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A Love of Nature

by Andy Robinson

For 20 years, Fred and Nancy Chipman have been keen supporters of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust. It was Fred's father, Curtis, who got the couple interested in the work of the Nature Trust. He had been a donor and member right from the earliest days of the Trust back in 1994. Fred and Nancy started supporting the Nature Trust soon afterwards and their love of nature has now been passed on to the next two generations—to their own children who are now sharing this with their families.

Fred and Nancy have lived in Wolfville for over 50 years and when the Nature Trust started a project to protect the Wolfville Watershed, they were inspired to make their first major donation. Recently, Fred and Nancy recognized the Nature Trust's need for unrestricted, ongoing support and signed up as Guardians of the Land. They were also inspired by the 100 Wild Islands Campaign. As Fred suggested, "If anyone has a question about the impact of the Nature Trust's work, I would simply say, go to the 100 Wild Islands. Look around at the natural beauty. That's what a donation dollar buys."

[Read more about these dedicated Guardians of the Land.](#)



2018 Wolfville Watershed Snowshoe Hike

by Julie Lovitt

On the last weekend of March I had the pleasure of joining the Nature Trust to help with a night hike through the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve.

The hike had previously been rescheduled due to poor weather conditions, but we were in luck this particular Saturday with beautiful clear skies for stargazing and enough snow to use our snowshoes! For many of the hikers, including myself, this was a first chance to enjoy winter hiking in 2018.

[Read more.](#)



Connecting with Nature 2018 Events

Our series of guided walks, hikes and paddles is an opportunity to explore the conservation lands that we protect!

[View the Connecting with Nature events list here.](#)

For all events please register with us before attending. Space is limited.

For questions or to register, please contact the Nova Scotia Nature Trust at events@nsnt.ca or 902-425-5263.



Annual Dinner & Auction

Join the Nature Trust and much-loved local zoologist, curator and nature educator, **Andrew Hebda** at our **21st Annual Dinner & Auction**. Help us celebrate this year's land conservation successes, network with like-minded friends, and help raise critical funds for our work saving outstanding natural places across Nova Scotia.

October 25, 2018
Cunard Centre, Halifax
Doors open at 5:30pm

Tickets are on sale now! Early Bird deadline is June 30th!

[To purchase tickets online.](#)

[Print and mail the form.](#)

Or call Agenda Managers to order by phone: (902) 422-1886



Expedition for the Earth

The Expedition for the Earth to Ecuador (September 22-29th) has 5 participants signed up to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Several of these participants are well on their way to their fundraising goals! [Meet the team here.](#)

Interested participants are welcome to sign up to take part anytime leading up to the adventure. For more information about the Expedition for the Earth and the places you will visit [click here.](#)

Our guides for the Expedition for the Earth, Berg International Adventures will also be offering an optional extension to the Galapagos. [Click here for further details.](#) Or contact [Berg Adventures](#) directly.



Join the Nature Trust Team: Philanthropy Manager

Help to protect Nova Scotia's most special places, from towering old growth forests and pristine coastal wilderness, to habitat for endangered wildlife. Connect people and organizations who share your love of nature with the opportunity to protect a natural legacy for generations to come, through the power of philanthropy.

We seek an enthusiastic, ambitious and results-oriented professional with a proven track record in philanthropy, to advance three key programs: **annual giving, corporate partnerships, and grant-seeking.**

[Read the full job description for details and application instructions.](#)



National Volunteer Week!

Last week was National Volunteer week, and we wanted to take this opportunity to appreciate all of our dedicated volunteers who make it possible for us to protect wild places in Nova Scotia! Thank you for the many unique ways that you support our conservation work!

[Want to learn more about Volunteer with the](#)

Thanks to Maeve for her Pitch at 100 Kids who Care

"The Nova Scotia Nature Trust helps save land for nature to grow instead of factories and parking lots or anything like that to be built. The day I visited the 100 Wild Islands was so cool We went out in a boat"



[Nature Trust?](#)



A Home for Nature

"I spent endless summers playing outdoors as a child. Exploring the wild pockets of

woods around the lake where my family spent summers. I especially loved the water—lakes and rivers and the ocean too. I spent every moment I could on it, in it, and under it. And sailing with my father, mesmerized by our wild and beautiful coast. All that treasured time outdoors instilled in me a love of nature that has been with me ever since." - Rick Emberley, Chair, Nature Trust Board of Directors

The Nature Trust is closing in on the remarkable milestone of protecting **100 conservation sites**—100 homes for nature!

By giving today you can help us save even more homes for nature this year and meet the promise of protected, forever.

Read Rick's full letter and [help protect a home for nature today.](#)

and when we got to the islands it was so peaceful and quiet we were the only ones there. We could only hear us talking and the birds singing. If you chose my charity you would be helping the Nova Scotia Nature Trust buy more land to look after forever...the turtles, birds, flowers, plants, fish and snakes need a place to live with our help." - An excerpt from Maeve's 100 Kids Who Care pitch.

Maeve was inspired to do something to help the Nature Trust's conservation efforts after visiting the 100 Wild Islands. When she attended a 100 Kids Who Care Halifax meeting she knew that she wanted to pitch an idea herself and chose the Nature Trust, because protecting homes for endangered wildlife and plants in Nova Scotia is very important to her. Thanks Maeve for sharing your passion for conservation with 100 Kids Who Care!

Nature Bite

by Karen McKendry

Hello Spring! We hope you are noticing some of the exciting signs of spring that are popping up around the province. Yellow-spotted

Salamanders have emerged from their underground burrows to mate in ponds. Migratory birds are starting to show up, including Red-throated Hummingbirds already!

Little, yellow, dandelion look-alikes have also sprung up. These are not dandelions, they are Coltsfoot, a different flowering plant. There are 3 key differences that can help you tell them apart:



- Coltsfoot shoot out their flowers in the early spring before their leaves have developed – if you look closely, you'll see a flower on a stem with no leaves on the plant yet. Dandelions flower after their leaves are out later in the spring or summer.
- The stem on Coltsfoot is wider than a dandelion and brown (not green).
- Coltsfoot do well in highly disturbed spots like the edge of parking lots or gravel piles while Dandelions prefer lawns!

Have you seen Coltsfoot so far this spring?

Changes on Facebook

Are you still seeing our posts on Facebook? With new changes to the Facebook algorithms, posts by organizations and businesses are no longer as prominent in your news feed. However, you can customize your settings to ensure you don't miss news from any of your favorites (like the Nature Trust!).

Ensure you don't miss any Nature Trust updates on Facebook through the following steps: On our [Facebook page](#) navigate to the "following" tab (under our cover video), and under the heading "In your newsfeed" select "see first". This will ensure our posts regularly make it into your news feed!

