



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM this year will again be held at the Palisade Gardens Retirement Residence at 240 Chapel Street, Cobourg.

- The date is Monday, June 18, the time 7:00 p.m. - please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Anyone interested in the Land Trust is welcome to join us, but only current members are eligible to vote.
- We will have a slate of Officers and Directors to present for election.
- After the short business part of the meeting, Rory Quigley, Cobourg's town arborist of over 20 years, will be our guest speaker. We should all learn a lot about one of our local "urban forests" and about trees more generally in Northumberland.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- A 50-50 draw will be held to help defray costs associated with this meeting.

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**WALLACE BIRDATHON** - planning is well under way for this annual event. Roger Frost is again our "celebrity birder", and he will have 24 continuous hours to identify as many bird species as he can find in Northumberland County. He will undertake this marathon sometime in late May, the exact date to be determined by the weather. If you have not already done so, please consider sponsoring him for a few cents per species or for a flat amount; we depend on funds raised through Roger's efforts to support our stewardship activities on our four properties. You can make a pledge by leaving a message at 905-342-3851 or by e-mailing [operations@northumberlandlandtrust.ca](mailto:operations@northumberlandlandtrust.ca) - lots of \$10 donations can make a big difference. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. Many thanks!

**NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL FORM - 2012 MEMBERSHIP**

We hope we can count on your support in 2012. If you have not already sent in this year's membership form, please use the one below. Members receive:

- A tax receipt (Charitable Registration #89257-5930 RR0001)
- The right to vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Newsletters, invitations to events such as our dinner, hikes, and lectures
  - And if you have the time and/or expertise, we would love to have you join us as a volunteer!

Please make cheques payable to "Northumberland Land Trust", and mail the form below to:

Northumberland Land Trust, P. O. Box 1153, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5A4

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Single:  \$25      Family:  \$40      Supporting:  \$50      Corporate:  \$100

Donation:  \$250       \$500       Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events and Stewardship Work

- **Saturday, May 26** - members of the Stewardship Committee plan to inspect the McEwen property for invasive exotics and other possible work. It is an easy 15-minute hike to the property from a location on the 10<sup>th</sup> Line of Hope Township north of Garden Hill. The property itself consists of grassland (where dog-strangling vine [DSV] and Scots pine are a problem in some spots), forest and a pond. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to do so. Please contact John Geale at 905-342-3851 or [johngeale@yahoo.com](mailto:johngeale@yahoo.com) for directions and to allow us to contact you if we need to change the date, which will depend on weather and the state of the DSV.
- **Sunday, June 10** - anyone who would like to see our Leckey property (near Castleton) is invited to join members of the Stewardship Committee for a hike along some or all of the well-maintained trails at this location. Please let us know if you plan to be with us so that we can contact you if poor weather causes a change in our plans. You can leave a message at 905-342-3851 or e-mail Julie Munro at [instar74@hotmail.com](mailto:instar74@hotmail.com). Julie is the Stewardship Committee member responsible for this property, and is doing a fabulous job keeping in touch with Molly Leckey and organizing work to be done.
- **Saturday, September 29** - the Pine Ridge Hiking Club has asked permission to hike on our McEwen property, accessing it from the Ganaraska Forest Centre. Any Land Trust members who would like to join them would be welcome to do so. By that time we may have done some work on the DSV and Scots pine, and we may have established at least part of the planned trail more or less circumnavigating the property. More on this in a later newsletter.