

MFNC May 2019 Bulletin

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Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

Welcome, <<First Name>>

SPECIAL EVENT

Spring planting at the Macnamara Trail
Saturday, May 11, 10:a.m - noon



Prunus nigra - Canada Plum, one of the native shrubs for planting at the trailhead

Volunteers needed! Help “spruce up” the Macnamara trailhead by planting native shrubs on Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Unless it's pouring, we'll plant rain or shine. Our first task will be to remove garbage, pull out emerging garlic mustard and dig up or prune back any buckthorn. We will then plant and water 23 shrubs and cover them with mulch.

****Get [more details on the website](#) about what to wear and bring, where to park etc.**

****Please register by emailing trail@mfnc.ca so we know how many are coming and can contact you if we have to cancel****



MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Brian Carson

*Treasures of the Ottawa Valley —
Trilliums*



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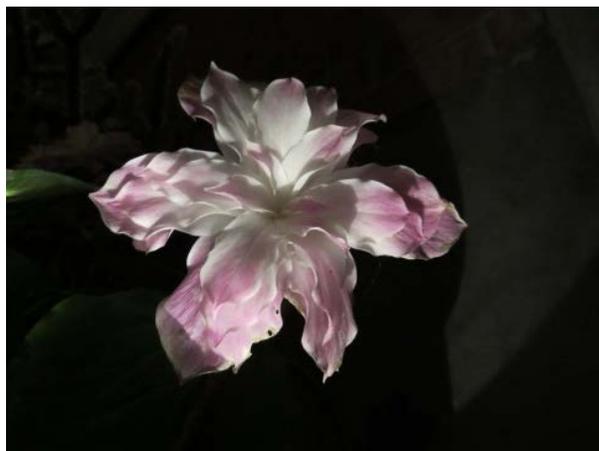
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Macnamara Trail



Trillium grandiflorum Double trillium © Brian Carson

No one anticipates spring more than “our” Brian Carson. As the spring ephemerals push their way through the earth, he’s on his knees in Ottawa Valley forests, eyeing the latest specimens.

Most people know of the brilliant White Trillium —*Large-leaved Trillium*—Ontario’s provincial flower, seen on our health cards and other provincial documents. But this plant hunter’s forays have uncovered a treasure trove of the elusive double trilliums as well as incredible coloured Trillium variants. He has also found terrestrial orchids new to North America and many marvellous mutations of our native wildflowers.

Valley folk will appreciate Carson’s naming of the latter such as *Renfrew double super trooper*, *Dacre double trillium* and immense *Mufferaw bloodroots*.

Read more: [A virtual tour of rare Ottawa Valley Trilliums and other marvellous mutation](#)



FIELD TRIPS

Get the details and any special instructions for all field trips on the website at mfnc.ca.

Advance registration is required for each event, usually at events@mfnc.ca

Frogs and Salamanders — a *kid-friendly* event.

**Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Kinburn area
Leader: Jeff and Angela Skevington**

Host: Linda Sewell

Meet: 6078 Carp Rd., north of the Kinburn Side Rd. Continue down the laneway and park near the house.

We will wander Linda’s property in search of a variety of frogs and other amphibians and reptiles finally becoming active in the warmer weather! Learn how to locate and observe these animals (and whatever else we may find!). [Check mfnc.ca about what to wear and bring. Register at](#)

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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

- We can count on lots of writing down who saw what bird first at tomorrow night’s Macnamara meeting! *5/6/19 1:06PM*
- Open access biodiversity library. <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org> *5/5/19 10:02AM*
- A game for birders. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/birding-meets-gaming-unconventional->

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Guided tour of the sculpted rocks at the Cantley Quarry

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.

Leader: Dr. David Sharpe, GSC Geologist.

The Cantley quarry is remarkable — beautiful and a very important geological site in our area, adding a great deal of information to the study of glaciation.

More [details on the website](#).

NOTE: registration is limited.



Spring birding at Presqu'île Provincial Park Saturday, May 11

Leader: Doug McRae

This will be an all-day outing in the park where we will watch for spring migrants. **Limited to 25 members.** More [details on the website](#).



Spring ephemerals walk

Tuesday, May 14, 11 a.m. tbc

Details to follow



Sanguinaria canadensis Bloodroot

WERE YOU THERE?

With sightings of two Snowy Owls, two Barred Owls, two Northern Saw-whet Owls and one Longeared Owl, the 2019 Owl Prowl was well worth waiting for.



[Read the details](#)

Community News

FABULOUS FALL FUNGI WORKSHOPS 2019

Sept 23-27 / Sept 29-Oct 4 / Oct 7-10

Registrations to the Fabulous Fall Fungi 2019 are now open and filling up fast. Now in its 10th

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- Come to our next meeting, Tuesday, May 7, Arnprior, for a virtual tour of rare #Ottawa Valley trilliums and other marvellous mutations. MFNC members free. Guests welcome, \$5.

<https://www.insideottawavalley.com/whatson-story/9304440-a-virtual-tour-of-rare-ottawa-valley-trilliums-and-other-marvellous-mutations> 5/2/19 1:09PM



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Latest Tweets

- <https://t.co/yinhzGfBYV> 10:08AM
- Tomorrow, May 7, 2019, Arnprior. <https://t.co/glZNwNuL7h> 9:30AM
- <https://t.co/jcPPxtlIZY> 11:15AM
- <https://t.co/KXvTqqLeNq> 11:01AM
- May 7, 2019, #Arnprior: A virtual tour of rare #Ottawa Valley trilliums and other marvellous mutations... <https://t.co/xLggFnxn6U> 1:01PM

year, the suitable-for-all-levels workshops are offered at Queen's University Biological Station. See the details at <https://qubs.ca/>

Arnprior Life: Recreation & Culture Fair

As expected, our borrowed Snowy Owl was a magnet for children and adults alike on March 31 at our club's display for Arnprior's Recreation and Culture Fair. But we also had lots of other material on hand to reflect the wide range of activities our members enjoy. We found families especially interested in getting out in nature with their children.

Our thanks to Janet McCullough and Karen Bonell for taking on the afternoon shift and Betty Michalowski for setting us up with a continuous interest-adding show of images.



Karen Runtz and John McEwen staffing the MFNC's display at the 2019 Arnprior Life: Recreation and Culture Fair

Canadian Museum of Nature— Nature Inspiration Awards



How about it? Do you think our

MFNC should be nominated for a Nature Inspiration award? If you feel that our Club should be nominated and would like to do the nomination, drop us an email at info@mfnc.ca .

The Nature Inspiration Awards recognize youth, adults, not-for-profits and businesses, that, through their work or specific projects, encourage Canadians to • take an interest in natural history • create links with nature • contribute to the preservation of nature.

The deadline for submissions, May 13, 2019, is fast approaching. More [details on the Canadian Museum of Nature website](#)



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