

Another Dream Realized

As a lifelong writer, I've often dreamed of writing books. I've even worked on several book projects over the years, as an information researcher, photo researcher, contributor and editor, but they've always been for other people, companies and organizations. Now Mike Davis, my co-publisher for this magazine, and I have created our first book, entitled *Views & Vistas: Favourite Photographs from the Whole Niagara Escarpment in Canada – Niagara Falls to Manitoulin Island*. The project has taken years to complete, going from a vague idea to a meaningful structure to the final version, as perfect as we could make it, with the invaluable help of our graphic designer for this magazine, Nicholl Spence. All this had to be squeezed into spare time and around our demanding magazine publishing schedule.

Many people would like to write a book; some think it's easy to do. Some make the mistake of announcing the book before it's finished and find they just can't complete it. It's hard work. Publishing a book is likely to be more demanding and harrowing than you could imagine. It's not easy to create something significant, something to be proud of.

We are very proud of our book publishing achievement.

We hope it's something you might consider asking for, whether at your library, bookstore, from us directly by mail order or pickup, or from a retail outlet that carries copies. For a list of these places see page 10 in this issue. The more-than 150 photographs that we chose for the book, have been from 13 years of Mike's photos for this magazine. And work on the magazine continues.

In This Issue

It's autumn and Sandra J. Howe takes you to Big Bay near Wiarton on the Bruce Peninsula, for some vast, breath-taking views. The fall colours are gorgeous here and it's easy to think you're alone in the world.

Dan O'Reilly digs into the history of co-op housing in Grimsby on the shore of Lake Ontario, and introduces us to generations of families who are dedicated to celebrating this method of construction and their houses.

Mike Davis is a passionate cyclist. This time he and his cycling buddy explore two trails in Hamilton. One is tough; the other is an easy ride. Both offer interesting and beautiful things to see.

We also present the artistic visions of two women whose work is carried by The Gallery Upstairs in Milton. Their styles are different, as are their approaches



▲ Proud and relieved: Gloria Hildebrandt at the printer's loading dock, holding the first copies of *Views & Vistas*. PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

and processes. Both have studios near the Escarpment and both are passionate about their vocations.

Be sure to read Bob Barnett's View of Land Conservation in this issue, for an uplifting review of remarkable achievements in the protection of Escarpment

land over the past year

My column The Gift of Land shares my pleasure in a new "toy" for the property, an electric golf cart. Turns out it's a bit of a useful workhorse, too!

Gloria

Gloria Hildebrandt

P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

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