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Regular monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wed. of the month in the downstairs auditorium of the Peterborough Public Library at 345 Aylmer Street N.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday January 13 th	Birding North of Peterborough County Jerry Ball will lead members on a trip north of Peterborough County on January 13 th , 2008. Call Jerry Ball (745-3272) for more information.
Friday January 25 th 5:30 pm Baker's Hill Centre 	68th Annual General Meeting Join us for the PFN's Annual General Meeting - a tradition you won't want to miss. Keep up to date on club business, elect the next executive, enter the raffle for fabulous prizes, enjoy a delicious meal and stay for an entertaining presentation. Social hour begins at 5:30, supper starts at 6:00, meeting at 7:00, raffle at 7:30 and speaker beginning at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes admission and large dinner (vegetarian option available). To reserve your tickets, call Don & Emily Pettypiece at 750-1145, or purchase them at the December meeting. Deadline to reserve tickets is January 16th. Our AGM Keynote Speaker this year will be Dr. Michael Peterman , a professor of English Literature and Canadian Studies at Trent University, will give an illustrated presentation about the lives of Susanna Moodie and Catherine Parr Traill. Dr. Peterman has devoted a lifetime of study to Susanna Moodie and Catherine Parr Traill and has written many scholarly articles on the sisters, a book about the life of Susanna Moodie and, along with two other authors, has edited two volumes of Susanna's correspondence. He has recently published a visual biography on Susanna Moodie and Catherine Parr Traill titled "Sisters in Two Worlds". Once again, local artist Kelly Dodge has generously donated artwork for our silent auction - see page 8 for more information about Kelly and her work.

This issue of the Orchid is a combined Jan/Feb edition - the next Orchid will be published in March 2008.

COMING EVENTS continued

Wednesday February 13 th 7:30 pm Ptbo Public Library	PFN Monthly Meeting: "Arctic Adventures with Peter Adams" Dr. Peter Adams will tell us about his 40 years of involvement with the Arctic, from his early days as a graduate student, his activities there as a professor in the Geography Department at Trent University and his recent work as an MP. He recently published a book about his Arctic experiences and the profits from the book will help support a Trent Student Bursary.
Sunday February TBD 6:00 a.m. Tim Hortons/ Sobey's parking lot	Birds of the Lakeshore Join Tony Bigg on a day of winter birding along the Lake Ontario shore, beginning around Cobourg and heading towards Ajax. There is usually a good variety of birds to be found in those areas, often winter rarities not seen in the Peterborough area. Bring a lunch and binoculars, and meet in the Tim Horton's parking lot in the Canadian Tire/Sobey's shopping complex on Lansdowne St. W. We will carpool from there. Call Tony at 652-7541 to confirm date and time of outing and to obtain more information.

OTHER EVENTS of INTEREST

January 16 th Peterborough Green-Up Office (Ptbo Square) 7-8:30 p.m.	Urban Forest Volunteer Information Session Peterborough Green-Up is hosting an information session to outline volunteer opportunities with the new Urban Forestry Program. Join us and learn about the program, preview our presentation on Urban Forests, and learn about the various ways you can volunteer. For example, if you would like to participate in our neighbourhood forest inventories this summer as a Volunteer Urban Forester, this information session will inform you about future training workshops. If you interested in learning more about how you can participate and support our urban forest, please join us! Contact Chris Gooderham at urbanforest@cogeco.net to register.
Thursday, January 17 th and Friday, January 18 th	Banff Mountain Film Festival Wild Rock Outfitters host the Banff Film Festival on Thursday at the Gordon Best Theatre (216 Hunter St. W., Peterborough), and Friday at Showplace (290 George St. N., Peterborough). Tickets are \$15 per night or \$25 for both nights. For more information call (705) 745-9133. For information about the Film Festival tour: http://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainculture/tour/
Friday January 25 th 7:30 p.m. (Port Hope)	Willow Beach Field Naturalist's Lecture The Willow Beach Field Naturalists host a regular meeting with a guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. at Beatrice Strong Public School (90 Rose Glen Rd. N., Port Hope). Trent University M. Sc. candidates Ben Walters and Myles Falconer will speak on Avian Productivity in the Ganaraska Forest. They will discuss the effects of recreational and access trails as well as forestry techniques on Eastern Wood-Pewee, Red-eyed Vireo, Veery, Hermit Thrush, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and American Robin in the Ganaraska, an 11,000 acre forest north of Port Hope. Admission is free. For more information call (905) 342-3034.

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<p>Thursday January 31st</p>	<p>LWCC Conference – see page 5 for details</p>
<p>Friday February 29th</p> <p>7:00 p.m. (Cobourg)</p>	<p>Willow Beach Field Naturalist's Lecture</p> <p>The Willow Beach Field Naturalists host their Annual General Meeting with a guest speaker at 7 p.m. at Terry Fox Public School (1065 Riddell Ave., Cobourg). Jenna Dickson, Grade twelve student and prefect and Alison Elliott, Science Teacher, Trinity College School will present on their International Polar Year Arctic Expedition, 2007. In addition to breath-taking encounters with Beluga whales, Orcas, walrus, and Polar bears, Jenna and Alison were able to see first hand the effects of climate change and speak with Inuit Elders about the impacts of these changes. Admission is free. For more information call (905) 342-3034.</p>
<p>End of February</p>	<p>Tree Inventory Training</p> <p>Want to be a Volunteer Urban Forester (VUF) this summer? The first VUF training session will be held at the end of February (date to be confirmed). Experts in the field of Urban Forestry, Andy Kenney and Danijela Puric-Mladenovic, will instruct the NeighbourWoods tree inventory procedures. A second, hands-on training session will occur end of May. Please Contact Chris Gooderham at urbanforest@cogeco.net, 705-745-3238, or check the Green-Up website for details closer to the date. www.greenup.on.ca</p>
<p>March 1st – 2nd</p> <p>10 am – 5 pm</p> <p>Evinrude Centre</p>	<p>15th Annual Peterborough Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show</p> <p>Saturday March 1st, 2008 10-5 and Sunday March 2nd, 2008 10-5</p> <p>The show features exhibits, hands-on activities for children and gem, fossil and mineral dealers and suppliers. Admission: \$3.00 for adults, children 12 or under are free and must be accompanied by an adult Contact Mark Stanley (705-639-2406 or mark.Stanley@sympatico.ca) for more information or visit the Kawartha Rock and Fossil Club's website at: http://www.rockandfossil.com/</p>

JUNIOR FIELD NATURALISTS

<p>Friday January 18th</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Night Hiking at Camp Kawartha</p> <p>Let's explore the winter night! Dress warm and come out to Camp Kawartha for a night hike. Meet Neil in the Camp Kawartha parking lot.</p>
<p>Sunday February 17th</p> <p>2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing</p> <p>Come on out and enjoy the snow! Meet in the Camp Kawartha parking lot for cross-country skiing and/or snowshoeing. Bring you own equipment or some can be provided for you.</p>

URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM SPEAKER SERIES

Mark your calendars for Feb 6th, March 5th& April 2nd

A forest may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of an urban area. Peterborough Green-Up is trying to change that with their new Urban Forestry Program, which promotes the benefits of trees in the city.

The program consists of a public education campaign, neighbourhood tree inventories, a school program, and native tree planting & remediation events.

Kicking off the public education campaign is a three-part speaker series on national, regional, and local urban forestry issues. Talks will be held from 7 to 9 pm at the Peterborough Public Library. They are free and open to the public.

- **On February 6th, Michael Rosen from Tree Canada** will talk about “Trees and Climate Change: The Carbon Offset Connection” – a *national* look at urban forests’ role in climate change and air quality.
- **On March 5th, Bruce McGauley, retired urban forester from City of London** will speak about “Treasured Trees: Growing a Green Heritage” – a *regional* look at species conservation issues and heritage tree programs.
- **On April 2nd, Andy Kenney from the University of Toronto Forestry Dept.** will speak about “Sustaining the Urban Forest: Starting a Neighbourhood Urban Forest Stewardship Program” – a *local* look at community initiatives and urban forestry policies.

All three evenings will include a panel discussion between the guest speaker, local experts and the audience. That’s right, expect to see experts from the Large Woodlands Conservation Cooperative, Kawartha Heritage Conservation, the City of Peterborough, and the PFN joining panel discussions to address climate change research, natural heritage conservation, and strategic planning initiatives.

As a series sponsor, the PFN will participate in the April 2nd panel discussion, and will have a poster display at all three evenings. **Volunteers are needed to staff the PFN display.** If you are available, please contact Chris Gooderham at urbanforest@cogeco.net

Peterborough Green Up gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and operates the Urban Forestry program in partnership with the City of Peterborough.



Notes from the Large Woodland Conservation Cooperative

The LWCC recently participated in a workshop, *Managing Your Woodland for Profit*, organized by the Peterborough Stewardship Council. Over three Wednesday evening sessions, and one day in the field, local woodlot owners received instruction on forest ecology, basic forestry concepts, forest management plans, sources of assistance, selling standing timber, and conservation issues such as the importance of interior habitat and the threat of invasive species.

On **Thursday, January 31st**, the LWCC will be hosting a conference to explore the relationship between municipal planning decisions and the conservation of large woodlands. Municipal staff and elected officials will be invited to Manvers Community Centre for presentations on climate change, ecological goods and services, significant woodlands, forest conservation by-laws, the Alternative Land Use Strategy (ALUS), the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, and of course large woodlands! **The public is also welcome to attend this free event** and can contact Gina Varrin at lwcc@trentu.ca for more information.

Gina Varrin, Coordinator, Large Woodlands Conservation Cooperative
c/o Trent University, Peterborough, Ont., K9J 7B8
Tel: 705-748-1011 ext. 7670
www.trentu.ca/org/woodlands

Call for raffle prizes for the Annual General Meeting on January 25th

Every year at the PFN Annual General Meeting we raffle off prizes donated by members or businesses in Peterborough and surrounding area. This is our first call for folks to donate raffle prizes. Funds raised during the raffle go towards supporting club activities as well as to covering off some of the costs incurred by hosting the AGM. If you have anything you would like to donate, or would like to canvass a local business for support, please contact John at 742-1524.

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The Kawartha Club of the Ganaraska Hiking Trail has invited PFN members to join in the Winter (January-March) 2008 hikes, details listed below.

The Ganaraska Hiking Trail extends from Port Hope to Glen Huron, with two branches to Midland and Wasaga Beach for a total of 500 kms. There are nine clubs along the length of the trail that make up the Association. For more information about all the clubs please see the website: www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.ca

The Kawartha Club includes members from Campbellford, Keene, Peterborough, Lindsay, Millbrook, Fenelon Falls and many points in between. The Kawartha section of trail travels from just west of Omeme, north 76.7 kms to Moore Falls. The trail travels on railtrail, country lanes and forest trails as it meanders through the gently rolling countryside, through the towns of Lindsay and Fenelon Falls to the hamlet of Burnt River. North of Burnt River, the trail continues in more rugged terrain, crossing many beaver dams and running parallel to beautiful Corben Lake, a great lunch spot!

Note: Bring a lunch and drink for all weekend hikes unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, January 9 (1:00 pm) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: Lyn or Linda 778-7842

Sunday, January 13 (10:00 am) Easy/Moderate (Kawartha Club)

Warsaw Caves Conservation Area. Meet at Auburn and Parkhill Sts parking area to carpool at 9:30am or at the park at 10:00 am. Entrance fee. Call to confirm: Rose 639-2431 or rmillett@primus.ca

Wednesday, January 16 (10:00 am) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: John or Carole 295-6543

Saturday January 19 (10:00am) Easy/Moderate (Kawartha Club)

Havelock Happenings. Meet at Havelock Foodland parking lot for a hike in the area. Bring your lunch. Hot soup, tea and coffee will be provided at Lyn and Linda's home. To carpool, meet at Burnham Mansion carpool lot at 9:15am. Call to confirm. Contact: Lyn / Linda 778-7842

Wednesday, January 23 (1:00 pm) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: Ausma 745-2577

Wednesday, January 30 (1:00 pm) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: Ausma 745-2577

Saturday, February 2 (10:00 am) Moderate (Kawartha Club)

Julian Lake area Snowshoe. Meet at Riverview Park & Zoo at 9:00am to carpool. Contact Lyn or Linda 778-7842

Wednesday, February 6 (1:00 pm) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: Jill 745-9713

Sunday, February 10 (10:00 am) Easy/Moderate (Kawartha Club)

Victoria Rail Trail to Omemee. 7kms. Meet at 46 Riverview Dr. (call for directions). To carpool from Ptbo, meet at Portage Place Mall parking lot behind A&P at 9:30 am. Walk the rail trail to Omemee for lunch at the Roadside Café. Call to confirm: Terry 799-6941

Wednesday, February 13 (1:00 pm) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: Betty 742-5048

Saturday, February 16 (11:00 am) Easy/Moderate (Kawartha Club)

Kasshabog Kaper. Meet at Riverview Park & Zoo

at 10:00 am to carpool or at the mailboxes on Kosh Road at 11:00 am. 5.6 km winter walk on cottage roads to Stony Point Marina Café or lunch. Shorter walk also available.

Contact: Rose 639-2431 or rmillett@primus.ca

Wednesday, February 20 (10:00 am) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: John or Carole 295-6543

Wednesday, February 20 (6:00 pm) Moderate/Difficult (Kawartha Club)

Moonlight Madness. Ski or snowshoe by the light of the moon at Kawartha Nordic Ski Club. Bring a headlamp in case it's cloudy, a snack and a thermos with a hot beverage. Entrance fee - \$10/person or \$30/car. To carpool from Ptbo, meet at the Riverview Park & Zoo at 5:00pm or in the main chalet at the club at 6:00 pm. Contact: Rob 639-2206

Sunday February 24 (10:00 am) Moderate (Kawartha & Pine Ridge Clubs)

Northumberland Forest. Meet in the ski trail parking lot off Beagle Club Rd. for a joint club hike, ski or snowshoe. Peterborough members meet at Canadian Tire, Lansdowne St. West to carpool at 9 am.

Contact for hiking/snowshoeing: Rose (Kawartha) 639-2431 or rmillett@primus.ca

Contact for skiing: Judy Harris (Pine Ridge) 905-342-3888

Wednesday, February 27 (1:00 pm) Easy (Kawartha Club)

1.5 - 2 hour walk. Call for details at least one day prior. Contact: Lyn or Linda 778-7842

Don't forget to join us for the PFN Annual General Meeting on January 25th!

Open to both members and non-members alike, the AGM features a banquet dinner, a keynote speaker, a silent auction and a raffle. Details on page 1.



ORCHID SUBMISSIONS WANTED!



Please send in your stories, pictures, poetry, artwork, articles, reviews or PFN outing write-ups. This is your newsletter and we need your help to make it great!

Deadline for submissions for the March issue: Monday, February 25th, 2008

Please send all submissions to: **Rebecca Zeran, P.O. Box 345, Bridgenorth, ON, K0L 1H0**
or via e-mail to: rebecca.zeran@mail.mcgill.ca

Local Artist Kelly Dodge Donates Artwork to our AGM

Canadian artist Kelly Dodge regards her inspirations and artistic talent as gifts from God and considers it a great blessing to be surrounded by this natural world of beauty and discovery. Each of her paintings has something specific to say, communicating both emotionally and spiritually the essence of creation in simplicity and truth. Kelly demonstrates superb versatility with a wide range of pleasingly unpredictable subject matter.

In what has been a whirlwind career as a professional artist whose first show was in 2001, Kelly has achieved much recognition internationally. In 2003/2004 alone she was elected to full signature membership with the Society of Animal Artists, The Pastel Society of America and the Pastel Society of Canada. She also holds signature membership with Artists for Conservation, a community of world-class artists.

Primarily painting in pastel, Kelly is perhaps best known for her ongoing focus on birds often combined inspirationally with traditional Christian hymns. She has also garnered much popularity for a second series, pastel paintings portraying breathtaking views of the Northern Hemisphere constellations, two of which have been chosen in 2007/2008 for the Ducks Unlimited Canada National Art Print Program.

Her exhibition schedule includes such shows as the Southeastern Wildlife Art Exhibition, Charleston, S.C., Art for the Animal Kingdom, Bennington, Vermont, Natur'art, Montreal, the Easton Waterfowl Festival, Easton, Md., the Plantation Wildlife Art Festival, GA., the Buckhorn Fine Art Festival, ON., and the Rainforest Foundation UK's Friends of the Rainforest, London, England. Her paintings can be found in many collections at home and abroad.

Kelly resides in rural Lakefield and is a proud member of the Peterborough Field Naturalists.

To see more of Kelly's work you can visit her website at www.kellydodgeart.com

This year our AGM will feature another of Kelly's pieces in our silent auction:

Title: "Shine"

Artist: Kelly Dodge

Details: a limited edition reproduction, numbered and signed by artist

Retail Value: \$350.00

Description: This piece was inspired by and composed based on the traditional Christian children's hymn "Jesus Bids Us Shine". The antiques date from the appropriate era and illustrate the theme of the hymn. The quill pen in the painting is a Trumpeter Swan feather.



It's time to renew your membership!



2008 PFN Membership
Fees are due.

Memberships can be renewed by sending a cheque (\$15 student, \$25 single, \$30 family) to Don Pettypiece at 18 Parkview Dr, Peterborough, ON, K9H 5M6 (please indicate "for PFN 2008 membership" on cheque).

Memberships can also be renewed at the reception desk at the PFN Annual General Meeting on January 25th.

A membership in the Peterborough Naturalists Club gets you:

- a yearly subscription to the Orchid
- enrollment in the Junior Field Naturalists for your children
- notices advising you of interesting presentations and nature outings
- knowledge that you are supporting a long-standing local club focusing on the appreciation and conservation of nature

Membership fees are used by the club in a variety of ways, including: publication of the Orchid, organization of the Annual General Meeting, and in support of initiatives to research, rehabilitate, and protect nature in all its forms.

Explorer Sighting Software

- from Ontario Nature Network News, December 15, 2007, Submitted by Margaret Hull, Guelph Field Naturalists

The Guelph Field Naturalists (GFN) are pleased to announce the launch of the GFN Birder and Dragonfly Watchers Sightings Explorer Software. This new and innovative software is a listing program with a twist: location mapping! Not only will it keep your bird or dragonfly list, it will map the exact location on a fully integrated Ontario map.

Containing full street-level detail of the entire province of Ontario, and water features and major highways for the rest of Canada, no matter where you go, you'll know what you saw and when and where you saw it.

Use the integrated reporting features to generate a seasonal checklist, a monthly bird checklist or a number of more traditional reports. Share your sightings with the internet-based database and contribute to a comprehensive regional sightings list from all other participating users of the software. Use this large regional list or your own personal list and either explore all sightings or generate frequency maps based on the sightings for the entire province!

For more information, please refer to the Sightings Explorer major features list at <http://www.naturesbestcreations.com/explorer.htm>, or for a more in-depth review, see the on-line version of the help file at <http://www.naturesbestcreations.com/sehelp>. To explore recent sightings logged using the software, refer to the sighting explorer web at <http://jonbrierley.dyndns.org/explorer>.

The Sightings Explorer software is available for Microsoft Windows on Compact Disk from the Guelph Field Naturalists for a minimum donation of \$40. Make cheques payable to: Guelph Field Naturalists and mail to P.O. Box 1401, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6N8 or pay by credit card on-line. Credit card donations are also accepted on-line through CanadaHelps, and you will receive your charitable donation receipt immediately by e-mail. Log on to www.guelphfieldnaturalists.org.

Wild Species 2005 Report Now Available

- from Ontario Nature Network News, December 15, 2007, Submitted by Dan McDonell, Environment Canada

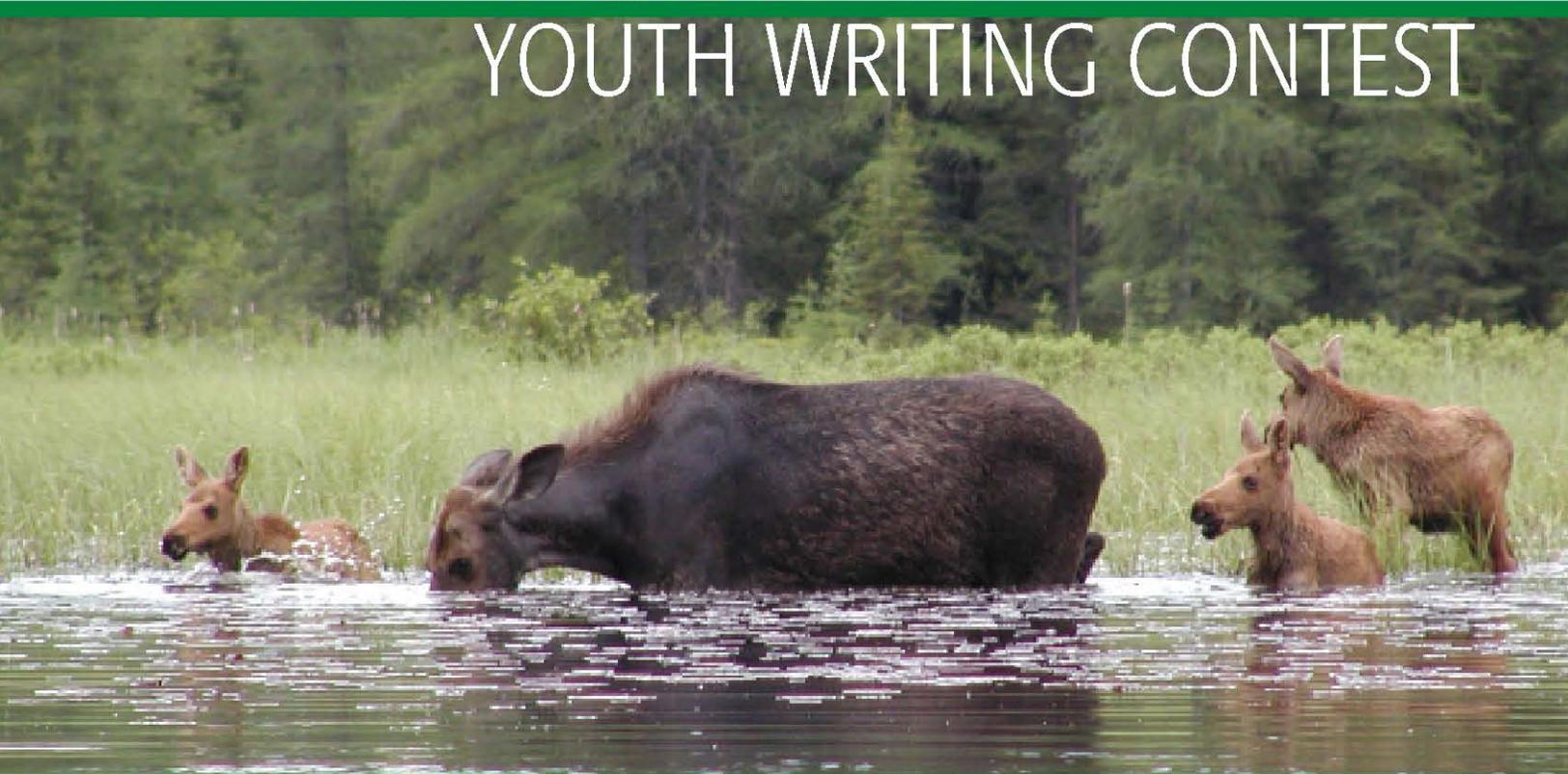
Wild Species reports are released every five years by the Canadian Endangered Species Conservation Council. The newest report, Wild Species 2005, has been released and can be downloaded in English or French from the Wild Species website www.wildspecies.ca.

The report provides general status assessments for over 7500 wild species in Canada, using results from provincial, territorial and federal monitoring efforts.



ONTARIO NATURE'S 3rd annual

YOUTH WRITING CONTEST



We have all heard about climate change, but here is your challenge – share with us
“How is climate change affecting **you** and **your** community?”

What you need to know:

- You must be an Ontario grade 7 or 8 student.
- It can be an essay, a story, or a piece of creative writing, with a maximum count of 700 words, typed and double-spaced.
- The top three entries will be published in ON Nature magazine, receive cool prizes and be honoured for their achievement at Ontario Nature's Annual General Meeting in Kirkfield on June 7, 2008.

Send your original entries by March 3, 2008 to:

Youth Writing Contest
Ontario Nature
366 Adelaide Street West, Suite 201
Toronto, ON M5V 1R9
Tel: 416-444-8419
Toll free: 1-800-440-2366
Email: info@ontarionature.org

Make sure you have a title page telling us **your name, address, phone number, email address, your parent's or guardian's name, what grade you're in, and the name of your school.**

For complete contest rules or to learn more about Ontario Nature visit our website - www.ontarionature.org



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MEMBERSHIP

Memberships may be obtained at the monthly meeting or by mailing a copy of the application form below to:
Don Pettypiece, 18 Parkview Dr, Peterborough, Ontario, K9H 5M6

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Tel. Home _____ Work _____ Email _____

Type of Membership and Fee Schedule (2008) – Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Field Naturalists

- 1. () Student (September through to April) \$15
- 2. () Single (1 adult or 1 child*) \$25
- 3. () Family (couple or family with children) \$30



*Membership in the PFN automatically includes membership in the Junior Naturalists

Please give the names and ages of the children you wish to be enrolled in PFN Junior Naturalists programs:
Name _____ age _____ Name _____ age _____
Name _____ age _____ Name _____ age _____

Main Interests (Tick only 3):

- (a) Birds _____ (b) Butterflies/Insects _____ (c) Wildflowers/Trees/ Shrubs _____ (d) Astronomy _____ (e) Aquatic Life _____
- (f) Geology _____ (g) Field Trips _____ (h) Hiking _____ (i) Conservation _____
- (j) Other (please specify) _____

I (name _____) am knowledgeable in the following area(s) _____ and would be prepared to: () lead an outdoor session, () give an indoor presentation, () prepare an article for *The Orchid*

I am interested in the following:

- () Joining the PFN executive () Sitting on research or conservation committees
- () Working on field projects () Helping with refreshments at meetings
- () Please have a member of the executive call me

Age groups

This information is optional but helps us to understand the needs of our membership. If yours is a family membership, please check for each adult. Under 20 (), 20-24 (), 25-29 (), 30-34 (), 35-39 (), 40-44 (), 45-49 (), 50-54 (), 55-59 (), 60-64 (), 65-69 (), 70-79 (), 80 & over ().

Comments

We are always looking for ways to improve the club. Please attach a separate sheet listing any ideas that you may have.

DONATIONS: Membership fees cover the general operating costs of the club while other sources of revenue are needed to fund special projects such as ecological restoration. You can assist the club by making a donation to help further our work in such areas. The PFN is a registered charity and issues receipts for income tax purposes. All donations are gratefully received and any member of the executive will be happy to speak to you concerning the use of such funds.

LIABILITY WAIVER: In consideration of the Peterborough Field Naturalists (PFN) accepting this application, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever release and discharge the PFN, their officers, directors, servants and agents from any liability whatsoever arising from my participation in PFN activities, whether by reason of negligence of the PFN or its representatives, or otherwise. I affirm that I am in good health, capable of performing the exercise required for field trips or other activities in which I participate, and accept as my personal risk the hazards of such participation. As a member of the PFN and/or as a parent/guardian of a member under 18 years of age, I have read and understood the above, and accept its term on behalf of all of my underage children.

Signature _____