

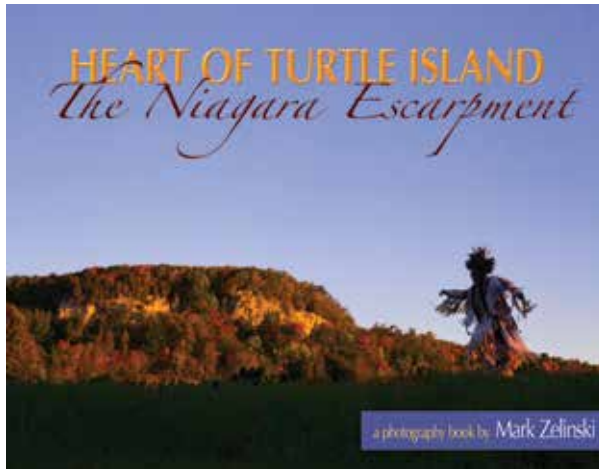
Escarpment Coffee-Table Books

Photographer Mark Zelinski has two new books published on Escarpment themes: *Heart of Turtle Island: The Niagara Escarpment* and *Canada's Royal Garden*.

Turtle Island

Heart of Turtle Island gives a rich perspective on Niagara Escarpment lands by Indigenous people. Turtle Island is the name given to North America, and the Escarpment is recognized as its heart. As Zelinski writes of today's Burlington Bay, there was "a confluence of the creeks and streams that cascaded from the cliffs of the Escarpment toward the lake into a wetland so abundant that the native people of this bay were considered to be the wealthiest of Turtle Island communities."

The book unfolds the many significant aspects of the Escarpment, its ancient geology, the beloved



Bruce Trail, the Indigenous nations located on Bruce Peninsula and Manitoulin Island, their history and traditions, the large and small contemporary communities, conservation areas, plants, animals and much more. Throughout, Zelinski's beautiful photographs open a window onto the land and people of the Niagara Escarpment. There is so much to learn about the Escarpment and this book, with written contributions by knowledgeable Escarpment celebrities, non-Native as well as Native, is a deeply satisfying exploration.

Burlington's Botanical

For the country's 150th anniversary, *Canada's Royal Garden* celebrates Canada's largest botanical garden: 2,700 acres at the western end of Lake Ontario, which make up "one of the largest urban nature sanctuaries in North America," according to Royal Botanical Garden (RBG) CEO Mark Runciman.

Zelinski's photographs capture a year in the gardens while text and archival images cover the history. Visual and performance art now have roles to play on the grounds. Exhibitions, special programs and public and

private events are held in the various buildings. Flowers, trees, fruits and vegetables are shown in all their glory. Most charming are the spread of photos according to colour: sunny yellow, amusing pinks, hot red, deep blue. Wildlife is abundant, despite the 500,000 people who visit the lands each year; the RBG nature sanctuaries are officially recognized as an Important Amphibian and Reptile Area.

For more information about these books, see MarkZelinski.com.



Shuttle Bus to Webster and Tew Falls

Conservation Hamilton's Spencer Gorge/Webster Falls Conservation Area has become so heavily visited that a shuttle bus will take people there on weekends and holidays until Sun. Oct. 29. Parking lots at Webster, Tew and Greensville Optimist Park will be closed on those days.

Visitors must park at Mizener's Antiques at 367 Highway 5 West, Dundas. The cost for the shuttle is \$10 per car for parking and \$5 per person admission. Hamilton Conservation Authority passholders can get two free admissions per pass, but must pay \$10 for parking. Wristbands are needed for all visitors. Credit card, debit and cash are accepted at

Waterfall Parking

Weekends and Holiday Mondays

Parking for Webster & Tew Falls and Dundas Peak

www.conservationhamilton.ca/shuttle




the Mizener parking lot.
Shuttle services begins at 10am, with buses running

about every 15 minutes, and ends with the last bus arriving back at Mizener's at 6:30pm.

Information on the shuttle service is at webstersfalls.ca.