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## LIKE TO JOIN US?

HURON FRINGE FIELD NATURALISTS MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF FEB., MAR., APR., MAY & JUNE, AND SEPT., OCT., & NOV., AT PINE RIVER UNITED CHURCH, HWY 21\*\*. MEMBERSHIP IS NOMINAL. (EXECUTIVE CONTACT NUMBERS & MORE INFO INSIDE.)  
\*\*except April, Annual Dinner at another venue.



From our PRESIDENT,  
Gina Dalkin-Davis



Greetings,  
At last! Spring has arrived, although somewhat on the chilly side. This is good news for those of us who want

Trilliums, Bloodroot, Marsh Marigolds and other early flowers to last just that little bit longer.... not so much for those overeager gardeners among us who pine for hot 'tomato weather' .

Looking back over the last few months, we enjoyed several very interesting speakers. February ushered in our annual pot luck and photo contest. Winners of this year's photo contest were: Margaret Visser; Joan Stadelmann; Helena Hill; Donna Murray. Photographs are on display inside this issue!

The March meeting presented an opportunity to learn about the current state of affairs with respect to Lake Huron's coastal waters from Sarnia to Tobermory. Our speaker, Matthew Hoy, Executive Director for Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation, touched upon the current state of Lake Huron's beaches and dunes, water levels, coastal wetlands.

In April, we gathered at the Lucknow United Church for our Annual Dinner. The Church Ladies outdid themselves and we, the lucky diners, overstuffed with beef, turkey and trimmings settled in for a much-anticipated presentation on 'The Beauty and Bounty of Huron County' by local photographer Bonnie Sitter. May and June hold further surprises. In May, Guy Anderson of the Ontario Bee Association will update us on the situation with bees.

I am also looking forward to Kerry Jarvis's Monarch Butterfly presentation in June on the 27th...see inside for more details...

~ Gina D. Davis



## UPCOMING EVENTS — PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Full details inside.

### MEETINGS:

- May 16th:** Guy Anderson, local honey farmer, updates us on the bee situation
- June 27th:** Kerry Jarvis, Monarchs in Trouble

### OUTINGS:

- Spring Welcome Walk - Bayfield
- Annual Bruce Peninsula Explorer (Stay and tour)

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING: SEPTEMBER 26th**

FALL OUTINGS: TBA

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**PAST MEETINGS:**

Christine Roberts reports:

**February 28 Potluck and Photo contest**

After a long winter break members were happy to resume meetings and what better way to reconnect than with food and photos! This year's contest theme, Rocks and Ridges, seemed to present a challenge to some; nevertheless there were many beautiful entries.

The winners of the 4X6 category were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Margaret Visser; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joan Staedelmann. The winners of the 5X7 category were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Helena Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Donna Murray. Many thanks to all who participated!

This sharing of interests and talent also featured collections and hobbies, including paintings by Sandra Florence and Christine Roberts, garden art by Pat Guay, Art Doughty's exquisitely carved birds, Onno Visser's vintage cameras and a selection of Ontario Nature publications.

**Next year's Photo Contest theme** will be 'Winter Wonderland'. If next winter is anything like this year's, I may have to think of an alternate theme!



The club has been around since 1985 with members generally living along the Lake Huron shoreline ranging from the Bayfield area to Tiverton - Inverhuron and inland to include the Clinton, Lucknow and Ripley areas.

Meetings take place the fourth Tuesday of the month from February to June and September to November at 7:30 pm at the Pine River United Church. The program includes social time, a guest speaker and discussion of outings and events. The primary objectives of the club include encouragement of the preservation of wildlife and its natural habitat, promotion of knowledge of the natural history of the area and cooperation with organizations and individuals having similar interests. Many outings are planned throughout the year. To learn more about the club and its activities, check out the newsletters at [hffn.huronstewardship.ca](http://hffn.huronstewardship.ca).

**Note: This lower section of Christine's report featured in local media.**



PAST MEETINGS:....



Photo contest winners: Joan Stadelmann, Helena Hill, Margaret Visser and Donna Murray. ...SEE BELOW....

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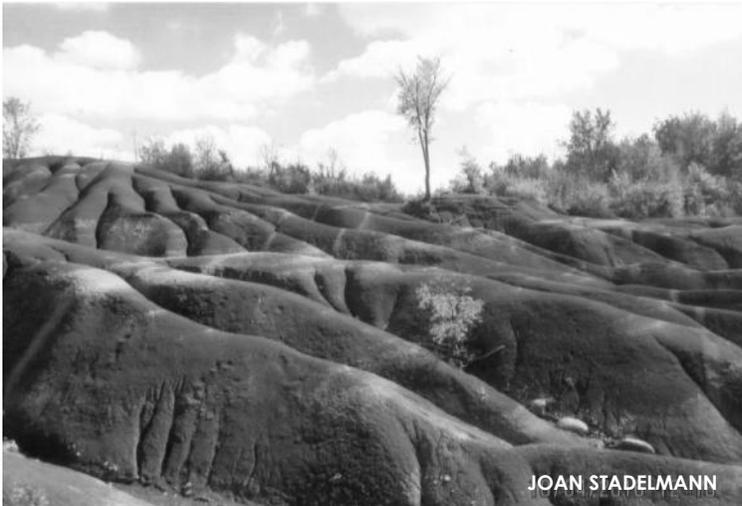
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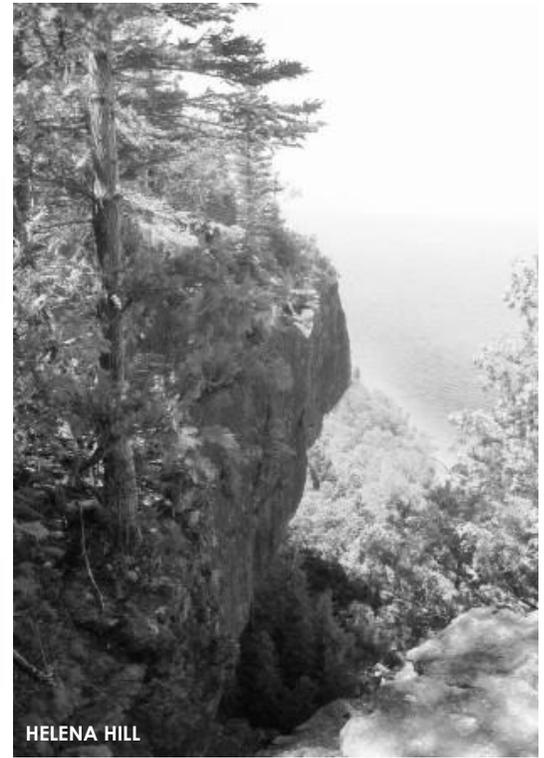
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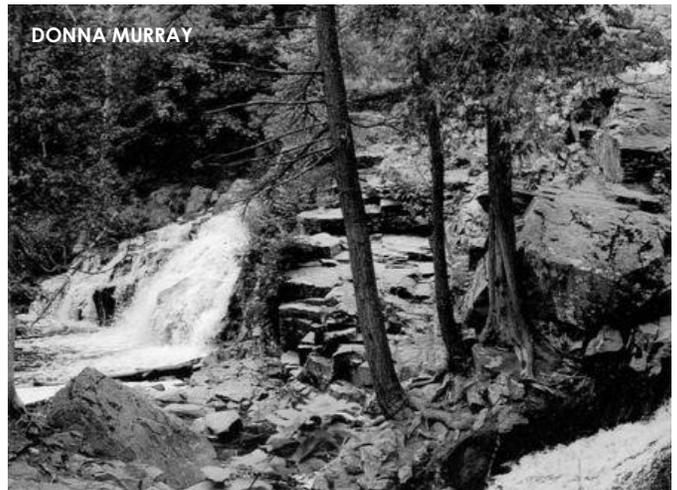
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A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST.  
NEXT YEAR'S CONTEST TITLE WILL BE:  
~~~~ WINTER WONDERLAND ~~~~



MARGIE VISSER



DONNA MURRAY

PAST MEETINGS:....

March 28th: Matthew Hoy, Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation



United by their interest in the natural world, nearly 50 members and visitors of the Huron Fringe Field Naturalist club (HFFN) met at the Pine River United Church Tuesday, March 28th to hear Matthew Hoy speak about the work of the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation (LHCCC).

It was founded in 1998 by scientists Geoff Peach and Patrick Donnelly as a non-profit charitable organization to focus on conservation and stewardship of the Lake Huron coastline. With a storefront office on the Square in Goderich, it now supports four full time staff and is open to the public. Matthew Hoy is the Executive Director.

The organization's central mission is to educate the public in support of environmental advocacy and protection along the entire Lake Huron shoreline from Sarnia to Tobermory. It provides education and resources to municipal governments, individual landowners and groups such as cottager associations. LHCCC prioritizes its leadership into the four main areas of biodiversity, climate change, coastal processes and water quality. The website is extensive and provides access to a great number of resources.

Funding is often project-based and comes from a variety of sources including municipal, provincial and federal government grants, corporate partners and individual donations. Programs include Coast Watchers, Butt Free Beach, Invasive Species Management and Shoreline Clean-ups, to name a few. There are many opportunities for citizen science and volunteer participation. Matthew highlighted the Centre's Coastal Action Plan; a project aimed at developing environmental management strategies for the Lake Huron shoreline, and invited attendees to provide input by completing the survey at www.lakehuron.ca.

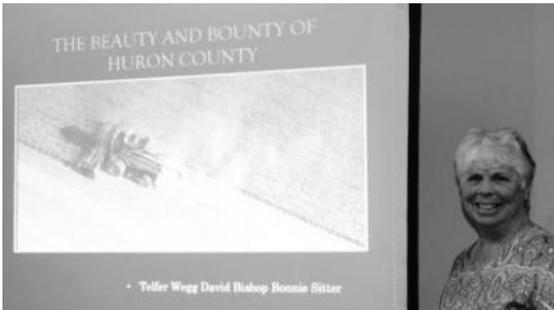
Matthew ended his engaging and passionate presentation with a question and answer period that included such wide-ranging topics as pollution on beaches and micro plastics in the lake to comparisons and contrasts between Canadian and American environmental science funding policies.

~ *Christine Roberts*

Photo: HFFN executive member Bob Simpson, speaks to Matthew Hoy, LHCCC Executive Director, after the meeting. Christine Roberts Photo.

April 25—Annual Dinner Meeting: Bonnie Sitter -- *The Beauty and Bounty of Huron County*

The Annual Dinner Meeting was held on April 25th. The dinner was delicious and included both beef and turkey and a variety of pies for dessert. Thank you to the ladies of the Lucknow United Church for such wonderful food and service.



Following dinner, Bonnie Sitter was our evening speaker. Bonnie has taken wonderful photographs throughout Huron County and collaborated on two books with fellow photographers. Bonnie showed many of her photographs and shared stories along with some of them. She takes beautiful nature shots of autumn leaves, snow on the trees,

cows in a field, and trails along the Maitland River. Her photos reflect the beauty of nature in every season. She told the story of a favourite tree that the Ministry of Transportation was going to cut down. Bonnie was so upset that she tied a banner with her name and phone number on it so others could contact her in a group effort to save the tree. She received enough support from people that eventually the tree was saved.

The evening ended with door prizes for everyone.

Photos by Christine Roberts.

~ *Margie Visser*

Right: Bonnie signs a book for Lynn!

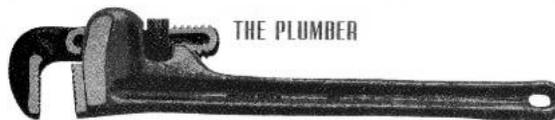


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PAST OUTINGS



Ontario Nature Volunteer Appreciation Event – March 31 – April 2nd, 2017

The forecast looked promising but it was a very frosty day in the Orangeville area when approximately 50 members of naturalist clubs, stewardship organizations and Ontario Nature scientists and staff gathered at the Hockley Valley Ecology Retreat Centre for the annual Ontario Nature Volunteer Appreciation Event, Friday, March 31st.

The event was held to celebrate the contributions of groups and individuals and to provide a forum for introducing new programs. The celebrating began almost immediately as it was announced Friday evening that the snapping turtle hunt had been terminated thanks in large part to the overwhelming public support of Ontario Nature's petition.

One of many presentations highlighted technological improvements to the **Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas**. This is a citizen science project that asks people to submit sightings of all species of reptiles and amphibians so that distribution can be tracked and data made available for researchers. Previously accessible as an online form, it is now an app that can be downloaded to smart phones making reporting easier and much quicker.

Saturday's keynote speaker, **Peter Mills**, spent 2 years monitoring, researching, rearing, photographing and illustrating a book called **Metamorphosis: Ontario's Amphibians at all Stages of Development**. After an engaging presentation, his expertise was called on to lead us in a vernal pool monitoring field trip. Vernal pools are small, temporary bodies of water formed by snowmelt in early spring. A distinguishing feature is the absence of fish which makes them ideal predator-free nurseries for amphibians. With the goal of finding salamander egg masses, the group set out on a 4 hour hike through Mono Cliffs Provincial Park**. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not pre-approve the agenda and the preceding cold weather probably prevented the salamanders from breeding. However, it was a lovely day for a hike and the surroundings were beautiful. (**See photo in the Members' Pages)

Saturday evening's networking social time was enhanced by the arrival of many species of snakes and turtles from **Scales Nature Park** near Orillia. There's nothing better after a long hike than to chill out with a cold drink and a cold-blooded friend!

Sunday morning had us splitting into 2 groups. Jim and I attended the session on **Nature Reserve Management Planning** where we learned about changes to the format for recording and reporting the annual inspection information.

The final presentation was by **Dr. Christina Davy**, a Species at Risk researcher for the Ministry of Natural Resources. She highlighted her work in several areas including diseases in turtle and snake populations and population decline of turtles.

Jim and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk to many members of other naturalist groups. In particular, we were impressed by Larry Cornelis, the Lambton Wildlife member largely responsible for the recent formation of the Sydenham Nature Reserve. The enthusiasm and generous spirits of everyone involved made for an inspiring weekend!

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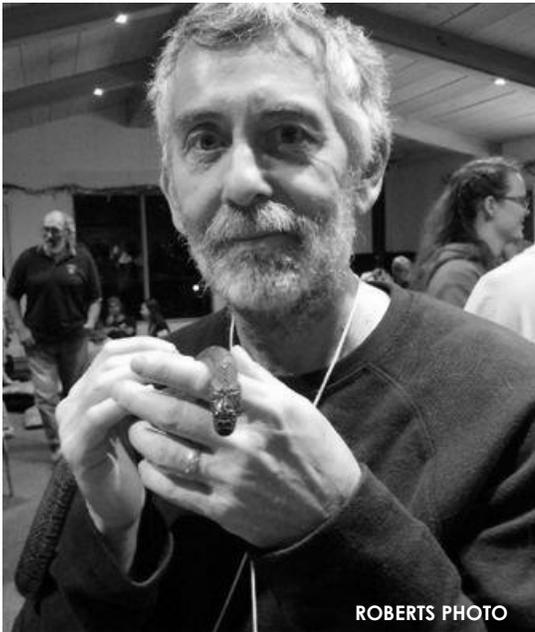
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GG Newton clean up 2017

We had a good turnout for the annual GG Newton cleanup outing with 9 members meeting Tom on a cool, misty Wednesday morning, April 12th. The trails were in good shape with only a few downed trees which Murray and Jack cut and cleared quickly. While Tom continued to clean the roadside picking up garbage and some asphalt shingles, the rest of the crew opened up a trail to the pond. We stopped after 2 hours of trimming and clearing. Half the group went to Tim's in Goderich to warm up over soup and coffee while the Simpsons and Roberts ate lunch back at the reserve. After lunch Jim and Christine returned to the pond and trails where they located several egg masses and salamanders. Thanks to all who participated!

~ Christine Roberts



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*PAST OUTINGS....***Ontario Nature Great Lakes West Regional Meeting**

April 29, 2017, Owen Sound ~ Christine Roberts

Jim and I had the privilege of accompanying Tom to the Ontario Nature Great Lakes West (GLW) regional meeting April 29th. Chaired by Nature Network Coordinator Lisa Richardson, it was hosted by the Owen Sound Field Naturalists and attended by representatives from 7 clubs. Our hosts provided a rustic setting in a stone building in Harrison Park complete with a roaring fire.

After welcoming the attendees, Lisa initiated round table introductions and invited clubs to share their accomplishments, concerns and queries. I recorded many excellent ideas which may be of use to Huron Fringe in the future. Clubs from urban areas such as Waterloo Region and Guelph have much higher membership numbers and yet membership decline and retention was a theme common to all. Lisa presented updates on a host of Ontario Nature programs






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and activities which included: the end of the snapping turtle hunt; the addition of 6 new groups to the Nature Network; details of the 2017 Annual Gathering in June; ongoing court actions; the Youth Summit and Youth Council Pollinator Campaign; 2 new reports on Biodiversity Offsetting; Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas improvements; a new Citizen Science Directory; a Bioblitz in Thunder Bay; a proposed Climate Change Impact study; and the Greenway Program.

After a hearty lunch Beth Anne Currie gave a presentation on the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory located in the Cabot Head Nature Reserve. Beth Anne is a member of the Owen Sound Field Naturalists and a director of the observatory. Founded in 2001, the centre tracks annual bird migration and is a member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network. Beth Anne shared photos and highlights of the research that goes on at the observatory before launching into an impassioned plea for assistance. The station is in urgent need of upgrades to the facility most notably a new septic system. She urged the attendees to take her request for membership funding back to their respective groups for consideration.

The final presentation was by Dan Reilly on behalf of eBird, a website that facilitates the recording of bird sightings in real time and is a smart phone app. With approximately 300,000 members it holds over 400 million records and is an open access data base for amateurs and scientists. Its newest initiative, canBird, seeks to create a complete database of Canadian bird sightings including historical records. Regional coordinators are being sought to help manage the data.

Although the program is experiencing good usage by birders currently in the field, there are many records from old field journals that need to be imported in order to make the data base more complete. Volunteer assistance is needed in area of data entry. The meeting concluded with thanks from Lisa for the ongoing support of the work of Ontario Nature and its programs. Finally, the assembled naturalists were taken on a short guided walk to Weaver's Falls, at the end of a picturesque side trail within the park.

The fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th to be hosted by the Saugeen Field Naturalists.

~ *Christine Roberts*



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BLUEBIRD BOX SURVEY, APRIL 26TH:

The Peppers went along with Bob and Barb Simpson on Thursday, April 26th, to check out, repair or replace the Bluebird Boxes on our local Concessions 2, 4 and 6.

HFFN originally built 34 bluebird nest boxes back in the 1980's – one of our first endeavours – and these were set out on the sturdiest fence posts found along Concession 6 east of Hwy 21.

Over the years, several interested HFFN members monitored the boxes, cleaning them out in the Fall and then in Spring checking for overwintering mouse nests and putting a pinch of Diatomaceous Earth in the bottoms of the cleaned boxes, to combat the nest box parasites which can decimate the nestlings if allowed to flourish. In one box we found four tiny, desiccated Swallow nestlings, complete with miniscule feathers, still in the nest....likely the victims of bird mites or larva. A sad sight to see. Another box was occupied – and left undisturbed – by a mouse family with three or four young mice still suckling. One box that looked in good shape had a pair of swallows obviously feeding young through the door hole, so we didn't even approach the nest.

During nesting season, boxes HFFN had placed would be checked to see who was living in them; we were instructed that for every few Bluebird Boxes that were made and placed, we would need one for other species, which were not discouraged, although if sparrows had begun building a nest we would discard the nest, but never after eggs were laid. Swallows also like these nesting boxes so we expected some of the boxes to be appropriated by them at times. Boxes were placed to face away from afternoon sun, (and if possible not facing the road, but on the side of the post) and had 4 - 6, approximately 1/3" air holes drilled under their side eaves, to allow heat to escape. Boxes were made to open for inspection, but fastened with a screw or a nail to the side to prevent predation by raccoons and other egg and nestling lovers. We were also advised to score the insides of the door horizontally, to give the young birds some purchase to climb out. Door edges are sanded. Some bird box builders like to add strips of wood along roof edges to act as protective drip lines.

On this survey, it was found that of 160 boxes counted in 2006 (some of which may not have been placed by HFFN) we were able to locate less than a handful of originals. These were in poor shape but were still hanging together, and had been much used. The rest were probably removed along with fence posts when farmers took down their old fences – Many fences are not being replaced, or are being strung on metal posts, so part of our work on Thursday was to find other sturdy, upright posts on which to put new boxes. Four new boxes constructed by Bob Simpson were put up, two of which replaced older boxes. We kept a record of the distances to likely spots for future reference, and we hope to have some members busy making new boxes to take out for the Bluebirds. Bob Simpson has been working hard at this and will have the dimensions and pattern for anyone interested. Not a bad winter occupation !

~ Ed

NOTE: there are also plenty of online plans for Eastern Bluebird Nestboxes. The North American Bluebird Society has a plan here: <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/nestboxes/eastwestbox.htm> (copy and paste to your browser. Plans can be printed out.)



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Bluebird Survey, Cont.:

(Pepper photos)



Cleaning the boxes was something of a small adventure: with one or two of the homes occupied, and a brisk spring breeze to blow powdered nest materials into faces and down collars, the workers learned to stand well back before reaching into the nests.

Interested in helping out anytime, just contact Bob or Steve!



~ ~ ~ REGULAR MEETINGS ~ ~ ~

Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Pine River United Church on Hwy 21, during the months of February to June and September to November.

February meeting is a potluck and photo contest/hobby display at 12:30 pm;

April meeting is our Annual General Meeting, held at the Lucknow United Church, 7pm.

Meetings are cancelled in event of bad weather - you are advised to check the status of a meeting before leaving home.

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May 16—Guy Anderson—Update: Challenges of the Honey Bee Industry



Our guest speaker for the May 16 meeting will be Apiarist Guy Anderson. Guy lives in Kincardine, is the owner of Anderkin Foods Inc., and retails out of Hive N Hoe Country Store. Guy's beekeeping operation is one of the "Top 10 " largest in Ontario. He manages 1200 colonies in South Bruce with hives on 50 area farms from Lucknow to Southampton, Hanover, Port Elgin, South Bruce, Kincardine Township, etc. Be sure to attend the **May 16** meeting and bring your questions for Guy regarding this very important and interesting subject. For example: what is the status of seed coating with neonicotinoid insecticide and the impact on bees? How do you capture a swarm of bees? How do you manage winter hives? Are there large mortality rates with our extreme winters? Look forward to seeing you there,

Bob Simpson

UPCOMING MEETINGS continued:

Tuesday, June 27—Kerry Jarvis—Our Marvellous Monarch Butterflies are in trouble.

An exciting speaker has been scheduled for our June 27th meeting. Kerry Jarvis is a naturalist, gardener, author, traveler and Photographer.

Kerry will be giving us an update on Monarch Butterflies, a subject he is passionate about. Kerry has traveled to Mexico to explore the overwintering sites of the Monarch. Kerry tags Monarchs and several have been recorded in Mexico. He has led workshops and presentations on Monarchs and gardening. Come join us for this exciting presentation--*Our Marvellous Monarch Butterflies are in Trouble.* ~*Bob Simpson*



PLEASE NOTE that after this meeting, the Club takes its Summer Break.

Come hear the Fall Speakers starting in September!

September 26th: To Be Announced

October 24th – Janice Gilbert – Phragmites

November 28th: To Be Announced



UPCOMING OUTINGS



Coming on an outing? Stay informed!

When planning to come along on a walk, or to a meeting, please check your email for any additional information before you leave home, in case the event has had to be cancelled or changed. We do try to have rain dates for walks, but cannot always arrange these in time for publication. If in doubt....suss it out!

Remember to bring a map or directions with you, and a charged cell phone if you carry one.



On Your Feet! Many of our hikes are like a walk in the park....but not all! If you're thinking of lighter shoes for an outing, do check the announcements for a note on the expected terrain, or call the contact number. Bring your treaded hiking shoes or boots along....just in case!

OUTING CHECKLIST: cell phone, car charger, binoculars, bird/plant/other guides, bug repellent, hat, water, hiking stick, sunglasses, hanky, area map, snacks, thermos (in car), waist/backpack, boots for rough/wet terrain. In Spring and Fall: rain slicker, gloves.

....AND DON'T FORGET THE DIRECTIONS TO THE HIKE!

May 17th: Annual Spring Welcome Walk - 'Mothers and Others' Wildflower Hikes- Bayfield

(Rain date: May 19th)

Hosts: Bob Simpson, 396-5486; Tom Lobb, 482-3342

BRING WATER, BUG SPRAY, HAT, AND WEAR GOOD HIKING SHOES/BOOTS. A hot day is expected.

The morning hike starts at 11:00 AM from the parking area of the Sawmill Trail located in Bayfield. Turn left on Old River Road off Hwy. 21. Proceed 1/2 km. Then turn right on Sawmill Road and proceed to the parking lot. Old River Road is just north of the bridge as you enter Bayfield on 21. The hike will be about 1 to 1 1/2 hour. The trail is rated as a level 2.

Lunch: You can bring or buy your lunch. Facilities are available: we will go to the Renegade Diner on Hwy 21 near the turnoff for Bayfield Village for lunch, (however if we use the rain date of May 19th, we will go to the Woodland Drive-in.)

After lunch we will be hiking the level 3 Woodland Trail approximately 2 1/2 hrs. For those who would prefer an easier walk, we suggest the Heritage Trail located in Bayfield. Maps will be available at our May 16th meeting and also on Wednesday, May 17 for all 3 trails.

Anyone not hiking the Woodland Trail will be invited to do a Heritage Trail walk, a walking/driving tour of Bayfield highlights. These include Clan Gregor Square, the Main Street, Pioneer Park, the Marina, Porter's Hill Wild Bird Co., The Ashwood, and Windmill Water Park. Mostly driving, so it should be fun. Trail starts at the Square.

For those who would like to carpool, we will meet at the Pine River Church at 9:30 and drive to Bayfield.

ANNUAL CANOE-KAYAK:

This has become a popular outing. More information will be upcoming on a possible trip in June.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

HFFN Annual Bruce Peninsula Explorer:



This event takes place during the week following the May Victoria Day weekend. This year, the Peninsula trip will start from Kincardine on May 23. About 20 people have signed up and booked their accommodations. Dates are from May 23rd to 28th, with options to stay in any combination of days. Tour host is Donna Murray.

Having this year's May meeting one week early will allow people who would normally be running, or participating in, the meeting to join the group heading up the Peninsula on May 23, if they so wish.

Information may be had from Steve Pepper at 395-5616.

THE HURON FRINGE BIRDING FESTIVAL

*One of Canada's Premier
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Huron Fringe Birding Festival

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20
Years

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**May 26 - May 29
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MacGregor Point Provincial Park

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ADDITIONAL SPRING/SUMMER OUTINGS INFORMATION

may be communicated via email as it becomes available. (No need to reply to these unless you have a specific query. If we need to know how many are interested, we will enquire in the initial email or one following.)

TELL US WHERE TO GO!



Know of any good
places to enjoy
nature?

Please bring them
to the attention of
your HFFN Executive.
You don't have to
lead an outing unless

you'd like to. We will arrange outings
to these new places so that everyone
can enjoy them.

Call Tom at 482-3342. Or talk to any
of the Executive at any meeting..... we'll
do the rest!



**The 2017 MacGregor Point NABA
butterfly count will be held on Sat.,
July 8th. Hope to see you there!**

Kathleen H. Chayer





Members' Page....

What Our Members are Doing!

Photographs always welcome; please send them in JPEG format, over 100 kbs and under 500 kbs....thanks!

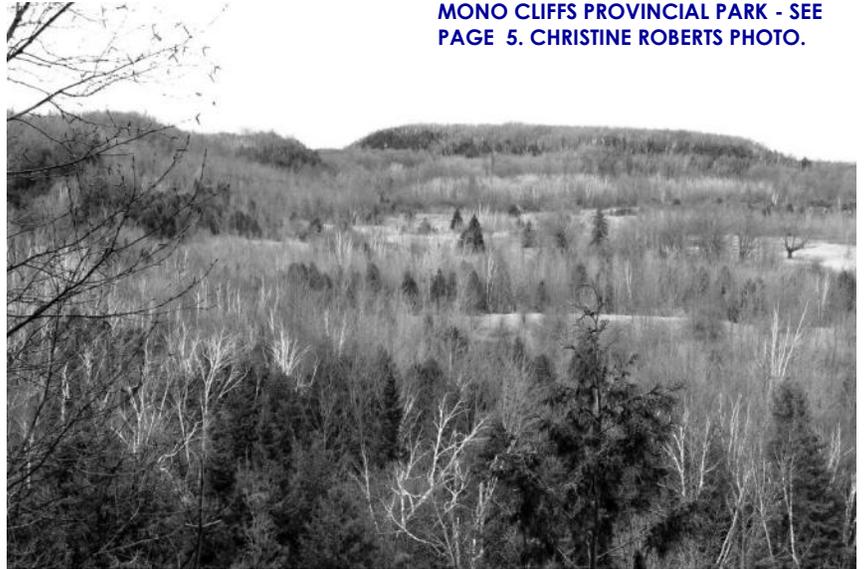


**Guests welcome!*

In Search Of ...

In 1932, a botanist named Marie-Victorin paddled down the Maitland River to Goderich, collecting some very rare plants along the way. These are housed in the famous herbarium at McGill University in Montreal, which Marie-Victorin founded and looked after. Fast forward to 1995 when an intrepid group of 2 botany professors, a top MNR biologist, and myself set out to relocate these plants ,, and were successful! One of these plants was Hairy Valerian, known from only 2 sites in Canada. Today, 22 years later, and our findings now considered historical records, a botanist from Ottawa, working for COSEWIC, is coming to Goderich to try and find the plants and update their status. And the search continues...

~ Tom Lobb



MONO CLIFFS PROVINCIAL PARK - SEE PAGE 5. CHRISTINE ROBERTS PHOTO.



← While laying out a route for this year's Bruce Peninsula Explorer, Donna Murray snapped this picture of 'Bird hotels on the Way to Heron Point'. Nice catch, Donna!

....and **BELOW**....another gem from Donna....those on this year's Explorer will no doubt be able to name this location after the trip!



GOING AWAY SOMEWHERE!



Wear your HFFN clothing anywhere in the world, get a photo of yourself in it with a nice background, and send it to the Peppers.... we'll publish it!



Members' Page....

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MEMBERSHIP PAGE



**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW
MEMBERS!**



HURON FRINGE FIELD
NATURALISTS EXTEND A HEARTY
WELCOME TO THOSE
WHO ARE JOINING US.
WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL
ENJOY OUR PRESENTATIONS AND
REAP THE BENEFITS OF ALL OR
ANY OF THE WALKS OR HIKES YOU
FANCY COMING ALONG ON! PLEASE
MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO US SO
THAT WE CAN DRAW YOU INTO
OUR MIDST AND GET TO KNOW
YOU!



PAST ISSUES OF FRINGE NOTES...



IF FOR WHATEVER REASON YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCESS THESE, THEY ARE HELD ONLINE ON OUR WEB PAGE, WHICH IS PART OF THE HURON STEWARDSHIP WEBSITE. HOWEVER, ONCE ON THE HFFN PAGE YOU WILL NEED TO USE THE LINK AT THE TOP TO GET THE RECENT ISSUES. THERE IS ANOTHER LINK TO THE RIGHT, HOWEVER IT GIVES ACCESS ONLY TO OLDER ISSUES AND NOT TO THE LATER ONES. ENJOY YOUR VISIT!

<http://hffn.huronstewardship.ca/>

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE!

MEMBERSHIP FORM



new member application or renewal

SEPTEMBER 2017 to SEPTEMBER 2018

....or CATCHUP?

Membership Cost: \$20.00 per person. Youths 18 or less are free.

Please mail completed form with payment to:

**Huron Fringe Field Naturalists,
Box 143, Kincardine, Ontario N2Z 2Y6**

(Please print:)

Name(s): _____

Contact Information:

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone No: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please tell us....where did you hear of our group?

Thank you!

~~ MEMBERSHIPS: ~~

As our season is coming to an end, I want to thank all those who have paid their membership and extend a warm welcome to all our new members. We will see everyone in September!

For those who haven't paid, hopefully you will rejoin us next season.

Our over-18 membership is \$20/person due in September for the 2017/2018 year (form at left) Under 18's are free.

If there are any questions about membership or changes to your contact information, please contact me,

Barb Simpson: 396-5486
or bsimpsonbob@gmail.com.

Thanks Barb

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