

# Relying on Your Responses

**M**uch as we're sad to see our too-brief summer fading away, there's a lot to be said for the glories of autumn. It is many people's favourite season, with good reason. It's turning cooler, making for easier nights' sleeps. After a frost, the biting insects are finished, making for more enjoyable walks in the woods. The harvest is coming in, making for plenty of fresh, local produce to eat, bake or cook with.

Along the Niagara Escarpment, there is plenty to see, do and visit. This issue brings our annual look at art along the Escarpment, in time to whet your appetite for going on an artists' studio tour or two. Because Christmas is not far off, it could be the perfect time to stock up on a few special gifts.

We also have writer-photographer Chris Mills back, reporting on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations for Laura Secord's famous night hike over the wild Niagara Escarpment.

Greg Coman and Mary Baxter share their experiences of hiking the complete Bruce Trail from Queenston to Tobermory with their children and four other families. Our cover photo this issue, taken by Coman, shows some of the kids squeezing through some Escarpment rocks. These are the main stories we feature in this issue. There's more to discover and enjoy.

## New Restaurant Directory

New this issue, we're introducing a directory of good places to eat along the Niagara Escarpment. We've started the column with some of our favourites, but we invite you to help us beef it up, pun intended! If you have a favourite place, or have discovered something new that other people should know about, send us your brief review.



We can add your name to it or leave it anonymous. We hope this becomes a useful insiders' list of great places to fill up on your travels.

Co-publishers Mike Davis and Gloria Hildebrandt with left, Giant's Rib Discovery Centre's president Chris Hamilton, and right, Ken Hall, past president, at the Giant's Rib Summer Solstice Celebration. PHOTO BY JOSH GORDON.

## Your Notes & Letters

The letters and messages you send tell us how much you value what is presented here; see Readers & Viewers for how closely and for how long you pay attention to our efforts. We're honoured to have people engaging on a deep level with what's published, and commenting on content from two years ago! This is further proof that issues of *Niagara Escarpment Views* are being kept and referred to for years. How gratifying that our work is not being swiftly tossed in the recycling bin!

Enjoy the beautiful season of autumn near the Escarpment and keep letting us know what you think of our magazine.

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*P.S. Keep wild spaces wild.*



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Here are some of the latest additions:

- ▶ Niagara Escarpment Walks Near Hamilton
- ▶ Open Up Your Living Space with Screens
- ▶ Kids Day in Hamilton's Gore Park
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuisine Art at Alton Mill
- ▶ Tour the Natural World with Flora and Fauna Tours
- ▶ Civil War at Westfield Heritage Village
- ▶ Classics Against Cancer 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show
- ▶ Protecting Coyotes at Eramosa Karst Conservation Area
- ▶ Niagara Escarpment Protection in New York

