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Macnamara
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

Welcome, **Karen**

2018 Macnamara Banquet reveals ALGONQUIN WILD

Get ready to gaze in awe...

and howl with laughter...

at the sure-to-be fabulous tales and images featured by our own natural wonder Macnamara Club president Michael Runtz in "Algonquin Wild."

Our well-known naturalist, nature photographer and natural history author will present "a visual exploration of the changes in Algonquin Park's flora and fauna through the course of a year" at the 2018 Macnamara Club banquet on

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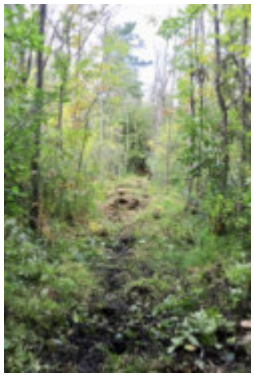
November 10.

Based on the positive feedback the executive received about the quality of last year's banquet venue and buffet we are returning to the Sand Point Golf Club. We are also bringing back our silent auction.

All tickets ($40 adult; $20 children under 11) must be purchased in advance. More details here

Macnamara Trail Extension Update



A major component of the Trail Extension project will soon be completed!

Dockmaster in Scotch Corners is now building our boardwalk, which will be installed by a contractor this fall. The boardwalk will span over 60 metres of swamp called the West Link and connect our current trail on the south side of the property to the new Nopiming Loop trail on the north side. See photos and **Read more**.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
Madagasgar - exploring the 8th continent
Jeff Skevington

Research scientist Jeff Skevington, our October meeting guest speaker, will give us a picture-rich on-the-ground account of "the land where evolution ran wild."

Lying in the Indian Ocean off the southeast

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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

- New blog post from research scientist and lichen specialist Troy McMullin about finding a new species of lichen in an unexpected place, highlighting why we should protect our old growth forest. *9/28/18 12:26PM*
- The giveaway? Fat. *9/28/18 8:57AM*
- Birders note: Ron Pittaway's Winter Finch Forecast for 2028-2019 is now online. (via Bird Studies Canada) http://jeaniron.ca/2018/wff18.htm *9/24/18 11:19AM*
- https://www.allaboutbirds.org/should-i-stop-feeding-birds-in-fall-so-they-can-

coast of Africa, the ancient island of Madagasgar is a paradise for wildlife lovers.

Read more here.

FIELD TRIPS

Get the details and any special instructions for each field trip at mfnc.ca. Advance registration is required for each event at events@mfnc.ca

Geological highlights of the Ottawa-Bonnechere Graben (details to follow)
Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Leader: Dr. Wouter Bleeker, Geological Survey of Canada

Annual trail maintenance
Sunday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Meet: at the Trailhead on McNab Street

Join other members of MFNC for our annual trail maintenance. Stay for the whole morning or for an hour or two if you are able to help. Bring loppers or pruners if you have them. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. Please register at events@mfnc.ca and you will be given more information.

For all events, remember to check the website prior to leaving in case of any changes/cancellation.

WERE YOU THERE?

Lichens with Troy McMullin

Photo by Karen Runtz

Led by Dr. Troy McMullin, we explored the Burnt Lands Provincial Park alvar, which hosts one of the world's largest populations of cyanolichen. The landscape, an open habitat with thin or no soil overlying limestone with sparse vegetation, held many surprises. On one small tree branch alone we found seven to eight different species of lichen. Read and see more.

Birding Dunrobin and Constance Bay

start-their-migration/ *9/24/18 8:28AM*

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Latest Tweets

- 558m-year-old fossils identified as oldest known animal The giveaway? Fat. https://t.co/T74IDIoPHr *12:16PM*
- Ron Pittaway's latest Finch forecast. https://t.co/Eu37798zWH *11:15AM*
- https://t.co/oMsgMwGokA *11:04AM*
- The Harvester is the only #butterfly in North America to have a carnivorous caterpillar. Nature's Way/Michael Runtz… https://t.co/YYWSvcTZ4S *11:53AM*
- https://t.co/enndkF2CpO *3:55PM*

Photo by Ian Somerville

A group of 20 bird-watching Macnamarans spent a very hot sunny morning touring the Dunrobin/Constance Bay area. With 40 eyes and ears and a few experts in the group, we were well rewarded with good numbers of birds and a good variety of species including two beautiful, and rare for this area, Red-headed Woodpeckers. Read and see more

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Did you purchase your 2018-19 membership?

Why not register and pay for your 2018-19 membership fees now. It's easy and efficient. You can also renew by mail—send your cheque (made out to Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club) to Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club, P.O. Box 391, Arnprior ON K7S 3L9. Download the form from the website. Go to Activities>Membership

Club memberships are up for renewal each September. If you haven't purchased yours, please do so:
In person at our October 2 meeting OR Go to our website where you can renew electronically OR download a form and mail us a cheque.
Please and thank you!

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