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The Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series

This series, proudly sponsored by the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre, is named in honour of the former General Manager of the Hamilton Conservation Authority and 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.

Upcoming presentation of the season: Sunday, October 20th, 2013

Waterfalls of Hamilton

With Joe Hollick, Co-ordinator, Niagara Escarpment Waterfalls Research

Joe Hollick will talk about Hamilton's many waterfalls and feature his new poster, Winter Waterfalls! Seating is limited and on a first come-first served basis. Admission is \$5. Further donations to support this program are a welcome. Door prizes, and complementary refreshments after the lecture.

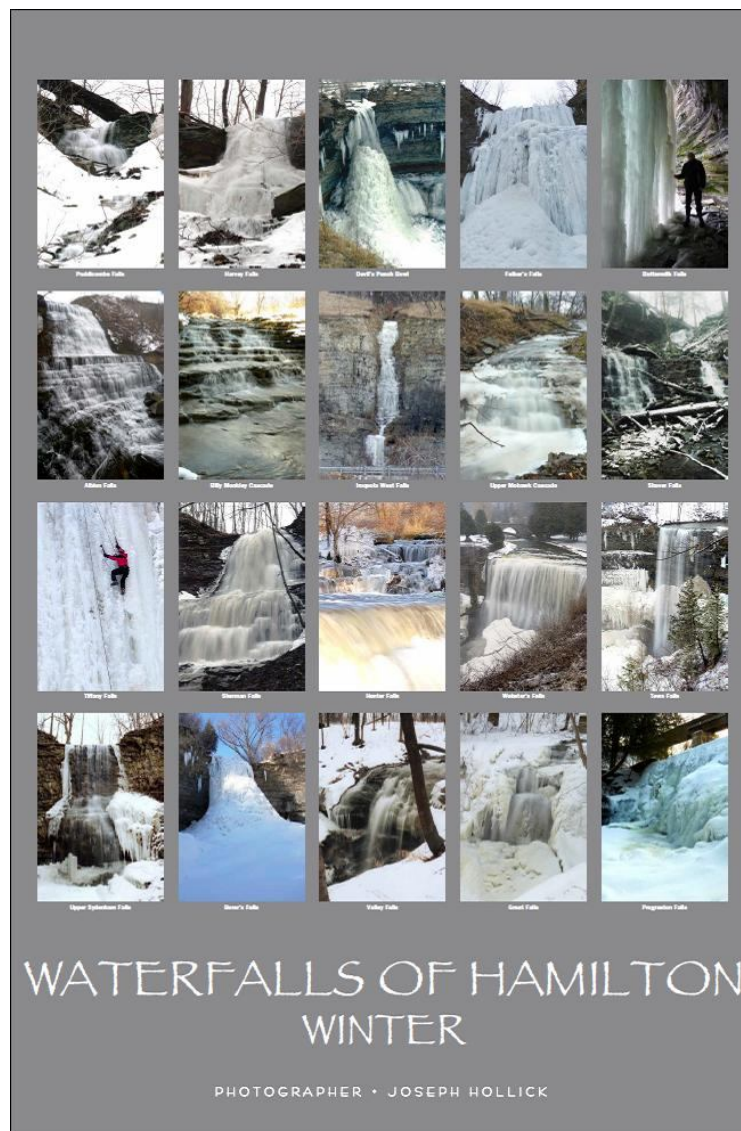
"My hobby is to locate, document and photograph all the waterfalls and cascades located in Hamilton. To date I have found 150 waterfalls and cascades within the boundaries of the City of Hamilton. I also have produced three posters titled: "WATERFALLS OF HAMILTON SEASONS", "WATERFALLS OF HAMILTON AUTUMN" and "WATERFALLS OF HAMILTON SPRING". Each poster depicts 20 of Hamilton's waterfalls. These posters are available at various tourist locations and galleries in the Hamilton and Burlington area."

- Joe Hollick

Our upcoming full schedule for this season's Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series is pending, but all presentations will be held on Sunday afternoons, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the former Parks Canada Discovery Centre on 57 Discovery Drive, Hamilton, now administered by the Hamilton Waterfront Trust.

Parking is free, but there is an admission charge of \$5.00 for this presentation.

Refreshments will be provided after each presentation, along with an opportunity to talk with our guest speaker!



For further information:
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Sylvia Zsidi sylviaz@cogeco.ca

Art and Photography of the Heritage of the Niagara Escarpment

Celebrates '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. - 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Park entrance fee is now \$9.00 per car, but walk in or bike in is FREE.

Your parking fee supports the Dundas Valley Conservation Area and can be used towards admission at any other Hamilton conservation area on the same day.

There is no admission fee to view the exhibit, but donations are gratefully accepted.

For further information: Kenneth Hall kenjoan75@sympatico.ca, Robert Gerritsen rjgerritsen@cogeco.ca

Mark Williams is a Hamiltonian who was called to become a nature and wildlife photographer by a Yellow Warbler. Read the story online @ greenbeltguy.ca

Greenbeltguy.ca was initiated after Mark spent several years shooting digital photographs up and down the Greenbelt region of Ontario and amazed at the diversity of wildlife and beautiful scenery right here in our own backyard.

The presentation displayed here at The Giant's Rib is a small cross -selection of some of Mark's photography. Any interest or inquiry to acquire these works can be made by contacting Mark at mrw@greenbeltguy.ca



"This is my passion; to capture the pictures, tell the stories and support the education and edification of our most wonderful green spaces." - Mark Williams



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Rib Happenings



**Friends of the
Environment
Foundation**

Great News from Along the Rib!

We are pleased to announce that the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation have approved our grant application!

The Foundation has approved a grant of \$10,000 to the GRDC to go towards our expansion project. The first stages of this project include new displays and improvements to our current Centre, redevelopment of our website into a one-of-a-kind educational resource on the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve, and the production of a travelling display to be hosted at locations around Ontario!

All of us at The Giant's Rib Discovery Centre are grateful to the Foundation for their support and look forward to new and exciting things! Further grant applications are outstanding, so stay tuned to our social media and newsletters for (fingers crossed) more good news!

Chris Hamilton, President.

Teachers' Corner by Kenneth Hall

Here is some information about an Ontario Society that might be of interest to teachers who are teaching their classes about rocks and minerals.



It is THE BRANTFORD LAPIDARY AND MINERAL SOCIETY

The Society holds monthly meetings with interesting speakers and pot luck dinners. Visitors and guests are always welcome. The Society also conducts lapidary workshops where professional instructions in stone cutting and polishing is provided. The Club is one of the best-equipped in Canada. Members learn basic skills in selecting materials, cutting shapes and polishing to a finished product. Various field trips are organized throughout the year. Some trips include fossil and mineral collecting. Experienced members are quick to help new members learn what to look for and how to gather specimens. The club has an extensive library of lapidary, mineral geology, jewellery and fossil books available for their members' convenience. Their monthly newsletter

informs members of upcoming shows, events, classes, past and future meetings. It is available by mail to members and on their website www.brantfordlapidarymineral.ca

E-mail brantfordlapclub@live.ca

They will be holding their annual Gem and Mineral Show on April 5 - 6

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Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment

by Joe Hollick

Martins Falls (sometimes called Upper Rockway Falls) is located on Fifteen Mile Creek, on private property, in the community of Rockway in the Town of Lincoln and in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

It is a classical plunge type falls with year round water flow. Its height is 3 m (10 ft.) and its average crest width is 3 m (10 ft.) however it can widen out substantially during heavy flows.

Not much research has been done on this waterfall, thus little is know of its history.

The more famous and much larger Rockway Falls is located downstream and on the north side of the roadway whereas Martins Falls is located on the south side of Regional Road 69 but visible from the road.

To reach Martins Falls, exit the QEW at Victoria Avenue, then go south up the Niagara Escarpment, past the road to Ball's Falls, turn left onto 8th Avenue (which will become Niagara Regional Road 69) and follow for about 6 km to the small Hamlet of Rockway. The waterfall is on the right side and you can park at the community centre which is located on the left side immediately past the bridge over Fifteen Mile Creek.

Martins Falls is about one minute away on the south side of the bridge and clearly visible from the road.



Happy Waterfalling!

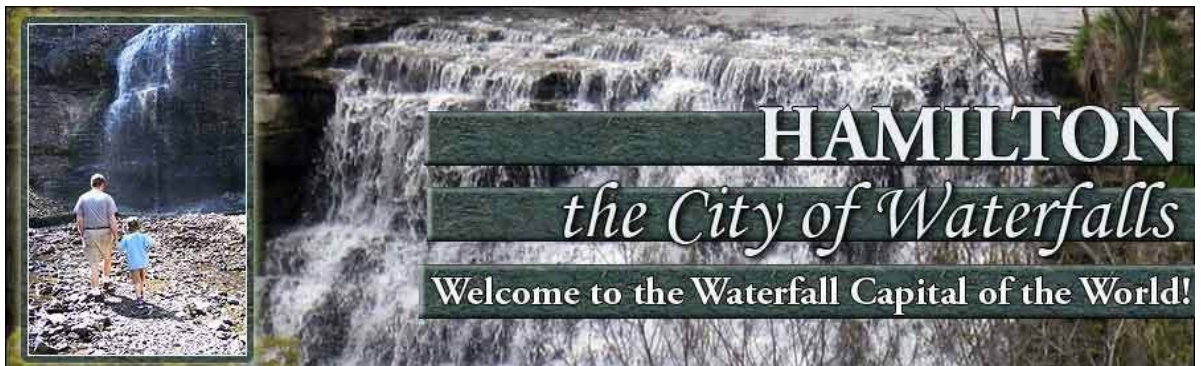
Giant's Rib Photo of the Month



This small waterfall is not on the official list of waterfalls in Hamilton as it is only 2m in height.
However, it still looked attractive in the morning light.
It is located in Dundas under the bridge over Spencer Creek at the end of Market Street.
I call it Market Street Falls.

Photo and caption by Joe Hollick

Source: Joe Hollick's Page on the 'Hamilton – City of Waterfalls' website
cityofwaterfalls.ning.com/profile/JosephHollick



cityofwaterfalls.ca

Come Join the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre!



**Do you love the
Escarpment too ?**

The Discovery Centre Needs Your Help!

Are you interested in the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve? Do you want to learn more about it and contribute to its protection?

Volunteering with the Giant's Rib is one way you can do that. We have positions available for volunteers on weekends at the Centre, and Director openings as well. We're growing and expanding, so if you're excited about the Niagara Escarpment, this is the place to be.

Please visit www.giantsrib.ca to learn about available positions.

About the GRDC

The Giant's Rib Discovery Centre tells the story of the Niagara Escarpment through interpretation at the Centre on weekends and through our public outreach programs. These include a weekend Arts and Photography Series featuring a local artist each month, guided interpretive hikes, the Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series, and we offer a Grade 4 curriculum-based Rocks and Minerals unit to elementary schools free of charge.

We require interpretive volunteers to work half-days on weekends at the Centre (located within the Dundas Valley Conservation Area at 650 Governor's Road in Dundas) and co-ordinators to manage public programs and support our annual fundraiser in June.

For detailed descriptions, please visit www.giantsrib.ca



If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you have a specific skill set you feel may assist us, please contact Chris Hamilton at chamilton@giantsrib.ca



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