

The Giant's Rib

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

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Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Leo DeLoyde, President of the Giant's Rib, issued the President's Annual Report at the Giant's Rib's Annual General Meeting on October 20 of this year, highlighting the following accomplishments of the past year:

- Thanks to the Board of Directors for pulling together and pulling the organization ahead.
- New Giant's Rib Discovery Centre website (www.giantsrib.ca) is up and running.
- Education sub-committee has done a great job getting the Grade 4 resource package ready.
- The success of the "Summer Solstice" Fund-raising event, raising over \$9,000.00.
- Continuous growth of the "Friends of the Giant's Rib", now numbering 415.
- Another successful year of the "Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series", an important service that the GRDC provides.
- The Giant's Rib Art and Photography Gallery has been very successful again this year.
- Board member **Joseph Hollick** won an Ontario Tourism Award.
- The GRDC is in a much better financial position this year than last.
- The Giant's Rib e-Newsletter has been a great success.
- **George Koblyk** did a great job with the Trail Centre.
- The President and Board extends a sincere thank-you to out-going Board members **Michael Cox, George Koblyk, Joan Kott** and **Sandra Root** for their hard work and contributions.
- The President and Board extends sincere thanks to Ken and Joan Hall for their hard work.
- Welcome to new Board members **Clive Freeman** and **Alex Kormarinski**.

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, December 7:

Waterfalls of Hamilton - An Update with Joe Hollick

Waterfalls expert Joe Hollick will present "Waterfalls of Hamilton - An Update". On March 18, 2007, Joe talked about the Waterfalls in Hamilton and the 81 located along the Niagara Escarpment. Since then many more have been "discovered", documented and photographed. In addition several new initiatives have been undertaken by both the Hamilton Waterfall Team and other Hamiltonians interested in waterfalls. This presentation will highlight the increasing awareness of these waterfalls from a century ago to the present day, outline these new initiatives and provide information and photos of every waterfall and cascade found to date in Hamilton, now numbering 116 in total!

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 !!

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 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 December:

Artwork will be featured from Junior Elementary students on their impressions of the Dundas Valley. These images were submitted by young people to express their answers to the questions: "what do you like about the Dundas Valley?" and "What is your vision for the future of the Dundas Valley?"



For more information on the Dundas Valley Vision Study, please visit http://www.conservationhamilton.ca/corporate/news/3215_669.asp

Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment by Joseph Hollick

Hunter Falls is located in the Troy section of Hamilton on top of the Niagara Escarpment and not along its edge as many of the other waterfalls are situated.

Hunter Falls can be found on Hunter Creek on the east side of Hunter Road (opposite # 543) on private property; however it is visible from the roadway. Hunter Creek flows into Fairchild Creek which in turns flows into the Grand River.

It is a curtain type waterfall with a total height of 10 ft. or 3 m. spread over one principal vertical drop section and two or three smaller drop sections above. Its width can expand to 50 ft. or 15 m. at high flow and it has year round flow which is great.

The first photo shows the entire waterfall in late autumn on a cold day with a heavy water flow while the second photo shows the upper right section on the same day with ice beginning to form.



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.

For more information, please contact:

Ken Hall 905-627-1320 Gord Perrault 905-648-8041

Happy Holidays

From all of us at the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre,
we wish you and yours the very best of this Holiday Season,
and may all the fortunes and blessings of the New Year be upon you all in 2009!



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