

2010 Nature Trust Events

There's so much coming up in 2010!

See below for a peek at the events and activities that we have planned for the coming months.

MAY

May 1st - Wildlife Art Show: Nature and wildlife artists in Nova Scotia will showcase their work in an upcoming show and sale, at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, in the Nantucket room, May 1st 11am-4pm. A portion of the proceeds from sales will go to the Nature Trust! Sandy Mosher at 885-2395.

May 3rd - Volunteer Orientation Session: Come learn about volunteer opportunities at the Nature Trust, at our offices (2085 Maitland St., Halifax) at 6pm. RSVP to Nicole at nicole@nsnt.ca or 425-5263.

May 12th - Dr. Bridget Stutchbury - Bird Detective: Join Dr. Bridget Stutchbury for her talk "The Bird Detective: Investigating the Secret Lives of Birds". Dr. Stutchbury, author of *The Silence of the Songbirds* (2007) and *The Bird Detective* (2010), has spent her career chronicling the decline of migratory songbirds and the steps we can take to bring them back. See www.ecologyaction.ca/content/dr-bridget-stutchbury-bird-detective.

May 21st - 23rd Blue Nose Marathon: Come cheer us on at the Blue Nose! Watch for our team mascots, dressed in Blanding's turtle, Eastern ribbon snake and Piping plover costumes. We've got fundraisers participating in the 5k, 10k, half marathon, full marathon and the youth run. Thanks to all of our participants! See www.nsnt.ca/bluenose to donate online.

May 22nd - International Day for Biodiversity: Our planet is home to millions of different species, including insects, reptiles and amphibians, birds, fish, and mammals. Land conservation plays an important role in the protection of species habitat, which in turn benefits biodiversity. Celebrate biodiversity and support the Nature Trust by attending the Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon (nsnt.ca/bluenose). Our kids' website is also being launched this day in celebration of international day for biodiversity (www.nsnt.ca/kids). Continue to celebrate biodiversity by attending River Days on the St. Mary's River (see below). Contact Nicole (nicole@nsnt.ca).

May 29th & 30th - River Days, on the St. Mary's River: Celebrating the 4th annual River Days event in Sherbrooke. River Days is held to showcase the natural beauty and biodiversity of the St. Mary's River, and to celebrate the Nature Trust's conservation work in the area. This year, we've teamed up with the St. Mary's River Association and Nature Nova Scotia to organize many activities, including guided walks, a barbeque, a celebration for a newly protected property on the river, and other activities for the whole family that will focus on the astounding biodiversity of the St. Mary's River. Begins Saturday, May 29 at 10:00am at 1849 Waternish Rd in Waternish. Contact: Peter, 406-3320 or peter@nsnt.ca. Visit www.nsnt.ca or naturens.ca/node/57.

JUNE

June 4th - Oceans Day: Join the Nature Trust along with many other groups and concerned individuals to celebrate Oceans Day on the Halifax waterfront and wharf behind the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (1675 Lower Water Street). In addition to the displays, there will be a touch tank, seafood samples and other activities for everyone to enjoy! The event runs from 9:30am-4pm. Contact: Peter, 406-3320 or peter@nsnt.ca.

June 6th - Shoreline Clean-Up in Lunenburg/Queens County: As land stewards, the Nova Scotia Nature Trust would like to enlist your help to clean it up and keep Nova Scotia's shores pristine. We will be cleaning the shores of our Medway River property from 10am-12pm, then we will have a meet and greet at the Vogler's Cove Community Center from 12pm-1pm. We will be finishing off our day by cleaning up the coastal shores of our Vogler's Cove property from 1pm-3pm. Remember to bring a lunch, appropriate footwear, and gloves if you have them. Contact Shannon MacDonald (Shannon@nsnt.ca).

June 12th - Turtle Day & Property Celebration: Join us in Pleasant River at the Pleasant River Community Hall on the afternoon of the 12th (exact time TBA) for refreshments, a guided walk, a property announcement of a new protected area that is home to important turtle habitat and a barbeque! In the evening, there is an exciting opportunity for you to join guardians on their search for turtle nests. **Contact: Karen, 406-3320 or karen@nsnt.ca.**

There's more! See other side...

2010 Events continued...

June 26th - Bogwalk & Invasive Species Pull in Wolfville: For those enthusiastic land stewards who aren't afraid to get a little messy, there will be a guided walk in the morning, providing the opportunity to learn about sensitive bog habitats and their importance for biodiversity. In the afternoon there is a chance to learn about invasive species, including the Glossy Buckthorn, for which you will learn identification and removal techniques. Contact: Shannon MacDonald, (Shannon@nsnt.ca) for exact date and location.

JULY

July 17th - Shelter Cove Beach Clean-Up: As you know, every year more and more garbage seems to wash up onto the shore. The Nature Trust, in partnership with Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia, invites you to help us clean up the trash. There will be a paddle and clean-up event held at our Shelter Cove property. Participants are asked to bring their own canoe or kayak. Contact: Sally-Jo Gallant, sallyjo@nsnt.ca or 406-3320.

July 22nd - Wolfville Watershed Walk and Great and Selig Islands Campaign Celebration: Join us for an exciting afternoon as we hike the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve, from 1pm-3pm. All are welcome to regroup in the Garden Room of the KC Irving Environmental Centre (on the Acadia University Campus), from 6-7pm, for a reception and public announcement and celebration of a significant coastal conservation success. Contact Sally-Jo at 406-3320 or sallyjo@nsnt.ca for the hike and RSVP to Robin at 425-5263 or robin@nsnt.ca for the coastal celebration.

AUGUST

August 6th - Great and Selig Islands Community Celebration: Join us for a local celebration for the Great and Selig Islands Campaign, set to take place in Medway Harbour (location TBA). Contact Sally-Jo at 406-3320 or sallyjo@nsnt.ca.

August 21st - Coastal Plain Plants Canoe Trip on the Tusket River: We will meet near the community of Tusket in southwest Nova Scotia (specific location TBA), and canoe the Tusket River to view rare and beautiful coastal plain flora. At this event, we will also celebrate the protection of a new property that is home to important coastal plain flora populations and is our most ecologically important acquisition to date. Contact Karen at 406-3320 or karen@nsnt.ca.

SEPTEMBER

September 11th - Purcells Cove Volunteer Appreciation Walk and Public Guided Hike: All of our faithful and hard-working volunteers are welcome to join us for a guided hike through the Purcells Cove Conservation Lands. Contact Sally-Jo (sallyjo@nsnt.ca) or Nicole (nicole@nsnt.ca), 425-5263.

OCTOBER

October 28th - 13th Annual Nature Trust Dinner and Silent Auction: We're pleased to invite you to the Nature Trust annual gala dinner and conservation celebration. This year's guest speaker is Nova Scotia native Dr. George Archibald, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation and longtime Nature Trust supporter. Tickets are on sale now! See www.nsnt.ca/newsevents/dinner or contact Robin at 425-5263 or robin@nsnt.ca.

A NOTE FOR FIELD VOLUNTEERS:

The field season is almost here! Rare plant monitoring and property guardian volunteers are needed! Keep an eye on the website for info on orientation and training sessions. Contact Karen (karen@nsnt.ca) or Sally-Jo (sallyjo@nsnt.ca) at 406-3320.



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