

# November 2016

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## Macnamara 2016 Banquet Raises \$1,900 for Trail Extension



While the exotic appeal of far-off Mexico—the winter habitat of Monarch butterflies, shown by our passionate banquet speaker Jean Lauriault—may have flashed briefly across a few minds, the ticket holders at our 2016 banquet found more than enough warmth and good cheer to keep them occupied at the Fitzroy Harbour Community Centre hall.

Banquet goers were entertained with great food, company and a Jeopardy-style quiz that stretched the mind into new connections of nature photos with songs and TV shows—some 50 years back in time.



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Of the silent auction and door prize winners, none was more delighted (and envied) than Cathy Merritt, who won the draw for an enlargement of any image from *Algonquin Seasons*, donated by Michael Runtz.

Lastly, we want to thank Judy Seligy, who managed the event three years running, her volunteers and the individuals and businesses who donated items for the silent auction and door prizes.

See [more photos](#) on our website.

### You Read It Here First!

You'll want to reserve Friday, April 28, 2017, for a special trail fundraiser submitted by the club as one of Arnprior's 150 events to celebrate Canada's 150th. The high profile event, booked for the *Saint John Chrysostom Parish hall*, will feature a Canadian-nature-related talk by Michael Runtz. More details to follow.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS



 **Dec. 6, 2016: University Research prof. Bill Montevecchi** in Psychology, Biology and Ocean Sciences at Memorial University of Newfoundland **will speak on The Extinct Auk and Beothuk Linked in Time and Spirit.** Montevecchi will explore the co-occurrences of

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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!

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 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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#### Latest Posts

-  <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/why-do-some-birds-stand-on-one-foot/> [see more] 12/9/16 9:51AM
-  Researchers have developed tiny safety goggles to study how birds fly. <http://www.airspacemag.com/daily->

the extinct flightless bird and the extinct indigenous people who have captured his imagination since he first set foot on Funk Island 40 years ago and has been returning every year since. More on [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca).

Photo: Great Auk, John James Audubon, *Birds of America*, 1785-1851. Image: Wikimedia Commons

As previously announced, the first part of December's meeting will be used for brief annual meeting business, including the election of new board members. We are seeking candidates to replace two current 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 Krueger at [karenkrueger.macnamara@gmail.com](mailto:karenkrueger.macnamara@gmail.com), and signed by the consenting nominee.

## FIELD TRIPS



**Sunday, Dec. 26, 2016. 103rd Annual Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird**

### Count

We are looking for participants with at least minimal experience in identifying birds. Participants are assigned an area to cover and are paired so no one goes alone. It is a full day event with a pot-luck dinner/compilation afterwards. If you wish to take part, please contact Michael Runtz at [mruntz@start.ca](mailto:mruntz@start.ca) or at 613-387-2503.

## Please Fill Out Our Social Media Survey

Many of us increasingly look to online communications for information and connections between our meetings and field trips.

The club wants to take advantage of the benefits the new online channels provide and would appreciate you taking a few minutes to

[planet/tiny-adorable-bird-goggles-allow-innovative-study-flight-180961285/?utm\\_source=t.co&utm\\_medium=referral](http://planet.tiny-adorable-bird-goggles-allow-innovative-study-flight-180961285/?utm_source=t.co&utm_medium=referral) [[see more](#)] 12/8/16 11:47AM

- A reminder to those attending tonight's meeting where Bill Montevecchi will be presenting on "The Extinct Auk and Beothuk Linked in Time and Spirit," to bring your indoor shoes, as requested by the curling club. 12/6/16 10:26AM
- Nice! Nature Canada works with Earth Rangers to save birds with bird mission. <https://www.earthrangers.com/missions> [[see more](#)] 12/5/16 1:41PM
- Cartoonlike in its proportions and gait, with webbed feet, short legs, stubby wings and a ribbed, hooked beak nearly the size of its head, the penguin-like Great Auk and its demise are, sadly, no laughing matter. The story that connects the Great Auk and the Beothuk, the now-extinct indigenous inhabitants of Newfoundland, is a fascinating one. Get the details at our Dec. 6 meeting from Bill Montevecchi, a University Research Professor at Memorial University, who will be presenting on "The Extinct Auk and Beothuk Linked in Time and Spirit." Guests welcome. Details at [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca). Image: Great Auk, John James Audubon, *Birds of America*, 1785-1851. Image: Wikimedia Commons [[see more](#)] 12/4/16 4:53PM



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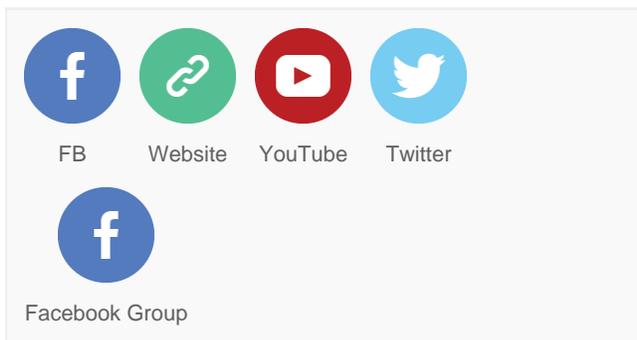
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### Latest Tweets

- [Nice! https://t.co/JNTC3Tj9Or](https://t.co/JNTC3Tj9Or) 1:48PM
- <https://t.co/u34SXHCYvH> 1:37PM
- @nature\_org Doesn't apply to Canada, right? Was asked for zip code on submission, wouldn't take postal code. Images wouldn't load in game. 1:37PM
- <https://t.co/tZuFFIC38M> 12:45PM
- <https://t.co/IFD8IHHv6a> 10:32AM

answer our brief survey on your interest and usage. We'll be sending it out next week by separate email and would appreciate your early response.

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### ARE YOU ONE OF THE 48?

**As of November 12, 2016, the club has 48 people who have not renewed their membership for the current year.** 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](mailto: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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