

THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK



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The Friends of Algonquin Park is proud of its ongoing commitment to the enhancement of the education and interpretation of Algonquin Provincial Park!!

Our long tradition of accomplishments is truly a result of the engagement of our members, volunteers, donors, partners and dedicated staff. It is because of this ongoing support that The Friends is able to continue to pursue our objective of strengthening the appreciation for Algonquin Park during these unprecedented times.

As you review our newsletter you will see our most recent achievements. Every year with the ongoing



help from our “friends” we are able to commit to numerous new projects and improve upon existing programs that enhance Park visitors’ appreciation for this amazing place. To all of you who have helped The Friends attain these successes - thank you! We look forward to seeing you in Algonquin Park soon!

For anybody who would like to be part of this group, visit The Friends of Algonquin Park at www.algonquinpark.on.ca or email friends@algonquinpark.on.ca.

CHAIR’S REPORT

I am fortunate to be able to Chair the Board of Directors of The Friends of Algonquin Park. We are a dedicated group of Board members, staff and volunteers who are all committed to you, the Park visitor. We want you to learn about Algonquin Park, and what all its vast wilderness has to offer.

Like so many other organizations, The Friends of Algonquin Park has had a demanding 12 months. We had to cancel programs, experienced extended closures of both the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum, and struggled to remain relevant in very uncertain times, all of which made fulfilling our mission even more challenging. Despite all of that, we continue to move forward, with the publishing of new books and the reprinting of old favourites, we continue to staff both the Park information desks at our two bookstores and we are optimistically planning to host our signature events again this year.

For seasoned Algonquin Park visitors, the names Dan Strickland, Ron Tozer and Pat Tozer will be very familiar. These three people have been associated with The Friends of Algonquin Park since its inception 38 years ago. After their retirements from their positions as Chief Park Naturalist, Park Naturalist and General Manager of The Friends they graced the organization once again as Directors.

Recently they all stepped down from the Board as voting members but fortunately will remain as Honorary Directors and will continue to support the ongoing good work of The Friends.

Gordon Gibson, a member of the Board of Directors since 2007, has also recently resigned. We thank Gordon for his thoughtful input and generous donations to The Friends over the years, and are looking forward to his continuing participation as an Honorary Director.

I am pleased that this spring we are welcoming five new Directors to the Board: Bongo Bongo, Chris Brackley, Ryan Morin, Glenn White and Bruce Wolfgram. We are excited to benefit from the contributions of these new Board members.

The Friends continues to work with our Ontario Parks partner, strengthening our future relationship with them while moving ahead to secure and expand our opportunities for providing quality interpretive programs and services to all Park visitors.

We appreciate your interest and thank you for your continued support of the work of The Friends of Algonquin Park and the place we all love.

Kim Smith - Chair

Lake Trout spawning workshop on Lake Opeongo



Appealing to both the curious beginner and the experienced enthusiast, Experience Algonquin workshops offer a broad range of Algonquin Park-related courses. We bring expert instructors from communities within and around Algonquin Park to share their passion and expertise on a variety of recreational and natural history topics. As a participant, you will work closely with instructors in a small group setting, taking home new skills and knowledge, as well as field guides and tools needed to pursue your interest further.

Workshops are open to members of The Friends of Algonquin Park. Non-members may purchase a membership upon registration. Space is limited and advance paid registration is required for all workshops. To register, contact Laura Finney at (613) 637-2828 ext. 236.



Welcome • Willkommen • 歡迎
Join a bilingual German- or Japanese-speaking Naturalist who can help you get the most out of your Algonquin Park visit.

For more information, download program details from www.algonquinpark.on.ca, send an email inquiry to education@algonquinpark.on.ca, or call the Group Education Coordinator at (249) 700-0015.

GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you are a teacher or education professional, The Friends of Algonquin Park can offer you creative and fun learning opportunities! We are pleased to continue to offer school, youth, and adult groups a wide variety of educational programs. Over 70 Algonquin-themed programs are available in half-day, full-day, evening and overnight formats. A special itinerary can be tailored to your group’s interests and needs.



Algonquin Park Webcam >



Watch Algonquin Park during any season. Choose from either live streaming video, panorama, or archived images of the view from the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre, courtesy of **The Friends of Algonquin Park** in partnership with **EarthCam**. See it at www.algonquinpark.on.ca



2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LOGGERS DAY

Saturday, July 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Logging Museum



Please check www.algonquinpark.on.ca for COVID-19 impacts on these events.

WAKAMI WAILERS OUTDOOR CONCERT

Sunday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Theatre

MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY

Thursday, July 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion

WINTER IN THE WILD

Saturday, February 19th, 2022 at various locations along Highway 60

ALGONQUIN VISITOR CENTRE

The Friends of Algonquin Park funded and implemented new occupancy sensors for COVID-19 compliance for the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre and provided Ontario Parks with plexiglass barriers around the information desk at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum.



WELCOME MADISON

During the fall of 2020, The Friends of Algonquin Park had Madison Somerville join our team as a Collections Intern for the Algonquin Provincial Park Archives and Collections. Madison used her knowledge of and passion for collections to assess and begin cataloguing our backlog. She also undertook archive research and photo requests. We are pleased to say Madison will be continuing with us as our Collections Coordinator.

Thank you for a great season and your continued enthusiasm!



2020 DIRECTORS AWARD



Gaye Clemson with Award.

On October 2, 2020, The Friends of Algonquin Park Directors Award was presented to Gaye Clemson.

Gaye's connection with Algonquin Park has been almost life-long. It began when she was a baby, and her parents built a cabin on Canoe Lake. She grew up listening to stories about the Park and meeting some of Algonquin Park's most notable people.

Years later, when she wanted to learn about the other leaseholders on Canoe Lake, she paddled the lake with her two sons to share and collect stories, memories and other pieces of history.

Altogether, Gaye has written nine books about the people and history of Algonquin Park, making her the most prolific author of books on the Park's human history. To achieve this accomplishment, she has combed through archival documents, traveled many kilometres and interviewed many people connected to the Park. Her writing not only documents the Park's history, but it also helps bridge new visitors to Algonquin's colourful past.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Thanks to our volunteers, all of our interpretive trails were adopted in 2020! Participants are asked to hike their trail once a week from May through October, cleaning up both the trail and parking lot area by picking up litter and reporting any maintenance requirements. A plaque at the entrance of the trail recognizes volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

The Friends of Algonquin Park is very grateful to the following dedicated trail volunteers:

Algonquin College students (Pembroke campus), Gord & June Ashcroft, Jeff Bowman, Brent Access Point staff, Leon Budziszewski, Canoe Lake Access Point staff, Dan Demianiw, Morwen Galway, Chris Herbener, Janice Hubbert, Huntsville Nature Club, Sarah MacBeth, The McRae Family, Lynne Newell, George & Sharon Oram, Lynn Stewart, Beth Ward, and Steve & Janet Wright.

LOGGING MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of Algonquin Park provided volunteers at the Logging Museum from June to

Thank you to... Gord & June Ashcroft, Lori Beecroft, Lily Etmanski and Keenan deCarle-Bradshaw.

October. Thanks to our volunteers, Park visitors had a great visit to the museum.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stacey Finch at: volunteer@algonquinpark.on.ca.



Keenan at the Logging Museum



A new cross was installed along the trail at the Algonquin Logging Museum. Gord Ashcroft handcrafted the new replacement cross for the exhibit. Thank you for your hard work!



McRae Lumber Company Limited donated a 16-foot White Pine log for the entrance to the Logging Museum in the Spring of 2020. The rings in the log indicate it is approximately 140 years old, with a 35-inch diameter at the top and 49-inch diameter at the bottom.

SUPPORTING THE BACKCOUNTRY

Chris Boettger and Trent Rodgers (Backcountry Rangers) receive gear on behalf of Algonquin's Backcountry team! This gear was generously donated to The Friends of Algonquin Park in support of the backcountry by Doug & Ann McGill.

CANADA JAY RESEARCH

The Friends of Algonquin and the University of Guelph partnered to plow the Opeongo Road to aid in long-term Canada Jay research in Algonquin Park over the course of 2020.



THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK BOOKSTORE & NATURE SHOPS

Our Visitor Centre and Logging Museum bookstore & nature shops provide you with a unique shopping experience. We offer an extensive selection of natural and human history books, field identification guides, maps, cookbooks, Ontario travel guides and optics. We also take great pride in our ever-changing selection of quality gifts, souvenirs and home décor, with a selection of local and Canadian made items.

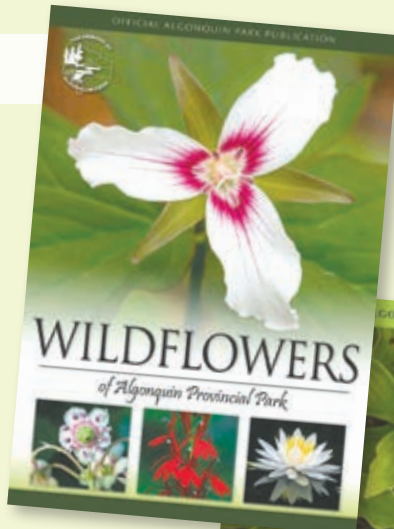
A thank you to everyone who has supported us through COVID-19 by following safety measures to visit us in person or shopping online at www.algonquinpark.on.ca.



NEW PRODUCTS

WILDFLOWERS OF ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Anyone who visits Algonquin Park during the spring and summer will see wildflowers. The Park has many different habitats within its borders and each area has its own distinct wildflowers. This new book is filled with colour photographs of the most common wildflowers in the Park and will give you an idea of the incredible richness and beauty of the plant world and how important plants are to the ecology of Algonquin Park. 52 pages. Text and photography by Michael Runtz.



CHECKLIST OF VASCULAR PLANTS

The Checklist of Vascular Plants of Algonquin Provincial Park is back in print! This 40-page softcover book lists 813 native and 323 exotic taxa that are found in Algonquin Park.

Common and scientific names, plus their status (common, uncommon, rare, etc.) are listed. A great resource for the expert or novice botanist.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



A 12-month full colour Algonquin Park calendar with stunning photographs by former Park Naturalist Michael Runtz. This 30.5cm x 23cm (9"x12") calendar makes a great conversation starter or a great gift for those with a special connection to Algonquin Park. Wonderful images of

Algonquin's scenery and wildlife throughout the year, are accompanied by a naturalist message each month.

THE LAST FOREST RANGER: ALGONQUIN PARK MEMORIES

The Last Forest Ranger: Algonquin Park Memories by Tom Linklater, published by The Friends of Algonquin Park, is a 174-page softcover book that portrays Tom's compelling personal story and adventures, while vividly revealing a bygone era. For example, when Tom was nine-years old, he had to break a 14-kilometre trail across a lake, on snowshoes, ahead of the family dog team. The team was carrying his injured father and they were trying to get him to the train to be transported

to a hospital. Tom's life has featured some amazing experiences and events in Algonquin Park. This book describes a remarkable man in a very different time. **The printing of this book made possible by the generosity of Glenn & Maria Hewitt, and Christina Hewitt.**

THE BEST OF THE RAVEN, VOLUME 1 - 3

The Best of the Raven is a collection of short essays from Algonquin Park's famous educational newsletter, *The Raven*, written by Dan Strickland and Russ Rutter from 1961-2009. Right now, all three editions of *The Best of The Raven* are available. The 3-volume set makes an excellent gift idea.



MAKE YOUR PURCHASE COUNT!

Show your passion for Algonquin Park and make purchases from The Friends of Algonquin Park at the Visitor Centre, Logging Museum, via phone/email order or online at www.algonquinpark.on.ca | **100% OF PROCEEDS** from sales remain in Algonquin Park to further the Park's educational objectives.

31st ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Friends of Algonquin Park's 2020 Fundraising Raffle was another huge success, raising over **\$28,900!** This raffle has been an annual event since 1990, and has now raised over **\$490,900** since it began.

Congratulations to our 2020 prize winners:

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| 1st prize – R. DeLuca, Orangeville, ON | 6th prize – M. Brock, Port Rowan, ON |
| 2nd prize – T. Syer, Petrolia, ON | 7th prize – K. Robinson, Stevensville, ON |
| 3rd prize – S. Abels, Scarborough, ON | 8th prize – J. Coburn, Stratford, ON |
| 4th prize – M. Knell - Tiny, ON | 9th prize – S. Mesius, Brampton, ON |
| 5th prize – G. Tremblay, Ottawa, ON | 10th prize – G. Lynch, Toronto, ON |



Friends Director, Ron Tozer and Program Administrator, Laura Finney drawing the 2020 winners!

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FUNDRAISING 2021 RAFFLE

BUY YOUR TICKET for just \$10

The 2021 Fundraising Raffle will be the 32nd for The Friends of Algonquin Park. Be sure to pick up your **\$10** tickets while visiting the Park this summer and fall at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum, or by calling **613-637-2828** to purchase.

The 2021 Raffle promises to once again include many amazing prizes such as **a beautiful canoe, accommodation packages at Algonquin area resorts and lodges, and much more!**

All proceeds go toward fulfilling The Friends of Algonquin Park mandate of enhancing the interpretive and educational programs here in Algonquin Park!

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The Friends of Algonquin Park would also like to extend thanks to all our seasonal staff that did an amazing job and helped us by assuring visitors were adhering to pandemic safety measures.

In Memory of DEAR FRIENDS



Grant Tayler

Grant received the FOAP Directors Award in 1994 for his outstanding contribution to the interpretive program in Algonquin Park. He was Chief Park Naturalist from 1957 to 1966. Grant established Algonquin's first logging museum in 1959, began the walking trail and publication systems, and originated the Park's popular newsletter, *The Raven*. He was appointed Supervisor of Park Interpretation for Ontario in 1966, became Interpretation Specialist with Parks Canada in 1970, and later was appointed Chief of Parks Canada's Interpretation Division.



Don Beauprie

Dr. Donald J. Beauprie received the 2014 FOAP Directors Award in recognition of his significant contributions to the appreciation of Algonquin Provincial Park. Passionate about photography and the outdoors, endlessly curious about the world around him, he published *Destination Algonquin Park: Tracks to Cache Lake and the Highland Inn*, a book that distilled decades of research into the history of Algonquin Park.

SIMPLE & EFFECTIVE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR ALGONQUIN PARK:

Make a Donation – A contribution made today is greatly appreciated and very important. Donations can be made in person at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum or by mail, telephone or online.

In Honour – Have your donation commemorate an event or person, or celebrate a special occasion in the life of a friend or family member. An acknowledgement card can be sent to the honouree on your behalf.

In Memoriam – Make a gift in memory of a loved one who was especially fond of Algonquin. An acknowledgement card can be sent to the family or friend that you designate.

Become a Member – Purchase an annual membership that shows your dedication to Algonquin while gaining you membership rewards.

Double Your Donation – Employee-matching gift programs are corporate giving programs in which the company matches donations made by employees to eligible charitable organizations. Inquire with your employer to see if your support of Algonquin Park can be easily doubled.

Third-Party Fundraising – Hold an event in support of The Friends of Algonquin Park. Your event can be almost anything; sell a product or service and direct a portion of the proceeds to support Algonquin Park; throw a party and ask guests to bring a donation in place of a gift; host a recreational event and ask for a donation instead of an entry fee; or develop a donation box at your place of business with donations directed to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Please note that all third-party fundraising events must be approved in advance of the event by The Friends of Algonquin Park. To find out more, visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/donate/third-party-fundraising.php

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These are all things you can do today to show your passion for Algonquin Park and allow us to continue to emulate this passion through our work.

Build your legacy of support for Algonquin Park by contributing to The Friends of Algonquin Park.

If you have any questions or require assistance, contact: **Stacey Finch, Partnership Coordinator** (613) 637-2828 ext. 239

WHAT IS YOUR

Algonquin Park Legacy?



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Inspire Future Generations

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving allows you to make a gift to Algonquin Park today where the value of the gift is deferred in whole or in part until a later date, often upon the death of the donor and depending on the type of gift, income tax relief is either realized today or in the future. Of course, talking to your lawyer or financial advisor will help you and your family decide how to best fulfill your legacy to Algonquin Park.

YOUR ALGONQUIN LEGACY GIVING OPTIONS

You can make a difference and ensure your legacy in Algonquin Park by considering these options:

Bequest - This is a gift that you make through your will. It can be for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate or the residual of your estate. Your bequest will symbolize a lasting memorial for you and your family.

Gift of Life Insurance - Life insurance is a way to make a significant gift in the future at an affordable current cost without reducing the value of your estate available to your family. You can either give an existing policy or take out a new policy naming The Friends of Algonquin Park as the beneficiary.

Shares or Securities - This can be established by contributing bonds, stock securities or mutual funds that have appreciated in value since their purchase and avoid capital gains tax.

Registered Assets (RRSPs & RRIFs) - A gift of registered assets would enable you to fulfill dual goals of supporting your favourite charity while reducing the amount of taxes that your estate would have to pay. If the RRSP or RRIF has The Friends of Algonquin Park as the direct beneficiary, the estate will receive a donation receipt for the entire value of the plan.

Gift of Real Estate - The gift of real estate allows you to give an

immediate gift and receive an immediate tax receipt for the fair market value of your property. These gifts include: residences, farms, land and commercial property. Giving a gift of real estate allows you to simplify your estate and give to The Friends of Algonquin Park during your lifetime.

Residual Interest - This type of gift is given by those who plan to donate a property through a will bequest but would like to reduce income tax presently and continue to use and enjoy the property over their lifetime.

Endowment - Your charitable fund would be invested and earnings from your contribution would generate a reliable source of funds, providing a legacy that lasts forever.

Please, let us know if you have included a gift in your will. It will give us the opportunity to discuss how you would like to direct your donation and most importantly....thank you! Every legacy gift makes a difference.

For more information, contact: **Lee Pauzé, Executive Director** (613) 637-2828 ext. 234

LEGACY GIFTS

Wild Birds Unlimited Toronto generously donates birdseed to the Algonquin Visitor Centre. This allows visitors to enjoy Algonquin Park's beautiful birdlife during winter and supports ongoing bird research.



Algonquin Park Wild Bird Cam Live!

Algonquin Park is home to excellent bird watching opportunities. During winter, many northern bird species migrate south offering a blend of northern and southern bird species that attract visitors from around the world. Viewing Algonquin Park's wild birds in person is always the best experience. But for those who can't visit, The Friends of Algonquin Park offers live streaming views of the feeders at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre between December and March.

Third-Party Fundraising

Coffee with a Cause

Ottawa Valley Roast House was founded with a purpose, and wanted to be able to give back to their community. Their promise is to donate a portion of every sale to support wildlife and nature right here in the Ottawa Valley. The Friends of Algonquin Park are grateful for their support of \$500 raised in just a couple of months through this initiative.

Thank you for the creative partnerships in support of Algonquin Park!

For more information on third-party fundraiser, visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/donate/third-party-fundraising.php

MONTHLY GIVING

The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to report that the following donors are part of our monthly giving program.

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Thank You For Being Passionate About Algonquin!

For a list of 2020 Donors who supported The Friends of Algonquin Park, visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca.

If you wish to join our monthly giving program, please contact (613) 637-2828 ext. 239 to get started, or visit: <http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/donate/recurring-giving.php>

Thank you for your support!