

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 first presentation of the second Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series for 2008.

This series, named in honour of the former General Manager of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, 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: January 20, 2008

In Praise of Winter - Images of the Dundas Valley

Eleanore Kosydar

Richard and Eleanore Kosydar have been photographing Dundas Valley landscapes for more than two decades. Their first book looked at the Valley from a variety of perspectives: historical, geological, cultural and ecological. They have followed up on their 1989 photo book, Natural Landscapes of the Dundas Valley, with a new volume, The Dundas Valley: Visions of Beauty. More than 100 evocative and lovely photographs of the landscapes of the valley in all seasons are beautifully reproduced and accompanied by concise text.

Join photographer-author-poet Eleanore Kosydar as she presents "In Praise of Winter - Images of the Dundas Valley", an exploration of the Dundas Valley's natural beauty during our coldest season.

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, or a maximum \$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 Giants 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. - 4:00 p.m.

This Month's Artist:

Stephen Landers - Along the Trail

Stephen Landers is a professional photographer and a fourth generation artist in his family. Although Stephen has had instruction in virtually every art medium since childhood, his passion has always been pointed toward photography, the infusion of his technical and artistic abilities. Stephen was raised in Dundas Ontario, a town surrounded by the Niagara Escarpment. This close proximity to the World Biosphere Reserve has given him an extensive array of natural backdrops to capture with his lens. Best known for his water and nature prints, Stephen has captured breathtaking images of the innate beauty surrounding him. Stephen's works have been sold to admirers of his craft around the globe, establishing him as an exceptional architect of fine art prints.

Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment by Joseph Hollick

Felker's Falls

Felker's Falls is located on the east Hamilton mountain off Ackland St. (off Paramount Dr.) in the Felker's Falls Conservation Area which has ample parking if travelling by vehicle. Many viewing locations are provided as the Bruce Trail wraps around the top of the Felker's Falls gorge in the Felker's Falls Conservation Area.

An alternate way of visiting Felker's Falls is to drive to the end of Quigley Rd. at the base of the escarpment, find a parking spot on the street, cross the park at the end of Quigley Rd. a short distance to the creek and then follow the creek upstream to the waterfall (several hundred metres). This route will bring you to the base of the waterfall but is a much more difficult route as there is no trail.

Felker's Falls has year round flow and is located on Felker's Creek, also called Davis Creek (which is part of the Red Hill Creek drainage system).

Its height according to the Hamilton Conservation Authority is 22m (72 ft.) and its crest width is 6m (20 ft.)

This photo of Felker's falls was taken in winter from the Bruce Trail.



Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy

Wednesday, January 16, 2008
RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington

3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Royal Botanical Gardens is preparing a strategy that will provide direction for the future use, management, protection, and enhancement of natural lands from Cootes Paradise to the Niagara Escarpment. The strategy is being developed in cooperation with a number of public and non-profit organizations with an interest in conserving natural lands, including the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, the Bruce Trail Conservancy, the Region of Halton and the municipalities of Burlington and Hamilton.

The Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy will focus on the conservation and management of approximately 1550 hectares of natural lands in the Greenbelt owned by the public and non-profit organizations to ensure the long term health of the natural systems in this part of Hamilton and Burlington.

The purpose of the Strategy is to create awareness of the issues surrounding the protection of these natural lands that are internationally recognized as being biologically diverse and provide habitat for a number of threatened and endangered plant and animal species. Being in the heart of a growing urban area, there is also intense pressure to use these lands for various recreational pursuits. The goal of the plan is to develop a strategy for the management of these lands that balances natural environment and recreational needs in the community.

There will be a Public Open House at RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road west, Burlington, on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. to advise community members about the features of the natural lands involved and the study process. This will be an opportunity for everyone to learn about the project and begin to identify issues of importance to the public and to the study.

Members of the public are also invited to apply to participate on a Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Please contact **Janet Wong**, Project Manager, at [905-527-1158 ext. 246](tel:905-527-1158) for additional information.

The Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy is funded by The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. The Foundation was created to help foster our Greenbelt's living countryside by nurturing and supporting activities that preserve its environmental and agricultural integrity.

Royal Botanical Gardens is a living museum which serves local, regional and global communities while developing and promoting public understanding of the relationship between the plant world, humanity and the rest of nature.

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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 GRDC activities and events. We hope to hear from you.

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