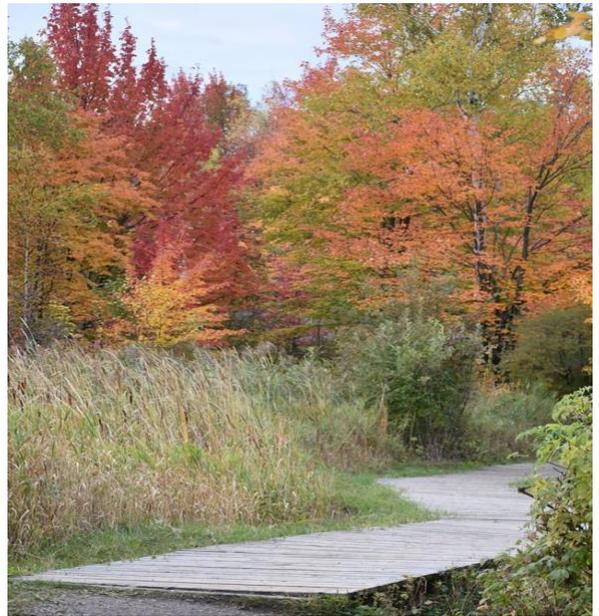




The quiet days of autumn, bring their glorious color and cooler temperatures.



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Louise de Kiriline Lawrence Summer Festival

The sixth annual Louise de Kiriline Nature Festival, hosted by the Nipissing Naturalist Club, the Friends of Laurier Woods and the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, was held on August 17th in the main parking lot of Laurier Woods. The day brought scattered rain which prevented some of the planned events from going forward. An estimated 150 people joined the festival over the three hours and didn't seem to be concerned about the weather.

Among the presenters on hand was Luke Thompson a licenced falconer, accompanied by two of his birds. Luke explained that part of his goal in showing these amazing animals was to emphasize their valuable role in nature, explaining that peregrine at one time was on the endangered species list. Canadian falconers played a role in their recovery, handing their working birds in to a breeding program that saw the release of birds into the wild. The falcon and their offspring were taught to hunt on their own so they could survive in the wild. "So that is the reason why I'm doing a lot of this, so people can see them up close. They are beautiful, magnificent creatures and generally you're not going to get that close to them in the wild." This year the festival paid tribute to Louise de Kiriline Lawrence, a renowned naturalist, author and one of the head nurses who cared for the Dionne Quints. Louise wrote 5 books on nature; hundreds of research papers and her work was recognized by naturalists and scientists alike. On display were her some of her personal items such as carvings, portraits and photographs. People still have fond memories of meeting her or sharing a cup of tea with her. People remember her walking around with binoculars in the woods around Bonfield. They called her the Bird Lady. She is honoured with a provincial historic plaque set up at Pimisi Bay between North Bay and Mattawa. When you go there you can see it and if you look across the bay, you can see where she used to live because the cabin is still there. Naming the nature festival in her honour is a way to ensure her legacy lives on.

Several activities were geared to engaging children in painting, creating and just having fun. There was a Harry Potter table where children made wands, painted rocks and interacted with volunteers, some dressed in costume.

Naturalists led guided walks through the day and the day was proclaimed a success. Set a reminder on your calendar for next year and another great day in the outdoors.

Guided Hikes and Special Events Calendar for Laurier Woods – 2019

Join us on November 2nd, Saturday at 10 am to noon for a geology themed hike with retired Professor Larry Dyke. We start from the Brule St parking lot.

GHOSTS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN LAURIER WOODS !

Families visiting Laurier Woods CA have been discovering evidence of a new species, or at least a new geological phenom. The white ghost faced rocks (see photo) have been located along the main trail and are being claimed or photographed by visiting children in Laurier Woods CA. Many thanks to one of our dedicated volunteers and members for this lovely and fun activity. We are warned there may be an incursion of other rock-creatures during the coming month. Be watchful.



WHAT IS THAT?? Dog vomit fungus (*Fuligo septica*) is a type of [slime mold](#) most often found in moist, shady areas and on materials such as mulch, rotting logs, leaf litter, and untreated lumber. It is also known by another nickname - "scrambled egg fungus"- because the fruiting body (the part you see) is light-yellowish in color and looks a bit like scrambled egg curds. Dog vomit fungus and other slime molds are saprophytic, which means that they feed on decaying organic materials. They do not cause plant diseases. They are most likely to show up during warm, wet periods, sometimes seeming to pop up out of nowhere overnight. The good news is that this fungus is harmless.

We have a lot of work to prepare the trails for next spring. Join us in distributing and spreading wood chips. High school students looking to earn volunteer hours? Help on our trails and earn your volunteer hours. Send us a message to volunteer through the website: <http://www.laurierwoods.com/contact.html>