

HIDDEN VALLEY ART SHOW

As many of you may know our long time members, Daphne and Gordon Nicholls, have worked tirelessly for years to preserve the integrity of Hidden Valley in Kitchener. Unfortunately Daphne did not live long enough to follow through on her plans to showcase the beauty and value of this incredible area. She hoped that another art show would inspire others to help in the protection of the forests, wetlands and fields from development.

We are pleased to announce that Gord and several of Daphne's friends have taken up where Daphne left off, and are finalizing details for a juried art show, "Hidden Valley Revealed" that will take place at Homer Watson Gallery in September 2017. This early notice will give everyone an opportunity to take photos, paint and get inspiration from Hidden Valley throughout the four seasons. Whether it be the amazing vistas, the wonderful wildflowers or the diversity of wildlife, every aspect of Hidden Valley represents a jewel worth preserving, and we hope this art show will help to garner public support for its protection in perpetuity.

To read some of the historical perspectives on the struggles to protect the 200 acres of Hidden Valley with further descriptions of this amazing area and how to enter the show, Gord has created a web site:

<https://sites.google.com/site/hiddenvalleyorg/Home>

In the coming months there will be more information for pre-registration and entry submission requirements for the show on the Homer Watson Gallery website www.homerwatson.on.ca. Meanwhile further enquiries can be directed to Deb Swidrovich (519-746-5287) or Anne Morgan (519-747-4049)

So, for all the talented artists, please think about submitting a current original piece of art inspired by any aspect of Hidden Valley in any season; and to our membership, we hope you will all come out to the show and support the protection of Hidden Valley (dates to follow).



Hidden Valley by Daphne Nicholls

*the woods, fields and wetlands;
the mature Oaks, Maples, Cherries, Beeches, and Hemlock groves;
the ephemeral pools in spring, where Jefferson Salamanders mate;
endangered species at risk, including Jefferson Salamanders ,
and a Butternut tree,
and threatened species including Woods Sedge,
ringed Gentians, Barn Swallows, Chimney Swifts, Least Bitterns, little brown Bats,
northern bats, and rusty patched bumblebees;
species of concern, including Bald Eagles, Canada Warblers, Common Nighthawks,
Eastern Wood Pewee
Eastern milk snake, Monarch Butterfly, Snapping Turtle.
And West Virginia White Butterfly;
the many wildflowers and Carolinian plants;
the migratory waterfowl;
the creeks that flow to the Grand and contribute to the Region's drinking water;
the hills and valleys that are part of the Waterloo moraine and filter and store our
water*