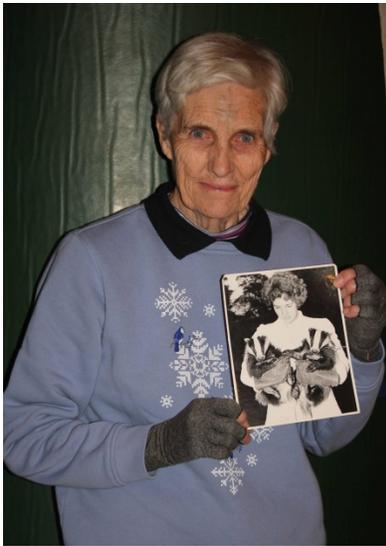


2020 MFNC Speakers

My name is Linda Sewell, and, as of December 2020, I have taken over the role of finding speakers for our monthly Meetings. This job was previously done for five years by John McEwen. John did a terrific job tracking down experts in many different fields, and persuading them to talk to us. My thanks to him for helping me get my feet on the ground in preparation for this role. I am sure all of the club members would like to pass on their gratitude.

With Covid appearing in March of 2020, the club presentations at the Curling Club in Arnprior came to a halt; however, by September, Zoom presentations had become a wonderful alternative, with many club members joining the meetings. January and February, of course, were, respectively, the annual Members' Night and Michael Runtz' s Annual Wonderful Great Naturalists' Quiz. So much fun!



Here is a list of the monthly presenters, and the title of their talk.

January 7, 2020: "Member's Night"

February 4, 2020: Michael Runtz, "Great Naturalists' Quiz"

March 3, 2020: Jeremy Inglis, "A Year in the Life of a Black Bear in Ontario and Why They Sometimes Come into Conflict with Humans"

April, May, June 2020: presentations cancelled due to Covid

July, August 2020: summer break

September 8, 2020: Michael Runtz, "Feathers, Bills, and Talons: the Remarkable World of Birds"

October 6, 2020: Art Goldsmith, "Comparative Diversity"

November 3, 2020: Alberto Suarez-Estaban, "Carnivores, Roads and Plants: How Unexpected Relationships Change Ecosystems"

December 1, 2020: J.P. Thonney, "Pardon the Introduction: Impact of Human Activity on White Lake's Aquatic Ecosystem"

To all of these speakers, thank you so much for sharing your knowledge base. We all learn so much from these presentations, expertly supported by photos, graphs, up-to-date data and engaging good humour.

Looking ahead to 2021, speakers are already lined up right up to September so far, and it looks like a great year. We will continue with Zoom presentations as long as required.