

FRIENDS OF THE SALMON RIVER

President's Report 2013-2014



10th Anniversary

From our inaugural meeting in 2004 on the Salmon River to the present, we continue to make solid connections in the watershed community.

Thank you to our members for your support in preserving our gem of a watershed.

Card from Christ Church

The Vision Task Force from Christ Church in Tamworth sent a card thanking us for being good stewards of the watershed.

FOCA

We terminated our Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association membership as it has become too expensive. In the past year the FSR membership doubled when we absorbed the membership of the Beaver Lake Preservation Association. Based on FOCA's formula for calculating membership fees, we could be paying between \$480 and \$700 in fees. FOCA does provide useful resources for research and education related to stewardship of waterways.

This action will not affect our Cade Insurance package.

Un-incorporation

FSR has been "dissolved" as a corporate entity and all associated filings with the provincial and federal governments have been made. We are waiting for a final report to confirm the completion.

Salmon Shoreline Restoration

Landowners on Beaver Lake and other locations in the watershed have received property assessments and are having their shorelines planted. Kingsford Park received trees and the Napanee area scouts helped in the planting.

Partners: FSR, Centre for Sustainable Watersheds, Eastern Ontario Stewardship Collaborative, and Quinte Conservation

Home Hardware Tree Planting Program

Home Hardware Napanee and Tree Canada awarded us with \$3,000 worth of large native trees. These were planted at the Tamworth soccer field (Stone Mills Township and Lions Club) and the Arden Recreation Park (current project of Friends of Arden).

Community Day in Cloyne

Sept 6th from at Barrie Community Hall

The event provided a forum for locals to share their knowledge and take pride in their waterway, and organize themselves in ways to engage more fully in stewardship.

Family Nature Day

Beaver Lake Park in Erinsville on July 12, hosted by FSR and Quinte Conservation

Multi activities for kids including a scavenger hunt, netting for bugs and benthics, taking home a milkweed seedling to plant in the garden to help Monarch Butterflies, clay modeling

150 – 200 attended

Watermark Screening

Held on June 19 in Kingston at the Cineplex, 120 people attended

Partners: FSR, Frontenac Stewardship Foundation and Centre for Sustainable Watersheds

Watermark is a feature documentary with diverse stories from around the globe about our relationship with water

Bees and Trees Event

On January 23 in Odessa, bee advocate Susan Chan informed a packed hall on how to preserve essential bee habitat

FSR partnered with the Limestone Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association and the Lennox & Addington Stewardship Council.

Monitoring Invasive Species

Invasive plant booklets (from the Ontario Invasive Plant Council) were distributed to garden centres in Kingston, Belleville, Napanee & Tamworth areas to help educate citizens about invasive plants and alternative species to plant.

Website & Promotion

New Tag Line: Engaging Watershed Awareness

We presented a new website at friendsofsalmonriver.ca

Re-established our spring and fall newsletters

Developed an 8 1/2x4" rack card for better promotion of group

Ruttan's Bridge

To Addington Highlands Township and Jewell Engineering, FSR offered our advice and help, to ensure that the river's flow and its wildlife are safeguarded, during the re-building of the bridge

Roblin Landfill

The Manager of Environmental Compliance for the Town of Greater Napanee, reported to FSR, confirming the steps taken to monitor seepage subsequent to the Roblin dump closure.

Mussel Study

During the 2013 mussel study in the watershed, there were significantly fewer indigenous mussels in Beaver Lake & White Lake – these lakes had high counts of zebra mussels. In Sheffield Lake there was no evidence of zebra mussels and there were large numbers of indigenous mussels.

Susan Moore, President, 2013/2014