

The Preserver, November 2013

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: A SUCCESSFUL DINNER AT DALEWOOD

We wish to thank everyone who helped to make our October 16th Dinner and Silent Auction at Dalewood Golf Club successful: our members and friends who attended, the donors of the silent auction items, and our special guest speaker.



Dinner attendees (left to right):
Marlynne Warling, Molly Leckey,
Alison Jacobs, and Martin Poitras

It was an opportunity for some of the non-golfers to see the greens and fairways and to enjoy the ambience of Dalewood. We

had 60 attendees and enjoyed a very tasty meal. Two young musicians, Ryan and Julie Barrett, provided lively entertainment before dinner. The Silent Auction earned NLT about \$800.00 - a nice bonus to add to the proceeds from ticket sales.



Musicians Ryan and Julie Barrett

Our guest speaker, Mike McIntosh from "Bear With Us", spoke to an attentive audience - bears are not uncommon in Northumberland County. He told us of his experiences caring for young cubs and injured bears and their release back to the wild. His sanctuary permanently cares for two former performing bears which cannot be released because of their early training to interact with people. Mike is on call for pick-up of bears that have wandered into populated areas or been injured on roadways. Since a number of our members enjoy hiking in the woods he gave us a simple suggestion: carry a black plastic garbage bag that can be waved and flapped loudly at a bear if by chance you meet one on a trail. Most of us hope not to have to practice this safety tip!



Former MPP Lou Rinaldi (right)
at the dinner with George and
President Joan Chalovich

The date for next year's dinner has already been set - it will be on Wednesday, October 22, at Dalewood once again. We hope you will join us then.

Joan Chalovich, President.

[Photos courtesy of snapd]

STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITY: the season winds down

Since our last newsletter, we have quite an active autumn. If you would like to join in any stewardship activity, or simply come along and see what goes on, please contact any Stewardship Committee member; this can easily be done by e-mailing any property Steward (addresses are given later in this newsletter and on our website:

<http://www.northumberlandlandtrust.ca/>) or by calling 905-342-3851.



Pelton: On November 2, Russ Lake and John Geale walked to the property to have a look at the 600 tree seedlings that have been planted over the last two years. At this time of year the goldenrod was towering over the trees, but many pines and spruce were clearly doing well. The red oaks were hard to find among the weeds, but we did find evidence of success. In addition, it was apparent that some trees were moving in from the surrounding forest and fencelines, and our plan for 2014 is to let this process continue and not to do more planting. A bushwacking walk down to the creek and the marsh turned up some garbage that we will remove, and a check of the north and west fencelines suggested that everything is in order and our new signs are still in place (photo).



McEwen: A careful observer who visited this property regularly would notice several recent changes: Bill Newell's attacks on the densest patches of dog-strangling vine have resulted in a huge reduction in this invasive nuisance; four volunteers extended the trail north from the gate so that it now goes through the north field and then west into the forest and south along the fenceline, with a branch leading to the pond; and MANY Scots pines have been cut down. Twenty-five members of the Pine Ridge Hiking Club had a successful hike to the property on October 27, and two days later a hiking group led by NLT member Marilyn Waring (photo) was able to enjoy a gorgeous, brisk fall morning at the property. Later this month we plan to eliminate more Scots pines, resurrect a few fallen trail markers, and prepare a firebreak for next spring's controlled burn of the south grassland.



Leckey: Although the weather has interfered somewhat with our planned work at this property, an energetic group of four did manage to eliminate several dozen Scots pines on October 27 (photo). It was a pleasure to meet the new owners, Martin Poitras

and Alison Jacobs, at our annual dinner; they have been most gracious in granting our requests to visit this wonderful spot which offers such varied terrain and habitats for those who enjoy natural surroundings.



LLOEC: Mark Rupke (photo) continues to take excellent care of this property. One of his most important projects involves transplanting many native plants to the Outdoor Education Centre from a woodland that is being cut down. His latest scheme is to bring in over 200 old cedar rails for various uses near the building and along the trails.

UPCOMING STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITY

Saturday, November 16 - Scots pine removal at the McEwen property.

Sunday, November 17 - Scots pine removal at the Leckey property.

NOTE: if you would like to come along either to observe or help with either of these events, please contact the appropriate Steward for confirmation and so we can let you know if we have to postpone or cancel. You may also call 905-342-3851.

McEwen property: Jesse Harnden (mcewen@northumberlandlandtrust.ca).

Leckey property: Julie Munro (leckey@northumberlandlandtrust.ca).

LECTURE SERIES

The lectures are at the Northumberland County building, 600 William Street, Cobourg. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for light refreshments, and the lectures start at 7:30. There is no charge for these evenings.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 - Cori Arthur, Tourism Coordinator for Northumberland County, will describe the extensive trail systems in the county for hiking, biking and canoe tripping, and their lengths, travel times and possible interconnections.

Tuesday February 11, 2014 - Ewa Bednarczuk, Ecologist and Stewardship Specialist for the Lower Trent Conservation Authority will speak on the "seven natural wonders of the Lower Trent Watershed": areas that are ecologically unique, including Peter's Woods.

MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2014

NOTE: MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOT DUE UNTIL FEBRUARY, BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RENEW NOW OR MAKE A DONATION, YOU MAY USE THE FORM BELOW.

YOU MAY ALSO RENEW ONLINE USING A CREDIT CARD, PAYPAL, GIFT CARD OR INTERAC BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE (<http://www.northumberlandlandtrust.ca/>) AND CLICKING ON THE "CANADA HELPS" BUTTON. BE SURE TO NOTE IN THE "MESSAGE" SECTION THAT YOU ARE PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME.

Our members make the conservation work of the Northumberland Land Trust possible.

We hope we can count on your support in 2014. Members receive:

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

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