



Island Nature Trust Update

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Spring! No, not quite yet.

Spring weather will come—eventually! In the meantime we are all anxious for it and busy finishing off indoor projects and maybe spending a little more time in front of computers and televisions than we might like. Most Island Nature Trust members are likely to spend lots of time outside no matter what the weather. We all love to be outside in the very habitats this organization is working to conserve.

Signs of spring are increasing now. Presentations about it, signs of wildlife preparing for it, seed catalogues, people wishing for it and best of all—longer periods of daylight!

As I write this, the sun is bright and the temperature frigid. The Canadian flag nearby hangs perfectly limp, a rare event here on windy PEI. Surely the warmer daytime temperatures can't be far behind.

The Nature Trust is gathering memberships, preparing for the 30th - yes the 30th! - annual dinner and auctions and working away at many properties lined up for acquisition. The Piping Plover program is going to start April 1—that's less than a month from now. Hard to believe the snow and ice will have melted enough for any plover to find a square inch of bare sand on any beach in PEI. Or, an invertebrate to eat by April 1. They may delay until the middle of April, as they commonly do.

Another spring event—the **Nature Trust annual fundraising dinner**. The Trust has completely re-designed the 2014 dinner. **Slated for April 25th at the Top of the Park at Red Shores** in Charlottetown. The food will be fabulous. An excellent buffet that this establishment is very well known for. Tickets remain at \$50.00 and this year will include some really fun perks. How about three pre-picked betting tickets on a horse race, telecast on monitors at your table! Sound fun? Between the fantastic meal, the new and lovely venue, a new spot of entertainment, wonderful auction items and more, this important fundraiser has been completely revitalized. We will offer door prizes as usual, and only auctions, both live and silent. Where will the raffles go? Read on!

A Nature Trust committee is planning for a new autumn event! A wine and cheese soiree in October is in the early stages of planning. Lots of raffle prizes including the favorite “bucket” raffle. Don't care for wine? I am sure there will be lots to choose from for those that like a glass of beer, cider or soft drinks. Door prizes, and just a sprinkling of silent auction items are in the works. We hope to gather some new members at this gathering and have a chance to get to know current members a little better.

Enough talk of fall—let's get to spring first! Please!

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We Are. . .

Island Nature Trust is a non governmental, registered charity dedicated to permanent protection of natural areas on Prince Edward Island. We acquire lands through purchase and donation and help private owners protect their own properties. We also protect species-at-risk, ecological restoration and public education. Donations are always welcome.

Our Board of Directors

Island Nature Trust is governed by a Board of Directors of 12 to 16 members. Each member serves up to two three-year terms.

The Board of Directors of the Trust includes the following:

The Executive:

Fiep de Bie	President
Judi Allen	Vice-president
Carl Adams	Treasurer
Jennifer Roma	Secretary

Group Representatives

Four Island groups have representatives on the INT Board:

Marina Silva-Opps	UPEI Biology Department
Tom LeClair	Museum and Heritage Foundation
Randy Dibblee	Natural History Society of PEI
Vacant	PEI Wildlife Federation

Remaining members of the Board:

Sandra McConkey
Dwaine Oakley
Kathleen MacNearney
Donna Gill
Paul Smith
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Charity Hogan

Meike Keunecke

The Nature Trust and nature in general, lost a great friend, defender and supporter on January 1, 2014. Meike Keunecke taught for many years at Montague Consolidated School and her French immersion students in Grade 4 absolutely adored “Madame Meike”.

Meike introduced the appreciation of nature at every opportunity in her many years of classes. After her death, the Nature Trust heard several stories of students who remembered her well after decades of education and life had passed. Meike often had guest speakers from the Nature Trust and other organisations in to teach her kids about eagles, Island wildlife conservation, amphibians and more. Getting kids outside was equally important and “Madame Meike” students had an excellent grasp of outdoor etiquette.

In the summer months, Meike volunteered for many years with the INT Piping Plover program in the Canavoy and Area Beaches Important Bird Areas and contributed to our knowledge and conservation of this endangered species. Meike was also a strong supporter of the Natural History Society of PEI as well and attended many meetings providing bird sightings reports and more.

We miss you Meike, and will forever.

Welcome to Our New Board Member

When the Nature Trust was calling for new Board members and a new treasurer, we had a wonderful response from the accounting community. George Mason was elected to the Board at the AGM last year and in the meetings since made a big difference to our reporting at meetings on our finances. Fortunately for George, he got a new job and due to a conflict of interest, he felt it was important to resign from the Board. George kindly asked another accountant, Carl Adams who had also volunteered to serve last year, to re-offer - and Carl certainly did. So, now, with great pleasure we welcome Carl to the INT Board. Carl is and considered an interim Board member until he is elected by the INT membership at the next AGM and he is elected in the position of Treasurer by the Board members.

NATURE TRUST STAFF

Staff that can be found in the office and in the field for the next few months are:

Jackie Waddell, Executive Director, coordinates and assists all staff where required. Jackie works in land acquisition, fundraising, land management and strategic planning. Jackie also prepares and delivers some educational events to schools, groups and the public.
exdir@islandnaturetrust.ca

Barb McDonald, Executive Assistant, operates all things financial and is responsible for office administration.
admin@islandnaturetrust.ca

Shannon Mader, Program Coordinator. Shannon is off for a year for maternity leave! See you in October Shannon, we miss you!
projects@islandnaturetrust.ca

Julie-Lynn Zahavich, Project Coordinator, Piping Plovers and Important Bird Areas. Julie-Lynn starts back at the Trust on April 1st to start on plover work again!
plover@islandnaturetrust.ca



Postage Rates Going Crazy!

Starting on March 31, Canada Post will be charging \$0.85 for a single regular letter as the domestic rate. If you buy only one stamp, that will be \$1.00 please.

We always keep our newsletter below the weight for the regular rate, but this sort of increase is a killer—it's 35%! We need your help! So many people are really trying hard to go paperless, and this rate increase should drive that movement quite nicely. Do you have the capacity to accept your newsletter electronically? Would you? Please!?

If we mail out 300 newsletters quarterly, we will spend nearly \$1,200 annually on postage alone. We think that money could be better spent on conservation—perhaps a new donated property! Add the copying costs and the paper and envelopes and we could make a big difference.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email (as a PDF), we would be happy to add your email address to a growing list of members who already get their newsletter this way.

Thank you so much for helping reduce paper use and waste and keeping costs down.

Ways to get caught up on our activities

This newsletter works well for many of our members, but we have a number of other ways to let you know about our work, events, news and more.

Our website is:
www.islandnaturetrust.ca

This site is updated regularly. Be sure to check it out for more in depth information than that available on social media.

Follow us on twitter
[@peinaturetrust](https://twitter.com/peinaturetrust) to get instant updates on what we're up to and what we're interested in.



Don't forget us on facebook! This is a great way to learn about upcoming events and get updates on all of our programs.

We now have over 470 "likes" You can help this number grow!



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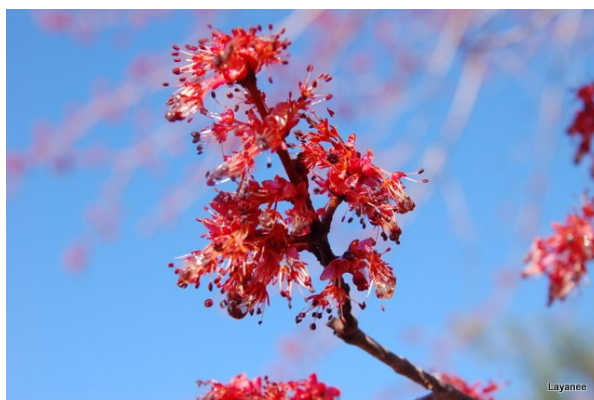
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Confederation Forests Planned for Two INT Properties

The Macphail Woods project has received word that they have been successful in getting funding for their Confederation Forest project. The Nature Trust is really benefitting from this project by having two 10-acre forests planted on our land! Gary Schneider has started the plans for each and hopes to have lots of volunteer help next spring and summer.

The first is going in on the Bangor Road properties donated last year by Jim and Barbara Munves. Ten acres of old field will be planted in native species suited to the soils, the site and the climate. This site will be adjacent to an area that will be managed for Bobolink - grassland in other words. The new Confederation Forest will be a very welcome improvement within and near the Morell River Conservation Zone and will further reduce runoff, nutrient loading, and will improve the forest diversity of the area.

The second will go on the Fernwood property known as "Windswept", donated last year through the estate of Elaine Harrison. This site is small but very much open, with lots of opportunity for creative planting in a windy place atop a high cliff.

Both forest plantings will incorporate trails and opportunities for education.

Hand-carved Heron Raffle!



Tickets for this beautiful hand-carved Great Blue Heron are \$5 (or 5 for \$20). Dave Broderick of Alberton carved this masterpiece just for the Trust. Wouldn't it look great in your home?

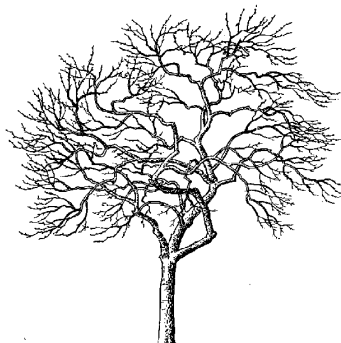
Send in those tickets!

Draw will take place at the INT Annual Dinner and Auction, April 25, 2014.

Tickets for the Heron Carving Raffle and for the Dinner are available at Ravenwood or by calling 892-7513

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Thank you!

Environmental Calendar

March 19—Dead Stuff—Jackie Waddell will make a presentation as a part of the Confederation Centre Public Library Nature Series on the importance of dead stuff in wildlife habitat. From wildlife snags to leaf litter, the dead and decaying provides homes, food and cover for animals and plants. 7:00 PM at the Library.

April 1—Nature PEI (Natural History Society of PEI) monthly meeting -**Measuring Human Inputs to Island Estuaries** - Mike van den Heuvel will be Nature PEI’s feature speaker. 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield’s Carriage House at corner of West and Kent Street.

April 9—Ron Arvidson and Shirley Gallant will present slides of landscapes in miniature. Bio-diversity on a small scale. Come to Confederation Centre Public Library to hear about these micro-environments and to see some really spectacular photographs.

April 25—The Island Nature Trust 30th Annual Fundraising Dinner—Red Shores, Charlottetown. Tickets are on sale now—\$50— in a new and very exciting venue! Reception and silent auction opens at 6:00 PM, sumptuous buffet supper at 7:00 PM, live auction at about 8:00 PM

May 6—Nature PEI (Natural History Society of PEI) monthly meeting -**Shy and Showy Wildflowers, and How to Find Them** - Kate MacQuarrie will be Nature PEI’s feature speaker. Starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield’s Carriage House at 2 Kent Street.

May 10—Planting Day for the Fernwood property for the Confederation Forest. Come on out and plant a few trees at the Nature Trust property at Fernwood known as “Windswept”. Tall cliffs, peaceful meadow—a fun and full-day event. The MacPhail Woods Ecological Project has PEI 2014 funds to plant two 10-acre forests—Confederation Forests and this is one of them. Everyone is welcome. Look for more details on our website and Facebook page—or call us at the end of April—902.892.7513.

May 31 - Nature PEI’s Bain Bird Count. Members are encouraged to form teams and participate in the Society’s spring bird count. Please contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or by E-mail at jdmcaskill@pei.sympatico.ca

June 3 - Best Conservation Officer Stories Ever. Gerald MacDougall will be Nature PEI’s (Natural History Society) feature speaker. The Society’s meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent, Charlottetown.

June 15 - Hillsborough River Bald Eagle Festival - Featuring Bald Eagle viewing sites, birding, lady slipper walks, children’s activities, taxidermy display, historical interpretation and much more. The event will be headquartered at the Hillsborough River Eco-Centre on Main Street, Mt. Stewart.

Membership Form

Single Membership (\$20)
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