

Escarpment Views

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Gloria's View of Launching This Magazine

You may be holding a future collector's item in your hands! Welcome to the premier issue of *Escarpment Views*, a magazine dedicated to the people who choose to live or work close to the Niagara Escarpment, that unique geological wonder that meanders through southern Ontario from Niagara-on-the-Lake all the way up to Manitoulin Island.

The name *Escarpment Views* has two meanings. One celebrates the breathtaking vistas and scenery that are offered by Escarpment lands. The other meaning is the beliefs, values and lifestyles of the diverse people who choose to call this area home. Our goal is to share both aspects with you.

We believe that you share some values, opinions and dreams that are not restricted by municipal and regional boundaries. People who cherish the towns, villages and hamlets scattered among the hills, fields and forests along the Escarpment may have attitudes in common with each other. Do you agree with us?

The publishers of this magazine love this part of southern Ontario. Our roots in Escarpment lands go back to the early 1960s. We have witnessed big changes over the years, and want to share the very best of them with you. This first issue covers the communities from Terra Cotta to Hamilton. Our plan is to increase our coverage along the Escarpment as we grow.

We are committed to a high quality of journalism. With 25 years of experience as a self-employed writer and editor, I know the value of professional writers. The articles we publish are objective and balanced, not self promotional. We present what we think is well worth your time.

This premier issue introduces you to just some of our treasures. We are proud to feature the luminous work of painter Brigitte Schreyer, whose studio is beautifully situated on Mount Nemo with a view of the Niagara Escarpment's distinctive Rattlesnake Point.

The hamlet of Limehouse just reached its 150th anniversary, and Deb Quaile celebrates this achievement with a look at the history of this once-industrial, now-rural location. Downtown Georgetown has survived a disruptive renovation, and Nancy Wigston revisits its shops and services now that the dust has settled.

We feature some poetry by Hamilton writer Gertrude Olga Down, who has been named this year's featured poet by the Tower Poetry Society, the oldest poetry group in Canada. Ancaster chef Misty Ingraham has agreed to write a regular column for us, sharing her unusual perspective on cooking. Follow her tips and you'll be able to cook without being a slave to recipes!

This magazine even has a centre photo spread! Turn to page 14 and see if Webster's Falls in winter doesn't take your breath away. We are thrilled to share some of the photography of Richard and Eleanore Kosydar, whose book *The Dundas Valley: Visions of Beauty*, is reviewed in our book column. Dan O'Reilly shows you how to build a good fire as you snuggle in for some great reading.

There's much more to discover along the Niagara Escarpment. We'll be very busy discovering its wonders. Please share your ideas for people, places and things we should highlight in the magazine. We hope you join us on this journey.

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We're proud to be founding a magazine on the solid rock of the Niagara Escarpment

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