

# MFNC Dec. 2019 Bulletin

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

Welcome, <<First Name>>



### MEETINGS

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019

**MFNC AGM + Michael Runtz presentation**



### Ch-ch-ch-changes!

We will start our Annual General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with reports from our executive followed by voting on returning and new directors for a two-year term. The Board will also be seeking your approval of a revised MFNC constitution and bylaws.



We'll all then be treated to a new Michael Runtz nature talk based on the diverse habitats and wildlife he encountered on a recent cross-Canada road trip. As always, **the "seats" for the evening are free for MFNC members, but the club is making available 20 tickets at \$20 each to non-members who would like to attend the talk starting at 8:30 p.m. These tickets MUST be purchased in advance.**

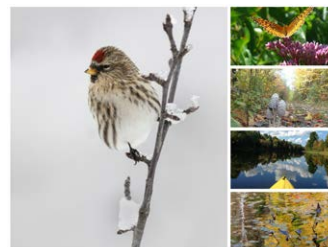
We'll be posting all executive reports at [this link on our website](#) prior to the meeting. Check them out as they become available. Note: if you missed the email with the proposed constitution and by-laws, please contact John McEwen ([johnhmcewen@gmail.com](mailto:johnhmcewen@gmail.com) - note initial h in name) or by using the club e-mail, [info@mfnc.ca](mailto:info@mfnc.ca).



### MEETINGS

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020

**Michael Runtz presents Members' Night**



**Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club**  
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Warm up in January with our annual Members' Night! Start thinking now about what prized nature or natural history possessions or experiences you can bring to our show and tell. MFNC member Darlene Robichaud (pictured here) shared a variety of specimens at our 2019 event.

If you are showing photos, there should not be more than five and they should be on a USB key. You may also bring prints to display on a table. Donations welcome from non-presenters (a Loonie or Toonie, please).

See you there!

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## Boots off please!



We are grateful to have the Curling Club hall and kitchen for our use the first Tuesday of every month. Our hosts have reminded us that it's time to switch to our indoor shoes before heading upstairs. Please remember to leave your outdoor footwear downstairs with your

outerwear.

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## FIELD TRIPS

Get the details and any special instructions for all field trips on our website at [mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca). Advance registration is required for each event, usually at [events@mfnc.ca](mailto:events@mfnc.ca)

**Dec. 26, 2019: Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird Count**

**Leader: Michael Runtz**

The annual Pakenham-Arnprior Christmas Bird Count is being held on — you guessed it — Boxing Day! The count is a full-day event with

### Macnamara Trail

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### Special Committee

#### Members

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### Macnamara Trail

#### Extension

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### Meetings:

First Tuesday of the month  
at 7:30 p.m.

Arnrior Curling Club  
15 Galvin Street

### Annual Memberships:

Family \$30, Individual \$25

### Guests welcome:

\$5 per meeting

Students Free!

a potluck dinner/compilation afterwards. Participants should have some experience in identifying birds; individuals are assigned an area to cover and paired so no one goes alone. If you want to keep track of your feeder birds or participate in the count, please contact Michael Runtz at [michaelwruntz@gmail.com](mailto:michaelwruntz@gmail.com)

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## WERE YOU THERE?

### Nature walk at High Lonesome



On November 9, 2019, club member Art Goldsmith treated MFNC to a walk on the beautiful trails of the High Lonesome Nature Reserve, owned and protected by the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust.

Art is the land trust's property manager for the 200-acre reserve in the Pakenham Hills, so he proved a knowledgeable guide of its rich and diverse ecology. We were astonished by the variety of habitats which the area provides: old fields in stages of transition, forests, creeks, beaver ponds. [More details and photos here.](#)

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### Annual trail maintenance 2019

Thanks to all  
volunteers who  
attended our annual  
trail maintenance  
effort on Nov. 2.  
Club members  
levelled the new  
West Link bridge,



chain sawed and shifted fallen trees, cut back Buckthorn, and trimmed edges along the trail. [More](#)

[details and photos here.](#)

We are always looking for volunteers that can help clear the trail on short notice. Can you help? Are you handy and safe with a chainsaw? If yes, please contact us at [trail@mfnc.ca](mailto:trail@mfnc.ca)

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### On the Macnamara Trail

It's been busy in the woods! We needed the services of a tree-removal company to clear ALL of our trail obstructions, large and small, and engaged Trillium Tree Experts of Carp to work on the Macnamara Trail the third week of November.





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