

# 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.

Next Month: Sunday, March 8:

### Crooks Hollow: A Study of Change with John Aikman

This will be an illustrated presentation on one of Upper Canada's hidden jewels, that of Crooks Hollow which is located just north west of Dundas in the former West Flamborough Township. Settled in the early 1800's Crooks Hollow grew to become one of the largest personal entrepreneurial concentrations in Upper Canada. The talk will trace the early developments of the surrounding communities of Greensville, Bullocks Corners, Websters Falls, as well as the reasons for their demise in the mid 20th Century.

**John Aikman** was born and raised in Hamilton and has numerous degrees, including a B.A. (McMaster), B.Ed. (University of Toronto), M. Sc. Ed. (Northern Illinois University), and an M. Ed. (Brock University). He retired in 1996 from the Hamilton Board of Education, where he worked for 35 years, primarily with the Outdoor Education Department.

Presently, he is Manager / Curator of the Educational Archives and Heritage Centre of the Hamilton- Wentworth District School Board.

He is also Vice Chairman, Advisory Council of the Westfield Heritage Village of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Lead blacksmith at the Westfield Heritage Village, Deputy Council Commissioner, Battlefield Council of Scouts Canada. Formerly Vice Chairman of the Historical Board for the former Region of Hamilton- Wentworth, he is also and Author of the Crooks Hollow Walking Trail Brochure, published by the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

### Upcoming Presentations

Sunday, April 19: KEEPING THE EDGE – The future of Ontario's Niagara Escarpment  
CHRIS MACLAUGHLIN – Executive Director of CONE

Sunday, June 7: THE INSECTS OF ONTARIO – with emphasis on the Dundas Valley  
MARVIN GUNDERMAN (THE BUG MAN) Biology Department, McMaster University

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.

**Please note new admission fees:**

Park entrance fee is now **\$3.00 per person**, or a maximum **\$6.00 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](mailto:kenjoan75@sympatico.ca)), Stan Nowak ([basil.cottage@sympatico.ca](mailto: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.

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No admission fee for children under 12.

For the Month of March:

### **Depictions of Nature from the Local Area - Westover Artists Group**

The **Westover Artists Group** work in a variety of media, including pen and ink, oils, watercolours, acrylics and pastels.

Over the years, the Westover Artists have presented regular showings of their works and have been successful participants in juried shows.

These paintings are now included in collections throughout Canada, U.S.A and Great Britain.

The paintings in this show depict either a specific place or what you may see on a walk through a conservation area.

The Westover Artists are pleased to be a part of this year's Giant Rib Discovery Centre Exhibition at the Rail Trail Station.

### Upcoming Exhibitions

April: THE DUNDAS VALLEY AND BEYOND - WILLIAM LITTLEWOOD

May: NATIVE WILDFLOWERS - DON CORBY

June: LOCAL LANDSCAPES - DOUGLAS BROWN

### Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment by Joseph Hollick

Tew's Falls is located in the Greensville section of Hamilton on Harvest Road about 800 metres east of Brock Rd. The site is owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority and a convenient parking lot is located there with a nominal fee being charged. From this parking lot, trails lead to Tew's Falls as well as to the Dundas Peak and Webster's Falls.

Tew's Falls is an overhang ribbon waterfall with year round flow. There are two viewing platforms located on the site allowing for safe viewing. Tew's Falls is the highest waterfall in Hamilton at 41 metres and is a spectacular waterfall to view in all four seasons.

The photo below shows Tew's Falls in winter (taken in Feb. 2009) with an ice cone or volcano growing from the bottom and extending about 2/3rd the way up.



## 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

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