

Nature captured in conservation authority photo contest

UTOPIA, Ontario, June 17, 2010 – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is pleased to announce the winners of its 50th anniversary photo contest.

We asked our watershed residents and visitors to capture their favourite conservation lands, environmental projects, watershed wildlife and other images related to the work of the NVCA.

The winning photo is of a Goldfinch, taken by Nathan Beaulne from Barrie.

“My wife and I bought our first camera in August 2008 and became hooked on birds about 3 months later. We like to photograph birds, wildflowers, butterflies and nature in general,” says Beaulne.

The amateur photographer had been taking photos of local winter birds all through the season.

“This one stood out because of the interesting pose and the look the Goldfinch was giving me,” says Beaulne. “This was taken from the third floor balcony of our condo building... who says you need a backyard!”

The photo contest ran from August 2009 until the end of March 2010, allowing for entries from all four seasons to show the diversity of our environment.

NVCA staff chose the top 50 photos from all of the entries for the public to vote on at the annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival in April.

The second place photo is of the Pine River at Hornings Mills. It was taken by Jan Hunter from the Town of Mono.

“My camera...comes with me wherever I go. Living in this area there is always something, everyday to take a photo of,” says Hunter.

Hornings Mills is on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment, making it a scenic area of the watershed.

“I found the waterfalls and climbed down to the bottom of the river to find this wonderful shot,” says Hunter.

While taking many shots I thought it might look mysterious to slow the waterfall down, to get the feeling of the water



*How you doing?
Photo by Nathan Beaulne*



*Pine River at Hornings Mills
Photo by Jan Hunter*



*Baby racoon
Photo by Georgi Denison*

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Amaranth

Barrie

The Blue Mountains

Bradford-West Gwillimbury

Clearview

Collingwood

Essa

Grey Highlands

Innisfil

Melancthon

Mono

Mulmur

New Tecumseth

Oro-Medonte

Shelburne

Springwater

Wasaga Beach

Watershed Counties

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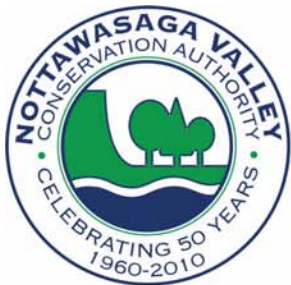
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flowing over the edge.”

The third place photo is of a racoon in a tree. It was taken by Georgi Denison from Clearview Township.

“We try to take pictures of wildlife and nature in our backyard and neighbourhood,” says Denison.

The NVCA has been working for the past 50 years with its member municipalities and partners to protect and enhance the local environment to ensure the continuation of the biodiversity captured in the photo entries.

“Through this contest, it was great to learn how much our watershed residents enjoy and appreciate their environment. To protect the environment we need the support of our residents,” says Wayne Wilson, NVCA CAO/Secretary-Treasurer.

To see the winning photos and honourable mentions, as well as learn more about the NVCA’s 50th anniversary, please visit www.nvca.on.ca.

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About the NVCA

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is your public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment. As your partner, the NVCA provides the expertise to help protect our water, our land and our future.

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