Conservation book captures Halton's charm

Halton Region Conservation Foundation recently launched a new book "Halton; Rising, Wild and Beckoning." Money raised from book sales will go toward expanding and renovating the visitors centre at Mountsberg Conservation Area. On hand for the book launch were from left; Debbie Dulong, an education instructor at Mountsberg, Chomper a great-horned owl from Mountsberg, and Roy Wilson past chair of the Halton Region Conservation Foundation and a member of the book committee.

Photo by Lisa Tallyn

The charm and uniqueness of Halton's watershed have been captured in a new book put out by the Halton Region Conservation Foundation.

Halton; Rising, Wild and Beckoning was officially launched recently at former MPP Jim Snow's farm in Hornby. The book, which features 160 color photographs of the natural landscapes in the watershed, sells for $39.95 and all money raised through sales will go toward the cost of expanding and renovating the visitors centre at Mountsberg Conservation Area. The $95,000 cost of producing the book was covered by many corporate, municipal and individual sponsors. The total cost of the renovation project at Mountsberg is $1.6 million and it is hoped that $200,000 will be raised through book sales.

Gary Hutton, Halton Region Conservation Authority manager of marketing and community relations services, called the book "a beautiful photographic armchair tour of the Halton area." The watershed includes the Niagara Escarpment, Carolinian forests, Lake Ontario shoreline, creeks, valleys and rich wetlands.

Hutton said the work of 32 photographers are presented in the book and more than 5,000 images were submitted for consideration. Hutton said the various chapters in the book were organized "to cover the whole story of the watershed."

Each chapter in the book is introduced by interesting people, such as Canadian astronaut Roberta Bondar, David Crombie, chair of the Lake Ontario Waterfront Regeneration Trust, and authors of The Niagara Escarpment Portfolio Pat and Rosemarie Keough. Former Halton resident and renowned artist Robert Bateman wrote the foreword for the book.

"It is the best of its kind I have ever seen," said Bateman when he saw the book. "The photographs are wonderful, both creatively and in their variety." He called the book "appealing, useful and reader-friendly."

The book features 16 colored maps showing scenic drives and trails and a large fold-out colored map that points out where all the natural areas are.

The book is available in the gift shops at Crawford Lake and Mountsberg Conservation Area, Royal Botanical Gardens, The Freckled Lion in Georgetown, Smith Books in Milton, The Different Drummer Books in Burlington, Chapters in Burlington, Oakville and Mississauga, and other book stores. For more information call 336-1158.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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Poopsenhowsen!
(Leanne Neil)

Love from all your family

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When we were small, you would tease, I would hide, you would yell, I would hide. But now we have matured and Revenge I've heard is still the better way.

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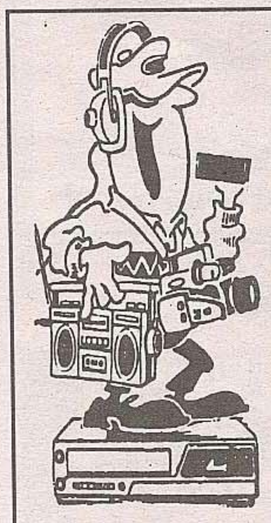
Love your much younger little sister.
Chick



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