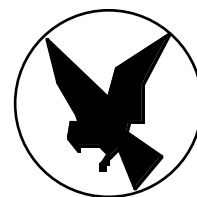


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All indoor programs are open to the public and are held on the last Monday of the month, from September to November and January to March at the YMCA Learning & Career Centre 660 Oakdale Avenue at 7:30 pm. Articles in Earthways represent the views of the author and not necessarily the views of Lambton Wildlife Inc.

## Indoor Program

March 30, 2009

### Urban Insects

Stanley Caveney will talk about some of our local insects and their fascinating and often bizarre lifestyles. He is an entomologist, recently retired as a professor at Western. His presentation will include a bit about insect evolution, diversity of species and recent invasive species in the Sarnia-Lambton area.

### LWI A.G.M. & Banquet:

This is coming up on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Mandaumin United Church. The AGM will start at 4:30 and the pre dinner social time and awesome bucket raffle will start at 5:00 pm. Dinner, at 6pm, will be the usual fabulous Lambton County Church Ladies turkey dinner with delicious home made pies. Our guest speaker will be Phil Roberts, the well known "Nature Guy" commentator on CBC Windsor. Phil is also the President of the Essex Field Naturalists. He will be talking about the Bald Eagle satellite telemetry program on the Detroit River.... totally leading edge stuff!

Tickets will be on sale at the February and March general meetings and can be obtained through Janet Bremner, Alexia Gladdy or Malcolm. The price is unchanged at an extremely low price of \$15.00. WOW, get your ticket before they run out!

Donations for our annual bucket draw are now being accepted. These are always interesting, varied and much appreciated by all. These may be picked up if necessary or brought to the Church hall before the dinner. Please let us know soon enough for donor signs to be made for each item.

Please call Janet Bremner at 519-542-2797 or Krista Cowieson at 519-869-6409 for tickets and/or bucket draw contributions. Tickets will also be sold at our March 30th, indoor meeting.

## Outdoor Program

Outdoor Committee:

Larry Cornelis (Chair) 519-627-8785; Paul Carter 344-2571; Gerry Clements 336-3513; Nikki May 542-8612

Please note: All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult on the outings.

Items marked with an \* are or can be a half day only.

### \*Howard Watson Nature Trail Clean-Up

Sunday, April 19th, 2009

Meet: 9:00 a.m. at Modeland and Cathcart trail entrance.

This event is sponsored by Tim Hortons.

Coordinator: Gord Catterson 519-337-1246

### \*Highway 402 Clean-up

Saturday, April 25th, 2009.

Meet at 8:45 am at Wawanosh Wetlands parking lot.

Inquiries: Joe Haselmayer 542-2826

### Walks into Spring 2009: Canatara Park

Wednesdays, May 6th and May 13th, 2009

Meet: 6:00 p.m. at the entrance to Tarzanland.

### Camping in Point Pelee — May 2009

See January & February Earthways for details

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## Greetings from the President

In January I noted that 2009 started badly for me as all that seemed to matter was to re-build the economy and no leaders were talking about how important the environmental issues were. It was create jobs, no matter what. Not only was it uplifting to watch Obama's coronation, but also to see the headline "Obama steps up the 'green' pressure". He seems dedicated to deal with global warming – to find solutions rather than continue with the Bush policy of making matters worse in the name of economic development at all costs. With announcements regarding cutting down vehicle emissions and permitting states to have higher emission standards, he has challenged the Bush policies and the Detroit 3 approach.

I decided to attend the recent Detroit Auto Show in late January to see the approach of the Big 3 compared to the Japanese and German auto makers. Honda and Toyota showed many new models of their hybrid cars, most now available for sale. Mercedes is building the Smart car, BMW, the Mini Cooper and Volkswagen, the Beetle. The big 3 were only able to show hybrids of SUV's and their hopes for the future, as the Ford Fiesta, a concept car called the Verve, the Ford Fusion Hybrid, the Chevrolet Cruze and the GMC Volt which won't be available for quite some time. Certainly clean and green is a long way off for the Detroit (and Windsor, Brampton, Oshawa) big 3. What they basically have for sale are large pickup trucks, SUV's and performance cars such as the new, retro, hot Camaro, a muscle car which will be built in Oshawa, at least for a while. They continue to fight any meaningful standards to reduce emissions and increase fleet mileage. They talk the environmental talk, but they are not producing environmentally friendly vehicles. This brings me to the concept of "greenwashing". Greenwashing was coined in 1986 in an essay by J. Westerveld regarding the hotel industry's practice of placing green placards in each room promoting reuse of towels, ostensibly to 'save the environment'. He noted that in most cases, little or no effort toward waste recycling was in fact being implemented. The actual objective of this 'green campaign' was increased profit, not meaningful environmental improvement. The term is now generally used when significantly more money or time has been spent advertising being green rather than spending resources on environmentally sound practices.

It combines the term green and whitewashing. It also describes the practice of companies disingenuously spinning their products and policies as environmentally friendly, when they are not. It is a deceptive use of "green" PR and "green" marketing. Governments, politicians, trade associations and non-Government organizations have also been accused of greenwashing.

Several activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions may be considered merely symbolic greenwash. For example, Earth Hour encourages consumers to switch off electric appliances for 1 hour. This may make people feel good about a minor inconvenience without creating any sustained reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Another example of symbolic greenwashing was the Bush administration's Clear Skies Initiative, which actually weakened air pollution laws.

Concern about greenwashing has also been raised with the practice of large industrial companies (such as resource companies in oil & gas and forest products) giving large financial support to environmental groups and projects. The environmental business organizations (the NGO's) seem to be booming, mostly because of big business support, when the environment itself is in such peril. Some environmentalists have raised the concern that while the very existence of large international nature groups is predicated on saving nature, they remain mum on the environmental crimes of their own corporate partners. It is suggested that these groups engage in greenwashing on behalf of their polluting corporate sponsors.

I certainly felt greenwashing going on at the Detroit Auto Show. It was also evident to me when I was involved in trying to raise concerns about the environmental destruction which would take place to the wooded corridor adjacent to the Bickford Oak Woods by the Shell refinery proposal.

But I have a long way to go in honing my perceptions.... initially I thought that the towel signs in the hotel rooms were attractive and saving towel washing was a great thing to do.... Likely we all have a long way to go.

Malcolm Boyd

### **Attention All Gardeners:**

May 2, 2009 is the Lambton Wildlife Native Plant Sale. It begins at 8 a.m. and ends at noon. Usually we are sold out early so it is wise to arrive early for best selections. (Every year people begin lining up at 7:30 a.m.)

We are in need of people who are willing to donate spring native plants from their garden, or who wish to help with the day of the sale in the area of setup and take down. The week before we need people to label plants. Also after the sale we need people to store plants in their garden over the summer and winter.

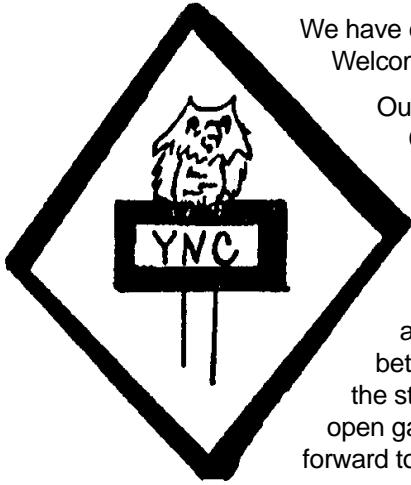
Please mark May 2, 2009 on the calendar as the date of our famous Native Plant Sale. The sale is at John Teasell's home on the corner of Lakeshore and Carl street (just east of Murphy).

Brenda Kulon

519 869 2833

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### YOUNG NATURALIST GROUP:



We have exciting news; the Young Naturalists Group has now gained FOUR NEW MEMBERS! Welcome!

Our February meeting was another wonderful winter adventure. We painted the snow in Canatara Park; using all natural plant based dyes – of course! We wandered the beach and enjoyed watching the ice flows and examining the large iceberg formations along the beach! In March we met in Petrolia, created a brush pile and got very wet! Building a brush pile is also creating a habitat. This project served two purposes; to clean up the floor of the forest to ensure safety for school field trips, and to create shelter, safety and nesting habitat for animals of all kinds! Brush piles are placed near a fringe area – where two ecozones meet! In this case we built it between a field and the forest. This will maximize how many animals can benefit from the structure. We built it according to resource management standards; ensuring large open gaps in the base of the structure and lots of branchy tangles near the top! We look forward to visiting the brush pile this summer and observing how many animals are using it!

Upcoming Young Naturalist Events (kids aged 7-11):

Saturday March 21th, 2009: Maple Syrup Festival

Time: 10:00AM-3:00PM

Place: AW Campbell Conservation Area

Saturday April 4th, 2009: Early Earth Day Clean-Up

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM.

Place: To Be Announced!

### JR. CONSERVATIONIST GROUP:

The Jr. Conservationist's have successfully raised over \$100.00 through their Valentine's Day fundraiser! Congratulations kids and thank you to all LWI members who participated in this fundraiser! Also, during the month of March the kids met and helped to clean up the woods at the Outdoor Education Centre located in LC Henderson Conservation Area outside of Petrolia. This centre hosts countless school field trips designed to connect children with the natural world. The Jr. Conservationist's helped to ready the Center's educational woods for spring classes by picking up garbage and assisting the Young Naturalist's to build a brush pile.

Upcoming Jr. Naturalist Events (youth aged 12-16):

Saturday March 21th, 2009: Maple Syrup Festival

Time: 10:00AM-3:00PM

Place: AW Campbell Conservation Area

Saturday April 18th , 2009: Wildflower and Garlic Mustard Study

Time: 10:00AM-3:00PM.

Place: Lambton Sewage Lagoons

We still have room in both groups. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Melissa Levi

insektiv@hotmai.com

#### Distribution of Last Child in the Woods Book:

At the January 13 Board meeting the following motion was suggested by Dick Maxfield and seconded by Melissa Levi: that LWI give one copy of the book Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-deficit Disorder to a science teacher at each of the Lambton County high schools. That is conservation education in action. Certainly an important mandate for LWI.

*Just as LWI has a Land Trust arm, so is the Thomas Talbot Land Trust which was established a few years ago. One of their most significant successes was the purchase of Joany's Woods in 2007 from the estate of Tom Doherty, who originally purchased the property. Tom lived in Sarnia and was a long time member of Lambton Wildlife and who died in 2006.*

#### TTLT recognized by City of London

Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best recognized the Thames Talbot Land Trust as a "Featured Community Organization" at the start of London Council's meeting on Monday, January 19th (5:00PM).

## February Indoor Meeting:

Again a good turnout was enjoyed when Kim Gledhill, Outdoor Education Program Coordinator for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, spoke on Species at Risk (SAR) in the Sydenham River watershed. Kim is a long time LWI member and was instrumental in helping establish the Young Naturalists program. Kim spoke to LWI a few years ago when she filled in admirably for a no show speaker and spoke on the hydrologic cycle. She was introduced by Melissa Levi.

Kim started off by introducing a new rap music video she has produced in order to better connect with the young audience she deals with. It was a lively video with a catchy beat that is called RIVER RAPS. The rap in this case has a dual significance in that it is set to rap music but also stands for Remedial Action Plan for the Sydenham.

She said the initial involvement was with aquatic species in the Sydenham River Recovery Strategy developed by SCRCA a few years ago. She showed an area map which delineated the Sydenham watershed in red, which is surprisingly large. There are two main branches of the Sydenham, the north and the south. I was in London recently and when driving back on highway 22, just before Poplar Hill, I noticed that the north branch flows below the bluff, which lies just to the east of the hamlet. In all there are about 4500 km of watercourse involved and 2/3 of municipal drains empty into it. The watershed was about 70% forest, 30% wetland in the 19th century but today it is close to 85% agricultural land, 12% forest and less than 1% wetland.

The Aquatic Species SAR team was established in 1999. The classifications include extinct, extirpated, endangered, threatened and special concern. Extinct needs no elaboration. The passenger pigeon and dodo are examples. Extirpated means they are no longer present at a particular site but do occur elsewhere. The best known example in our area is the Karner blue butterfly. Another prominent example is the ivory-billed woodpecker which has long been thought to be extinct but recent sighting reports may mean it still exists. It is the Holy Grail of birding.

Endangered is defined as either extinct or will soon be, while threatened means that unless factors change the species could become extinct. Special concern are species that are particularly susceptible to human activity but are not currently endangered or threatened but could become so if steps are not taken to protect them. There are several species of fish, mussels and turtles currently at risk in the Sydenham watershed.

Reasons for species being at risk include habitat loss or degradation, environmental contamination, genetic and reproductive isolation (can't find a partner with which to mate), suppression of natural events, climate change, disease and invasive species (e.g. zebra mussels).

Kim explained that these species are important because of their inherent value, are sensitive indicators of environmental health and are important to the habitat in which they live.

Kim talked about mussels as an example. The Sydenham is rich in mussels and in fact in 1991 LWI facilitated a study of the mussels in the Sydenham by Dr. Arthur Clarke. An earlier study had been done by Dr. Clarke 20 years previously in which he found 26 mussel species. In 1991 he found 25 species including 2 not found in the earlier study. He concluded in that 1991 study that the Sydenham River system was still the richest system for unionidae in Canada and one of the richest small river systems in North America. The study was carried out to try and measure the impact of the zebra mussel introduction to the Great Lakes 4 years previously, and found at that point no evidence of its penetration of the Sydenham. Kim said this is still true and it is hard for them to penetrate the Sydenham. This is very fortunate as they are hugely productive. All told some 35 species of molluscs have been found in the Sydenham.

Kim described the life cycle of a native mussel which is extraordinary. The male shoots sperm into the water which the female draws in via a sort of suction tube. The sperm then fertilize the female's eggs which then attach themselves to fish, which host the young mussel. When the mussel grows to about the size of a finger nail the mussel drops off. The fish is not harmed and in fact seems unbothered by the juvenile mussel.

Kim then went on to fish and said some 43 species of fish live in the river. She mentioned the black-striped top minnow which eats only terrestrial bugs which it can find because of the presence of trees along the river. However the loss of many of these trees is problematic for the fish. She described the process of identifying the fish which involves using an electric prod which stuns the fish causing them to float to the surface where they can be identified. The process is not lethal and the fish recover quickly.

She talked about remedial actions that are or can be taken to assist the process of protecting the species at risk. These include stream edge stabilization and naturalization, buffer strips, grassed waterways and remote runoff collection systems for farm buildings. Farmers can apply for grants and between 2001 to 2007 some \$1.2 million has been paid out in grants.

Their newest project involves woodland Species at Risk. They started out with doing an inventory and listed 11 species of birds, 6 reptiles, 3 mammals, 14 herbaceous plants and 6 species of trees and shrubs.

The tree species included blue ash, Kentucky coffee tree, Shumard oak, butternut, American chestnut and dwarf hackberry. She said that blue ash is a river valley species and that while the population is healthy there is a need to thin to reduce competition for space. The Shumard oak is a member of the beech family and grows in heavy, poorly drained clay. It is of Special Concern and also can be found in the Reid Conservation area. It will hybridize with other oak species.

The butternut requires well drained soil and some 95% of the population was lost to an Asian canker. Efforts are being made to identify disease resistant trees to try and produce a canker resistant seed bank. The American

chestnut was one of the most plentiful tree species in the 19th century but in 1904 99.99% were wiped out by a blight from New York state. It likes sandy, acidic soil.

Dwarf hackberry, a member of the elm family, is threatened. It prefers dry, sandy soil and can be found at Point Pelee and the Port Franks area.

Kim was thanked for a most impressive presentation by Malcolm Boyd who also thanked her for her ongoing assistance to LWI as a member, speaker and for providing assistance to Melissa in the Young Naturalists program.

Gord Catterson

#### **Ontario Nature AGM: 2010**

Through the initiative of Brenda Lorenz, the area nature organizations have agreed to sponsor the 2010 AGM of Ontario Nature. Lambton Wildlife, Sarnia Urban Wildlife, Friends of the Pinery, Sydenham Field Naturalists and the Carolinian Canada Coalition will be the co-sponsors. We will be looking for volunteers to help deliver the program.

The 2009 Ontario Nature AGM is being held on May 30, 2009 at the Huron County Museum in Southampton, in partnership with the Huron Fringe Birding Festival. McGregor Point Provincial Park serves as a headquarters for the Festival. Registration information for the festival can be found at [www.friendsofmcgregor.org](http://www.friendsofmcgregor.org). Please consider attending this year's Ontario Nature AGM and the birding festival, so we will obtain information on how best to design the 2010 event.

#### **Pelee Island Springsong Birding Festival, May 8 – 10.**

This is not yet a formal LWI program event, but a number of LWI members have attended this festival the last few years and we are looking at growing our participation. The highlight (besides being on Pelee Island at the peak weekend of wood warbler migration) is the banquet/awards ceremony which is held at the Pelee Island Winery and hosted by Margaret Atwood. She has her summer home on the island and she and her husband Graeme Gibson, are major supporters of the Pelee Island Bird Observatory (bird banding station). The speaker will be Joseph Boyden, this year's Giller/Scotia Bank prize winner for his book "Through Black Spruce". There is a 24 hour "environmental" birdathon where each team must use bicycles only. Members and past members of LWI are often on the winning team. There are some hotel/B & B spaces left and also cottage rentals. Contact the Pelee Island Heritage Centre for details. Cottage rentals and B & Bs are on the internet. Ferry reservations start on April 1. If you have never been on Pelee Island, you have missed a special ecological area. Wives of birders seem to especially enjoy the weekend as they don't have to go birding: there are lots of things to see and do. The scenery is wonderful or they can just relax and read a book and then meet the author after a fine dinner and fine wine...whether it is Boyden, Gibson, Atwood, etc.

Malcolm Boyd

#### **Monarch Teacher Network Canada –**

Summer 2009 Workshop in Sarnia

The Monarch Teacher Network Canada is a group of Canadians interested in the environment, promoting a global community and bringing the inspiring story of the monarch butterfly to classrooms. We are partners with the United States and Mexico in forming a North American network of teachers committed to the preservation of the monarch butterfly and its habitat.

Each summer, volunteers from the Monarch Teacher Network Canada offer workshops to all interested educators. It is a combination of classroom and field experiences. Participants learn:

the life cycle, ecology and conservation of monarchs

to raise and tag them

to teach effective, cross-curricular lessons

to develop a school butterfly garden and natural classroom and more!

The goal is to provide teachers with the knowledge, experience, materials and confidence to raise monarchs in their classroom in September and produce an outstanding learning experience for students. One course will be held in Sarnia, Ontario on July 30th and 31st, 2009 at Cathcart Boulevard Public School. For further information, go to: [www.monarchcanada.org](http://www.monarchcanada.org).

#### **3rd Annual Carden Nature Festival**

Submitted by Lou Probst,

Carden Field Naturalists

Friday June 5th to Sunday June 7th, 2009

Looking for an affordable weekend getaway? The Carden Nature Festival is the answer. A virtual smorgasbord of environmental delights. Choose from over 100 events - birds, spiders, moths, fish and butterflies. Dragonflies and those fascinating alvar flowers, mosses and lichens. Sitting, walking, pedaling, paddling, cycling, hiking, and flying. Checkout the website [www.CardenGuide.com/Festival](http://www.CardenGuide.com/Festival) after December 15th. Registration begins January 12th, 2009.

The Group Discount is back too. This is a great way to earn your club some money in 2009. Over \$300 was paid out last year. Get signed up and spread the word. Call Gayle at (705) 326-1620 or e-mail at [gayle@couchconservancy.ca](mailto:gayle@couchconservancy.ca) or register on the website after January 12th, 2009.

## Results of the Questionnaire in the October/08 Earthways:

There were 30 replies to the Lambton Wildlife questionnaire which is a 12% return rate, using combined single and family memberships of 250, (not total number of members).

The club is attracting new members. Seven of the 30 respondents (23%) have been members for five years or less. The club is also doing a good job of retaining members. Nearly 60% of the respondents have been members for more than 10 years. This figure may also show an aging membership.

Club members have the greatest interest in nature walks, birds, trees and native plants, with least interest in amphibians, reptiles, fish, insects and fungi.

97% know that LWI owns and/or manages ecological lands and operates as a land trust.

Just over 30% of the responds expressed an interest in participating in activities related to managing LWI properties (removal of invasive species, cleaning trails, monitoring species at risk).

All respondents replied that they read Earthways. 93% know about the LWI website, but only 7% use it regularly. Everyone is aware of our Young Naturalists programs.

40% indicated that they would be willing to occasionally staff our information booth at events such as Art Walk, Hobby Fest etc., for 1 to 4 hours.

One third attend 1 to 2 indoor meetings, one third 3 to 4 and one third 5 to 6 indoor meetings a year. Most of those who attended less than 3 meetings a year noted that other commitments were the reason. Almost everyone attends at least 1 indoor meeting a year. Thirty percent attend the AGM/banquet (which mirrors actual attendance).

Overall, club members are satisfied with the indoor program content and speakers for the indoor program. Suggestions for indoor topics included environmental issues such as renewable energy and resources, recycling and conservation, ecosystem protection, community action to promote urban greening, any program directed toward children, invasive species, native plant gardening, butterflies, wolves, caribou, coyotes, fisheries, rain forest exploitation and cooperation of industry and conservation. There was caution about being too technical.

The Native Plant Gardening and Introduction to Birding courses have been popular (40% respondents attending one) and 30% of the respondents indicated they would like to attend each of these courses.

Although turnout at our outdoor events is generally good, interest in some of the regular outdoor events was reported as low. Camping at Point Pelee was the outdoor event with the least amount of interest followed by Niagara River gulls and the Highway 402 cleanup. The outdoor events with the most interest included warbler walks at Canatara, the native plant sale, Kettle Point birding and Point Edward birding. Eighty percent of respondents attend one to five outdoor events a year. Seven percent attend six to ten events. Thirteen percent did not answer this question. (We neglected to put in a box to indicate zero attendance at

outdoor events). The most common reasons for not attending more events included other commitments, too rigorous and Sundays not a good day for 16% of the respondents. Some suggestions for the outdoor program included, advocacy programs, more half day events, short nature walks on easy terrain, tree and plant identification walks, walks in Mandaumin Woods, along the Ausable Trail, to Mystery Falls, birding at local forests and conservation areas, bus outings to Agawa Canyon, Algonquin Park and Niagara Falls.

Suggestions to Improve the Club and Other Comments:

- Provide events for all age levels and physical abilities
- LWI does a super job for members and community (3)
- Become more political: "Sarnia the Green"
- Take a "Green" part in Sarnia's 2014 birthday bash
- Luncheon or dinner meetings to promote socializing and to meet new members.
- Excellent indoor and outdoor programs.
- New speaker system is Big improvement
- Bus trips (2)
- More events oriented to children and parents
- Get web site working properly and keep it updated and vibrant
- Send Earthways to all Lambton Schools
- Remind members about meetings, outings and special events by email

Overall satisfaction with being a member of LWI: on a scale or 1 (low) to 5 (high):

1: 0%    2: 0%    3: 13%    4: 30%    5: 53%

Some initial thoughts arising from the initial tabulation:

- Because the return rate is fairly small, the results may not accurately reflect the majority of the members, but the people who replied obviously care about LWI and their thoughts should be heard.
- Consider holding a tree identification course. We should continue with the plant and bird courses, depending on available member-teachers. The courses were established as an outreach: to draw new members to LWI, but there is still a big demand within LWI.
- Hold a native plant and tree nature walk. Have a Mother's day walk for people with mobility issues.
- It is not reasonable to expect 1 person to keep the website up to date. We need a committee of members...who can share the load.
- LWI should work towards establishing regular workdays on our properties.
- You can't please all the people all the time. The McGregor Point Provincial Park and John Teasel's garden were on the list of favourite indoor meetings. They were also on the list of least favourite!

Tania Havelka & Malcolm Boyd

### Gardening With Native Plants

Sponsored by the Grand Bend Community Foundation  
LEARN ABOUT: The use and advantages of native plants in your landscape

- Butterfly gardens
- Native plants and the Old Ausable Channel
- Wetland restoration, dune grasses and their use
- Grand Bend flora and fauna
- Sources of native plants in our area

When: Saturday, April 18, 2009 (8:30 to 3:30) at the Grand Bend Community Health Centre

Cost: \$15.00 Bring your lunch – coffee and refreshments will be provided

Register by telephoning (519) 238-2190 or by e-mailing gbcf@hay.net

### Kickoff Workshop-Ontarians Walking Now

Monday, April 6th 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Clearwater Arena, Community Room  
1400 Wellington St., Sarnia

Only \$50/person: includes breakfast, lunch and resources

Guest Speaker: Gil Penalosa

Mr. Penalosa is a social marketing strategist who is passionate about improving the quality of life by promoting walking and bicycling as activities and the use of parks, trails and public spaces to foster healthier communities.

Anyone interested in creating a greener, healthier community through design and promotion of active transportation should attend.

Transportation planners and engineers  
Professionals in public works, public health and parks & recreation

School officials

Community politicians

First Nations Council members

Details about OWN are available in the downloadable flyer and registration package or contact kelly.elliott@county-lambton.on.ca or 519 344-2062 ext. 2346.

### The Huron Fringe Birding Festival

The Huron Fringe Birding Festival will be held from May 22nd to May 31st, 2009. The Visitor Centre at MacGregor Point Provincial Park will function as the Festival headquarters.

The Huron Fringe Birding Festival celebrates an awareness and appreciation of MacGregor Point Provincial Park and nearby Bruce County. It promotes the excellent birding opportunities along the Lake Huron shoreline. In fact, since the Festival began, it boasts sightings of an average of 150 species of birds.

As the program committee completes its list of presenters and our schedule for the 2009 Festival, they are ensuring that popular leaders such as Michael Carlson, Mark Wiercinski and Doug Martin will return to educate and entertain ... and we guarantee that there will be new experiences to be had by all! We value the dedication, skill and desire of many of the local area's leading naturalists who help us ensure that this Festival is a great experience! The Huron Fringe Birding Festival is a co-operative project of the Friends of MacGregor Point Park and MacGregor Point Provincial Park. The support of a number of corporate sponsors, including Bruce Power and Ontario Power Generation, enables us to provide this wide array of activities.

Program Updates: Steve Patterson on Saturday May 23rd - Flying Squirrels and Elisabeth Vanstam on Thursday, May 28th - Chimney Swifts. A registration fee applies. Pre-registration is recommended. The New 2009 Huron Fringe Birding Festival Program and Registration Form will be featured on our web page beginning February 1st, 2009 at [www.friendsofmacgregor.org](http://www.friendsofmacgregor.org). Those wishing a hard copy should contact the Park at:

(519) 389-6232/ (519) 389-6231

Friends Of MacGregor Point Park Box 1979 Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C0 [fompp@bmts.com](mailto:fompp@bmts.com)

The Huron Fringe Birding Festival is partnering in 2009 with Ontario Nature which is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Southampton on Saturday May 30th at 3:30 p.m. at the Bruce County Museum. This is a wonderful opportunity for some of Ontario Nature's guests to join in our Festival events during the weekend and some of our Festival goers to join in their AGM events.

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### To help us serve you better please circle or check (optional):

Age Groups: Under 12   12-20   20-40   40-60  
60-80   over 80   or   M. Y. O. B.

Interests:   Birds   Flowers   Animals   Insects  
Fungi   Fish   Trees  
Conservation   Environment  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: Hiking   Camping   Bicycle Riding  
Canoeing   Walking   Talking  
Writing   Cross Country Skiing  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Might be willing to:

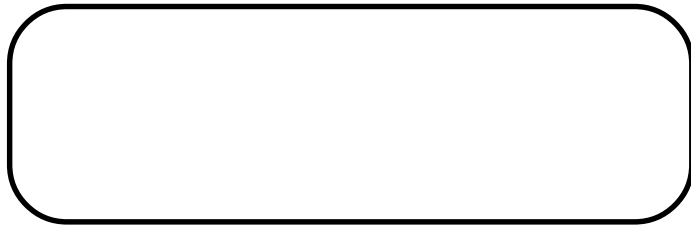
Serve on Committee  
Chair Committee  
Serve on Board  
Act as LWI Representative  
Come to Indoor Meetings  
Go on Outings  
Participate in Slide Show  
Be an Advisor

### Other Information to Share with LWI:

Need transportation to meetings \_\_\_\_\_  
Special skills or work experience \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a list of the current publication that LWI offers for sale.

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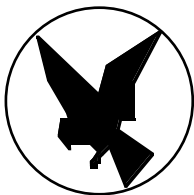
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