



Dear Barrie,

Welcome to the September 2010 newsletter of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT).

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

If you like this newsletter and the work the Land Trust is accomplishing, please forward it to your friends.

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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: Hike Haliburton, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Dahl Family

New Projects

The Great Whip-poor-will Survey- Community Mobilization and Habitat Modeling for Birds at Risk Project

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is pleased to announce our grant application to Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk Stewardship Fund has been approved.

Calling all bird and outdoor enthusiasts! Six (6) birds - new species at risk (SAR) have been added and identified in Haliburton County: the Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Canada Warbler, Common Nighthawk, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Bald Eagle.

Unfortunately these birds are all declining in numbers. In order to counter these declines, we need to understand the distribution of these birds. You can help! If you see or hear any of the birds listed above, please report those sightings to Paul Heaven at 705-286-3181 or pheaven@glenside-eco.ca. Or you can fill in an online form at www.thelandbetween.ca/rarespeciesform.asp

Project funding will allow the Land Trust to update and reprint the very popular Species at Risk Journal in a new and improved format that will allow for easy updates. As well, in partnership with The Land Between, two workshops will be delivered to teach Haliburton County residents bird and habitat identification and inventory techniques. Two additional reptiles at risk workshops will be provided to maintain the momentum generated by the recently held, and highly successful Reptiles at Risk Workshops (see below).

These workshops will take place at The Land Between's Science and Stewardship Symposium Friday, October 15th from 10m-4pm and on Saturday, October 16 from 10am-2pm. There will be 4 workshop presentations.

Workshop locations and a list of speakers were not available at Newsletter press time.

Please check the HHLT [website](#) or the Land Between [website](#) for workshop locations.

HHLT joins Hike Haliburton

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is proud to announce that we are now a partner with the Hike Haliburton Festival. The festival will feature our hike, *Walk into the Magical World of Mushrooms*.

The Hike Haliburton Festival is a three day hiking event involving approximately 35 guided hikes held throughout the county from September 24th to 26th, 2010.

For a full list of hikes visit:

Hike Haliburton's [Website](#)

Or Find Hike Haliburton on [Facebook](#) or on [Twitter](#) !



2010/11 Membership Drive

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is launching a Membership Drive to increase our capacity to carry out our mission to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County.

The Haliburton Highlands is a region known as 'a natural work of art'. Granite outcrops stand majestic; coniferous, broad-leaved and mixed forests spread their limbs over the rolling hills; and thousands of lakes and ponds shimmer in the moonlight of a Haliburton evening. The population is growing - as is the pressure placed on the environment by increasing development.

By becoming a Member of the Land Trust, you are taking a direct role in protecting the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations - conserving the plants, wildlife and clean water of Haliburton County to ensure a legacy of forests, fields and wetlands, and the species they nurture - forever.

Consider making a regular donation, honour the loss of a loved one, or celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, retirement or Holiday with a gift to the Land Trust.

Your membership fees and donations make the Land Trust's work possible and help us ensure that special natural places are safeguarded for the future.

Join today - protect the future.

As a member, you have the opportunity to join a committee and elect, or serve on, the Board.

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

Donations are always welcome!

HHLT is now on Facebook

First, "Like us" on Facebook and get-in-the-know about HHLT news, upcoming events & workshops. Then, "Suggest to Friends" that you think may be interested in the Trust.

Click the link below to join us on Facebook!

Find us on Facebook 

Norah's Island/Kennisis Lake Endowment Fund Donor Appreciation Plaque Notice

The HHLT Norah's Island Management Committee is requesting all donors to the Norah's Island/Kennisis Lake Endowment Fund contact the committee to confirm their recognition, and the correct wording, for the soon-to-be produced Norah's Island Appreciation Plaque.

If you have not yet confirmed your recognition and would like to do so, please contact the organizers:

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Jeff Pinkney jeff.pinkney@gmail.com



If you would still like to donate to the Norah's Island/Kennisis Lake Endowment Fund, please contact:

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Successful Reptiles at Risk Workshops

In partnership with The Land Between, HHLT offered 5 Reptiles at Risk Workshops(RAR) throughout Haliburton County this summer funded through the Habitat Stewardship Program from Environment Canada.

Over 180 people came out to meet the critters and learn how to identify Haliburton's snakes, skinks and turtles at risk. Attendees learned helpful information about RAR habits, habitats, life cycles and threats. These workshops were great fun and the HHLT sincerely thanks all those who attended. We would also like to thank Leora Berman of the Land Between for organizing and presenting these workshops and Sciensational Snakes, who brought their crew of critters and gave many people a rare opportunity to meet some of the elusive Reptiles at Risk in Haliburton County.

This Habitat Stewardship Program funding from Environment Canada has increased both the community's and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's knowledge of wetlands and the reptiles at risk associated with them. Conducting an effective media campaign, 5 reptiles at risk workshops and wetland reconnaissance resulted in 230 new species at risk observation reports, documented and verified by the project biologist by the end of August. And new reports are still coming in! This information is crucial in helping the Land Trust develop a natural heritage planning strategy and prioritize properties for acquisition and conservation.

Sightings of any Reptiles at Risk on the poster can still be emailed to Paul Heaven at pheaven@glenside-eco.ca or called in at 705-286-3181.

