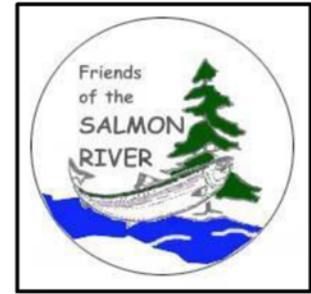


Friends of the Salmon River - Newsletter

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A little about us:

The Friends of the Salmon River is a non-profit organization formed in 2004. The organization is made up of volunteers, with an elected board of directors. The funding for projects is raised through membership fees, donations, grants, sponsorship and fund raising events.

We are people who enjoy the benefits of the ecologically healthy and beautiful watershed of the Salmon River. We believe that the Salmon River is precious and loaded with natural riches, and we want to ensure that it will continue to be so in the future.



Friends of the Salmon River is now a member of Ontario Nature - a charitable organization representing more than 30,000 members and supporters and 150 member groups from across Ontario. Ontario Nature (formerly the Federation of Ontario Naturalists) protects wild species and wild spaces through conservation, education and public engagement. We access our insurance through them, and we look forward to sharing in their pool of contacts and resources.

Upcoming Events

LIVING WATERSHEDS WORKSHOP

We are pumped about our newest initiative. A Living Watersheds Workshop will bring together people with a common interest: to learn about and engage with their entire watersheds and to maintain their health. The Friends of the Salmon River have provided this stewardship for a decade in the Salmon watershed. The aim is to demonstrate how to start a "Friends of" group for neighbouring watersheds.

This workshop is open to anyone with interest in a new group for their river/watershed. Please pass this notice along to friends and colleagues. For more info, contact Susan at 613-379-5958 or susan@moorepartners.ca

On **Saturday, September 12, in Roblin**, keynote speaker Cindy Chu will address the concept of the holistic watershed, complete with the headwaters, wetlands, creeks, and land - along with her findings on the effects of climate change on our rivers and watersheds. (Cindy works with MNR and has done fieldwork on the Salmon River.) This will segue into our afternoon program, when FSR will present our foundation Habitat Strategy and provide a template package outlining our history and programs. We are inviting people from the watersheds of the Napanee, the Skootamatta, the Black, and the Moira. The workshop will encourage them to form Friends groups on each of these neighbouring watersheds. Breakout groups will discuss and work on these projects in targeted activities. There will also be time to play on the Salmon River to complete the connection with our watershed.

FAMILY NATURE DAY COMING TO BEAVER LAKE JULY 11



Friends of the Salmon River and Quinte Conservation's Education Staff will again host a Family Nature Day: Wild About Wildlife.

DATE: Saturday, July 11, 2015 **LOCATION:** Beaver Lake Park, 5781 County Road 41, Erinsville **TIME:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
ADMISSION: Free

Wild About Wildlife Activities:

- * FalconEd: Live birds of prey show
- * Scienstational Snakes: see and hold snakes & reptiles
- * Nature hike and scavenger hunt

- * Netting bugs and benthics (water creatures)
- * Take home a seedling to help pollinators

Last year's day was a grand success. Family Day is for learning, playing games, and romping at the shoreline. Also, we will be glad to talk about ideas, concerns for the watershed, so please stop and chat. The Kids Fishing Derby is also at Beaver Lake Park on July 11 from 9 to 11am, hosted by the Lions Club and OPP.



Lessons in Watershed Health

Watersheds: Upstream and Downstream

By Gray Merriam



Beaver Creek In The Spring

The Salmon River watershed is about 80 kilometres long. It starts north of Cloyne, just a few hundred metres south of Mazinaw Lake and Bon Echo Park, which flow northeast into the Mississippi River watershed. Lakes also have watersheds, often called subwatersheds because they are part of a larger river watershed. The subwatershed of Kennebec Lake contains all the headwaters of the Salmon River and brings them all together to form the head Salmon River where it leaves Kennebec Lake flowing toward the Bay of Quinte.

Population centres usually form on the downstream portions of river watersheds. That means economic and political power concentrates downstream. It also means that flood control is mainly a downstream problem. But if poor land or water care occurs in the headwaters or anywhere upstream, the damage flows downstream and affects all the rest of the watershed. So it pays to take care of everything upstream.

Local News: Education and Outreach

Thursday, October 9, 2014

THE NAPANEE BEAVER

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Partners put in new roots in Tamworth

BY SETH DUCHENE

Editor

Young Stone Mills soccer players and their fans will have a bit more shade to enjoy next summer, thanks to a few local partnerships.

On Thursday morning those partners came together to plant some large trees around the pitch and bleachers at the Tamworth soccer field. Another group of trees were also planted at the recreation field in Arden as part of the same program.

The trees were planted after the Friends of the Salmon River applied to Home Hardware Napanee for funding through Trees Canada. Stone Mills Township dug the holes for the new hardwoods. The planting also marks National Tree Day, which falls on National Forest Week.

According to Dan Baker of Tree Canada, his organization's relationship with Home Hardware has resulted in the planting of more than 20,000 large

trees, valued at more than \$1 million. "It's been a pretty good co-operation over the years," he said.

Susan Moore of the Friends of the Salmon River said that Thursday's planting was worth \$3,000.

Representatives from the Tamworth and District Lions Club — which maintains the field and trees — Stone Mills Township, the Stone Mills Soccer Association and Communities in Bloom were also on hand for Thursday's tree planting.

"Tree Canada's commitment to improving the environment in communities across Canada is one shared by Napanee Home Hardware Building Centre," said Marsha Beebe, dealer-owner of Napanee Home Hardware. "Giving back to our community is a significant part of our culture and National Tree Day is an important initiative that allows us to thank our customers for their loyal support while improving the local environment."



From left are Dan Baker from Tree Canada; Joe Nolan of the Tamworth and District Lions Club; councillor Todd Steele representing Stone Mills Township; Marg Isbester from Communities in Bloom; Susan Moore of the Friends of the Salmon River; Clarence Kennedy of the Tamworth and District Lions Club; Aaron and Marsha Beebe of Napanee Home Hardware; and Kelly Kouri and Carrie-Lee Jeffrey of the Stone Mills Soccer Association.

North Addington Education Centre project

Amy Chabot: Project to naturalize a creek on the NAEC school property that forms part of the headwaters of the Salmon River. The project is a partnership between the school and the Land O'Lakes Garden Club, and it has the support of Friends of the Salmon River. The Garden Club provided a grant of \$400 that has been used to purchase trees for planting through Watersheds Canada. The project is associated with Earth Day 2015, and the trees will be planted in early June with the school EcoTeam.

Conservation Efforts: Preserving Precious Land in our Watershed

Lee Nature Reserve

The Lee Nature Reserve is a 12.5 hectare triangle of land on the west side of Salmon River near Tamworth and adjacent to the Mellon Lake Conservation Reserve. It has 914 m of shoreline on the river.

The land is characterized by granite cliffs rising in successive ridges away from the river and has several habitats including rocky barren outcrops, deciduous woods, and riverine wetland. To date, 198 species have been observed on the property, including the Five-lined Skink, a species of concern. It qualified as an EcoGift under Environment Canada's program.

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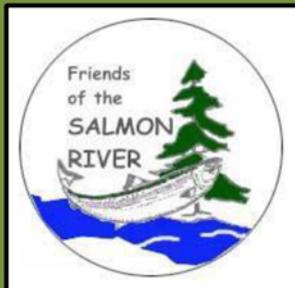
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2015 Membership Information



Membership fees for 2015 are as follows:

Adult Membership -- \$20

Family Membership -- \$30 (two votes for each family membership)

2014/15 Membership Data

Presently, Friends of the Salmon River has a total of 142 voting members. These are comprised of 39 individual memberships and 52 family memberships.

Currently, 69 of our memberships are from the Beaver Lake Preservation Association. In 2013, the lake association enrolled its membership with the Friends of the Salmon River. The BLPA members are enrolled (from BLPA funds) through 2014-2015.

Memberships are due for renewal at the 2015 AGM. Or visit --
<http://friendsofsalmonriver.ca/membership--information/>