

History & Mystery

It's that wonderful, glorious time of the year when we want to be outdoors. The early part of spring has been lovely, with a long, slow, gentle unfolding that has been kind to early blossoms. With summer upon us now, the woods and trails of the Niagara Escarpment beckon, enticing us with their opportunities to enjoy nature.

In This Issue

These pages are full of places to see and things to do, from a working railway museum in a forest near Milton, to hand-carved street art in Orangeville, to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula for the annual Monarch Butterfly Festival hosted by our friends at Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, and onto Manitoulin Island where you can explore the discovery that there were Stone-Age people who lived here thousands of years ago.

From Milton to Manitoulin in this issue, there is history and mystery to experience.

Your Favourite Views

We have a big announcement to make. At the end of this year we will celebrate our tenth anniversary as a magazine. No mean feat these days, with experts proclaiming that print is dead. And magazines come and go like the leaves on trees. We have seen startups putter out and die, yet we persist. As Mike says, 10 magazine years are a thousand business years. So there will be plenty



At Halton Eco Festival in Oakville on April 29, Jenny Pearce of Sciensationz Ssnakes!!, right, displayed snakes, turtles and amphibians, including this ball of two large Corn Snakes. I'm initially brave, but then startled.

to celebrate with our tenth anniversary special issue. One of the ways we'll celebrate is by publishing the best photos of your favourite Escarpment views – an obvious choice given our magazine name.

We're announcing our first photo contest, open to all who love the Niagara Escarpment. Show us something stunning, breathtaking, awesome or gorgeous. Show us something new, in a new way or from a new angle. Get high, get low, get creative, get simple. I often say that the Escarpment is so beautiful that you can point your camera in any direction and get an amazing shot. Well, it's not quite that

easy, but there's certainly a wealth of subject material.

Contest winners will have their photos published in this prestigious magazine. As well, prizes have been donated by some of our generous advertisers and supporters, who make it possible for us to create this publication. Prizes include a week's accommodation in a sweet cottage near Tobermory in a nature reserve, thanks to Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, a land trust that works hard to protect pristine nature near the Niagara Escarpment. Another prize is a \$100 gift certificate from the fabulous Home Hardware.

We encourage you to get out there this summer and show us what you see. Our contest closes Oct. 1 in order for us to get the winning photos in our Winter issue. For full contest details, see page 8. And check out the other benefits you get, just by entering the contest! We've found ways to make everyone who enters, feel a little like a winner.

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P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

Let us know what you think!

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