

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

Bruce Duncan, General Manager of the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA), was a devoted leader in the local 'green' community, who died tragically last fall. Through his teachings, he shared his knowledge and expertise with others, especially young people, in whom he instilled a love of the natural environment.

The Giant's Rib Discovery Centre (GRDC) was one of the many 'green' projects he was involved with. For ten years, Bruce was the Administrator and Secretary of this citizens' group, which was formed to create an interpretive centre for the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve. Bruce was instrumental in establishing the partnership between the HCA and the GRDC to provide a home at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre for the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve Interpretive Centre.

Bruce was enthusiastic about the GRDC's efforts to establish an annual lecture series devoted to the Niagara Escarpment. As a tribute to Bruce, the upcoming GRDC Speakers' Series will be named "***The Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series***". Many of Bruce's friends and colleagues have offered to participate as speakers in their various fields of expertise.

These presentations start this coming Sunday, February 25th, with former MP John Bryden 'tracing the First-Nation Trails along the Niagara Escarpment and through the Dundas Valley'.

All the presentations will be held at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governor's Road, in Dundas. The Hamilton Conservation Authority has a \$2:00 per person entrance fee to the Park (Maximum \$5:00 per car). No admission fee for children under 12.

All presentations will be held Sunday afternoons and go from 2 - 3 p.m. of the noted date. There is no charge for the lectures, but donations are appreciated.

For further information, please contact Stan Nowak at basil.cottage@sympatico.ca.

The full schedule is as follows:

February 25 -- ***The Warpath: The Ancaster Escarpment Edge as the Road to War in the 18th Century***, John Bryden

March 18 -- ***Waterfalls of Hamilton Located Along the Niagara Escarpment***, Joseph Hollick

April 22 -- ***The Efforts of the Niagara Escarpment Commission to Protect and Preserve the Niagara Escarpment***, Brian McHattie

May 6 -- ***Viewing the Niagara Escarpment through the Eyes of a Nature Photographer***, John MacRae

September 9 -- ***Celebrating 40 Years of Development - The Story of the Bruce Trail***, Beth Kummeling

September 30 -- ***Birding in the Dundas Valley***, Robert Curry

October 21 -- ***The Cultural Development of the Escarpment Edge from Mt. Albion to Ancaster***,
Robert Williamson

November 18 -- ***The Rocks Beneath My Feet***, Sue Vajoczki

EXECUTIVE PROFILE - John Bryden

A lifelong resident of the area, John was born in Dundas (on Matilda St. N) in 1943, went to Dundas Public School, Dundas District High School and McMaster University, graduating in 1966 with a BA (hons). In 1968 he finished postgraduate work at Leeds University for an MPhil.

His *real* career, however, began in 1961 as a part-time student reporter for the Dundas Star followed by copyboy at the Spectator and, after the time-out for university and a brief job at University of Toronto Press, for seven years as a reporter and then city editor at the Spectator. From there, two years at the Globe and Mail and eight years at the Toronto Star serving, in order, as Insight Editor, Senior News Editor, Business Editor and Magazine Editor. In 1986 he left the Star to write military history books and the result was *Deadly Allies: Canada's Secret War 1937 to 1947* and *Best Kept Secret: Canadian Secret Intelligence in the Second World War*. The former dealt with Canada's role in the development of chemical and biological weapons and the latter dealt with Canada's role in code and cipher breaking.

From 1993 to 2004 John was the MP for the Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough area. He is now working on a third book on the Second World War provisionally entitled: *Turnabout Spies*.

He lives in Lynden, is married to Cathy, and has three grownup children: Andrew Katie and Deirdre.

John Kicks off the inaugural Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series on Sunday, February 25, with his presentation: *The Warpath: The Ancaster Escarpment Edge as the Road to War in the 18th Century*.

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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