

MFNC March 2017 Bulletin

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Welcome, <<First Name>>

Attend Our Fabulous Spring TRAIL EXTENSION FUNDRAISER

A dark blue poster for a fundraiser. At the top, it reads "Axes to Ashes; Singing Saws to Howling Wolves". Below this are four small images: a man (Rory MacKay), a man with a hat (Michael Runtz), a moose, and a wolf. The text on the poster includes: "How LUMBERING CHANGED THE NATURE OF THE OTTAWA VALLEY", "April 28, 2017 7 p.m.", "St. John Chrysostom Hall", "295 Albert Street, Arnprior", "TICKETS: ARNPRIOR LIBRARY, GILLGALLOU BIRD STORES", "ADVANCE \$17 EACH \$10 FOR 18 & UNDER \$20 DOOR", "ONLINE AT MFNC.CA Doors open 6 p.m.", "PROCEEDS: THE MACNAMARA NATURE TRAIL EXTENSION". There is a small green circle with "mfnc.ca" in the bottom left corner of the poster.

Two great storytellers—Rory MacKay and Michael Runtz—combine on Friday, April 28, 2017 for a dynamic and informative evening on the human and natural history of our area:

Axes to Ashes; Singing Saws to



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Howling Wolves HOW LUMBERING CHANGED THE NATURE OF THE OTTAWA VALLEY

Rory MacKay, author and long-time "student" of logging history, will transport us back 200 years to the rich forests of historic logging days while our Macnamara president, Carleton University teacher and naturalist Michael Runtz will interpret how the events and practices of those years brought about today's array of plants and animals.

[Read all about it here.](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Tuesday, April 4, 2017:

The Private Lives of Our Native Bees

Of the approximately 4,000 species of bees native to North America, none produces marketable honey—but all have fascinating, and usually solitary, private lives. In this presentation, Dr. Jessica Forrest will give an overview of the natural history of bees, with a focus on the Canadian fauna. [More details here.](#)

FIELD TRIPS



Sunday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Owl Prowl

Leader: Michael Runtz

The evening of our ever-popular owl prowling in the Arnprior/Pakenham area is fast approaching. Find the details including where to meet and how to dress at [mfnc](#). Registering at [events@mfnc.ca](#) is a must as is the need to check the website for updates i.e. cancellations or rescheduling due to inclement weather.

**Stamping and Stomping at the Family
Snowshoe**

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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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Latest Posts

- While the U.S. program is now done, the Cdn version is still on at <https://bringbackthebees.ca/> Anyone know of any issues here with any of the wildflower seeds included in our version. KR [\[see more\]](#) 3/22/17 9:38AM
- Happy first day of spring! [\[see more\]](#) 3/20/17 11:40AM
- In the Kingston area? Opportunity to attend a Michael Runtz show and tell this Thursday about beavers. [\[see more\]](#) 3/20/17 10:19AM
- Winter camping might help you sleep but don't even think about using the Nopiming Game Sanctuary and the Macnamara Trail that



Volunteers Janet Mason, Steve Duff, Judy Seligy and Karen Runtz welcomed walkers, runners, and snowshoers to the Macnamara Trail during our Feb. 19 Family Weekend

Snowshoe event. Over 50 people showed up on a cold day to use the trail over a four-hour period, showing how popular it is with Arnprior and area residents. [Read more here.](#)

Mudpuppy Night in Oxford Mills



Seeing mudpuppies in their natural environment is always exciting. And so it was in early February as our group [watched](#)

[Necturus maculosus, our largest salamander](#) at the edge of Kemptville Creek, led by Fred Schueler and Aleta Karstad.

SURVEY RESULTS—Members who want to use Facebook are already using it

Many of us look to online communications for information and connections between our meetings and field trips and the Macnamara club would like its members to get the most from the access such channels provide. That was why we sent you a survey in early January to gauge your interest in and usage of channels such as Facebook. [See the results:](#)

OTHER

Registrations Open for Fabulous Fall Fungi

runs through it as a place to stake your tent and light a fire. Yes this did in fact happen recently and police were called in to address the situation. The land is private property owned by Nylene Canada and we are fortunate to have their permission to run our nature trail through their property. [\[see more\]](#) 3/19/17 7:25PM

- Seals in your neighbourhood. Nature's Way/Michael Runtz. Otters are distant cousins to seals. Photo: Otters often use the ice at the edge of open water as a dining table. <http://www.ottawacommunitynews.com/opinion-story/7173948-there-are-seals-in-your-neighbourhood/> [\[see more\]](#) 3/16/17 9:36AM



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Latest Tweets

- <https://t.co/NIMqEdEzQY> 11:51AM
- <https://t.co/91fvD5xFtv> 9:11AM
- Celebrating #WorldFrogDay <https://t.co/MiR6OrCeW4> 9:57AM
- <https://t.co/E0NxBrDWMM> 10:13AM
- Wow! 53 years ago... <https://t.co/X7nAIHWM42> 4:07PM

Workshops

Attend one of these popular three- or four-day [fall workshops](#) presented by Queen's University Biological Station and see up to 200 species of mushrooms and other fungi growing in Southern Ontario. Now in its 8th year, the program is suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced.



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