

The Giant's Rib

devoted to increasing awareness and protection of
the Niagara Escarpment world biosphere Reserve

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The Giant's Rib presents

The Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series

The Giant's Rib Discovery Centre proudly announces the inaugural Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series, named in honour of the former General Manager of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, who died tragically last fall.

This series is dedicated to promoting the Niagara Escarpment as an internationally-recognized World Biosphere Reserve, as well as being a truly unique topographic feature of our natural and cultural heritage. All presentations start at 2 p.m. at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre at the Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governor's Road, Dundas. Presentations are free, but there is a \$2.00 entrance fee to the park

This Month: April 22, 2007

The Efforts of the Niagara Escarpment Commission to Protect and Preserve the Niagara Escarpment with Hamilton Ward 1 Councillor Brian McHattie

The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) was established in June 1973 under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act. The Commission has 17 members appointed by Order-in-Council. Nine members, including the Chairman, represent the public-at-large and eight members represent counties and regions within the Escarpment area. The Commission reports to the Government of Ontario through the Minister of Natural Resources.

After several years of preparation, consultation and extensive public hearings, the first Niagara Escarpment Plan was approved by the Ontario cabinet in 1985. The Plan has been reviewed every five years since its inception. Join Councillor **Brian McHattie**, a former NEC Board member and avid environmental activist, as he provides background on the Niagara Escarpment Commission, how it was set up, how it functions, and its relevance today.

Next Month: May 6, 2007

Viewing the Niagara Escarpment through the Eyes of a Nature Photographer with John MacRae

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Art and Photography of the Heritage of the Niagara Escarpment

Celebrating 'the art' of the natural and cultural heritage of the Niagara Escarpment at the Dundas Valley Escarpment Centre featuring a new local artist every month
Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This Month's Artist:

The Photography of Joseph Hollick - 'Hamilton's Unknown Waterfalls'

Joe Hollick was born in Hamilton but has lived in Dundas for many years. He has a B.Eng. from McMaster and an M.Eng. from the University of Western Ontario. After retiring from Burlington's Engineering Department, Joe became a Director of the Burlington Museum Board and of the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre. One of Joe's hobbies is locating every waterfall in Hamilton and photographing each one several times during the different seasons. He is the creator of the Waterfalls of Hamilton Seasons and Waterfalls of Hamilton autumn poster series, which earned the 2004 Hamilton Tourism Award for the category of New Tourism Idea. Joe Hollick has located and documented every known waterfall within the city of Hamilton, photographing each of them during the four seasons throughout the year. The Hamilton Conservation Authority inventory now lists 81 known waterfalls located within the City of Hamilton. Displayed artwork is for sale. Contact Joe Hollick at 35 Melville Street Dundas, L9H 1Z7 Telephone 905 628 3132 e-mail: joehollick@sympatico.ca

DIRECTOR PROFILE - Stan Nowak

Stan serves as Publicity & Communications Chair for the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre (now the Dundas Valley Escarpment Centre), and is also the Chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council. He is also a co-founder and the current President of the Dundas Valley Historical Society. He is an enthusiastic community activist, with an avid interest in local natural and cultural history. He also volunteers with the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade, with the Dundas Museum, and sits on the Knowles Bequest Board. Stan's community activities recently earned him the 2006 Vocational Award from the Rotary Club of Dundas and a Volunteer Recognition Award from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Stan and his wife Sally both work for Scotiabank's Ontario Central Accounting Unit in Hamilton and have lived in Dundas since 1999.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Life and History of the Dundas Peak

The Dundas Valley Historical Society concludes this season's popular Speaker Series on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, with a presentation that is sure to 'peak' your interest. The Reverend Paddy Doran will present "The Life and History of the Dundas Peak" at the Dundas Museum, 139 Park Street West, starting 7:30 pm. Paddy Doran, a lifetime resident of Dundas, hiker and environmentalist, will present a talk and slideshow on the geology, context, history and meaning of this magnificent natural monument as seen from on top and below. For further details of this month's presentation, visit www.dundashistory.ca, or call Stan at 905.627.8832. Please come early as seating is limited. Doors open at 7 pm, and admission is \$2.00.

Rural Pond WorkshopA free workshop on managing rural ponds, hosted by the Hamilton-Halton Watershed Stewardship Program and the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council. Saturday, May 5, 2007, 9:00 am - 2:00pm, at the Hamilton Conservation Authority Main Office on 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster. A light lunch will be provided. For further information, please refer to the attached flyer, or call 905.648.4427 ext. 165.

Join the Friends of the Giant's Rib

Your assistance would be welcome in helping the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre to increase awareness and protection of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve; or you may wish only to be kept informed of upcoming DVEC activities and events. We hope to hear from you.

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