



Greetings!

Spring may have sprung slowly, but there's nothing slow about the pace at which the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has been working.

In this, the 5th issue of our Newsletter, you will find information on some of the Land Trust's most recent and exciting projects, news and a preliminary list of upcoming events. We are developing a series of events and activities happening throughout the course of the rest of the year and hope to be able to send you a detailed description in the June issue. So keep an eye out for that!

I would like to thank each of you who have made generous donations that make our work possible and sustain the aims and objectives of the Land Trust. Your support is directly reflected in our accomplishments.

Please consider forwarding this newsletter to your friends, and if you have not done so already, become a member, make a donation or become a sponsor.

On behalf of The Board of Directors of Haliburton Highlands Land Trust,

Rachel Gillooly
Program Coordinator

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Haliburton County Earth Day Family Festival

When: April 20th

Where: Wilberforce Elementary School (1011 School Rd /County Rd 648) at 11:15am;
Lloyd Watson Centre (2249 Loop Rd) at 1:00pm

Join HHLT along with Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Environment Haliburton's Green Man, and the Gaia Centre's Treefic to celebrate International Earth Day. Tune into the Good News Report, identify our County's Species-at-Risk, take the Eco-kids quiz, and listen to Gaia's Story "What is Magnificent." Come celebrate our healthy and beautiful home along with 6 million Canadians and 500 million in 180 Countries. Please call 705-754-2427 for more information.



Biodiversity & the Dahl Forest

When: May 22nd, 2011 at 1pm-3pm

Where: Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Rd, Gelert
Dahl Forest is at the end of Geeza Rd, [map](#).
Meet at the Front Gates.

Join the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and wildlife biologist Paul Heaven for International Biodiversity Day celebrating the Year of the Forests. Come visit a variety of habitats provided by the Dahl Forest (open area, natural regeneration, maple forest, pine plantation.) Learn about and discuss the biodiversity of each habitat, the features contributing to biodiversity, and the varying degrees of biodiversity between habitats. Paul Heaven will also introduce Species at Risk associated with these habitats and the HHLT objectives for the Dahl Forest, as well as highlight what's required to maintain biodiversity.



Annual General Meeting

When: Saturday, May 28th, 2011 10am-12pm

Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd

Featuring an exciting guest speaker, and light refreshments.

More details coming soon!

The 4th Annual Wild about Nature Gala

When: Saturday, June 18th, 2011- 6pm Cocktails, 7pm Dinner

Where: Camp Wanakita, 1883 Koshlong Rd [map](#)

Join HHLT for a night of celebration with exciting art auctions, live entertainment by David Archibald with master of ceremonies, Jack Brezina. This unique event focuses on celebrating, promoting and supporting the work of the Land Trust, and recognizes and honours the 2011 Enviro-Heroes - individuals, organizations and businesses in Haliburton County who work tirelessly to protect our natural environment.



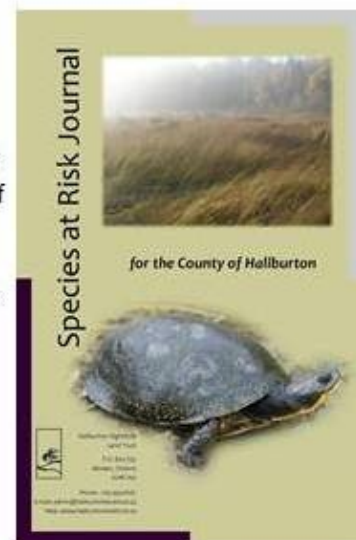
New Species-at-Risk Journal

Now Available! The Land Trust's new Species at Risk (SAR) Journal was launched in Minden on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Featuring eight (8) additional species, the Journal now provides information on a total of 21 species - all of whom make Haliburton County their home!

The Journal features a new 3-ring binder format that will allow you to update new species information - as they become available - page by page. The Journals are also a fundraiser for HHLT and support our continuing conservation efforts.

Journals are \$25.00 including HST

Order them [here](#) or call HHLT at 705-454-8107.



HHLT Receives Sweet Valentine's Day Gift: Smith Properties Donated

On February 14, 2011, papers were signed to transfer title for two properties owned by Dr. Donald A. Smith, a long-time resident of Haliburton County, to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. The Land Trust couldn't have asked for a sweeter Valentine's Day gift!

The 72-acre forested property bordering a wetland complex on the Burnt River was donated under Environment Canada's Ecological Gifts Program. This ecologically significant property will now be protected and managed by the Land Trust. The property is dominated by a mature maple and basswood forest and is representative of a limited ecosite within Haliburton County.

To ensure funding for the protection and management of this ecologically significant property, Dr. Smith has also donated a 2-acre waterfront lot on Black Lake in the Township of Dysart, east of Haliburton village. Dr. Smith's wish is to have the Land Trust sell the lot in order to establish an endowment fund to pay for the expenses of protecting and managing the 72-acre property and to support HHLT with its mission to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations.

"My late wife Lorraine always wanted to protect the 72 acres across from the lot. After she died, I wanted to see that her wish was honoured and that negotiations with the Land Trust to protect the property continued."

"The Smiths' generosity is extraordinary," said Sheila Ziman, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. "They have not only donated an ecologically significant 72 acres, but have also donated the means to ensure funding for the protection of this property for the future."

This is an enduring legacy and important gift to the people of Haliburton County. Forests play a priceless role in maintaining biodiversity and keeping our environment healthy.



Additional MNR Funding Received!

HHLT is pleased to announce that its application has been approved for additional stewardship projects at the Dahl Forest under our MNR Species at Risk Stewardship Fund Grant Agreement in the amount of \$6,500.00.

This funding will be used for several projects at the Dahl Forest:

- The development of a long-term Forestry Prescription for the following objectives:
 - conversion of the pine plantation within 120m of the Burnt River to mixed wood forest (10 acres)
 - conversion of the pine plantation to open habitat favourable to resident species at Risk - Five-lined Skink, Eastern Milksnake, Eastern Hog-nosed Snake (49.3 acres)
- The development and implementation of a signage plan
- Support for "Biodiversity and the Dahl Forest" interpretive walk as part of HHLT's participation in International Biodiversity Day - the Year of the Forests which will focus in part on forest management for Species at Risk

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust would like to thank the MNR Species at Risk Stewardship Fund for their continued support of our efforts in land stewardship of the Dahl Forest and Haliburton County.

HHLT receives funding from BEAN

HHLT is happy to announce funding received in the amount of \$250.00, awarded by the [Biodiversity and Education Awareness Network \(BEAN\)](#) for our application for an educational program to be held at the Dahl Forest as part of International Biodiversity Day - the Year of the Forests.



Introducing...New Board Members

In the Fall of 2010, HHLT sent out a call for new board members and we were pleasantly overwhelmed by the interest! Now in 2011, we are happy to announce two new directors have joined the Board:

Janis Parker - Director

... made Kennisis Lake her permanent residence in 2010 after 35 years of commuting. Janis graduated from York University with a desire to teach outdoor education, however a surplus of teachers in the late 70's nixed those plans. Currently President of Parker, Pad & Printing Ltd., which has offices in Haliburton & Markham, Janis developed knowledge and respect for the work of the Land Trust during the process of their acquiring Norah's Island. Hoping to help further the Land Trust's stewardship in Haliburton County, Janis joined the Land Trust's Board in January 2011.

Bryan Barlow - Director

...made Minden Hills his home in 2004 after cottaging in the area for over 55 years. Now the full-time operator of Hunter Creek Ranch, a mixed-farming operation, along with wife Beverly, they are founding members of the Haliburton Meat Cooperative and have participated in the Haliburton County Farmer's Market since its inception. Bryan joins the Board as the first ever liaison representative of the Haliburton Farmer's Association, where he currently serves as vice-president.

Enviro-Hero Nominations

The **Wild About Nature** Gala is an annual celebration of environmental excellence within our community and honours local Enviro-Heroes.

An Enviro-Hero has made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County. An Enviro-Hero may be an individual, business, or organization.

A distinguished panel will select the winners in each of six categories. The winners will receive an award specially designed by renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse, a member of HHLT's Board of Directors.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- **Health** - a person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in healthy lifestyles.
- **Stewardship** - a person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources.
- **Education** - a person or organization that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth, or adults.
- **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.
- **The Arts** - an artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment.
- **Youth** - a student up to 18 years of age who has demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, or the arts.



Nominations open Monday March, 28th 2011 and close Friday May 6, 2011.

2011 Judging Panel: Barb Bolin, founding principal of the Haliburton School of the Arts
Carol Moffat, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands
Dianne Mathes, Vice-Chair of HHLT

Please visit our [website](#) for a nomination form.

If you would like to receive a nomination form via email, please email admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca

LEED-ing the Charge...

HHLT has signed up for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) credit program being administered by Trees in Trust through the Canadian Land Trust Alliance (CLTA.)



LEED is a green building certification standard and the CLTA is the sole provider of one of these LEED credits for operations and maintenance applications. Basically, when a LEED accredited professional is applying for a LEED accreditation for a development, they must gather a certain number of credits. One of those credits is for preserving a natural area to offset the footprint of the building. For instance, if the Dahl Forest is within an 800 km radius of the development in question, then the accredited professional (builder, architect, etc.) can gain credits by working with HHLT to preserve part or all of the Dahl Forest. Contributions are to be made at \$2,000 per acre, with a \$2,000 minimum.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is looking forward to raising LEED donations with Trees in Trust from projects across the County (and beyond) and using them to save and care for our forests.

2011 Wild About Nature Gala

AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT HHLT

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust invites you to become a **Wild About Nature** supporter.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship of **Wild about Nature** affords your company a unique opportunity to build positive name awareness, reach community members, establish trusting relationships, enhance community relations and demonstrate your organization's support of and commitment to protecting the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations.

There are 4 levels of Sponsorship available: Majestic Oak (\$1,000), Sugar Maple (\$500), Silver Birch - Land Donor Awards (SOLD - Sponsored by **Portage Lake Studio**), & Knotty Pine (\$250.)

DONATIONS

Consider donating to **Wild About Nature**. Every year, many businesses, community members, artists and artisans generously donate in support of HHLT, demonstrating their commitment to improving the health of Haliburton County's environment - its water, wetlands and significant natural areas.

Whispering Willows Donors (\$100) and gift-in-kind donations for the silent auction will receive charitable tax receipts and an invite to our 2nd Annual Donor Appreciation Event.

ADVERTISE IN THE GALA PROGRAM BOOKLET

The **Wild about Nature** program booklet not only serves as the Gala program but highlights environmental efforts within Haliburton County: it features a reflection on HHLT's accomplishments as well as biographies of all nominated Enviro-heroes and an article written by Neil Campbell of the Minden Times. As such, the booklet is distributed not only at the Gala but afterwards throughout Haliburton County and will also be available on HHLT's website.

Advertising in the Gala booklet demonstrates your support of environmental endeavours within our community. All funds raised through ad sales provide HHLT with much needed financial support in continuing its mission of protecting the natural heritage of Haliburton County.

Ads are available in increasing sizes valued at \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$200.

To receive a sponsorship package or for more information about donations or advertising, please contact admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call Elisha or Rachel at 705-454-8107.

Sincerely,



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