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Macnamara
FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

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

Resolving the connection problems

We are doing our best to ensure our 2022 banquet and new in-person and remote attendance options meet our members' needs.

The MFNC's October 2022 meeting with guest speaker Patrice Bouchard was our first to combine in-person and remote-attendance options. It goes without saying, things didn't go as planned. The heart of the problem - an aged projector - will be resolved by the purchase of a new projector and the hybrid solution for both in-person and remote-attendance will be re-tested before the date of our next meeting: November 2,2022. Members attending at the Curling Club will have the big screen to see the sightings and the presentation in person.

ZOOM: **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4908487254**

A whale of a story

Canadian marine biologist Shane Gero is the Biology Lead for Project CETI, (Cetacean Translation Initiative **) *an interdisciplinary A-team of badass scientists: marine robotics specialists, cetacean biologists, AI wizards, linguistics and cryptography experts and data specialists*.***

Their project--a 2020 TED initiative **applying advanced machine learning and state-of-the-art robotics--aims to decode the communication of whales. The founder and lead scientist of the Dominica Sperm Whale Project (DSWP), Gero has spent nearly two decades following and studying a clan of some 40 families of sperm whales in the Eastern Caribbean.**

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Read on for more details of this fascinating story.

Sightings

Did our October guest speaker spark your interest in beetles? Given the topic, it seemed natural to feature a beetle photo in our sightings. While all beetles breathe air, in order to inhabit aquatic environments, Predaceous Diving Beetles have developed features that allow them to survive in water. Ann Lambert photographed this one in MacLaren's Landing on September 21, 2022.
See more October meeting sightings here.

Remember to send your sightings to johndrlawrence8@gmail.com no later than October 30
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Our 2022 Banquet is a go! Thanks to everyone who ordered tickets for the 2022 banquet, our first since 2019. We look forward to seeing you on Friday. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Club

This fall, we're pleased to welcome the following new members to our club:
Tao Yang
Blue Miaoran Dong
Martha Burchat
Barry Goodman
Lila Kelly and Brian Kelly
Leah Mulligan
Caitlin Parker
Melodie Mortenson
Jean Millar
Gerald McGregor

On the Macnamara Trail

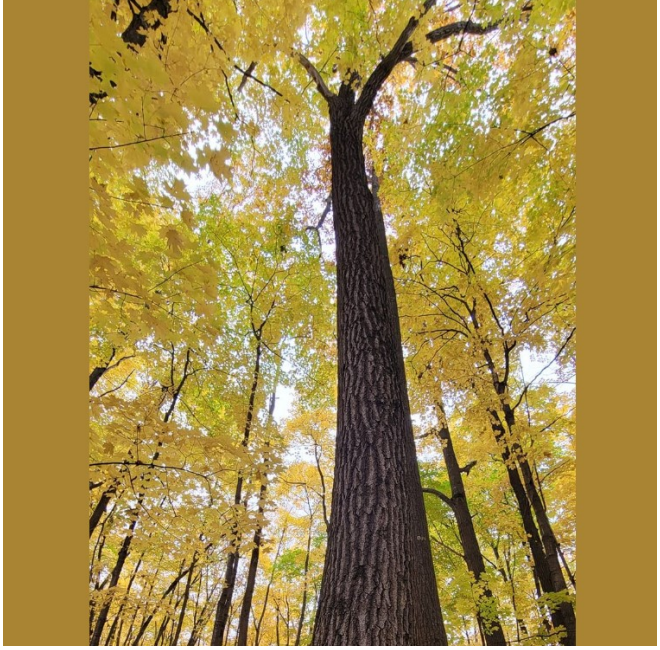
Weren't the trees especially colourful this October? Tracy Tenedero took this great fall photo on the Macnamara Nature Trail.

Meetings:

While we will be resuming our in-person meetings at the Arnprior Curling Club in October 2022, we will also offer the virtual option via Zoom for those who prefer it.

Annual Memberships:
Family $30, Individual $25

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



Volunteers Needed to Refill Bird Feeders on the Trail
We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would act as substitutes to our bird-feeding team. Right now we need someone to refill the three bird feeders located on the trail past the Lime Kiln from mid-November to mid-December and again from January 11 to the end of the month.

If you are available, please contact the Trail Coordinators at trail@mfnc.ca

Many thanks!

Damage to the MacnamaraTrail Kiosk

Sadly, the *No Dogs* sign posted at the trailhead kiosk was recently vandalized. The rule still applies though! A new sign was ordered and will be posted as soon as possible.

In the meantime, feel free to remind trespassers that dogs are not allowed on the trail and that they are on private property.

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