

# Photo buff scores big

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When amateur photographer Dave Lewis received an invitation to a reception in Toronto to launch a Bicentennial edition called *Ontario: A Loving Look*, he was more than pleased — it meant that the Clarkson Secondary School teacher had the honor of having one of his pictures selected for the book.

When he got to the reception, Lewis "just about flipped." One of the color photos he'd submitted was on the front page of the book.

"It made all my years of photography worthwhile," says Lewis, who lives in Oakville. "The nicest thing about it is that this will be in everybody's home."

## COFFEE BOOK

The coffee-table book, published by McClelland and Stewart, includes photos by 88 Canadian photographers, both amateur and professional. One of the Canadian professionals Lewis admires most, Freeman Patterson, is also represented.

Lewis says the fact there were thousands of photographs submitted for the book makes him feel even better. Each photographer in the book will receive \$200 per print.

The 49-year-old technical teacher at Clarkson only took up the hobby after he emigrated to Canada when he was 21 years old.

He's no stranger to winning photo contests. He has just recently won \$100 for third prize in a contest for Pet Week spon-

sored by the Mississauga Veterinarians' Society.

A couple of years ago, Lewis won a camera in a photo contest sponsored by *The Mississauga News*.

## PASTEL LANDSCAPE

The front-page photo is typical of the landscapes Lewis likes to produce. He describes it as a "pastel." He freely admits that there are "much more dramatic pictures inside the book." It was edited by Lorraine Monk of McClelland and Stewart who also edited *Between Friends/Entre Amis* which was produced for the American Bicentennial.

Lewis is a former president of the Hamilton Camera Club and is still active in that group. He was the staff adviser for Clarkson's camera club for several years, although he no longer acts in that capacity.

However, when the yearbook committee gets in trouble Lewis is always there to bail them out with some shots. He did that recently when he took 90 pictures over a weekend.

His recent success isn't likely to change Lewis' down-to-earth approach.

Even though he made the front cover of *Ontario: A Loving Look*, Lewis says, "I would have been pleased just to be in the book."