

The Giant's Rib

Dedicated 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 next presentation of the second annual Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series.

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: Sunday, November 23:

The Portage Options of the First Nations People through the Dundas Valley

with Bob Henderson

Bob Henderson has taught at McMaster University for 27 years on such topics as Environmental Inquiry and Outdoor Education. His published works include "Every Trail Has a Story – Heritage Travel in Canada", and "Nature First".

This historian/storyteller has developed a lifelong interest in Canadian travel heritage and travel guiding. The subject of his lecture will be The Portage Options of the First Nations People Through the Dundas Valley.

He says 'The story lives under your feet amidst daily patterns of life. My own home of Dundas had a portage used by LaSalle and Jolliet and others. My runs in the Dundas Valley at times cross or follow the foot path – stories and travellers connected to a local jogging trail. Just imagine! It was part of an extensive Native Peoples' walking trail system.'

All presentations will be held at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governor's Road, Dundas, starting at 2:00 p.m. Park entrance fee is a \$2.00 per person, or a maximum \$5.00 per car. 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.

For further information: Kenneth Hall (kenjoan75@sympatico.ca), Stan Nowak (basil.cottage@sympatico.ca). Everyone is welcome - we look forward to seeing you !!

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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 featuring a new local artist every month at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre.

Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governor's Road, Dundas. Saturdays and Sundays only from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Park entrance fee is a \$2.00 per person, or a maximum \$5.00 per car. No admission fee for children under 12.

For The Month of October:

Works by Guennadi Kalinine

Guennadi Kalinine is an artist, restorer, and teacher living in Dundas Ontario. He applies his trade at GK STUDIO, working with both traditional oil and tempera painting, creating landscapes and portraits.

"In my paintings I always attempt to capture something extraordinary and unique in the common objects. I try to express my sense of the mystery of being in the world. I create, hoping that the viewers will be able to share my fascination. The images serve as quiet and thoughtful visions assisting the human compulsion to make meaning through making pictures and looking at images. Often the sensation of momentarily losing a sense of "myself" occurs in travels through open spaces. Being in the woods and open fields often suggest to me that some fundamental truth underlies everything. Slow movement constantly existent in the Nature, especially, stream of water, makes me feel the course of time, flow of Life. Doing my landscape painting I use memory as a filtering agent to remove nonessential visual elements when organizing a new composition. For a painting to be complete it must call to mind my sense of no division between form and emptiness, Earth and Sky, self and other."

For more information on Gunnadi and his art: Studio phone: 905 627 9387

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Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment by Joseph Hollick

Middle Sydenham Falls is located in the Dundas section of Hamilton on the Sydenham Creek.

Middle Sydenham Falls is considered a washboard curtain cascade with a height of 6 metres (20 ft.) and a crest width of 3.7 metres (12 ft.). It has water flowing during seasonal rainfalls and after the winter snow melt, thus it does dry up on occasion.

Middle Sydenham Falls is located on the Sydenham Creek beside the section of the Bruce Trail where there are a few wooden steps going uphill (about 100 m upstream from Lower Sydenham Falls). It is visible from the Bruce Trail if the leaves are off the trees.

The attached photo shows this waterfall in Autumn with water near full flow, however it also can be 100% dry during extended drought periods.



Teacher's Kit Available

The Giant's Rib is able to provide teachers of Grade 4 with a guide and resource package on "ROCKS AND MINERALS" based on the Ontario Science and Technology Curriculum. There will be no costs to schools or teachers because this project is sponsored by TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION.

If you are interested or know teachers who would be interested in receiving this package please contact **Ken Hall** at 905-627-1320.

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!

For more information, please contact: Ken Hall 905-627-1320 Gord Perrault 905-648-8041

Lastly, A Special Thank you

to outgoing GRDC Directors *Michael Cox, Joan Kott, George Koblyk* and *Sandra Root* for your dedication and contributions to the cause of the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre. You will be missed!

... and a Warm Welcome

to new Directors *Clive Freeman* and *Alex Kormarainki*. We are looking forward to working with you in the exciting year ahead. Welcome to the Team!

Please consider the environment. Don't print this newsletter unless you really need to.