

BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - June 2017

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The Deuce is Loose!

Come join your neighbors every Tuesday at the Belfast Rec Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. Ticket sales and kitchen/bar opens at 6:00pm, trivia with prizes starts at 7:20. Ticket sales close at 8:00pm and the draw is at 8:15. Tickets are also available in advance at Cooper's.

Cooper's Red & White summer hours are:

Monday - Saturday : 7AM to 8PM
Sunday : 9:30AM to 5:30 PM

Card Parties begin again in North Pinette WI Hall on Thursday May 4th at 7:30 PM. (K. Ross)

A Joyful Sound community choir is celebrating Canada's 150th birthday with a **Made in Canada concert!** The concert will feature compositions of some wonderful musicians who've called this country home - Stan Rogers, Ian Tyson, Leonard Cohen, Oscar Peterson and more. A Joyful Sound is directed by Christie Beck and accompanied by Fran McBurnie. Please join us at the Vernon Bridge United Church on June 3rd at 7pm. Admission is by donation, with a lunch to follow. (per Melissa Mullen).

Bob Bancroft to give talk on **Nature-friendly Forest Management**

* Award-winning wildlife biologist and radio personality Bob Bancroft is coming back to **Macphail Woods** on Sunday, June 11 to give a talk on Nature-friendly Forest Management. The illustrated talk begins at 2pm in the Nature Centre on the Macphail Homestead in Orwell.

* The well-known advocate for nature throughout the region will explore how to improve the health of forests while increasing diversity and the quality of wildlife habitat. Bob will give examples of the practices he has seen across the region, many of which have been leading to forests of little value to either people or wildlife.

* Bob has spent his life as a biologist, naturalist, wildlife rehabilitator and forest steward. He has been studying nature with a passion for almost forty years and is a tireless advocate for maintaining and rehabilitating forests, their wildlife habitats and waterways. In 2007, he published "Wild Nova Scotia", and is well-known throughout the region for his work on CBC's Radio Noon as their resident wildlife expert.

* On their own property across the Strait in Pomquet, Bob

and his wife, artist Alice Reed, have worked to bring back many native plant species, constructed a large pond full of wildlife and improved habitat for everything from barred owls to spotted salamanders.

* Bob has earned dozens of awards both locally and nationally for his work on behalf of wildlife and forests and is a member of the Nova Scotia Forestry Hall of Fame and the President of Nature Nova Scotia.

* There will be lots of time for questions after Bob's talk. Admission is free and registration is not required. The workshop is part of an extensive series of activities at Macphail Woods. For more information on this or upcoming events, please call 651-2575, check out our website at macphailwoods.org, or look us up on Facebook.

. . . Gary Schneider at 651-2575 (w)

THE PLANTS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

* In celebration of Island flora, biologist Kate MacQuarrie will be sharing her love of plants at **Macphail Woods** on Saturday, June 3. Kate will walk the nature trails of the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead in Orwell, starting at 10 am at the nursery. She will point out common and uncommon species of flowering and non-flowering plants. Wildflowers, ferns, club mosses, shrubs - all these and more will be part of the discussion and identification.

* For many years, Kate has travelled different types of habitats across the Island looking for both rare and common plants. In her work with the Island Nature Trust and now as Director of the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division of the Department of Community, Land and the Environment, she has studied dune systems, old growth forests, and everything in between. This field work has given her an intimate knowledge of both native and non-native plants.

* This walk will be an excellent opportunity to learn about woodland flowers such as bunchberry and nodding trillium, as well as rarer wildflowers and our many non-flowering plants. There is no charge for the walk and no registration is necessary. Participants are advised to bring good walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather conditions. For more information, call 651-2575, check out our web site (macphailwoods.org) or visit us on Facebook.

* Over the years, hundreds of people have taken part in the plant workshops at Macphail Woods and become more observant of the natural world around them. This event is just one of the many nature and forest related walks and workshops sponsored by the Environmental Coalition of PEI throughout the year.

. . . Gary Schneider, 651-2575

Do you live in the Belfast Community and have a child who would like to attend **camp this summer**? St. John's Church wants to help! Contact us and we will provide the \$\$ for your child to attend Camp Keir, Camp Emmanuel, Camp Seggie or Canoe Cove Christian Camp! For more information, contact the church office at 902-659-2703 or by email at stjohns@pei.aibn.com

Belfast Watershed Group

* In early May, a very engaged group attended a meeting on the formation of a watershed group for the Belfast area. The community is one of the last areas of the province without an active watershed group. Watershed groups play an important role in restoring health of rivers and streams, providing employment within the community and engaging local people on the issues in local waterways. Plans for 2017 include surveying the major streams of the area and determining enhancement priorities for future years. Additionally, we plan to host several volunteer days with tree planting and educational activities. If you wish to receive information on activities please email Scott Roloson at sroloson@upej.ca.

BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AND ARE FREE UNDER SECTION 30.(3) A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT BECOME VALID UNTIL THE APPLICANT HAS NOTIFIED THE FIRE DEPT RESPONSIBLE...AND GIVEN DETAILS OF THE FIRE

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Belfast Senior's Club

* Regular meetings for the Belfast Millennium Club (50+) are 3rd Wednesday monthly at Rec Centre from 2-4 pm.
* Looking for new members 50+.
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