

Fireflies in the dark: a journey through time

A story of Thaia Jones in Erindale Park, Mississauga



Thaia Jones was raised in Cobourg, ON, in a time where she had to walk 1 mile to school and back on a gravel road every day. She was raised in the outdoors. Her idea of fun was swimming in a pond, walking in the woods and picking wild raspberries. Because of work she had to move to the big city, a place that felt strange and foreign to her, where nature is not always as present in our daily life. Thankfully, Thaia found again a connection to nature in the great parks of Mississauga. “One night, late in June, I was walking through a swampy path

in Erindale Park. I saw a small light between the woods and thought someone was there. As I got close, I started seeing more lights. All of a sudden I was surrounded by floating lights”. The fireflies were flying all around her. A profound sense of joy came over her as she was transported to her younger days playing in nature. Now Thaia walks those same paths through Erindale Park at night in June and July, searching for that same wonderful spectacle of lights provided by nature, a spectacle that reminds her of her early years, when interactions with nature were an everyday occurrence.

