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many gardens. And I'd come home and I'd tell my husband and I was so excited. You know, I don't think he paid that much attention. He probably just: "Oh, Jo Ann's," you know, "a little bit excited about this." But he went with me on a few expeditions and he saw how exciting it is to go to someplace that's wild. And all of a sudden you say, "Hey, somebody's been here before!" You see. And you can--I don't know, you get a connection with these people that were in the past. You can really begin to understand them. There's something very moving about seeing the evidence of human activity and work where now nothing is going on and it's wild. And it may be only the slightest evidence. But once you see it, you pursue it and keep looking, and suddenly, it's all there. I've found places all over the place. The back of the beyond. And I've also found places where there are still people tending the plants lovingly from year to year, and taking very good care of them. And then I've seen the reverse. The reason why I think it's important to do this stuff in Cape Breton now is because Cape Breton, unlike many other places, is not as developed. You can still find old farmsteads that no one's touched. The plants are still there growing from year to year. And you can try and save them. Now, why should you save them? Because, primarily, they're wonderful plants. They ask very little, I think, and they give a

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damp weather. And it balls. The little case that encloses the buds, never opens. But when they did open, I saw they were really beautiful, and I couldn't believe it. Very
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