



Greetings!

Welcome to the July 2010 newsletter of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

This issue provides information about new projects, upcoming events and many exciting developments for the Trust! We plan on issuing the newsletter on a quarterly basis - so watch for the September and December issues later this year - or visit the website for current updates.

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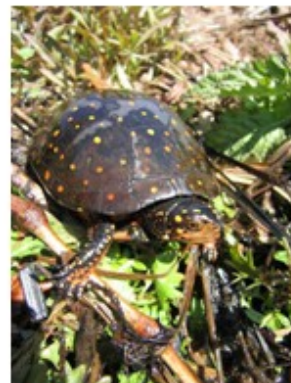
Your Membership is due, it's time to renew!

Reptiles at Risk

On May 20, 2010, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) was approved for a grant for \$30,300 from Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk. This project focuses on wetlands and Reptiles at Risk.

Information gained from this project will help identify ecologically sensitive areas and is crucial in HHLT's goal of developing a natural heritage conservation plan. It also provides HHLT with another tool for screening properties for acquisition and/or conservation.

In 2008, many residents of the County of Haliburton assisted HHLT by looking for and reporting Species at Risk. Because of those efforts, that project was tremendously successful and we were able to double the number of sightings in the County, thereby greatly enhancing our understanding of their distribution.



This summer, HHLT, in partnership with The Land Between, will be conducting field surveys to improve our understanding of biodiversity in the County of Haliburton. All new information will be added to HHLT's database to support conservation planning for the County of Haliburton. In addition, all data will be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources/Natural Heritage Information Centre and Environment Canada to support conservation planning at the provincial and federal levels.

A variety of workshops will be held throughout the summer to increase awareness of Reptiles at Risk in Haliburton County. Help us document the rich ecological diversity in Haliburton County by attending a workshop and by locating and reporting the species detailed on the HHLT Reptiles at Risk [poster](#).

Sightings of any Reptiles at Risk on the poster can be emailed to Paul Heaven at pheaven@glenside-eco.ca or called in at 286-3181.

Reptiles at Risk Workshops

In partnership with The Land Between, HHLT is offering Reptiles at Risk Workshops throughout Haliburton County this summer. Come meet the critters and learn how to identify Haliburton's snakes, skinks and turtles at risk. Learn about their habits, habitats, life-cycles and threats. These workshops are fun (great for families!), informative and are a rare opportunity to meet some of the elusive Reptiles at Risk in Haliburton County.

Saturday July 3rd, 2pm-4pm - Gooderham Community Centre, 1043 Community Centre Rd

Saturday July 10th, 2pm-4pm - R.D.Lawrence Place, Minden, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd

Saturday August 14th, 2pm-4pm - Wilberforce Community Centre, 2249 Loop Road

The workshops are free, though donations in support of purchasing "Turtle Crossing" Road Signs are welcome!

Click [here](#) for the poster. For more information and to register contact Leora Berman of The Land Between at 705-457-4838.

Upcoming Events

Wings Over the Highlands

Wednesday, July 21st, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Dahl Forest - 1307 Geeza Rd.

Take Gelert Rd/County Rd 1 to Geeza Rd.

The Dahl Forest is at the end of Geeza Rd. [Map](#)



Colourful butterflies are a common part of summer in Haliburton but did you know that there are over 80 species in this area? While most of us admire their beauty as they flit from flower to flower and glide past our cottages, how often do we take the time to stop and observe what they are actually doing? Join Colin Jones as he introduces us to the diversity of butterflies and to their fascinating life histories - from camouflage to mimicry to migration. Open areas covered in wildflowers and surrounded by a variety of habitats (forest, swamp, marsh) are particularly rich sites for butterflies and the Dahl Forest promises to be an excellent site for this outing. Come on out and explore with us! Some nets and collection containers will be provided but if you have your own, be sure to bring them along!

Presenter: Colin Jones, Natural Heritage Project Zoologist, Natural Heritage Information Centre

In Partnership with HHLT: Natural Heritage Information Centre; Ministry of Natural Resources, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and the Dahl Family

Click [here](#) for a full list of Discovery Days workshops.

Walk into the Magical World of Mushrooms

Saturday, September 25th, 10am to 12:00pm

Dahl Forest -1307 Geeza Rd. Take Gelert Rd./County Rd. 1 to Geeza Rd.

The Dahl Forest is at the end of Geeza Rd. [Map](#)



Come out of the dark and into the Dahl Forest's magical world of mushrooms! Join Pat Burchell, president of the Toronto Mycological Society for a fun and educational mushroom walk at the Dahl Forest. Pat will start with an introduction to mushrooms and educate participants about edible and poisonous mushrooms. For new fungi enthusiasts, she will also recommend good guidebooks for beginners. This walk may involve strolling through some of the Red Pine plantations, open field areas, and along the shoreline of the Burnt River. Good walking shoes/boots, weather appropriate clothing and water bottles are recommended for participants.

Presenter: Pat Burchell

Hosts: Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Dahl Family

3-Year Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Application Successful

In 2009, the Directors of the HHLT Board participated in a strategic planning exercise that, in-part, culminated in completing and submitting a multi-year grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for staffing to increase HHLT's organizational capacity to carry out its mission to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County and human and ecosystem health.

It is with great interest that HHLT found out recently that it is only the 9th - out of the 35 land trusts in Ontario - to have paid staff.

The HHLT is extremely fortunate to have successfully secured this grant and gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

HHLT Staff Hired in May!

With the announcement of the successful OTF Grant Application, the HHLT has been able to quickly move forward and hire 2 part-time staff:

Rachel Gillooly as Program Coordinator and Elisha Barlow as Administrative Assistant.

Rachel has extensive experience working with associations, not-for-profit, health agencies, government and corporate groups. An innovative and creative idea person, she has guided clients' budget development, successfully sourced revenue and implemented funding strategies. As result of

working on projects of varying scopes and parameters, Rachel has planned and implemented volunteer training programs, written successful funding applications, supervised and hired staff and advised voluntary boards and committees on logistics planning and program implementation. Rachel has been a full-time resident of Haliburton County for more than 12 years and was also the first executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network and is thrilled to be working locally again!

Elisha has an Honours degree in Visual Arts from the University of Western Ontario and a certificate in Fibre Arts from Fleming College - The Haliburton School of The Arts. She lives on her small, family-run eco-farm in Minden and is continually inspired by the active environmental and arts communities within the Highlands. Her previous position was as a joint intern for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Yours Outdoors where she served as an experience package guide involved in program development, volunteer program development, management and recruitment, marketing support and as a general administration assistant.

Wild About Nature: A Gala Celebration of Excellence

The ever-popular, 3rd Annual "Wild About Nature" Gala took place on May 28th, 2010 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Over 150 people came together to celebrate another great year for the Land Trust and to acknowledge the many environmental leaders within our community. Thanks to all who came out in support of the Land Trust!

2010 Enviro-Heroes

Health

A person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in healthy lifestyles.

Enviro-Hero

Sue Shikaze (Accepted by Sean Pennylegion on Sue's behalf)

Stewardship

A person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources.

Enviro-Hero

Jerry Walker (Accepted by Brian Hamilton on Jerry's behalf)

Education

A person or group that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth, or adults.

Enviro-Hero

Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival and Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (Accepted by Irene Heaven, Rick Whitteker and Heather Ross)

Business

A business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment.



From left to right:

Backrow: May Anne Barkhouse, Michael Belmore, Carol Moffat

Front Row: Irene Heaven, Rick Whitteker, Sean Pennylegion, Brian Hamilton, Heather Ross

Enviro-Hero

Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (Accepted by Carol Moffat on behalf of Mark Coleman)

The Arts

An artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment.

Enviro-Hero

Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore

Congratulations to all Enviro-Heroes and nominees!

For winner descriptions and a full list of nominees, please visit our [website](#).

Introducing the new Board of the HHLT

On June 19th, members of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust gathered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the Annual General Meeting. The HHLT is proud to present the new board:



Sheila Ziman - Chair

A founding member of the Land Trust, Sheila is a retired English As a Second Language teacher. She is also a basket maker and quillwork artist and teaches basketry at Fleming College. As an active member of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, Sheila was instrumental in establishing a Junior Naturalists summer program. Sheila brings her love of nature and her passion for studying and protecting the environment to the Land Trust.



Dianne Mathes - Vice-Chair

Dianne joined the Land Trust board in 2009. She is a Relational Therapist, Registered Social Worker, and a Registered Soul Collage Facilitator who works with children, individuals, couples and families. She has a private practice in Toronto and Haliburton and provides counselling, trauma and attachment therapy, energy healing, facilitation and training. Dianne is also a fabric artist whose quilting and felt work reflects the gifts and beauty of nature.



Alan King - Treasurer

Alan has been the treasurer of the HHLT Board of Directors since 2009. His aptitude with financial record keeping and policies has proven extremely useful to the Land Trust. Alan lives in the Wilberforce area and works at Camp Can-Aqua, managing the office, overseeing the maple syrup production and teaching woodworking. Alan is a skilled and talented woodworker in his spare time.



Adam Barkovitz - Secretary

Adam is a new member of the HHLT Board of Directors. His passion for the environment has been demonstrated in his choice of jobs and education. Adam has a background in Forestry and Environmental Assessment. He is a certified tree marker, managed forest plan approver and independent forest consultant. He has lived in Haliburton County for the past ten years and was the Forest Conservation By-Law Officer for the County from 2004 to 2006. His extensive knowledge of silviculture and experience in forest management planning, protection and restoration are valuable assets to the Land Trust.



Barrie Martin - Director

Barrie joined the board of the Land Trust in 2009. Barrie has 30 years of experience in natural resource education and training. He has extensive experience working for government and with non-government organizations in curriculum and course development, strategic planning, event and workshop planning, facilitation, community development, and outdoor recreation. He currently own and operates Yours Outdoors, a company specializing in outdoor tourism and education.



Mary Anne Barkhouse - Director

Mary Anne previously served on the Land Trust Board from 2004-2008. Mary Anne was born in Vancouver, BC and belongs to the Nimpkish band, Kwakiutl First Nation. She graduated with Honours from the Ontario College of Art in Toronto and has exhibited widely across Canada. Working with a variety of materials, such as bronze, porcelain and textiles, Barkhouse examines environmental concerns and indigenous culture through the use of animal imagery.

Saying Adieu - But Not Goodbye!

Three outstanding Board members retired at the AGM:

Ian Daniel, Past Chair, founding member and first Chair of the Land Trust; Thom Lambert, Vice-Chair and Shirley McCormick, Secretary.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust thanks them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Trust, and appreciates their continued support and involvement: Ian will sit on the Norah's Island Management Committee, Thom will continue with the Dahl Forest Management Committee, and Shirley will continue to help out with the Annual Gala.

2010/11 Memberships Now Due

In renewing your membership or becoming a new member, you take a direct role in protecting the natural heritage of our community. Your membership fees and donations make the Land Trust's work possible. As a member, you receive regular updates on exciting projects and have the opportunity to join a committee and elect, or serve on, the Board.

Yearly Memberships are \$30.00. Visit our website [here](#) to download a 2010/11 membership form.

Donations are always welcome!

Sincerely,



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