

## Peter Van Rhijn in focus

# Doctor's picture perfect - naturally

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Some may know him as their friendly family doctor, others may have met him on the cross-country ski trails.

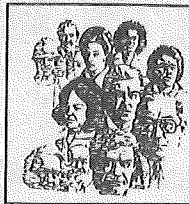
But it's Dr. Peter Van Rhijn's camera that is making his name known around Mississauga. The Streetsville general practitioner is easily one of Canada's premier nature photographers.

His entertaining and informative slide shows have taken him across southern Ontario and into the United States where he consistently shows them to sold-out audiences. Recently, in Boston, as many as 1,700 people witnessed the Dutch-born doctor's show in a single weekend.

Locally, Dr. Van Rhijn's three-projector shows are sold out simply on word of mouth. Technical excellence, combined with an eye for exquisite beauty in the natural landscape, is evidence of a Van Rhijn photograph.

His pictures hang on corporate walls, and appear in calendars, on book covers and in magazines.

Not bad for a 42-year-old doctor



who makes room for photography between his medical practice, helping to raise his own growing family, cross-country skiing, jogging and bicycling.

Where does he find the time?

One day a week is for photography, explains Dr. Van Rhijn. The remaining days are dedicated to the medical practice and his wife, Lynda, and two children, Robert, 4, and Vanessa, 2.

"I've always been goal oriented," explained the soft-spoken doctor. "I'm always setting long-term goals so that there is something to work towards."

The long-term planning is evident in Van Rhijn's slide shows. His two latest shows have both taken him five years to complete. Although

many of his pictures, including those from his latest show, "Places I've Seen," are taken on holidays, the majority of his prize-winning photographs are made right here in the fields and meadows around his Mississauga home.

"I regard photography like jogging. It's a positive addiction," he explains. It's the thrill of finding something very beautiful in the camera's viewfinder that gets the adrenalin going."

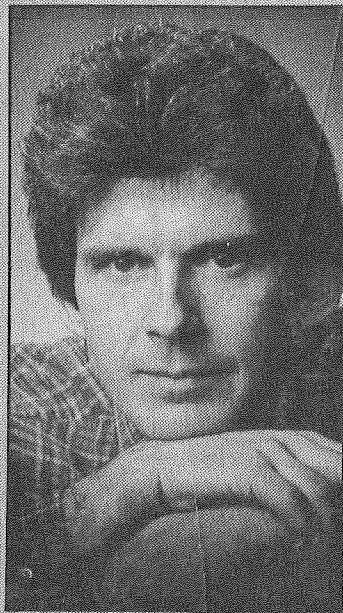
Producing the slide shows is like a "second-generation thrill" when the photographer is able to take his slides to make a separate beautiful image complete with music and special effects.

He credits much of his success to his wife, Lynda, for her support and understanding.

All of his work to date has been done in 35-mm format but he has recently moved up to a larger film camera to get higher-quality prints which he sells at his gallery.

The poster-size prints sell for approximately \$350 and up.

Anyone interested in purchasing a print can tour his gallery by appointment by calling 826-1164.



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