over millenia by the Huron-Wendat, Neutrals, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and Mississaugas of the Credit.



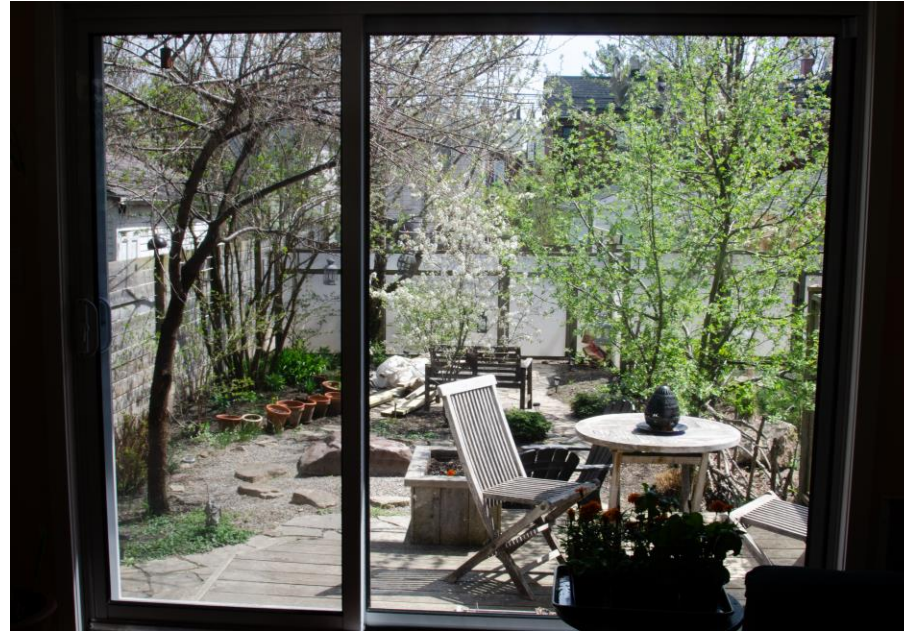
Hiawatha Wampum Belt,
or Dish With One Spoon

Haudenosaunee Land Acknowledgement

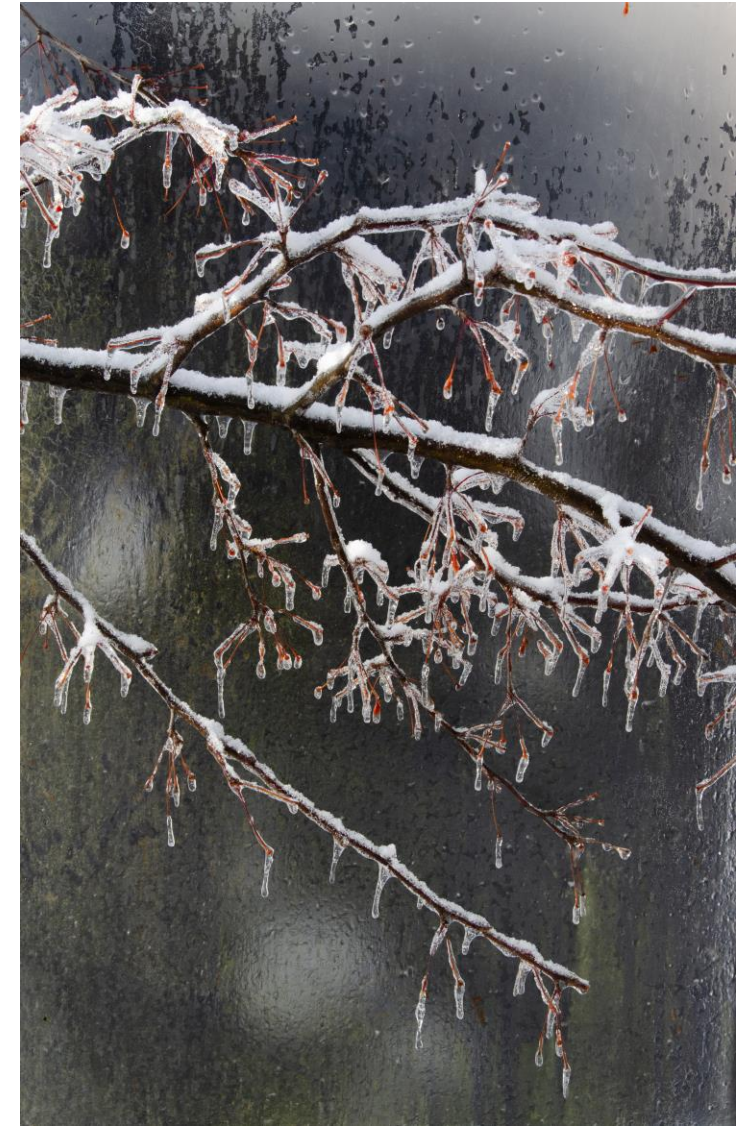


(earthtotables.org/essays/the-thanksgiving-address/)

Adapting the Thanksgiving Address:
Greetings and Gratitude
For All Our Relations in my Backyard



We can witness
the cycle of the
seasons... and
climate changes
over time



We can observe the sun, rain, wind, and ice in relation with the plants....



...the Law of the Seed and the hope of the buds in springtime



Animal Kin





The Winged Creatures



Pollinators





Food as Medicine

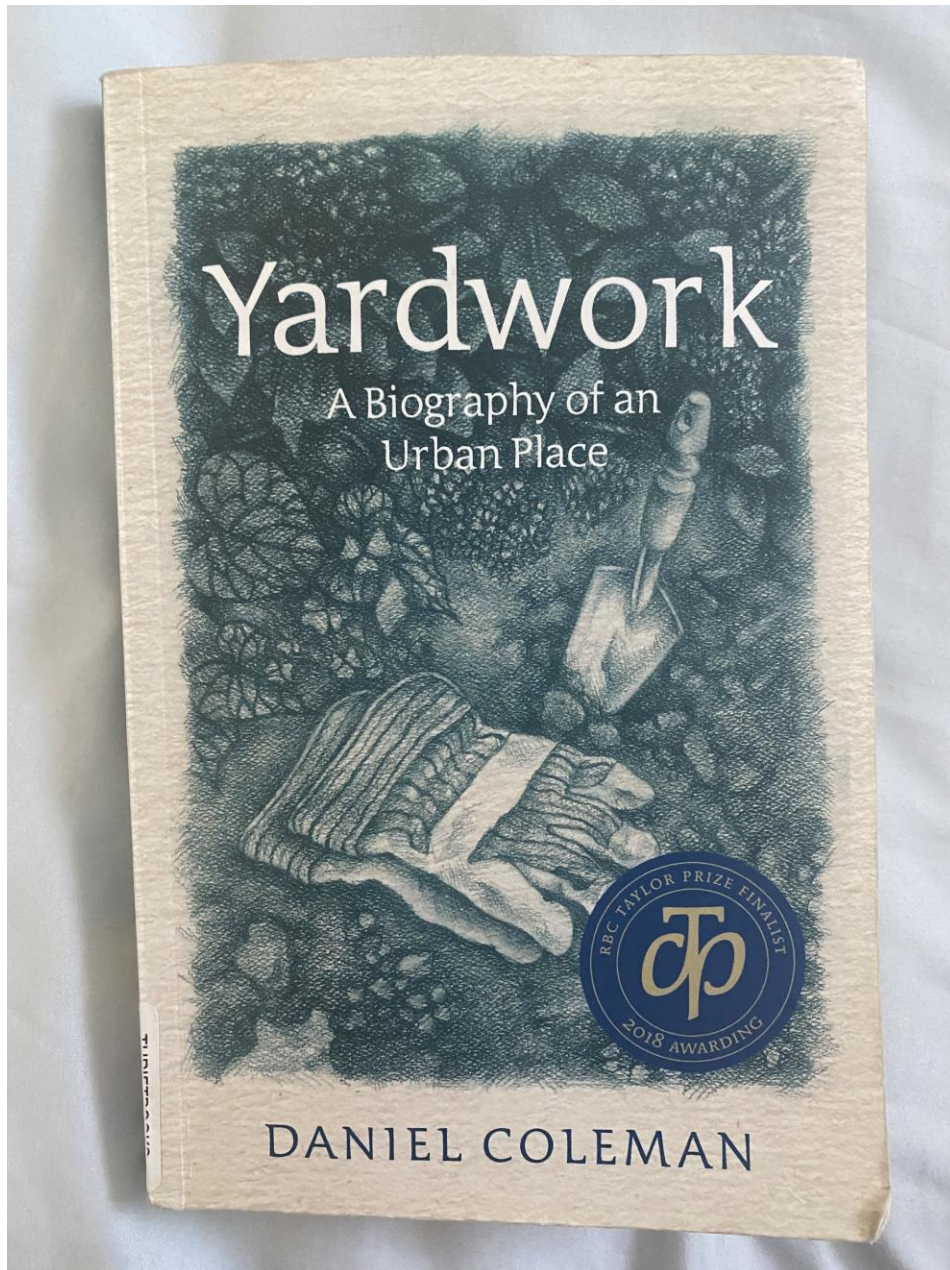


Honouring my ancestors:



Family Tree Memorials

Crab apple (Dad)
Russian olive (Mom)
Serviceberry (Van)



At Jan. 25 webinar, Haudenosaunee Rick Hill recommended Settler Daniel Coleman's book

Digs into layers of human and more-than-human history over time and space

Good example of two-eyed seeing, using both western science and Indigenous knowledges

Two-pronged reconciliation:



Reconciling with Indigenous peoples



Reconciling with Mother Earth

**“Our roots are short, but it is our duty
to keep the tree standing.”**

*- Adapted from Oren Lyons, Faith Keeper of the Wolf Clan
Seneca and Onondaga Nations
Two-Eyed Seeing Conference, March 14-15”*

“And now our minds are one.”

*-Repeated in Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address
before beginning any treaty negotiation or gathering.*