



TRAIL TALK: Heinz Rusche points out one of the scenic areas he has enjoyed walking through to Bryan Alder at the Bruce Trail information evening at the Acton Seniors Centre on Wednesday, April 5. There was a sizeable crowd there to enjoy the slides and find out more about the Trail. Several people had recently moved to Acton, and were very interested in the Bruce Trail Association. Heinz is a dedicated member and volunteer of the Association, and has one area he is responsible for maintaining. Heinz leads the Acton Seniors Centre hiking club members on their Friday hikes. He usually checks out the trail the day before to make sure there are no problems. – Julie Conroy photo

Senior enjoy slide tour of Bruce Trail

By Julie Conroy

Maureen Smith is a longtime member of the Toronto section of the Bruce Trail Association, and lives in Georgetown. She gave an excellent slide show and informative talk on the Bruce Trail at the Acton Seniors Centre recently. Smith gave some background of the Trail.

When four members of the Hamilton Naturalist Club had a meeting in September 1960, Ray Lowes asked Robert Bateman "What would you think of a trail winding along the escarpment from one end to the other?" This thought initiated the whole project.

There were four members at the first Bruce Trail Association committee meeting. Ray Lowes, Robert Bateman, Norman Pearson, and Dr Robert MacLaren. Ray's dream became true due to his hard work, and the dedication of many including Phil Gosling who took a year off work to persuade land owners to allow the club to build and maintain a trail the 850 km. length of the Escarpment (there are also 300km. of side trails).

It was due to the kindness of the farmers, quarries, golf

courses, conservation areas and other land owners that this wonderful trail exists. Over the years the route has changed slightly due to either new land owners, or the Bruce Trail Association being able to purchase some of the land. The Trail is divided into nine areas and nine clubs are responsible for its maintenance.

The Trail is well marked with white blazes painted on trees, rocks and posts. Where there is a scenic view point or a secondary trail it is marked in blue.

The Trail association has over 8,000 members at present. You do not have to be a member to use the trail, but they do ask you to respect people's property and stick to the trail.

Maureen and Heinz often conduct hikes which they advertise, and newcomers are welcome to join the group. They usually meet at Zeller's car park in Georgetown and car pool to the designated spot.

Acton Seniors Centre takes advantage of the Bruce Trail, and many of the Friday hikes have been along different parts of it.

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Spring has arrived and now is the time to clean up our town and make it beautiful again! All residents, businesses and groups of all ages are asked to participate!

SECOND ANNUAL
"20 MINUTE MAKEOVER"
is back by popular demand!
 Friday, April 21st, 2006 at 2 p.m.

Employees and students are encouraged to go outside and do a quick 20 minute litter pickup of their premises, school yard or neighbourhood. Pitch in and contribute to the environment during Earth Week. You will see what a difference a small amount of time and effort will make to our community.

CLEAN UP HALTON HILLS DAY

Saturday, April 22nd, 2006

Clean Up Day is sponsored by: **Tim Hortons.**



WHAT ARE WE CLEANING UP?

- * Roadways
- * Parking Lots
- * School Yards
- * Business Areas
- * Parks
- * Gateways
- * Valleys

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- * Youth Groups
- * School Groups
- * High School Students (need volunteer hours?)
- * Businesses
- * Neighbourhoods
- * Sports Organizations
- * Individuals
- * Churches
- * Interest Groups
- * Service Clubs
- * Families



WE WANT YOUR HELP!

Participants are asked to contact Public Works at (905) 873-2601 ext. 2610 to register your location or to be assigned a location. You can also arrange for pick up of collected trash at that time.

FREE GLOVES AND BAGS are available at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road (Georgetown), the Acton BIA and The Chamber of Commerce office located at 323 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

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Following the CLEAN UP on Saturday, participants are invited to the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre for refreshments compliments of **Tim Hortons.** from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Participants can also bring collected litter to the Operations Centre anytime during the weekend.

The Town of Halton Hills annual Earth Day Celebration will be held on **SATURDAY, April 29th** at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown. Further information is available on the Town's website www.haltonhills.ca

The Mill St. Crossing

Easter Colouring Contest

Saturday, April 15, 2006

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

Colouring contest from 2-3p.m.

- Followed by an Easter Hunt!

Ages: 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12

Crayons will be provided, however you may bring your own tools.

\$50 in Mill St. Crossing money will be awarded to the top contestant in each category.

HOP ON DOWN Saturday afternoon!

