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May 6, 2018 in Laurier Woods

TIME TO BREAK WITH THE WINTER BLUES 2018 Annual General Meeting!

Once again we are announcing our Annual Meeting, open to all. Plan to attend and maybe become a member. We offer a delicious catered dinner and cash bar, thought-provoking speaker and an opportunity to meet and network with like-minded people.

Rorab Shrine Club, 1260 Brookes Street, North Bay

Date: April 12, 2018

Price: \$30.00 per person

Reception: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30

Business Meeting: 7:30

Guest Speaker: 8:00

Jeremy St. Onge, Professor

*School of Environmental Studies & Biotechnology
Canadore College*

Presentation: "A Year of Living off the Land"

Tickets are available at :

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority on Janey Street

Mayne Travel on Main Street or

on line at @www.laurierwoods.com

Contact Theresa Haist (705 492-9734) or

Sue Christian (705 752-2837) for information or tickets.

What is Happening in Laurier Woods?

Spring isn't far away and with it come hundreds of species of migrating birds, travelling through Laurier woods. Our local expert-birder, Dick Tafel, is excited to, once again, host his guided walks in Laurier Woods Conservation Area. Every Saturday in May, at 9 a.m. enthusiastic bird watchers gather at the entrance of Laurier Woods at the end of Brule Street in anticipation of an informative and fun morning learning about these visiting birds. These walks only happen in May and, since they are complimentary, there is no reason to miss out.

As if time spent studying birds isn't edifying enough, we have more to offer! The last Saturday of May at 10 a.m. Lori Beckerton will lead another walk, where she will identify and describe some of the uses of plants found in the woods. Lori can provide information on the names, habits and edible options of the plants. She is happy to answer any and all questions. Once again, there is no charge for this worthwhile adventure but the walk is limited to the first 15 people who email Lori at kethren2004@yahoo.ca.

What more could we offer? We are proud and excited to introduce woods-walkers to the newest, and youngest couple on our Board of Directors. Julie Falsetti and Riley Cormier are knowledgeable about the insect inhabitants that are often undetected and unappreciated tucked amidst the lush greenery of Laurier Woods. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and skill they impart while sharing their knowledge on insects. We encourage you to join them on their guided walk on June 4th, leaving at 10 a.m. from the parking lot. Riley tells us that it is best to leave a little later since the bugs usually rest, hidden until the day warms up.

There will be more walks scheduled. As in the past we will host free guided walks the first Saturday of the month through the summer and fall. Watch our home page @www.laurierwoods.com or follow us on Facebook for more details. If you aren't computer minded you can contact any of our directors for information on our walks.

Local photographers find that Laurier Woods provides a perfect opportunity to capture woodland creatures in their natural setting.



What's the Connection?

Friends of Laurier Woods and the Conservation Authority

We are proud of our unique and shared stewardship of Laurier Woods with the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority. The purpose of this type of commitment, linking land protection and conservation objectives between community partners, enables us to identify key common objectives and seek opportunities for cooperation while protecting and enhancing Laurier Woods.

Through this unique relationship we share in project planning and development, discussing challenges, issues and mutual goals.

The Board of Directors are present in the woods on a daily basis providing valuable information about trail conditions, plant and animal issues, and interacting with the public through walks, special events. The CA offer support, a knowledgeable work force and a conservation based perspective that is invaluable. Their awareness of local land and watershed issues, climate change and resource management is unique. Working together we are assured that this valuable forest and wetland area will be held in perpetuity for future generations.