

View From the Editor's Desk:

PROVINCIAL ELECTION OCTOBER 6



As preparation for the election, we invited you to submit questions for the political parties. We sent our choice of these questions to the parties, and their answers begin on page 24. We hope you find their responses useful when deciding how to cast your vote. Most of all, we hope that you do vote! It's best when our leaders are decided by an engaged, educated electorate.

This issue is also our special look at artists and studio tours. We feature two of the amazing creators who are part of the Purple Hills Studio Tour. There are tours of artists' studios almost everywhere along the Niagara Escarpment in autumn, and we encourage you to get out and explore them.

Our cover story is on the antique carousel at Lakeside Park, Port Dalhousie. The feature was written and photographed by Patrick Wentzel of West Virginia, who is the census chairman of the U.S. National Carousel Association, so we were impressed that he knows this carousel. We are also delighted to be **working with the City of St. Catharines to invite every-**

CORRECTION: In the Summer 2011 issue, the wrong date for the provincial election was published. The election will be held on Oct. 6, 2011.

one to ride the carousel for free on Sept. 4 from noon to 5 p.m. Bring your family members, whether young or old, because everyone will enjoy it.

If you're a regular reader, you might notice that the magazine has been growing lately. This is our biggest issue ever, bigger than the summer issue, which was our biggest at that time! We thank our increasing number of advertisers, who support the work we do to bring you what's interesting and important from along

the Niagara Escarpment. We are grateful to you, our readers, who tell us how much you value the magazine and learn from it. We also know how much it means to our advertisers that many of you visit them for your free copies. As long as all of you continue to appreciate what we do, we'll keep growing and bringing this high-quality magazine to you.

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P.S. Please protect the animals.

Our Featured View is by Joseph Hollick, a director of The Giant's Rib (Niagara Escarpment) Discovery Centre and a Hamilton waterfall enthusiast. He has won several tourism awards for his waterfall photography, most recently the 2009 Via Rail Canada Tourism Award for Volunteer of the Year.