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Macnamara
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

Welcome, **<<First Name>>**

MEETINGS
February 4, 2020

Power up your brain cells… the countdown to The Great Naturalists' Quiz Night has begun.

Combine laughter, learning and camaraderie and you have an annual Macnamara highlight—The Great Naturalists' Quiz Night—and an awesome way to learn about local natural history. If you're a new member, you're in for a treat—it's great fun whether you know the answers or not! And no, you can't "stack the deck" with ringer guests. They'll still have fun but Michael always mixes who goes to which team!
More information here.

MEMBERS' NIGHT 2020

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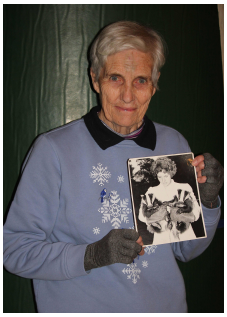
Our 2020 Members' Night was a non-stop sharing of treats and treasures to warm the heart and stimulate the mind.



One early "gift," a framed photo from the 1950s, showed a gloved-to-the-elbow Ann Lambert holding two young badgers. Remember Michael Runtz's AGM mention of his delight in finally encountering an American Badger and how its large, wide claws reminded him of those owned by Wolverine in the X-Men movies! In 1950s England, Ann had a rare experience looking after two cubs. Read on for her fascinating story and more about other members who contributed to the "show and tell" portion of the evening with wonderful photos and stories.

FIELD TRIPS

Get the details and any special instructions for all field trips on our website at mfnc.ca. Advance registration is required for each event, usually at events@mfnc.ca

Exploring the Barron Canyon, Algonquin Park
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, All-day excursion
Leaders: Jeff and Angela Skevington

Meet: In the parking lot of the Metro store on Daniel Street in Arnprior at 8:00 a.m. Park close to the street, away from the store. We will arrange carpooling from there.
We will be heading out of the park by sundown (5:30pm at the latest). Find more details here.

Does Arnprior need a dog park? Town of Arnprior Survey gauges interest in a potential off-leash dog park.

When confronted, those dog owners we catch "mistakenly" entering the Macnamara Trail with their on- or off-leash canines say so.

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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!

As our signage clearly states, dogs are not allowed on the Macnamara Trail. Period. The trail is on private land that is a Crown Game Sanctuary.

It's a given that the town's projected growth will also include more dogs. Some will be housed in a major real estate development just across the railway tracks from the game preserve.

Read more and access the survey here.

Speaking about the trail… we especially love your photos

It's been a strange winter hasn't it. Have you been out on the Macnamara Trail? Why not take a photo or two when you're there. Post it directly to our *Friends of the Macnamara Trail* Facebook page or send it on to info@mfnc.ca for us to post on the page with your name and any details you'd like us to include. And if you notice something that we should know about i.e. a downed tree blocking the trail be sure to post it on the page or send an email to trail@mfnc.ca.

The Romeskies, Béatrice and Julian, are our new trail contacts.

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