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3. Articles from 4,000 to 8,000 words (including notes) are preferred.

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6. The RHSV does not pay for contributions to the journal.

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