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LANDLINES



News from the forefront of conservation in Nova Scotia

Thank You for all you do for nature in Nova Scotia!

This week saw Giving Tuesday and Thank You Thursday, two parts of a growing movement to celebrate charitable giving and to provide an alternative to the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Nature Trust's donors and volunteers, for generously giving funds, time, and expertise, and for helping to spread the word.

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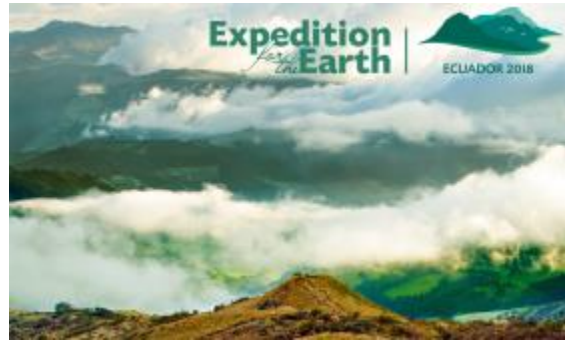
Another Turtle Sanctuary Protected!

Nova Scotia's Blanding's Turtles have more critical habitat safeguarded, thanks to the generosity of land donor Gail Freeman.

The 112 acre land donation adds critical habitat to the Nature Trust's Turtle Sanctuary at Barren Meadow near Colpton, northwest of Bridgewater. Nova Scotians have generously stepped up twice before to help the Nature Trust purchase two adjacent properties on Barren Meadow.

[Read more about this and other inspiring land stories from 2017, and about how you can help.](#)

Photo: Brennan Caverhill



Expedition for the Earth: Ecuador 2018 Itinerary Announced

We hope you can join Expedition for the Earth adventure to Ecuador September 22-29, 2018! The expedition is a fundraising trek where all funds raised go directly toward our land conservation efforts in Nova Scotia. Adventurers will explore the upper amazon, cloud forests and Andean peaks of Northern Ecuador.

This bucket-list trip is widely accessible, and previous trekking or international travel experience is not necessary. The trip will be expertly guided by Wally Berg of [Berg Adventures International](#), who has experience guiding countless treks around the world. Berg Adventures International led both of the Nature Trust's previous Expedition for the Earth adventures to Patagonia in 2013 and Iceland in 2016. Together the treks have raised over \$100,000 in support of land conservation in Nova Scotia.

The first three participants have already signed up for the adventure and we would love to reach 5 by the end of 2017!

Visit the [Expedition website](#) to read more details about the trip, including a [detailed daily itinerary](#).

The deadline to register is March 1, 2018.



Bioblitz at Nature's House

On Oct. 2, Dalhousie University Faculty of Science students took part in a mini BioBlitz in our backyard, and they recorded their findings on a great online citizen science tool, iNaturalist.org. They documented the species that are found at our house, so that we can measure the increase in biodiversity over the coming years as we undertake plans to naturalize our garden! [Check out their species list on iNaturalist.org](#).

Thank you so much to the students and faculty members at Dalhousie who took part!



Save the Date: Moonlit Snowshoe Hikes in 2018!

Mark these dates in your calendar! Winter is on its way, and that means that our moonlit snowshoe hikes at the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve are coming soon!

This year, we're planning two hikes, on **February 3** and **March 3** - stay tuned for more details!



New Report Outlines Best Practices for Conservation Easements

Lawyer Jamie Simpson has recently completed a review of best practices for conservation easements. We're very grateful to Jamie for completing this much-needed review, and we look forward to using it to assess our current practices and to identify potential areas for improvement.

The Nature Trust is very appreciative of the hard-working professionals across the province who work to promote land conservation, and who so generously share their expertise with the Nature Trust to help guide our work.

Photo: Nick Wilkinson

Stay Tuned: Opportunity to Learn About Estate and Income Tax Planning

In the new year, we will be partnering [Glenn Stewardson](#) to host two presentations on how to save taxes in estate planning.

This is an opportunity to learn how:

- To minimize or even eliminate taxes on your estate
- To avoid double taxation on your "red" retirement accounts
- To bypass pay upfront capital gains

- taxes when selling your investments
- To convert assets into an income you can't outlive and leave a lasting legacy
- Our government wants you to save taxes and leave more to your estate

If you are interested in receiving more information about this presentation, please contact Barbara Haley at 902-579-9977 or email her at barbara@nsnt.ca.



Stress-Free, Nature-Saving, Gift Ideas from the Nature Trust

This holiday season, consider a different way of giving — give the [Gift of Nature!](#)

Share your passion for nature with your friends, family and colleagues by giving the gift of an ecologically rich island or acre of old growth forest. Give an acre of coastal land, or help to save critical habitat for wildlife by adopting a bird, frog or turtle for the people on your holiday list.

Choose your Gift of Nature from the [catalogue](#), [fill out the form](#), send or email it in, and your holiday shopping is done! Or just give us a call at 902-425-5263, and we'll take your order over the phone. At the same time, your charitable donation is ensuring the gift of nature for all Nova Scotians, for generations to come.



Our Thanks to Dr. David Sobey, for Sharing His Story

Yesterday, on Thank You Thursday, we honoured the generous land donors who work with the Nature Trust to conserve Nova Scotia's unique natural landscapes.

Without the support of land donors like Dr. David and Faye Sobey, we would not be able to ensure special places in Nova Scotia are kept wild for future generations to enjoy.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Sobey for sitting down to share his story with us ([view the video here](#)).



Giving the Gift of Life (Insurance) to Nature

Peter Drummond recently took out a life insurance policy for nature! And this week he kindly shared his story with us, which we are very pleased to share with you. With regular premium payments, Peter is creating a legacy that will someday provide a substantial gift to the Nature Trust.

[Read Peter's story here.](#)

We are so grateful for his support and hope you'll contact us to find out how you too can easily create a significant legacy of wild spaces with only a small annual or monthly amount. Contact Barbara Haley at barbara@nsnt.ca or 902-579-9977.

Photo: Kas Stone



Thank You to Our Connecting with Nature Sponsors

This year's summer and fall guided walks and outings were a great success! Nearly 300 people joined for nine events on our properties, and it was very meaningful for our staff and volunteers to share these beautiful and special places with so many



Guardians of the Land: Chris & Hiya Field

Welcome to our latest **Guardians of the Land** supporters! Chris and Hiya Field recently joined this group of leadership supporters who recognize the importance of unrestricted and ongoing funding for the Nature Trust.

If you are interested in joining our **Guardians of the Land** program please contact Barbara at Barbara@nsnt.ca



Thank You Michelin! Our Dinner and Auction Presenting Sponsor for 11 Years

Michelin Canada is a steadfast and enthusiastic supporter of the Nature Trust's conservation work. For the past 11 years,

nature lovers of all ages.

We want to take this opportunity to thank this years Connecting with Nature Sponsors, whose generosity made these events possible.

Michelin has been the Presenting Sponsor for the Dinner. Michelin's commitment to Nova Scotia and to sustainability is admirable, and we are very pleased to be counted among their community partners.

[Read more about our partnership with Michelin Canada.](#)

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