**Windy Pine Video Transcription / Closed Captioning**

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[music starts]

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[fade in, image of a lake at sunrise]

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[log in the foreground with lake in the background]

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[The lake at sunrise, transitioning to mid day]

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[Camera angle looking up into the tree tops in the sunshine]

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Voice Over: There’s something quite special about the place.

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It has infused our program with a real, special spirit, I think.

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[Image of pine tree branches in near darkness]

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[Dirt road surrounded by trees]

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[Words appear on screen “The Windy Pine Conference Centre is a 25-acre retreat in Haliburton County, under the direction of the Canadian Studies program at Trent University.”]

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[Man, Prof John Wadland, Professor Emeritus sitting in front of a bookcase]

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[John Wadland] My connection with this place begins in 1972 when I came as a graduate student from York University, finishing my PhD, and taking up my first job at Trent University – which was *the* place I wanted to be.

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[Single thin tree in the foreground while a rustic cabin is in the unfocused background]

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How does this place come to be? Well, Alan Wilson – who was the first chair of the History department at Trent, and the founding chair of Canadian Studies at Trent – was very close friends with Mary Northway.

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[Video of John Wadland returns]

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The Northway family were owners of a huge department store chain in Ontario called Northway and Sons. It was a department store chain that had outlets in London and Hamilton and Toronto, and a variety of other – Windsor, I think.

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[Black and white image from the mid 1900’s with a woman crouching by some plant pots]

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[Two black and white images appear side by side. The left one contains a person wearing shorts standing in front of a couple trees. The right one contains a woman in a coat in front of a house]

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[John Wadland reappears in room]

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[Panning out of a drawn image of John Northway & Son Limited building]

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But if you grew up in Toronto as I did, there was a Northway and Sons store on the corner of Queen and Yonge, right downtown: opposite Eaton’s, opposite Simpson’s, which were the other two major department stores. So it was a big company.

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[Newspaper ad for Northway Department Store, advertising tailor made clothing]

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[Northway Store box framed above a doorway interior of cabin]

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But when Mary’s father – who had inherited the store – died, Mary was left to take over the reins of the company, which she found difficult to do because she was, herself, a professor of psychology at the time at the University of Toronto, and one of the founders and a researcher at the Institute for Child Study.

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[John Wadland reappears in room beside a fireplace, with two other women]

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[Black and white image of four women in graduation gowns and caps holding flowers]

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[Black and white image of a professor in a graduation gown shaking hands with honorary degree recipient – Mary Northway]

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[Wooden stairs looking downwards towards the water with a tree off to the left side]

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[Sound of water lapping] [Video of water from the lake moving with the waves, panning over to flat rocks]

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But the really important thing about Mary was that she had another career, which was in camping.

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[Brown cabin with a single birch tree in the foreground, lush green forest in the background]

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[Different brown cabin with the inscription “Jack Pine” above the doorway]

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[Lush forest, trail leading to a building in the background]

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[Two black and white images. The left one of three women eating breakfast out of doors. The right one of a group of young women in white sitting at a picnic table. Label below states, “Mary and her partner Flora Morrison first established Windy Pine in 1940 as a camp for young girls.”]

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[Two black and white images. The left one is of a woman brushing the hair of another woman while she reads outside. The right one is of a group of women in bathing wear on a dock in the sunshine. The inscription below states, “After running it for about ten years, they turned it into a retreat for friends.”]

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[Two images. The left one is black and white of a woman painting a cabin exterior. The right one is two people sitting on a beach near the lake. The inscription below states, “By 1972, Mary and Flora felt the camp needed a custodian.”]

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[Video image of clothes pins on the clothesline in the forest]

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And so, they wanted somebody to do some dog work around the place. I was broke, a graduate student, just starting at Trent. I had no place to live. Alan introduces me to Mary Northway, and says, “I’ve got a guy who might be able to help you out here.” We hit it off like a house on fire the minute we met and started talking about camping right away.

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[John Wadland reappears in room]

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[Colour image of four elderly women and John Wadland in front of an car in the forest]

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[Canoes upside down in a storage shed]

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And so she showed me the property. She said, “this is what I need done.” I needed a space to do my work. So I brought all my files up here and stuck them in the cabin down there. She handed me a paintbrush and an axe and said, “go to work.”

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[Video taken from the front seat of a canoe looking out onto the lake with lush forest in the background]

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[Video looking back into the canoe with two other people in lifejackets paddling and a dog]

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[Canoe paddling]

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[View of the shoreline with lots of driftwood from the water]

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[Dog standing on a rock looking out onto the lake]

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[Dog shaking head while looking at the camera person]

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[Looking out onto a group of people relaxing in camp chairs in the evening looking out onto the lake while the dog wanders]

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Tom Symons had wanted Trent to become a centre for the study of Canada. That was always his dream.

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[Video looking down onto flat rocks and the lake through pine branches]

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[White screen, inscription stating, “Following the lead of the Symons Commission, Trent University established its B.A in Canadian Studies in 1972, followed by the M.A in 1986, and the Ph.D in 2000.”]

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[Four people sitting by candlelight inside the cabin playing cards]

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[Close up of candles lit on a table while people play cards in the background]

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We had dedicated our entire project to interdisciplinarity: bringing together disciplines around themes, around problems, trying to focus our attention on ways of seeing – arguing from the premise that the world does not present itself to us as a discipline. That Canada does not present itself to us as a discipline. It presents itself to us in its myriad ways, in its myriad problems, and it has a responsibility to the rest of the world to tell it what we are, and who we are, and what our problems are, and how we can contribute to international understanding.

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[Close up of two people playing a board game]

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[View of the sky on a cloudy night, with the moon appearing through the clouds]

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[John Wadland reappears in room beside a fireplace, with two other women]

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[John Wadland reappears]

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We are not a parochial project. We are an international project.

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[fire crackling] [logs on a fireplace burning]

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When Flora died, Mary no longer had any interest in coming to Windy Pine. And so in 1982 she called Alan Wilson and I into her home and said, “I want to give Windy Pine to the Canadian Studies program at Trent.” She was really impressed with what we had done in that short ten-year period.

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[John Wadland reappears]

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[Two colour images. Left image has an elderly lady sitting on a bench in front of a stone wall. Right image is of part of the Windy Pines property by the lake. Inscription below states, “After many years of encouragement and support, Mary gave Windy Pine, along with a generous endowment, to the Canadian Studies department.”]

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[Two black and white images. Left image has a sign stating “Windy Pine Point” with a union jack in the background. Right image has 3 canoes coming ashore with a group of people both in and out of the canoes. Inscription below states, “Through several unique programs, students – international and domestic, undergraduate and graduate – have been coming to the retreat ever since.”]

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[Timelapse taken from the land of the lake over the course of a day]

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As you can see, it’s not just a piece of land. Not just a set of buildings. It is a place where, I think, community is born.

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[Outside of a cabin with a poster for Canadian Studies at Trent University on the outside ]

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[Looking down at the dock through the trees while a red canoe sits on the ground]

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[Natural wooden plaque with the inscription, “The John Wadland International Centre for Biomass Research est. 2013”]

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[Two women, Mary and Flora, sitting on a rock beach by the lake in older age enjoying something to drink]

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I just want you to know that Mary Northway and Flora Morrison, from whom this place comes, are not just the people who started Windy Pine. They are at the heart of everything that we’ve done since.

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[John Wadland reappears]

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[Panning image upwards of the lake with the sunshine in the background]

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[Fade to black]

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[Credits appear on screen. Reading “Produced by Matt + Steph. Featuring John Wadland. Music ‘Featherlight’ by Lee Rosevere. Thank You Jeannine Crowe, Chris Dummit, Julia Harrison, Heather Nicol, Cathy Schoel, Juno. Photos Mary Northway fonds 84=016, Trent University Archives, Canadian Studies Department, Trent University, **John Northway: Blue Serge Canadian** by Alan Wilson.”]