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FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

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Message from the president
20 April 2020

I hope you are staying healthy and doing as well as can be expected during these difficult times. Sadly, we have had to cancel all of our Club meetings and field trips that were to be held in the upcoming months. As we do not hold meetings in July and August, the earliest we can possibly reconvene is the first Tuesday in September. Read more:

FROM THE EDITOR

At our March meeting you heard how close we were to finalizing our special 35th anniversary print edition of *The Lady's-slipper* and that we anticipated bringing copies for pick up at our April meeting. So much for *that* plan…

How about delivering it right to your door! So to speak, that is. We're engaging Canada Post

delivery services so be sure to check your rural or community mailbox too. The copies are being dropped at the respective post offices today.

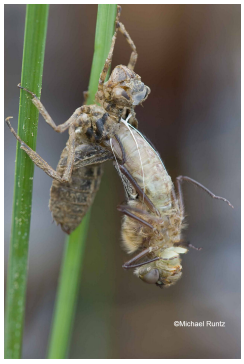
While we can't sit side by side to share new sightings or encounters in nature, we hope that page by page this publication will bring warm reminders of times in nature that will once again be ours to discover.

On the Macnamara Trail Spring 2020

In early April, we posted a notice at the Macnamara trailhead as a reminder that: "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trail will not be maintained until further notice. Individuals are reminded to use the trail at their own risk and keep their distance from other users." Has anything changed?

Local nature then and now

John McEwen has been exploring the cache of *The Lady's-slipper* publication at the Arnprior Archives and on our website. "What a wonderful treasure trove of articles about nature!" John noted recently. "How could we share this content with more people?"



We found a way! CHECK IT OUT!

Missing our coffee, tea and treats time?

A rare photo of Betty Michalowski, second from left; Betty much prefers being behind the camera than in front.

Special Committee Members
Brian Voss (Membership)

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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!

Working mostly behind the scenes at Macnamara meetings and events, Betty Michalowski is not one for fanfare. But Betty, a member for seven years now, has been a stalwart supporter of the club in many ways, including the management of our mid-meeting refreshments. But change is in the spring wind.

The NCR 2020 Nature Challenge... from your back yard?
How does nature in the National Capital Region stack up against other areas of the world? Individuals participating in the NCR 2020 Nature Challenge will document and identify all things wild as part of a world-wide Bioblitz. Read more.

We hope to see you all back at our meetings and field trips once it is safe to be together again.

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