

Art of Nature, Natural Art

In This Issue

This year our annual special issue on art near the Escarpment focuses on wildlife artists, an artists' co-op, some galleries and individuals. This is a great time of year to tour artists' studios, enjoying the fall colours as you drive through the countryside to creative people's homes or workplaces. When you buy a work of art, whether for a lot or a little amount of money, you have a treasure to keep, give away or pass on to the next generation. The Niagara Escarpment draws artists and craftspeople like gravity and they shine here.

We are thrilled to share the photographic work of two storm chasers in this issue. David and Brian Chapman head toward bad weather to capture stunning images that show the Niagara Escarpment as it's rarely seen. Most of us stay sensibly indoors during storms, close to wood fires, cosy blankets and hot beverages. The work of this fearless duo, shown here, inspires awe.

Writer Chris Hamilton has produced a feature that educates us about some of the history and geology of "The Giant's Rib," introducing new places to go to learn all about it, where you can appreciate what's right in front of you. Discovering the significance of Escarpment features has become easier to do, thanks to this work.

There was dismay and excitement on Manitoulin Island this summer because one of its most cherished Niagara Escarpment experiences was no longer going to be available. Access to The Cup and Saucer Trail



▲ Mike Davis and Gloria Hildebrandt, founders and publishers of *Niagara Escarpment Views*. Photo by Mark Zelinski from his book *Heart of Turtle Island: The Great Escarpment*.

was closed. Read Bob Barnett's column on page 60 to find out how the Trail was saved.

Photo Contest

Our first photo contest is still open for a few weeks. We're asking you to share your favourite views of the Niagara Escarpment and we believe the prizes are worth it. Winners will have their photos published in the Winter issue. As well, there's a week's accommodation in a sweet cottage near Tobermory in a nature reserve, thanks to Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, and a \$100 gift certificate from Home Hardware! For full contest details, see page 13. Contest closes Oct. 1.

Subscriber Benefits

We're giving away some tickets to the Royal Horse Show at The Royal Winter Fair at Exhibition Place in Toronto on Friday Nov. 3, Thurs. Nov

9 and Fri..Nov. 10. Tickets include general admission to the Fair on the same day. If you're a subscriber to the magazine, I invite you to email me at editor@NEViews.ca, call or text me at 647 680 2834 and let me know you'd like to see the Horse Show. If you're not yet a subscriber, you can become one by mailing in the form on page 39 and then contacting me. We'll draw

some entries at random and let you know you're going to the Royal Horse Show!

Gloria

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

Let us know what you think!



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We value our subscribers. As a thank you, we're giving subscribers free entry to our Photo Contest, and a chance to win free tickets to The Royal Winter Fair.



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