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mississippi valley field naturalists newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to Autumn!

Greetings MVFN Members:

Here we are again in September looking forward to a full programme of events scheduled during the coming months. Heads up for September - there are three on the roster ~ September 19, 22 and September 29!!!

The summer months were active indeed beginning with the Community Forest tour where in most of us discovered for the first time that we had 42 public forest properties within the county. We are awaiting the final report with some fear and trepidation of Lanark County council to be available this month.

We had a most intriguing exploration of the Alvar with Shaun Thompson from MNR and consequently we now look at that landscape with new vision.

Cliff and Lynda Bennett went off to the FON conference at Port Rowan at Lake Erie where the main feature was the Carolinian forests of Ontario and methods of conservation. There was an enormous turnout for this conference this year - roughly 800.

Jim and Yvonne Bendell, and David and I, attended the Canadian Nature Federation conference which was held in Ottawa. The thrust of the meetings was the unification of naturalist clubs across Canada with an emphasis on junior naturalists clubs and their creation. There was also a vast number of choices of field trips offered in the Ottawa Valley ~ some new and fascinating areas of exploration for us all!

We had four informal canoe trips this summer which were highly successful and led by our great adventurer, Cliff Bennett ~ all gorgeous days complete with significant sightings on each journey.

The MVFN was approached by the President of the Turtle Society, Michelle St. Cyr. Members of the board, Susan Fisher and Cliff Bennett met with Mississippi Mills town council, who in turn agreed to erect turtle crossing signs on Clayton Rd. Bellamy Road, and Cedar Hill Road. Hurray for Mississippi Mills!

The town of Carleton Place asked Jim Bendell and Cliff Bennett to review the Lavallee Creek wetland at the meeting point of the Trans Canada trail. The request was made with a view to recommend a site for an observation tower. This request on the part of the town indicated a real respect and recognition for our club's expertise!

I shall close with a "Welcome on Board" to Mike MacPherson who has agreed to be a "director at large" on the board of directors of the MVFN.

See you at the next MVFN event!

Sandy

Almonte: Home to Precious and Rare Ecosystem

The sun shone for around 40 enthusiastic naturalists who explored the Burnt Lands Alvar, (Mississippi Mills area, west of Ottawa) with Shaun Thompson of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). Organized by the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists (MVFN), it was a welcomed opportunity to learn about this rare ecosystem. All alvars are unique and exist only in Sweden and the Great Lakes Basin which adds significance to our alvar!

Alvars occur only on limestone bedrock covered with little or no soil. Shaun indicated areas where the frost heaved the soil and rock and explained that the shallow depth of soil partly contributes to the stress of plants and animals that live there, making survival in the cold winters and hot summers difficult. Some of the native inhabitants that have adapted to alvars (some of which were spotted) include the stunning blue-eyed grass, yellow lady slipper orchids, smooth green snakes and red-bellied snakes. Also, two rare-for-this-area birds were recorded during the outing; a grasshopper sparrow and a clay-coloured sparrow.

This valuable land has recently been transferred from the Department of National Defense to the MNR, Ontario Parks and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. A management plan will be created in the future to decide how to best protect and utilize this land.

Stay tuned for upcoming activities with the MVFN such as canoe outings and the fall program listing. Check out our website (www.mvfn.ca) for this information and much much more!



and we need to upgrade breeding observations for birds like the northern waterthrush and the goldfinch from probable to confirmed.

MVFN Board of Directors thank all for their interest in this project and look forward to the third year with equal or even better participation.

Mississippi Mills Official Plan

The Town of Mississippi Mills was created in 1998 from the amalgamation of the Townships of Ramsay and Pakenham and the Town of

Almonte. Currently the three wards of Mississippi Mills have their own Official Plans in force and effect: Ramsay Ward approved 2001, Pakenham Ward and Almonte Ward approved 1994. As part of the amalgamation process, Mississippi Mills has committed itself to the creation of a single new Official Plan for the Municipality by the spring 2003.

You may ask yourself "How does it affect me?" No matter who you are, where you live or what you do in Mississippi Mills, the Community Official Plan affects you. An Official Plan is a legal policy document, and therefore the land use, social, environmental, and economic policies contained within will directly affect the future of your community and how you live in it. A Community Official Plan Steering Committee was struck in the fall of 2001 and meets on the fourth Monday of each month (more often as required).

John Edwards was elected the Chair of the Committee and encourages you to get involved in the Community Official Plan project. Visit the Town's Web site, www.town.mississippi-mills.on.ca and get connected. Visit the Resource Centres located at the local libraries to pick up an Information Kit and find out when and where Community Official Plan events and activities are taking place. Contact Town Planning Staff, Forbes Symon or Vicki Haydon at 256-2064 (extension 259 and 229 respectively) or at community-op@town.mississippi-mills.on.ca and get on the mailing/e-mail list and receive meeting notices and minutes. Individuals and community groups can get involved at anytime in the process. Get actively involved in planning the future of your Community.

OBBA PROGRESS REPORT

Activities in the second year of the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA) are drawing to a conclusion. MVFN has been atlassing one square in the Appleton area for two years now and has recorded confirmed breeding evidence of 54 species, with another 27 species being listed as probably breeding in the square. Reports for the year's activities are now being prepared for submission to the OBBA coordinators.

This year, under the tutelage of MVFN Past President Cliff Bennett, two new activities were added, designed to bring more people into the game. The first was a "square bashing" day and the second was a mailbox drop of a letter to all residents in the square, inviting them to join in the fun by reporting any evidence and observations of birds breeding on their properties. There was a 5% response from the mail drop and several important breeding bird reports were received.

The square bash, which took place at the end of April, saw twenty-three MVFN members and friends take to the field in six teams to record all birds spotted or heard from specific assigned points in the square. The results were an impressive list of 48 species and 3265 individual birds. The bash observations enabled others to return at a later date to look for specific breeding evidence at each given point.

Individual assistants helped with site-specific trips and MVFN wishes to thank MVFN members Al Potvin, Jill Bhar and Mike MacPherson for their efforts. Next year's atlassing, the third year, becomes more specific as we search for better breeding evidence. We only need to record one instance of breeding for each species during the five years. We have yet to find, for example, a Blackburnian warbler



Rediscovering Trees & The Life They Support

Join the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists as they kick off a new season with Rob Lee, a top-rate naturalist who has much to share! Rob will be presenting his experience in developing observation skills to heighten one's awareness and satisfaction in observing trees and the myriad of life that interacts with these magnificent plants.

Rob, who has been immersed in natural history since a young boy, has gone on to become one of the area's most respected naturalists. He possesses a lively curiosity concerning the world of nature, the patience for careful observation, the clarity to go beyond assumptions in understanding the natural world around him and a scientific dedication that prompts him to meticulously record information and see a project through to its completion.

He has a general appreciation and interest in nature, however, lichens currently take the forefront in his research and he has become one of Canada's leading lichenologists. Rob has also been a valuable member of the Ottawa Field Naturalists Club for over 20 years, an organization which has recently presented him with the Anne Hanes Natural History Award. One of his favourite long-term projects, which has now run for more than ten years, involves guiding the children of the Macoun Club - a youth nature club - in the selection of individual trees within a protected forest stand for close examination and follow-up study.

All are welcome to come and enjoy Rob's presentation September 19th at 7:30pm at the Almonte United Church hall, 106 Elgin Street. Please note that non-members are asked to pay \$2.00 towards program expenses. Our next event is a Fall Nature Walk September 22 on the ALBA Wilderness School. For further information, call Cliff Bennett at 256-5013 or visit our website at www.mvfn.ca.

The best you can give somebody is a chance.

Names given to groups of animals and humans

Animals	Group Name
Frogs	Army
Goats	Flock, Herd or Trip
Pigs	Herd
Wolves	Pack, Rout
Squirrels	Drey
Snakes	Nest
Rabbits	Bury or Warren
Hares	Down, Husk or Trace
Mules	Barren or Herd
Foxes	Skulk or Den
Fish	Shoal, School or Run
Deer	Herd, Pod or Mob
Cattle	Drove, Drift, Herd, Mob
Cats	Clover or Glaring
Bears	Sleuth or Sloth
Humans	
Sailors	Navy
Soldiers	Army
Witches	Coven
Ladies	Bevy
Boys	Blush
Girls	Giggling or Cackling
Prisoners	Pity

Toronto, March 12/02 /CNWI - Loblaw Companies Limited (TSE: L), announced today that it will be "Chemical Pesticide Free by 2003" in all of its 440 garden centres across Canada.

Loblaw to be Chemical Pesticide Free by 2003

"In response to overwhelming consumer demand to eliminate the cosmetic use of pesticides in home gardens, Loblaw Companies Limited has decided to discontinue the sale of chemical pesticides in our garden centres, starting with the spring season 2003," Loblaw spokesperson Geoff Wilson said. "Loblaw Companies' garden centres have carried a number of organic based gardening products for many years. Last year, we approached our suppliers to develop more organic based gardening products to replace their chemical pesticides. By the spring of 2003, we will have organic alternatives for virtually all of the chemical pesticides that we currently carry. Organic alternatives, coupled with a strong educational component will ensure the consumer that they can eliminate the cosmetic use of chemical pesticides and still have a beautiful lawn and garden.

For this current season, we will offer an increased number of organic based pesticides and gardening alternatives while transitioning out of chemical pesticides. At our garden centres, we will provide educational handouts and information to consumers on how they can reduce their dependency on chemical pesticides.

This announcement coincides with the opening of the annual Canada Blooms Flower and Garden Show of which Loblaw Companies is the presenting sponsor. We will use this venue to launch our commitment to "Chemical Pesticide Free by 2003" and to further educate gardeners on how they can enjoy a chemical pesticide-free garden."

For further information: Geoffrey H. Wilson, Vice President, Industry and Investor Relations (416) 922-2500 ext. 5206

MVFN Helps Fund School Project

Nancy Timmon's Grade four class from Naismith Public School, Almonte, had a fantastic two day trip to Foley Mountain at the end of last school year, thanks to financial support from Mississippi Valley Field Naturalist's Environmental Education Projects Programme (EEPP).



The event was a camping situation, with help from many parent volunteers and included field activities, a sumptuous BBQ and a campfire in the evening.

Field activities, which complimented the children's at-school environmental programmes, included a geological exploration of Foley Mountain followed by a study of plant life on the rock outcrops, pond studies, a hike to the beach and orientation with map and compass exercises.

Mrs. Timmons, who had taken several groups to Foley Mountain in the past, remarked her Grade Four's camp experience was judged by parents and children to be one of the best school experiences yet, one full of memories lasting for a long time. In her post project report to MVFN, Timmons thanked the club for their generous financial support in making the camp possible.

FOREST SOILS & PLANTING SITE WORKSHOP

Monday, September 23 &
Tuesday, September 24

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
daily

Workshop Focus: This two-day workshop will focus on forest and planting site soils analysis and its implications with respect to tree growth and species suitability. Emphasis will be placed on assessing soils characteristics and physical properties, and the impact of various soil types and features on species selection and tree growth. The workshop will be a combination of both in-class and in-field instruction emphasising proper field assessment techniques and appropriate soils classification systems. This will be a hands-on workshop.

Target Audience: This workshop is targeted at forest practitioners, consultants, tree planting delivery agencies, Conservation Authorities, municipal forestry staff, planners & the forest industry. Interested landowners may also attend.

Workshop Instructors: Mr. Ken Armson R.P.F.
Mr. Peter Neave M.Sc.

Workshop Cost: \$55.00 (includes lunches)

Location: Roebuck Community Centre
7024 County Rd. 18 & various field locations
(Cornwall area)

**What we put into the thought stream of our children
will appear in the life stream of tomorrow.**

**Youth is a gift of
nature, but age is a
work of art.**

Dog Chat

That floppy-eared, wriggly dog is trying to tell you something. But what? Here's how to read dog.

- If Duke crouches on his front legs and sticks his rump in the air, tail high and wagging, he wants to roughhouse. Any frolicking that follows - by you or your dog - is all in fun.
- When your dog raises its paw, licks or nudges you, it's not playtime. All Max wants is a tummy rub or a reassuring scratch behind the ears.
- A long sigh followed by the dog lying down with its head or its forepaws and eyes open reveals disappointment.
- What's that, Lassie? Rapid, loud barking is warning you of danger. A high-pitched whine means your dog is afraid or in pain. A low-pitched growl is a threat; beware, it may be a prelude to an attack.
- A high, rapidly wagging tail means your dog is excited. When the wag slows down, Missy's telling you she likes you. A slow wag with a lowered tail indicates that your dog is trying to figure something out.
- Think your dog is lavishing you with affection when it licks your face? Puppies lick their mother's face to get her to regurgitate food for them. Those slurpy doggy kisses mean only that your pet wants a snack.

**Sign under a mounted fish:
If I had kept my mouth shut I wouldn't be here.**

On **Sunday, September 22**, enjoy the beauty of the Lanark Highlands and good company with the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists on our Fall Nature Walk. This year we will be guided by experienced naturalist Howard Clifford along trails on the beautiful property of the ALBA Wilderness School located in Lavant Ward of Lanark Highlands. Howard will show us beaver floods in different states of activity as well as signs of other animals and plants.

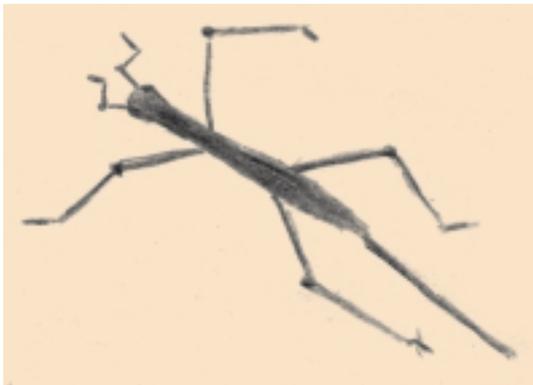
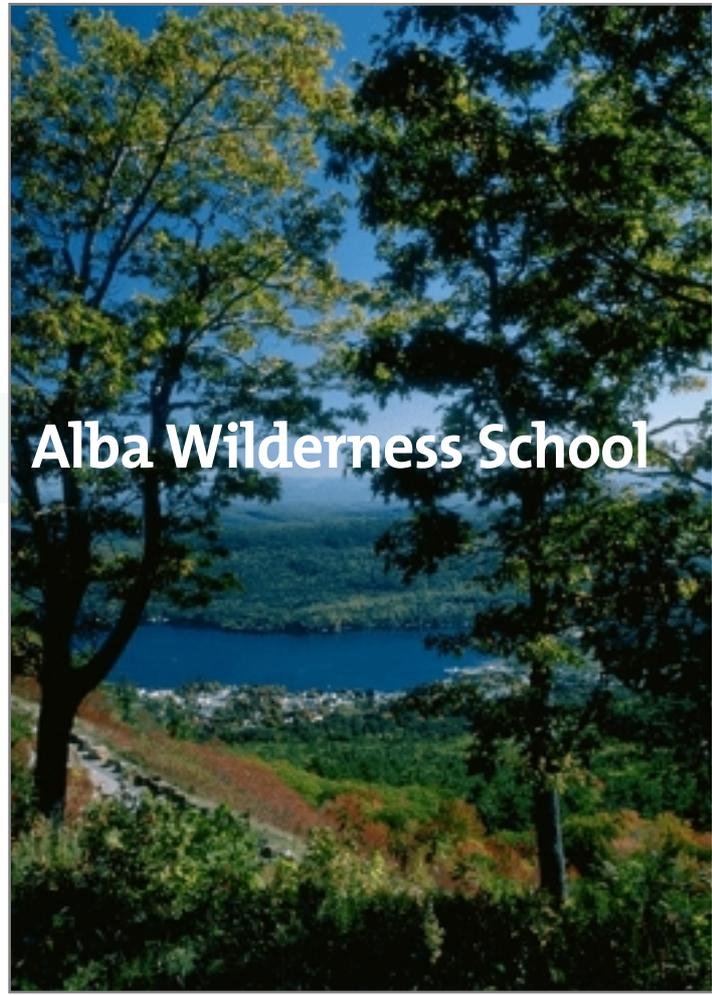
The walk will take us to Blueberry Ridge, one of the highest points in the Lanark Highlands, where we'll lunch with a view. If time permits, we'll also visit another scenic point before making

MVFN Fall Nature Walk at Alba Wilderness School

our way back to the cars. Please note that this walk will be a casual pace and that the walk uphill is considered very manageable. Weather and time permitting, we might stop at a scenic lake at the end of our walk where some may wish to go for a dip!

So rain or shine, bring lunch, water, comfortable shoes and maybe even a swimsuit and meet at Union Hall, Wolf Grove Road, at 8:45 am for car pooling at 9 am sharp. We expect to be back at our meeting place by 3 pm. Please call Cliff Bennett at 256-5013 or visit our website at www.mvfn.ca for more information on this and other upcoming events.

This event is open to the public, who will need to pay a fee of \$5.00. Howard Clifford has waived the \$5.00 fee per person for MVFN members, who may wish to make a personal donation. In addition the club will also give a contribution.



After finding the Walking stick in our front hall, I drew it, and let it go in a tree - it's natural habitat.



Barn Swallows use a lot of mud to make their nests. These Barn Swallows worked hard trying to build their nest on our back porch.



We often see White Tailed Deer in our field. I like to watch the fawns. Fawns like to bounce and run around.

Sketches by
Mary Beth
Lalonde

MVFN BOD MEETING

September 5, 2002

Treasurer's report Reiner Hollbach had previously emailed the financial statements. Reiner suggested one person keep a Keddy book inventory and Michael Macpherson has agreed to start a log of the physical inventory. Yvonne Bendell will call to check who has books. Michael will talk to

the General Store in Pakenham to see if they will accept books for sale. Jim Bendell mentioned the Martin book and he will check on the inventory. Michael Macpherson has agreed to handle the insurance portfolio (FON club insurance, director's insurance).

Membership Eileen Hennemann reported 104 memberships....**Newsletter** Most members receiving email have agreed to receiving the newsletter electronically. This process will save time and postage. Eileen will send out the programme for September by email

Publicity A discussion was held about finding someone to handle an information display and consideration of such a position will be again discussed at the next board meeting.

FON Pip Winters brought information from FON. She is currently working out the logistics of communication with FON. Pip will obtain more copies of the Seasons magazine for distribution to MVFN members at events. Karen Richter will send out by email a list of board members with addresses and responsibilities. Jim Bendell will talk to the Almonte Library having a section of information from MVFN.

Social Yvonne Bendell reported that she will continue to handle juice and cookies at the meetings, and will help with Christmas party.

Program Tine de Kuiper reported that the program has been established for the year. Details will follow by email. The program committee has a speaker's checklist, a host checklist, and a writer's checklist. MVFN requires one waiver list for each event but it can include a list of participants on a single sheet as long as each subsequent sheet has the same information as the initial sheet. Michael Macpherson will coordinate the setup and take-down for events at the Almonte United Church. Cliff Bennett will handle the information table (with assistance from Karen Richter), and coordinate MC duties. Bobby Clark will coordinate the hosts. MVFN will consider charging \$5 for events in the future and will discuss this issue at the next board meeting. A Gala event will be considered at the next BOD meeting for the fall of 2003. If interested in a gala event, please contact Cliff. We will ask the membership for ideas for the speaker's registry.

Environmental Issues Susan Fisher (the famous) reported that turtle crossing signs have been put up on certain roads in Mississippi Mills; Jackie Payne will handle information about the Trans Canada Trail and will advise the board if action is needed; Cliff Bennett and Susan Fisher have offered a canoe trip and gourmet lunch on behalf of MVFN to the Noreen Young Bursary Night; Susan has sent letters to local Environmental Advisory Committees about an organic garden project.

Natural Resources Jim Bendell reported that the team working on the community forests project has submitted a report to Lanark County Council on these forests. The Lanark Highlands Environmental Advisory Committee has asked a representative for the ground water survey to present an overview. LHEAC is looking at zoning bylaws. If you have any comments or suggestions for bylaws, please contact Jim. Jean Clifford, from ALBA, is setting up a subcommittee for a bylaw on pesticides.

New Business Cliff Bennett reported that the Breeding Bird Atlas project has been successful; fifty-seven known breeding

species have been found and all reports are in. In connection with the Mississippi Mills Steering Committee for the Official Community Plan, MVFN representatives had a meeting with Ducks Unlimited about local significant wetlands; a set of recommendations about ground water have been presented by MVFN; a definition of environmental sustainability has been developed; there will be a

main forum on Sept 28 in Almonte when presentations of all groups will be put forward. MVFN is the lead appellant in OMB hearing about swimming pool. The application

has gone through with the main driving force being a citizen group. There will be a meeting of the applicants on Monday, September 9 to develop strategy. A trip report about the EEPP grant has been received from Naismith School about its trip to Foley Mountain.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00p.m.



New Breed Of Dogs

The following breeds are now recognized by the AKC:

Collie + Lhasa Apso

Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport

Spitz + Chow Chow

Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot

Pointer + Setter

Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet

Great Pyrenees + Dachshund

Pyradachs, a puzzling breed

Pekingese + Lhasa Apso

Peekasso, an abstract dog

Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel

Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle

Newfoundland + Basset Hound

Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors

Terrier + Bulldog

Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound + Labrador

Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute + Pointer

Moot Point, owned by....oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

Collie + Malamute

Commute, a dog that travels to work

Bull Terrier + Shitzu

Oh, never mind....

ANNUAL CANOE TREK

The Naturalists will embark on their fifth annual club canoe outing, to be held on **Sunday, September 29.**

Each year, MVFN canoeing enthusiasts explore a different waterway with a quest of enjoying and learning more about nature around our lakes and

rivers while honing canoeing skills and enjoying the company of like-minded folks. This year, the group will explore Park Lake in Dalhousie Ward of Lanark Highlands.

Park Lake, south of Poland, has recently been expanded with the upgrading of the control dam at the north end of the lake. This enables boaters to access many new bays and inlets and even paddle into smaller Bowen Lake. The intent of the MVFN paddle is to circumnavigate Park Lake, slide under a culvert and down a short river into Bowen Lake. There, the group will picnic on a small island and enjoy a swim if weather permits.

All MVFN members plus friends and guests, are invited to attend this event. Canoeists will gather at Union Hall, corner of County Roads 16 and 9, for departure at 9:00 a.m., with return in mid afternoon. Pre-registration is a must.

For information and details see the MVFN website at mvfn.ca or call Cliff Bennett, 256-5013, e-mail bennett@magma.ca. This event will be held rain, wind or shine.



Cat Chat

A cat's mood changes quickly. What message is your kitty giving you now?

- Check the position of your cat's ears for the most accurate clue to mood. When your cat is curious or greeting you, its ears are perked forward to funnel in sounds. When the ears are folded down, your cat's afraid. If the ears are furred back, approach with caution - Fluffy's mad!
- "Meow" translates to mean your cat is either complaining, demanding or feeling bewildered. Meow can mean anything from "You never play with me" to "Where did you put my catnip mouse?" Solve your cat's concern and the meowing will turn into a purr, the ultimate sign of cat contentment.
- Your cat's feeling good when it holds its tail high. A limp tail reveals that your cat is at ease. A flicking tail indicates ambivalence - watch for a new mood to surface.
- If your cat rubs her face against you, consider yourself spoken for. She's marking you with a scent from glands in her cheeks, chin and around her lips. It's the primal way of saying "You're mine."

COMPOSTING is as much an art as a science

founder of City Farmer (Vancouver), which promotes urban food cultivation and composting.

- Put fallen leaves at the bottom of your composter and layer the materials. Food scraps, grass clippings, and garden detritus should be added in layers.
- Throw in handfuls of soil or finished compost to introduce the micro-organisms that feed on the organics.
- Aerate regularly by pushing a compost poker or pitchfork into the pile. Turn the pile weekly.
- Learn to appreciate earthworms and such insects as millipedes and sowbugs. They are invaluable in composting.
- Among the kitchen scraps you can put in your compost heap are fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags and coffee grounds with their paper filters. Push the kitchen wastes to the centre of the pile.
- Don't put in cooked food, meat or dairy products.
- Keep the pile moist, but not wet. The combination of moisture and air speeds up the decaying process.
- To prevent rodents from getting into your plastic bin, put a flooring of wire mesh under it.
- Use grass clippings sparingly. They decompose fast and create odours. They're best left on the lawn after mowing.

Composting is as much an art as a science. To get a great crop of it, consider the advice of Michael Levenston,

MVFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2002-2003

Sandy Atack	President (member of all committees) Christmas party MM Steering Committee for Community Official Plan (alternate Rep) Programme Committee - gifts	Susan Fisher	Environmental Issues Christmas party
Cliff Bennett	Past President MM Steering Committee for Community Official Plan (Representative) Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator EEPP Facilitator Info/Greeting table Nominating Committee Outdoor Activities (various) Coordinator	Eileen Hennemann	Membership Newsletter Production Publicity Coordinator
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Reiner Hollbach	Treasurer	Pip Winters	FON Representative
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		Stuart Langstaff	MMEA
		Christine Birkett	Webmaster
		Frank Roy	Keddy books sales/Perth area
		Sarah Coulber	Programme Committee

Huge Thank You

Thank you to Christine Birkett. She has achieved even greater success with the MVFN Web site than we ever dreamed! Christine's expertise and talent has afforded the MVFN an attractive and very informative Web site.

Many thanks to that wondrous EEP assistant Janine de Salaberry for all her hard work on the most recent bursary applications.

And thank you to Sarah Coulber for assisting Tine de Kuiper in organizing such a terrific program line-up for the club. It's because of their care and interest, and organizational skills, that the MVFN's profile is being raised with every event.



ALMONTE OUTFITTERS
Canoe and Kayak Sales

John Willard

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(613) 256-3747

Congratulations
Grand Prize Winner
of the
2002 MVFN Summer
Field Sketch Competition

Artwork by

Mary Beth
Lalonde

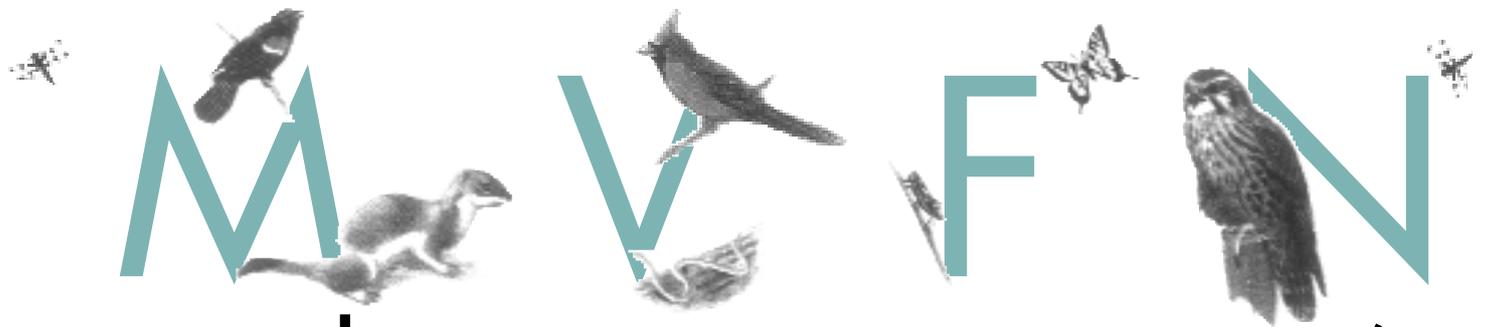
Thank You

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events programme 2002/03

September 19, 2002

Robert Lee ~ Rediscovering trees and the life they support
United Church 7:30p.m.

September 22 Sunday

Howard Clifford ~ **ALBA WILDERNESS SCHOOL**

September 29 Sunday

CANOE TREK ~ location: Park Lake

October 17 Thursday

Tony Beck ~ **BIRDS OF THE OTTAWA VALLEY**
United Church 7:30p.m.

November 21 Thursday

Jane Buckley ~ **LOON LAKE STUDIES**
United Church 7:30p.m.

December 7 Saturday

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Almonte Presbyterian Church 5:00p.m.

December 27 Friday

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

January 16, 2003 Thursday

Janet Duncan ~ **FARMING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE**
United Church 7:30p.m.

February 2

SKI & SNOWSHOE

Outdoor location: to be confirmed

February 20 Thursday

Theresa McClenaghan ~ **CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY**
United Church 7:30p.m.

March 20 Thursday

Paul Jones ~ **ONTARIO BIRD BREEDING ATLAS**
United Church 7:30p.m.

April 17 Thursday

Sheila and Harry Thomson ~ **SPRING WILD FLOWERS**
United Church 7:30p.m.

May

Exact date and outdoor location to be confirmed

May 15 Thursday

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ Union Hall