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Welcome, Karen

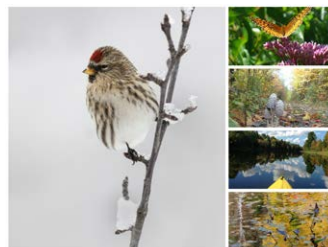
The 2016 Macnamara Banquet — A Labour of Love



What will you take away from our upcoming club banquet and silent auction? Warm memories of pleasant conversation and good fun with like-

minded souls, great food, one or more auction items or a door prize, satisfaction for supporting the club and its trail extension, and a better understanding of Monarch butterflies.

Our featured speaker, Jean Lauriault, a retired Canadian Museum of Nature Associate and a specialist in the Monarch Butterfly, will be shining a loving light on all things Monarch. In the last 20 years, it's reported that North America has lost 90% of its Monarch population. Lauriault's close study of Monarch life and death has impassioned him to its need for our protection and



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THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY A LABOUR OF LOVE

Jean Lauriault



Members of the public welcome!

Sat., Nov. 12, 2016

Fitzroy Harbour Community Assoc. Hall

Doors open 5:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$35 up to Nov. 8

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

11 & under: \$20

NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

TICKETS AND MORE DETAILS AT MFNC.CA

Keep in mind that tickets must be purchased and paid for by Nov. 8. [Get yours now](#) and spread the word!

Election of New Board Members

It will soon be election time! No, not that contentious one below the border, but our amiable club election of new board members. At our Annual General Meeting on December 6, we will be seeking candidates to replace two existing board members who are stepping down. Nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing, prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations must be submitted in writing to Karen Kroeger at karenkroeger.macnamara@gmail.com, and must be signed by the consenting nominee.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Special Committee Members

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Meetings:

First Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Arnprior Curling Club

15 Galvin Street

Annual Memberships:

Family \$30, Individual \$25

Guests welcome:

\$5 per meeting

Students Free!



Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club



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About us: Following in the footsteps of

naturalist and photographer Charles Macnamara, the Macnamara Club has explored, documented and enjoyed the rich natural history of the Lower Ottawa Valley since the club's founding in 1984.


Members meet the first Tuesday of every month except July and August at the Arnprior Curling Club, 15 Galvin Street, in Arnprior. Expert speakers share their knowledge and take members in easy steps into their special worlds. Field trips throughout the year investigate everything from geology, to birds in migration, to rare orchids.

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- A Monday smile... [[see](#)]



 **Nov. 1, 2016: Retired Carleton geology prof. Dr. Allan Donaldson will speak on Stromatolites of the Ottawa Valley.**

The concept of time travel fascinates all ages. When we imagine it or watch a movie or TV series with altered time, the shifts are usually measured in decades or centuries. We have in our own back yard a portal into deep time on earth, transporting us back some 3.5 billion years. **Our portal: stromatolite fossils.** These unique landforms — some reaching diameters over 1.5m — are exposed in rocks along the Ottawa River. More on mfnc.ca. Photo: paleoaerie.org

FIELD TRIPS





 **Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016, 12 p.m. Birds of Prey in Late Fall. Leader: Jon Ruddy.**

Meet at the Metro parking lot, Daniel St., Arnprior. Park opposite the store but close to the road. We will carpool from there.

We will travel by car from downtown Arnprior to nearby areas where we might expect to see birds of prey. **Dress warmly** as we will be standing outside for periods of time. Some of us plan to stop at PJ's in Arnprior for dinner after the outing. Please indicate when you register if you wish to stay for dinner. Register at events@mfnc.ca and remember to check the website for updates/cancellations before heading out. More details at mfnc.ca.

Fossils Rock!



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-  Which birds you can attract to your feeders at what time. [[see more\]](#) 10/21/16 1:14PM
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- Many great finds on MFNC fossil field trip near Pakenham. <https://t.co/11UR1lbH5B> <https://t.co/tYIH9ol8mh> 12:15PM
- RT @muz4now: How monotonous the sounds of the forest would be if the #music came only from the Top Ten birds. ~ Dan Bennet #quote 11:06AM



On October 15, we travelled to several different locations near Pakenham where we discovered an amazing variety of [well-preserved fossils](#) from the Ordovician Period, under the very capable leadership of Dave Forsyth.

Mushrooms on the Mac Trail with Suzanne Monnon



Amateur mycologist Suzanne Monnon did a fabulous job of leading [our field trip on October 2](#). The Macnamara trail proved to be an excellent location and we were never short of specimens to observe and, with Suzanne's help, identify. Here she

shows Katharine Fletcher a *Marasmius* species that would be perfect for a fairy garden.



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ARE YOU ONE OF THE 67?

Are you one of the 67 people who did not renew their membership in September? We were looking over the list of members who haven't renewed and don't want to lose you. Our membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 and this can be confusing. So please check with Olga Janoska (613-622-0910) olgajanoska@sympatico.ca to make sure your membership is current. You don't have to come to a meeting to renew. There are two ways to renew from our website. You can use our [secure online renewal process](#). Or you can download a membership form from our web site (go to Participate>Membership) and send a cheque to Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club, P.O. Box 391, Arnprior ON K7S 3L9.

We depend on your membership fees—\$25 for individuals and \$30 for families—in order to continue offering great monthly meetings with expert speakers, year-round field trips and special projects and activities. Membership is important even if you don't have time to attend meetings or field trips. Because membership sends a message that nature is important to you.

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