

MFNC October 2017 Bulletin

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Turning back time with our 2017 banquet



Laurie Dougherty and Michael Runtz
The NATURE of CHARLES MACNAMARA

The Macnamara 2017 Banquet

When: Saturday, November 4, 2017
Doors open 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Where: Sand Point Golf Club, 38 Golf Club Rd. Braeside, Ont.
Tickets \$35 \$10 11 & under
At the Arnprior Library, the Arnprior McNab-Braeside Archives, online at mfnc.ca
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Did you realize that besides the food, fun and knowledge you'll gain at our November 4 banquet, you'll also wake up the next day with an extra hour? It's the weekend we turn back the clocks!

If you missed our last bulletin with the banquet details, you'll find [all the information](#) here. Note that the deadline for buying tickets (at the Arnprior Library, the Arnprior McNab-Braeside Archives and online at mfnc.ca) has been extended to November 1.

Tickets will NOT be available at the door. Questions? Contact Judy Seligy, jseligy@gmail.com, 613-832-4287. [Read more.](#)

Doing no harm

In general, "do no harm" is a good principle to follow in nature as in life. Now club members have [an MFNC code of ethics](#) to help us interpret and apply that principle as we enjoy our time in nature. You'll find the document with our guiding principle, general guidelines and birding considerations on the MFNC website under the "About" tab.

You can also reference and [download a pdf version](#) for

printing here.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 7 The Diversity and Evolution of Flowering Plants

Food for thought and context for our next guest speaker, Dr. Lynn Gillespie:

“Virtually every non-meat food we eat starts as a flowering plant, while the meats, milk, and eggs we consume come from livestock fattened on grains—flowering plants.” Source: “The Big Bloom—How Flowering Plants Changed the World”/ *National Geographic Magazine*.



Dr. Gillespie — botanist and research scientist at the Canadian Museum of Nature — names and classifies plants, studies their evolutionary history and diversity, and even discovers new species. Some of her time is spent in a DNA lab unlocking information in DNA molecules — now the key to classifying and identifying new species — while a good portion is also spent on field trips collecting and surveying plants in remote areas of the Canadian Arctic.

FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, November 1, 2:30 p.m. Fall birding in the Arnprior area Leader: Michael Runtz

Meet: in the parking lot of the Metro Store, 375 Daniel Street, Arnprior. Park close to the road. We will carpool from there.

We will look for raptors, geese and ducks at the head pond of the Madawaska River and then explore various other areas around Arnprior in search of local and migrant birds.

Guests welcome: \$5 per event. Register at events@mfncc.ca

Sunday, November 12, 12:30 p.m. Trail maintenance Details to follow

For all events, remember to check the website prior to

Macnamara Trail Extension

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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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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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Latest Posts

-  Ideas for getting teens outdoors and enjoying nature. <http://wildlifewatch.org.uk/getting-teens-outdoors> 10/25/17 7:02PM
-  And the answer is... sandpiper! 10/25/17 10:36AM
-  What's your guess? Which species was the highest ranking and which was the lowest ranking? https://feederwatch.org/blog/who-is-the-toughest-bird/?utm_source=Cornell+Lab+eNews&utm_campaign=100826f995-LabeNews_Oct2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_47588b5758-100826f995-312337233 10/25/17 9:30AM
-  They hear it differently... <http://www.audubon.org/news/listen-every-pitch-change-pacific-wren-call> 10/23/17 1:24PM
-  Your Monday morning smile... 10/23/17 10:48AM



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- <https://t.co/1mE83CwTsK> 6:38PM

leaving in case of any changes/cancellation.

A journey back in time

Carp Ridge geology field trip, October 15

We journeyed back in time with geophysicist Dave Forsyth by viewing six sites along a transect (cross-section) of the Carp Ridge, from 1-billion-year-old Pre-Cambrian Grenville Basement granitic gneiss and syenite to 480-million-year-old early Ordovician bio-sediments.



Dave Forsyth explains how this “large mud puddle” became rock. Find [more details and photos here](#).

Mushrooms for beginners with Suzanne Monnon, October 7, 2017



The fall of 2017 proved to be an excellent one for mushrooms after the wet, cool summer and we were able to see at least 36 different species as we wandered around the Macnamara Trail.

Find [more details and photos here](#).

Send us your photos and articles

A new issue of *The Lady's-Slipper* is in the works and we need your photos and articles. *The Lady's-Slipper* is the Club's digital magazine featuring articles, stories, events, and even original poems about the natural world in our part of the Ottawa Valley. So don't hold back — share your observations and experiences. Send your material to kruntz@explornet.com by October 31, 2017.

Have you renewed your membership for 2017-2018?

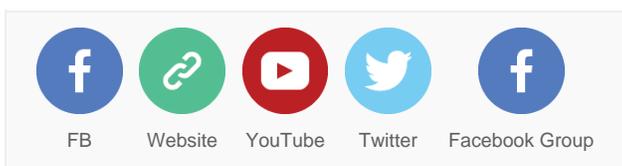
If you missed the September bulletin, you also missed seeing this cute squirrel with our friendly reminder that 2017-18 memberships (\$25 for single and \$30 for family) were due September 1, 2017. While some members renewed at our September and October meetings many are now in arrears.



Not sure if your membership is current? Check with Monique Boivin at boivin_m@hotmail.com

Even if you are not able to attend meetings please consider renewing to help sustain our club and its activities, including the support of the Macnamara Trail. It's easy. Just go online and [renew electronically](#). All payment and membership data is processed through a secure server via PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to register. Just a credit card and a love of nature! A mail-in option is also available by [downloading and printing this form](#).

Annual memberships run from September 1 through August 31. A membership gives you access to monthly meetings (September to June), a diversity of guided field trips (throughout the year), and club publications and other information. We're fortunate in our location: the Ottawa Valley is home to myriad plants and animals – from orchids to towering pines, damselflies to moose – and is richly endowed with fascinating habitats that range from floating peatlands to ancient hardwood forests. Through expert speakers and field trip leaders, the Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club introduces you to all of these and more.



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