

The Giant's Rib

Devoted to increasing awareness and protection of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve

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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.

This Month: May 6, 2007

Viewing the Niagara Escarpment through the Eyes of a Nature Photographer

John MacRae became interested photography as a child growing up in Dundas. Over the years, he has worked to refine his photographic skills and, since retiring as a chiropractor, he has been able to pursue his hobby even further. John has collaborated in the publication of a pictorial book on Dundas and provided photography for a book on a local church.

In 1996, he was honoured for his extensive volunteer work in the community when he was named Dundas Citizen of the Year. His photography has taken him to many countries and every province in Canada including the NWT.

John, his wife Joyce, and their sons spend summers at their cottage on the Bruce Peninsula where they enjoy exploring the northern reaches of the Niagara Escarpment with their grandchildren.

Come relive John's experiences through his photographer's lens as he talks about "Viewing the Niagara Escarpment through the Eyes of a Nature Photographer".

Next Presentation: September 9, 2007

Celebrating 40 Years of Development - The Story of the Bruce Trail

Beth Kumming

All presentations will be held at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governor's Road, Dundas. Park entrance fee is a \$2.00 per person, \$5.00 per car.

There is no admission fee for children under 12.

All presentations will be held Sunday afternoons of the noted date starting at 2:00 p.m.

There is no charge for the lectures, but donations are welcome and appreciated.

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Everyone is welcome - we look forward to seeing you!!

The Giant's Rib presents

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 Janusz Wrobel

"Janusz (Jack) Wrobel is a dedicated paddler and wilderness expert. His fascination for the evolution of life in the difficult environment of the Great Canadian Shield has lead him to create an extensive collection of images that capture both the beauty and the processes of nature in this environment.

This revived his interest in other aspects of photography, leading to an exploration of the processes of aging and weathering in urban and rural settings: intense, textural and colour-drenched surfaces exposing records of human ingenuity ravaged by time.

Changes in Janusz Wrobel's personal life in 2003 renewed his focus to artistic facets of photography, and accelerated his interest in public showings of his work."

- from Mr. Wrobel's website

Displayed artwork is for sale. Contact Mr. Wrobel at 103 Hillcrest Avenue in Dundas
Phone: (905) 628-3156, e-mail: info@jwrobelphoto.com

Giant's Rib Summer Solstice

Thursday, June 21, 2007 7:00 - 10:00 pm Parks Canada Discovery Centre, 57 Guise Street,
Hamilton Wine and Cheese Reception \$50.00 Tax Receipts available

Keep the longest day of the year clear for this gala fundraiser for the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre. Details will be forthcoming in the next Giant's Rib e-newsletter.

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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