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“There are currently positions
open on our board.”

What have we been doing over the summer months? Themed walks.

Our well known and celebrated May Bird Walks with Dick Tafel provided a chance to search and identify migrating and resident birds. Culinary and medical usages were included in the plant identification walk led by our own Lori Beckerton. Valerie Vaillancourt guided a fun filled treasure hunt on June 3rd. On July 1st Brent Turcotte shared his knowledge of butterflies, dragonflies and other insects with an interested (and afterward more informed) group. August 5th Lucy Emmott led a group in identifying and describing proliferation of mushrooms. Of course, on August 19 we celebrated our annual Nature Day in the Woods. (more on that later in this bulletin).

Coming Soon to Laurier Woods trails.

Riley Cormier and Julie Falsetti will guide interested outdoors enthusiasts on a search/identify hike looking for insects, spiders and butterflies on Sept 2nd. Avid and novice nature photographers will want to join Paul Chivers on October 7th for an excursion in the woods. December 2nd Larry Dyke will take the lead on a geology themed walk. We are still waiting details of the November 4th walk, so keep an eye on our home page for that one.

The woods are looking clean and we have noticed that dog scoopers have been cleaning up after their dogs. We appreciate this as it makes the woods a more pleasant place for everyone.



News from the Trails and Woods

Work, work, work...

One of the main goals of the Friends of Laurier Woods is to maintain the trails. This year we have improved the Fuschia Trail, in the newly acquired land. Chips have been spread (big thanks to Ron Slater for his wheelbarrowing skills). The trail is cleared and seeing lots of use. As well, the Marsh family has dedicated a picnic table which is in place along the trail. This is a great place for resting, picnics and monitoring beaver activity in the pond.

If you haven't done a "Fuschia Walk" we highly recommend it.

The other trails are regularly maintained, chips spread, growth slashed back and dead-fall removed. As well, the directors take on the task of weekly visits, removing garbage and debris. Our partner the NBMCA is instrumental in brushing trails, repairing boardwalks and managing beaver activity. Their dedication makes a big difference and can be noticed all through the woods. Trees, trees, trees...

Some of our members went on a planting-spree in the spring. Fighting back throngs of blackflies, they soldiered on and planted over 120 red pine along the border of the North Bay Salvage site. Undaunted, they planted at least 200 poplar cuttings. These trees will support our beaver population with good snacks and hopefully will survive to hide the scrap yards. We are always looking for free evergreen seedlings to enhance the woods.

Louise deKiriline Lawrence Nature Festival – August 18/17

The following activities were part of the Fourth Annual LDK Nature Festival held in Laurier Woods. Display of aquatic insects by North Bay Mattawa Conser. Auth ; wood crafts for children hosted by the Home Depot and Nipissing Naturalists; the Indian Friendship Centr; fossils & eggs for childre, face painting and animal tracks presented by the Nipissing Naturalists. Throughout the day (between rain drops) participants also enjoyed the following hikes: 09.00 am birds, insects, nature photography, plants as well as demonstrations of Tai-chi, yoga and in the outddors. The event was well attended and fun for all.

