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Macnamara
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

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

MEETING
November 3, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Zoom in for Herpetological Mysteries of Eastern Ontario

Herpetology—the scientific study of reptiles and amphibians—is one of Jakob Mueller's special interests. Snakes are clearly his favourite. *Pantherophis, his identity on *iNaturalist, is a clue!*** Read more here.

Zoom in on November 3 for his presentation to our club on the reptiles and amphibians in the Herpetological Mysteries of Eastern Ontario.

REMINDER: Our club meetings are now the first Wednesday of each month and begin at 7 p.m.

SIGHTINGS: Be sure to send your observations to John Lawrence's new email:
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MACNAMARA TRAIL MAINTENANCE
Walking Ferns Staircase closed

In fixing a broken board and reinforcing others on the Walking Ferns Staircase, our trail co-ordinators found rotting ends hidden by leaves on other steps.They also detected a much more serious problem. The staircase itself is perilously close to detaching itself from the platform rendering the whole structure unsound. Consequently, access to the Walking Ferns Staircase has been closed until further notice.

On the positive side, the MFNC Trail Maintenance Team has reinstalled the very first boardwalk that was moved aside earlier this year for the tractor and dump trailer to bring chips to the Nopiming Loop storage area.

October brought three field trips

After a cancellation for rain the week prior, nine club members had a wonderful outing on October 9, looking for and learning about fungi with Jonathan Mack.

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Special Committee Members
Brian Voss (Membership)
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Meetings:

Due to ongoing measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, our in-person first-Wednesday-of-the-month meetings at the Arnprior Curling Club have been suspended until further notice.

Check your email for club updates on our virtual options.

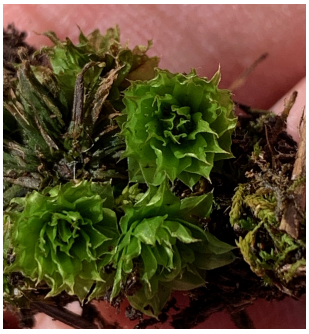
Annual Memberships:
Family $30, Individual $25

Purchase your membership for 2022:
https://mfnc.ca/membership

Parrot Mushroom

Eleven club members had a wonderful, albeit a little chilly, outing with Jean Dougherty at very scenic Pinhey's Point to hear about and see the effects of geological processes in our area and beyond.

We had perfect weather for nine club members on the Macnamara Nature Trail to look for and learn about mosses and liverworts with Jennifer Doubt and Grad student, Cassandra Robillard.



Rose Moss

Time to renew your membership

In 2020, we changed our membership year to align with the January 1 to December 31 calendar and our Club's new financial year. If you're asking yourself why the Club needs your membership, the answer is quite simple: Membership fees are the Club's main source of revenue. Every membership counts!

The cost of an individual membership remains $25. Family

memberships cost $30 and apply to couples or families in the same household.

We expect to continue using Zoom until September 2022 when we will resume meeting in person in the Curling Club. Don't forget to check your email for notices of upcoming field trips; we'll be opening up more options in the weeks to come.

Renew your membership for 2022 online.
If you would prefer to register by mail and pay by cheque, download the form by clicking on this link (Membership Form), filling in the printed page and mailing it in.

WELCOME! A warm welcome to the following new members:
Jennifer Doubt
Frank Vermeer
Kristen MacLean

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