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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, September 28
Celebrating 50 years of Conservation at the HCA with Bruce McKenzie

The Hamilton Conservation Authority is *Celebrating 50 years of Conservation* in 2008. The HCA began as the Spencer Creek Conservation Authority in 1958 in the wake of Hurricane Hazel. In 1966, amidst growing awareness of the important balance of growth and environmental responsibility, the City of Hamilton and parts of the surrounding communities of Stoney Creek, Saltfleet, Binbrook, and Glanford joined the authority in 1966 to form what is now the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

Join Bruce Mackenzie of the HCA as he recounts the illustrious history and legacy of the last 50 years of environmental conservation and stewardship in the Hamilton area.

Bruce Mackenzie is the Manager of Customer Services for the Hamilton Conservation Authority. He has worked in a number of the Hamilton Conservation Areas including the Dundas Valley since 1976. Bruce is well known naturalist in the Hamilton area and is a Past President of the Hamilton Naturalist Club. He is a graduate of the University of Guelph in Fisheries and Wildlife biology.

Upcoming Presentations

Sun Oct. 19 Carolinian Forest Depicted Through Tapestry - Lorraine Roy
Sun. Nov. 23 The Portage Options of the First Nations People Through the Dundas Valley - Bob Henderson
Sun. Dec. 7 Updated Information on "The City of Waterfalls" - Joe Hollick

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 September: *Paintings by 'The Pearls'*

JEAN COLEY HUGHES

Jean, a former art teacher, instructs The Pearls. She is a successful artist and writer of short stories and plays.

JEAN McDERMOTT

Jean, a former language teacher, works in watercolours. She is a musician, performing on piano, pipe organ and is a singer.

JOAN MORSE

Joan, a former principal, has painted widely as a member of the Grimsby Pumphouse and the Sunrise Gallery. She is a published writer.

DONNA QUIGLEY

Donna, a former principal, works in watercolours. She travels widely and has taught teachers in Asia.

BARBARA ROSS

Barbara, retired from the Board of Education, enjoys quilting, pottery and watercolour painting.

DONNA SIDE

Donna, a former language teacher works in watercolours. She is a member of the Grimsby Pumphouse Artists.

Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment by Joseph Hollick

Tiffany Falls is named after the Tiffany Creek on which it is situated and is actually the third waterfall on this creek. Washboard Falls and Stephanie Falls also are located further upstream of Tiffany Falls on this creek.

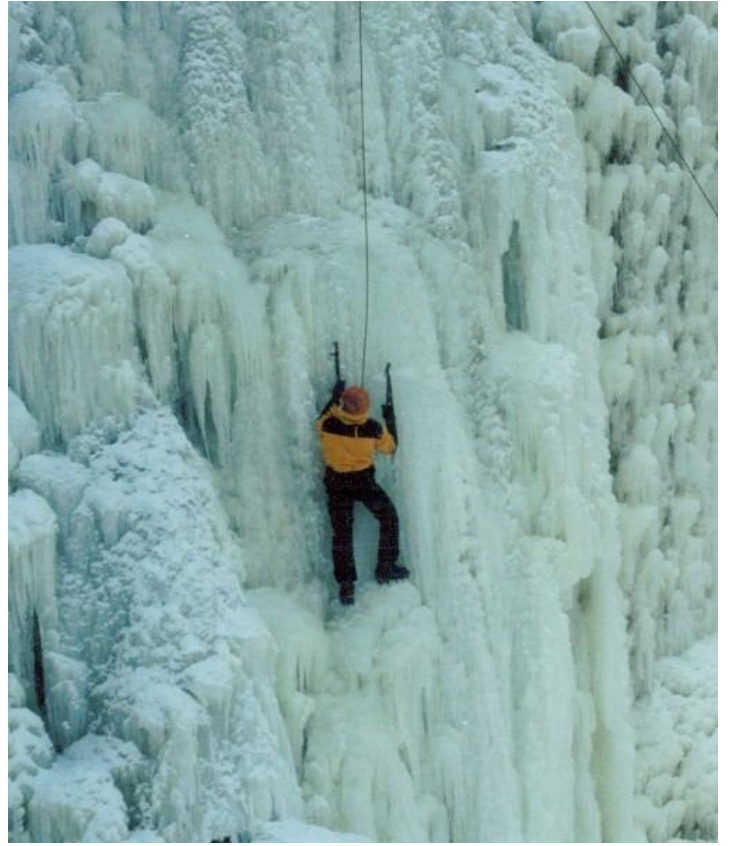
Tiffany Falls is a Complex Ribbon Falls with a height of 21 metres (69 ft.) and a crest width of 6 metres (20 ft.). It has water flowing over it year round.

A new trail with two new bridges, a viewing platform and an improved parking lot were constructed in 2006/2007 by a joint effort of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the Bruce Trail Iroquoia Section and the Rotary Club of Ancaster with funding from the Trillium Foundation. With these improvements, it is an easy enjoyable five minute walk from the parking lot to the falls.

In wintertime, Tiffany Falls is a prime destination for ice climbers and if you have never seen this, it is fascinating to watch. If you see a lot of vehicles in the parking lot on a cold winter day, most likely there is a club of ice climbers practicing their skills, so drop in for a visit.

Tiffany Falls Conservation Area is located on the east side of Wilson Street as you leave Hamilton and drive up the escarpment towards Ancaster.

The first photo shows Tiffany Falls while the second shows an ice climber scaling the ice on the face on the waterfall.



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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