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Spellbound project raises funds for conservation

Just one look and you'll be spellbound. That's been the reaction of most people who have viewed the spectacular canoe that is being raffled off this fall to raise funds for conservation in Halton.

The canoe raffle is one of many projects being organized by the volunteer members of the Halton Region Conservation Foundation. The Foundation hopes to raise \$600,000 during a three-year campaign aimed at corporations, businesses, charitable foundations and individuals.

The canoe, appropriately named "Spellbound," is a 16-foot midnight blue cedar strip piece of art that was hand made by renowned craftsman Mike Shumaker from Haliburton. The winner will also receive a birds-eye maple paddle featuring an original painting of a wood duck by wildlife artist Warren Jacklin.

All proceeds from the special

draw will be used to improve the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre located just west of Campbellville.

More than one million visitors have learned about conservation and the environment since the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre opened to the public in 1973 - making the 1100 acre conservation area one of the most popular parks operated by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Mountsberg offers visitors a unique blend of wildlife sanctuary and environmental education centre. Facilities and programs include: an interpretive centre for education programs, wildlife exhibits, bird banding programs, a demonstration maple sugar bush and 20 km of skiing and hiking trails. Each year more than 15,000 young students get their feet wet - sometimes literally - through Mountsberg's hands-on conservation experiences with the

world of nature.

The "Spellbound" canoe, valued at more than \$5,000 was donated by retired Dofasco vice-president, Ross Craig, from Burlington. Craig indicated that "just seeing the canoe conjures up images of gliding across a misty northern lake listening to the call of loons."

Tickets on the canoe are \$10 each and are available at the Mountsberg and Crawford Lake Conservation Areas, the Administration Office of the Conservation Authority and several Halton retail businesses. The draw will take place at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The Mountsberg Conservation Area includes extensive wildlife habitat with an excellent interpretation program designed to inform visitors about Halton's important wildlife resources.



Lions and tigers and bears. Well, at least the lions and bears were out in force to help the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department with the annual Summer Carnival at the Acton Community Centre last week.

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