



FringeNotes

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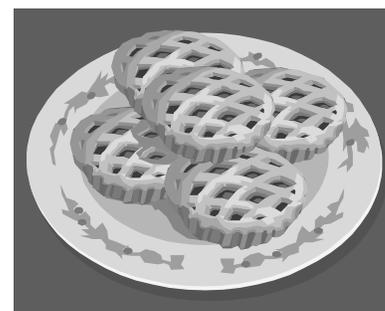
OUTING REPORTS

Eagle Watch February 24th 2007 **Submitted by Jack Campbell**

Ten eager eagle watchers met at Zehr's parking lot on Saturday, February 24th. We traveled out the B line on our way to view these majestic birds. Before we got to their usual sighting area, two coyotes were sighted up on a hill. Two eagles were sighted on the east side of the road and after they had a good look at us they flew towards the lake. On our way to the usual look out spot a grouse was seen on the roadside.

We could not get to the viewing stand this year because of the snow so another spot was chosen. So with a short walk and our binoculars and scopes another 8 or 10 eagles were seen sitting on the ice and flying overhead.

Marion Mosolf had promised us a cup of hot chocolate and treats after our birding. On the way to Marion's wild turkeys were sighted. Marion spoiled us with her fresh tarts, muffins and pie. Good chat around the table was a great way to end the day.



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Corn Roast September 9, 2006 **Submitted by Jim Armstrong**

A belated thank you Art Wiebe and Janice McKean for their hospitality at the Ark for our Fall corn roast on September 9, 2006. The good turnout enjoyed Tom Lobb's excellent corn and hot dogs along with a pot-luck meal. A hike through the Ark showed the many features of the property and an appreciation of the

amount of hard work gone into this project to reintroduce native species of plants and grasses.

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At our Members' Night, February, 27th 2007, we took time to break into three small groups to discuss the future of our Club as we are not getting a response to our request for Volunteers to serve on the Executive. People are needed to help in order for our Club to continue. There are some positions to be filled as changes come about. We Thank You for your input!

The Executive met on Monday March 5th in order to share the results of the small discussions.

In general, the results of the small group discussions at our Members' Night are as follows:

- 1) The members definitely do not want the club to fold.
- 2) We did not receive any new Volunteers.
- 3) We did have some worthwhile suggestions on how the Executive should proceed.

The result of the Executive Meeting on March 5th is outlined below:

- 1) Maithel Lee Wilson's name was brought forward and has accepted the position as President/Chair for a 2 year term.
- 2) The Executive acknowledges, with thanks, that other than the Executive, there are many members who volunteer their time in some way. For example; leading outings, donating prizes, promoting meetings, publishing our Newsletter, making up tickets, maintaining the Bluebird boxes, organizing the lunch, preparing and serving lunch, sending emails, maintaining our website, housing our speakers. As well, many of our members have served on the Executive in the past. As you see there are many members involved behind the scenes. I will not try to list names as I may miss someone. This Club is based on Volunteers contributing their time so, that we may enjoy the outings and meetings.
- 3) It was decided if need be, that a Nominating Committee be formed.

The Executive meets only 3 of 4 times a year. We have a President/Chair, treasurer, secretary, people who organize outings, people who organize speakers, someone who keeps track of the membership, and someone who collates the newsletter.

I do not want to ramble on any more about this, but please consider coming on board the Executive for a term to help out. You could contribute in many ways. Many hands make light work for a worthwhile cause.

Jack Campbell

OUTINGS and EXCURSIONS

HULLETT WILDLIFE AREA - Saturday, April 7, 2007

- Where:** Meet at the viewing stand on the west side of the waterfowl sanctuary at 10:00 am. Those from the north may wish to carpool from the Pine River Church at 9:00 am
- Directions:** Hullett is 5 km. north of Clinton on Hwy 4, then turn east on Summerhill Road and go 4 km. to the parking lot of the viewing stand
- Contact:** Jack Campbell 395-5144
- Details:** Scot Russell, the Outreach Coordinator for the friends of Hullett provincial Wildlife Area has invited HFFN to join Hullett for Waterfowl Day. This has always been an enjoyable outing regardless of the weather. So come along and bring binoculars and scopes and a lunch.



CABOT HEAD WORK BEE - Wednesday, May 9, 2006

- Where:** Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory, Cabot Head
- Contact:** Jim Armstrong 396-5856, Dennis Donnelly 395 0682
- Details:** We will continue our efforts to help the Bird Observatory again this spring by doing cleanup and odd jobs for the Centre. They prefer us to come on a weekday in early May and avoid the weekends when there are more bird-banders using the Observatory. This would be a full day and there is overnight accommodation if we wish to stay over. That would require individuals to take their own sleeping bag and food. There are two separate dormitories that will accommodate six people per dorm. There is a kitchen with cooking utensils and dishes. Last year the group took their own lunch and went for the day only and had a great time. We get together ahead of time and arrange transportation. Please let me know if you are interested well ahead of time so we can make the arrangements. Those interested can check out the Bird Observatory on their website at www.bpbo.ca



KINCARDINE LAGOON – Saturday, May 19, 2006

Where: Meet at Highway Variety on Queen Street Kincardine and leave there for the lagoons.
When: 9:a.m.
Contact: Glen Holmes 396-7107 or Jim Armstrong 396-5856
Details: Glen will lead us on this always-popular outing to the sewage lagoons and the old railway trail. You may want to bring some birdseed, as the birds are always willing for a close encounter when there is food available.

Canoe at Isaac Lake Wednesday June 7, 2006.

Contact: Art Doughty 396-4368 or Jack Campbell 395-5144
When: Meet at Zehr's parking lot 9:00am.
Details: We need to know who wants to go on what has become an annual event and who is bringing a canoe along on this outing to observe shore and marsh birds.

Memberships Due

To verify your HFFN membership expiry date, check your mailing label. You will see beside your name either a 06 or 07 which denotes when you are paid up until i.e. April 06, April 07. The membership year runs from May 1 to April 30.

We hope that you will consider renewing your membership. Mail to Huron Fringe Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 143, Kincardine, Ontario N2Z 2Y6

By doing this you will help ensure having a continued roster of top quality speakers. Other clubs have increased their dues by quite a lot, so if you could help recruit new members it would help keep dues low. Thanks to all for your continued support of your club

Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Pine River United Church on Hwy 21 at 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETINGS

March 27, 2007

Speaker: Shannon Wood, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Topic: Pine River Watershed



April 24, 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Speaker: Dr. Roger Suffing from University of Waterloo

Topic: Ecology of Fire



Madagascar

May 28, 2007

Speaker: Diane Rooke-Harris. She is an Animalist Artist

Topic: Photo Safari of Fauna and Flora of Madagascar”



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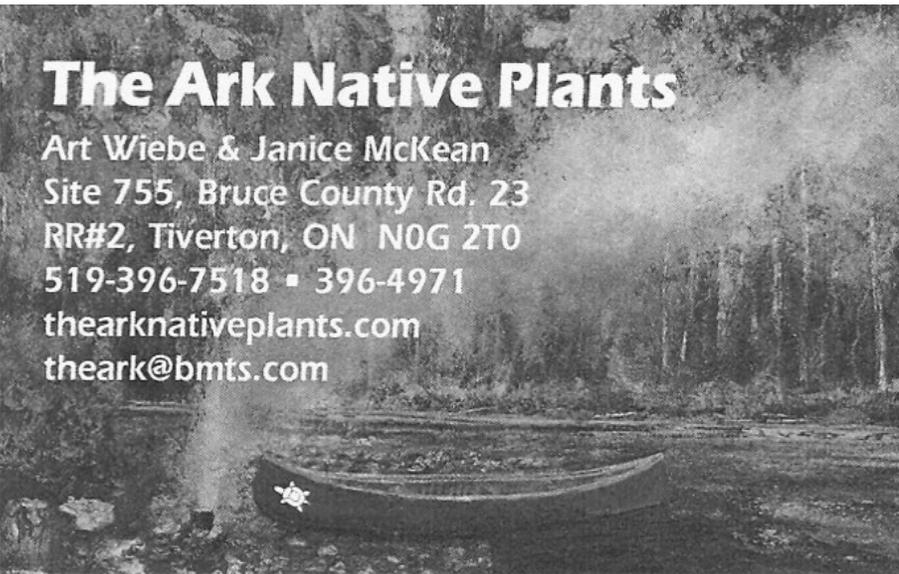
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