

Exciting New Views



▲ At the Tunnel's new viewing platform with one of the sightseeing tour boats approaching the bottom of Horseshoe Falls.

Attending the opening of Niagara Parks' new attraction at Niagara Falls was a great pleasure. After the speeches and ribbon cutting, my co-publisher and I took an elevator down, seeing the antique inner workings of the power station as we descended. At the bottom we walked the new, safe passage surrounded by Edwardian brickwork that had been hand laid in the hand-dug water tunnel. It was astonishing to consider how much hard labour had gone into building this tunnel.

The views at the end of the Tunnel are exciting. All of the waterfalls seem very close, and their spray makes for an invigorating experience. It's awe inspiring to see, hear and feel these falls from this new vantage point, especially because these are considered to be one of the great natural wonders of the world. Seeing Niagara Falls never grows old

for me. A bonus wonder is that the water flows over the Niagara Escarpment.

We have more photographs of this attraction on page 8.

In This Issue

Also in this issue is another feature exploring electricity, but related to electric vehicle (EV) use along the Escarpment. A reader had made a suggestion that led to the feature that Mike Davis researched, wrote and photographed. EVs are new enough to need planning ahead when driving

them far from the bigger cities.

Frequent contributor Sandra J. Howe shows reasons to give thanks for the work of the Bruce Trail Conservancy and its volunteers, in her feature exploration of Barrow Bay Cliffs Nature Reserve near Lion's Head.

The Bruce Trail is also part of another feature. Jamie Dietrich recently hiked the whole trail, but he documented it by

photographing some of the people he met who were also hiking. His portraits of hikers show the wonderful diversity of people who value the trail.

Artists who specialize in adorning the female body will show and sell their creations in Oakville this fall at The Wearable Art Show. We offer a sneak peek at the kind of lovely pieces that will be available. Bonnie Glass and Annette Graydon met us for an afternoon in Bonnie's home studio.

In his regular column on land conservation, Bob Barnett of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy shares what \$5.5 million from the federal government will be able to do for Escarpment lands, with our involvement.

Finally, David Kendall reveals that heritage designation alone cannot prevent important buildings from suffering demolition by neglect. The fact that he and his wife personally offered a significant gift to help pay for the preservation of a heritage house in Caledon, yet this generosity was not acted upon, is particularly disturbing.

There's much to celebrate, something to ponder and action to be taken as you read this Autumn issue. If

you have another view of the issues written about, we love to read them, as always.

Damaged Views & Vistas

Finally, we want to share that we have available, some slightly damaged copies of *Views & Vistas: Favourite Photographs from the Whole Niagara Escarpment in Canada – Niagara Falls to Manitoulin Island*. The damage is minimal, leaving the books fine for reading and enjoying, and we're offering them for half price, only \$30 + \$1.50 GST. The regular price is \$60 + \$3 GST plus \$21 for mailing, a total of \$84. Our sale price for mailing a damaged book comes to \$52.50 in total.

Pristine copies of the book are available in many places along the Escarpment, listed on our website <https://NEViews.ca> and on page 62 of this issue. If you want one of the slightly damaged books, be sure to let us know when you order.


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P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

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