

THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK

1983 to 2008

A celebration of 25 years of enhancing education and interpretation



The Friends of Algonquin Park Board of Directors, 2008

The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to be celebrating its 25th Anniversary as a registered non-profit charitable organization established to enhance the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park. This mandate is implemented by a dedicated staff and volunteer Board of Directors.

The Friends has had many successes over the last quarter century with a few of the highlights including the development and printing of Park-related publications, construction and maintenance of interpretive walking trails, the establishment and delivery of Group Education programs, and building and funding the exhibits at the Visitor Centre and

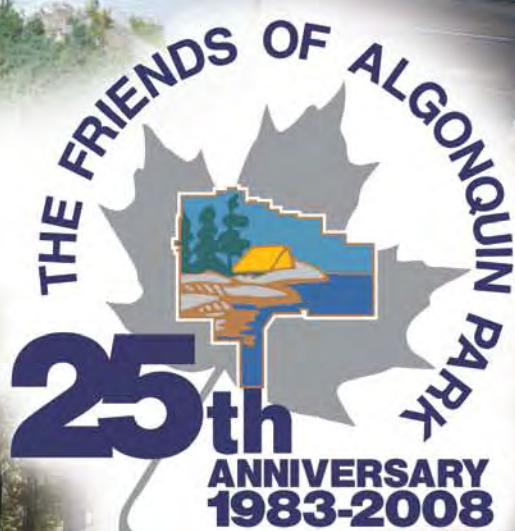
Logging Museum. The Friends has been able to fund these and many other Park projects since its inception in 1983 through support received from private donations, memberships, partnerships, various fundraising efforts, and proceeds from sales online at www.algonquinpark.on.ca and through our two bookstores in the Park.

This publication is a tribute to our accomplishments and to the support from our members, donors and partners. It is because of their assistance that we have been able to successfully reach these milestones.

The staff and Board of The Friends of Algonquin are proud of its many achievements and are looking forward to many future successes.

We hope you will enjoy these highlights as they reflect 25 years of commitment by a group whose only purpose is to continue to improve this magical place, Algonquin Park!

**To learn more about
THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK
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WHY THE FRIENDS WAS FORMED

The Friends of Algonquin Park is a “cooperating association.” The first organization of this kind was formed in the United States in 1920, and since then, hundreds of others have been formed in conjunction with national, state, and provincial parks in both the U.S. and Canada.

In 1983, The Friends of Algonquin Park was the first cooperating association to enter into a formal agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Now, there are 27 cooperating associations in the Ontario Provincial Parks system. In June 1983, The Friends of Algonquin Park signed its first five-year agreement with the Ministry. As part of that mandate, the Ministry gave The Friends the Park’s entire inventory of priced Park publications under these mutual conditions: 1) the Ministry agreed to continue selling the publications on behalf of The Friends, and 2) The Friends would finance the reprinting of these publications as the need arose and use the profits from their sales to finance the development of further, mutually agreed-upon educational and interpretive projects for the Park.

It is important to realize that, prior to the establishment of The Friends, none of the Park’s publication sales revenue stayed in Algonquin. It all went into the Government of Ontario’s consolidated revenue fund with none of the profits from sales being kept by the Park for reprinting these publications.

WHAT THE FRIENDS HAS ACCOMPLISHED

The Friends has accomplished numerous projects since its beginning in 1983, many of which are highlighted in this publication. All of our revenue after operating expenses is directed into new interpretive and educational projects or enhancement of existing programs in the Park.

The Friends currently finances two thirds of the total cost of providing all interpretive services in Algonquin Park (including staff, facilities, publications, and other projects).

HOW THE FRIENDS OPERATES

The activities of The Friends are coordinated by staff, and a volunteer Board of Directors.

Members and donors also provide important assistance to The Friends through payment of membership fees, and through donations. As well, purchases made through our bookstores support The Friends of Algonquin Park.

Since 1983, The Friends has grown at a rapid rate. At first, two volunteers took care of the memberships and operating our first bookstore. By 1986, we had a staff consisting of a year-round part-time General Manager, a part-time Membership Secretary and six part-time employees to operate two bookstores and carry out the activities of The Friends from May to October. Currently, our staff has increased to 9 permanent full-time employees, and 20+ seasonal employees.



The Friends of Algonquin Park Staff, 2008

HOW THE FRIENDS RAISES MONEY



Scott Hayden (right, owner of Blue Spruce Resort) presents Ron Tozer (FOA Director) with a cheque for \$11,000.

To boost The Friends’ income and ability to provide expanded service to the Park, we opened our first bookstore at the old Park Museum in 1984. This proved extremely popular with Park visitors and offered high-quality nature books for both adults and children, plus nature records, cassettes, postcards, and posters. In 1986, the Old Ranger Cabin Bookstore was opened at the Pioneer Logging Exhibit. These stores were relocated to the new Logging Museum (opened in 1992) and the new Visitor Centre (opened in 1993).

The Friends supplies Ontario Parks outlets with our publications to sell. In addition, we wholesale our own publications and products to access point contractors around the Park and to retailers outside the Park.

Other important sources of income are memberships, donations, bequests, government grants, and fundraising activities.



1983 to 1990

1983

- **FIRST AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES SIGNED.**



Signing of five-year agreement between the Ministry of Natural Resources and The Friends of Algonquin Park, June 1983. From left to right, Bill Calvert (FOA Chair), George Whitney (Algonquin Park Superintendent), Taylor Statten (FOA Director).

- **FIRST (PARTIAL) OPERATING SEASON** began at the end of June. Sales of our publications generated net revenue of approximately \$34,000. The Board met five times during that first year to establish operating by-laws of the association, insurance and auditing arrangements, membership policy, interpretive and educational programs, and plans for the future.

1984

- **FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPERATION** and we reprinted the Park's Canoe Routes map, the Backpacking Trails map, and the Booth's Rock Trail guide. The Friends agreed to finance the production of a new trail guide for the Mizzy Lake Trail.



- **CONSTRUCTED BOOKSTORE** in the lobby of the Park Museum.



Park Naturalist Ron Tozer in the Park Museum bookstore.

This facility was very successful as it improved the lobby layout and provided an extremely popular and valuable service to Park visitors by making available a wide range of high-quality Park-related books, records, cassettes, and postcards.

1985

- **STAFFED BOOKSTORE/INFO DESK** at Park Museum.
- **HIRED TWO SUMMER NATURALISTS.**



Mark Kubisz (summer naturalist) leads a hike.

- **STAFFED PIONEER LOGGING EXHIBIT** for July and August.
- **PUBLISHED CAMPGROUND TABLOIDS**, the information guides for Highway 60 campers.
- **REPLACED SEATS AT OUTDOOR THEATRE.** The Ministry of Natural Resources supplied the labour, and The Friends financed the material.



"Through your hard work and dedication, The Friends of Algonquin Park has done much to increase awareness and understanding of our natural environment."

Calvin MacIntyre

Dalton McGuinty
Premier



1985 Directors Award presentation. Left to right; Dr. George Garland (Vice Chair), Ottelyn Addison (recipient), Ralph Bice (recipient), Bill Calvert (Chair).

- **FIRST DIRECTORS AWARD** was established in 1985 to honour those who have made significant contributions toward the appreciation of Algonquin Park. During our 25 years, there have been 44 recipients of this award:

- 1985 Ottelyn Addison, author
Ralph Bice, author/guide
- 1986 A.J. Casson, Group of Seven artist
Audrey Saunders, author/historian
- 1987 Ed Kase, author
Nick Martin, fisheries biologist
- 1988 Omer Stringer, master canoeist
- 1989 Adele Ebbs, youth camp director
- 1990 Aubrey Dunne, Park Ranger
- 1991 Pierre Trudeau, canoeist/preservationist
- 1992 Roy Anderson, Bruce Falls, Jim Fraser
and Al Gordon, Algonquin researchers
- 1994 Al Helmsley and Grant Tayler, naturalist
program founders
- 1995 Mary (Colson) Clare, Elsie (Gervais)
McCormack, Esther (Sessions) Keyser and
Mary (McCormick) Pigeon, pioneer
women of Algonquin
- 1996 Ron Tozer, Park Naturalist
- 1997 Bill Swift, Sr., youth camp director/
outfitter
- 1998 Felix Luckasavitch, Algonquin structures
craftsman
Ray Townsend, author
- 1999 Tom Linklater, historical exhibits
craftsman
Ron Perry, canoe and camp educator
Kirk Whipper, recreational canoeing
promoter
- 2000 Bill Brown and Brent Connelly, logging
history interpretation
Bill Calvert, first FOA Chair
Pat Tozer, first FOA General Manager
- 2001 Dan Strickland, Chief Park Naturalist
- 2003 John and Janet Foster, cinematographers
- 2004 Michael Runtz, author/photographer
- 2005 Dan Gibson, nature film and recording
pioneer/FOA Director
Taylor Statten, youth camp director/
FOA Director
- 2006 George Garland, author/historian/
FOA Chair
- 2007 Bernard Reynolds, FOA Treasurer
Jeff Allen, Mike Bernier, Mark Despault
and Rob Hollett (Wakami Walkers),
logging history entertainers
- 2008 Rory MacKay, author/historian

1986

- **OPENED OLD RANGER CABIN**

BOOKSTORE at the Pioneer Logging Exhibit. An old ranger cabin was converted into a small bookstore and opened on June 28th. This provided extra service to Park visitors while ensuring daily staffing for the exhibit. The Ministry supplied the labour while The Friends financed the material.



An old ranger cabin which was turned into a bookstore at the Pioneer Logging Exhibit.

1987

- **MEMBERSHIP INCREASED** to 1,093 members. Our members continue to be a great means of support – we currently have 2,873 members. The renewal rate is approximately 75%. Members reside in 10 Canadian provinces, 29 U.S. states, and 12 other countries.

- **WILDLIFE RESEARCH SUPPORT** of wolf-ungulate (moose/deer) relationships in Algonquin Park by the University of Waterloo, and of endangered Wood Turtles' status in Algonquin Park by the Ministry of Natural Resources.



Researcher Graham Forbes with sedated wolf. Note radio collar.

1988

- **FULL-TIME GENERAL MANAGER HIRED.**



Board of Directors meeting at Camp Ahmek in Algonquin. General Manager Pat Tozer (front row, second from right).

“The Park looks forward to working with The Friends of Algonquin Park for many more years. We thank you for your efforts, support, and contribution to Algonquin Park.”

John Winters
Park Superintendant

1989

- **NEW LOGGING MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION** started.



Camboose Shanty under construction at the new Algonquin Logging Museum.

CAMBOOSE SHANTY

Began relocating and building the Algonquin Logging Museum at its current site in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Algonquin Forestry Authority.



► The Wakami Wailers receive the Directors Award after years of entertaining visitors with their logging folk songs. Left to right; Brian Maltman (FOA Chair), Rob Hollett, Mark Despault, Mike Bernier, Jeff Allen, and Ron Tozer (FOA Director). Below, Wailers perform at Outdoor Theatre.



Wakami Wailers

Hosted Wakami Wailers in August and have brought them back every year since. Awarded them Directors Award in 2007 (below).



1990

- **SOD-TURNING CEREMONY FOR NEW VISITOR CENTRE.**
- **FIRST ANNUAL CANOE DRAW.**



Erik Sultmanis (The Portage Store) and Ned Teachman (FOA Director) draw the winning ticket for the first Kevlar Canoe Draw on October 6th, 1990.



1991

- Launched **MILLION DOLLAR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** for the future Algonquin Visitor Centre and Algonquin Logging Museum.

1992

- **LOGGING MUSEUM OPENED.**
- **OPENED TRACK & TOWER TRAIL AND BAT LAKE TRAIL** to the public.

ALGONQUIN LOGGING MUSEUM OPENED AUGUST 15, 1992

Replacement site for old Pioneer Logging Exhibit developed in partnership with Ontario Parks and the Algonquin Forestry Authority.

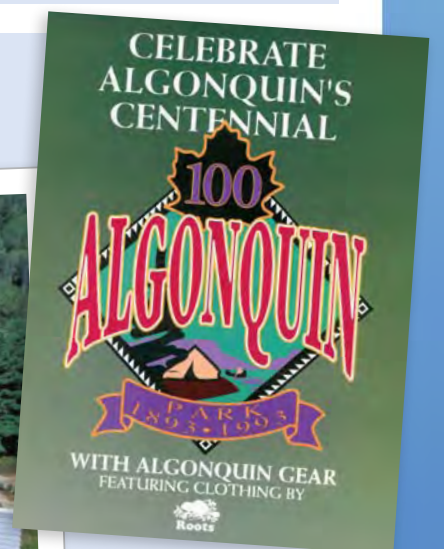


The construction of one of several long boardwalks on the Bat Lake Trail. Left to right; Billy (Claude) Towns, Brian Boldt, Victor Mochulla and Mervin (Buzz) Dupuis.

1993

- **VISITOR CENTRE OPENED.**
- **10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDS.**

ALGONQUIN VISITOR CENTRE OPENED MAY 20, 1993



1994

- **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALGONQUIN'S INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST PROGRAM** – first in Ontario.



1994 Directors Award Presentation to Founders of Algonquin Naturalist Program, Al Helmsley and Grant Tayler, made at 50th Algonquin Naturalists Reunion. Left to right; Ron Tozer, Grant Tayler, Ralph Bice, Al Helmsley, and Dan Strickland.



Official ribbon cutting for the opening of the Algonquin Visitor Centre, May 20, 1993, with Premier Bob Rae.



"Please extend my sincere appreciation to your members past, present and future for their dedication and commitment to Algonquin Provincial Park."

Donna Cansfield

Donna Cansfield
Minister of Natural Resources

Congratulations to the "Friends" on your 25th Anniversary ... here's to the next 25!

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- **ADOPT-A-TRAIL WAS INTRODUCED** - a new volunteer initiative. For 12 weeks, volunteers are responsible for walking their trails once a week, picking up litter and reporting any problems. Every year we coordinate approximately 20 volunteers to walk our trails; this support is greatly appreciated.



Spruce Bog Boardwalk.

- **WAREHOUSE BUILT.** We moved all of our publications (2,000+ boxes) from our cramped and overflowing warehouse at Summer Headquarters to our new spacious and 2 ½ times larger warehouse adjacent to the Visitor Centre. As a regional book publisher it is important to have a facility where we can store inventory.

1996

- **FIRST YEAR FOR LOGGERS DAY** - a joint venture with the Algonquin Forestry Authority and Ontario Parks. The fun-filled day helped the Logging Museum come alive! Some 2,000 visitors enjoyed the Wakami Wailers with their lumbering folksongs, Lumberjack Woodsmen demonstrated their logging skills, two blacksmiths made square nails in the blacksmith shop, a stamper made wood cookies and rope, and various experts showed how logs were squared, how the donkey engine worked, and how the crazy wheel operated, to name a few. An old-fashioned lumberjack lunch of sausages, fried bologna, pork & beans, salads, and goodies was served up from the old woodstove in the sawlog cookery.

This event proved so popular we have been hosting it since. We hope you can join us this year on July 26, 2008.

- **ARCHIVES SUPPORT.** Hired a seasonal archivist to provide administrative assistance to researchers and to begin digitizing the collection of historical photos. We continue to provide this service to the Park by hiring a part-time archivist.

1997

- **OLD RAILWAY BIKE TRAIL** opened between Mew Lake and Rock Lake.



Old Railway Bike Trail.

- **A NEW GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM** was offered to groups visiting Algonquin Park from September to mid-June. This service is still offered and provides high quality, half to full-day educational programs ranging in topics from plants to wolves, and from early logging history to natural resource management.

Programs are available for students from elementary school to university level, as well as for youth and adult groups visiting the Park. Sleep-over programs in the Visitor Centre are also available for students and youth groups.

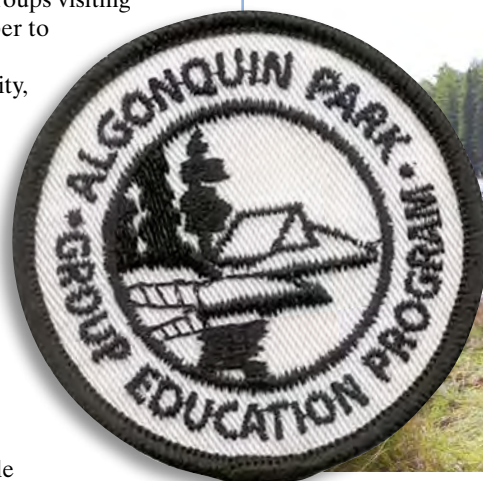
Since it started, the Group Education Program has continuously grown – in 2007, over 5,000 individuals participated in various programs.



John Foreman squares a log at Loggers Day.



Group Education participants on the Big Pines Trail.



Group Education program on a guided hike of the Beaver Pond Trail.

- **OFFICIAL ALGONQUIN PARK WEBSITE**
www.algonquinpark.on.ca

Since its inception this site has undergone many enhancements. The Friends is committed to maintaining and improving this resource as one of its many ongoing projects. Not only does the website provide current and accurate Park information to visitors from around the world, it includes a secure and efficient online bookstore of Park-related books and products. If you haven't already visited we invite you to do so, and if you are a regular we encourage you to check it out again as we are always striving to include more to improve your next visit to Algonquin!

1998

- **15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDS.**
- **DISCOVER ALGONQUIN PHOTO CONTEST.**



Algonquin photo contest winners.

"The Friends has been deeply committed to enhancing the natural heritage education program in Algonquin Park at the visitor centre, logging museum, and through the world class interpretive programs."

Adair Ireland-Smith
Director, Ontario Parks

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1999 to 2006

1999

- The Friends was honoured with **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD** from the Friends of Bonnechere Parks.



George Garland (FOA Chair), Don Lloyd (FOA Director), Pat and Ron Tozer accepting award from Friends of Bonnechere.

- Announced the winner of our first annual **ALGONQUIN FOR KIDS: T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**. Every year we hold this popular contest which is open to children aged 12 and under.

Each year we receive hundreds of entries and the winning design is made into a t-shirt available for sale at our bookstores. All proceeds support the Algonquin for Kids children's programs which are offered every morning in July and August.



Winner of the first annual t-shirt design contest.

"Thanks to the efforts of The Friends, thousands of Park visitors have gained a greater appreciation of the majesty and wonder of Algonquin Provincial Park."

Leona Dombrowsky, MPP
Prince Edward-Hastings

Leona Dombrowsky

2000

- COW MOOSE & CALF EXHIBIT** opened – part of ongoing exhibit development and maintenance at the Visitor Centre. Other Friends' exhibit projects have included: the wolf video, new fish tanks, human history displays, and theatre upgrades.



Cow Moose & Calf Exhibit.

- FIRST GENERAL MANAGER RETIRES** after 16 years.

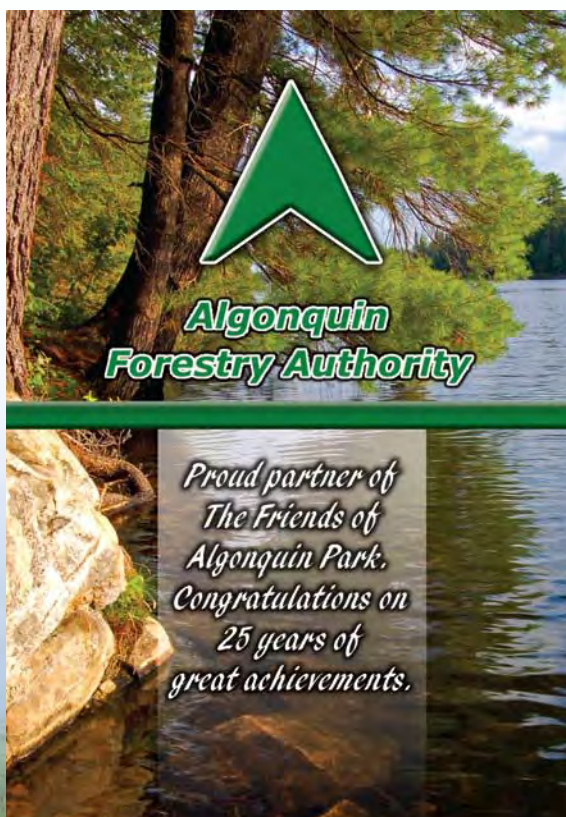


Retirement party for Pat Tozer at the Visitor Centre.

2001

- ALGONQUIN FORESTRY AUTHORITY CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY.**

The Algonquin Forestry Authority has been a major partner, with The Friends of Algonquin Park and Ontario Parks, in the development and maintenance of the Algonquin Logging Museum since 1991. Other important contributions to Friends' projects include the development of the Big Pines Trail and funding for wildlife research.



The Out-Side-In beside the stonehouse at Achray Campground. Tom Thomson stayed in this cabin when he was a fire ranger at Achray in 1916.

- OUT-SIDE-IN EXHIBIT COMPLETED.** Other Friends' interpretive site projects include: the Jack Pine Trail, the Canoe-camping Diorama at Canoe Lake Access Point, and the Brent Historic Site.
- THE RAVEN.** The Friends began funding the writing, publishing, and the distribution of the Park Visitor's Newsletter.



2002

- CHAIR GEORGE GARLAND** steps down, to be succeeded by Brian Maltman. The Friends has been very fortunate to have dedicated, volunteer Directors throughout its 25-year history, which has significantly contributed to the group's success.



Chair George Garland (right) steps down, shaking hands with newly appointed Chair, Brian Maltman (left).

"It is with great pleasure that I extend congratulations to The Friends of Algonquin Park as your organization celebrates its 25th Anniversary."

Claude Doughty,
Mayor of Huntsville

"It is our hope that the next quarter century will bring The Friends of Algonquin Park further accomplishment and success."

John Yakabuski

John Yakabuski, MPP
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

2003

- **20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDS.**
- **PUBLIC WOLF HOWL'S - 40 YEARS OLD.**

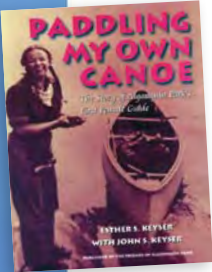


Directing traffic at a Wolf Howl Program.



Audience at a Wolf Howl Program.

- **VISITOR CENTRE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY.**
- **PADDLING MY OWN CANOE.** As a regional book publisher, The Friends has published many Park-related books over the years.



We have been fortunate to have a number of the manuscripts donated to us, such as *Paddling My Own Canoe: The Story of Algonquin Park's First Female Guide*. This great book was donated by Esther Keyser and family. Esther was a strong supporter of The Friends and this was another example of her dedication to the Park.

Esther's passion for Algonquin was contagious, and in 2007 her granddaughter followed in her grandmother's footsteps and gifted The Friends with an extraordinary book which we published, *An Algonquin Heartsong: Paddle My Own Canoe*. The proceeds from the sales of these published gifts support the Park through The Friends' many projects.

- The new and improved **ALGONQUIN PARK WEBSITE** was launched with a secure online bookstore.
- **OUTREACH PROGRAM.** Algonquin Park is one big laboratory and the research that goes on here is fascinating. The Science Behind Algonquin's Animals (www.sbaa.ca) Website was developed to share this with students who may not have the opportunity to come to Algonquin.

Although The Friends maintains this site on an ongoing basis, this project was made possible by a provincial grant and support from Ontario Parks. Support through grants is an important source of funds which The Friends relies on to help implement programs to enhance Algonquin Park.

The Science Behind



Algonquin's Animals

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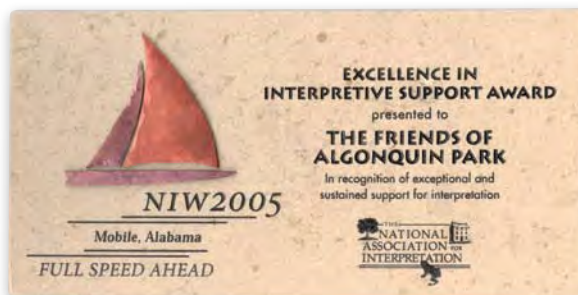
2004

- **REPRINTED MORE THAN HALF A MILLION PUBLICATIONS.** Most Park visitors probably don't realize that The Friends of Algonquin Park is the major publisher of Park-related information. During 2004, about 580,400 publications were printed by The Friends including *The Raven*, (the brilliantly written Park newsletter), the Park tabloid, and the ever-popular *Canoe Routes of Algonquin Provincial Park* map-brochure.



2005

- The Friends of Algonquin Park received the prestigious **EXCELLENCE IN INTERPRETIVE SUPPORT AWARD** from the National Association for Interpretation.



- **WOOD TURTLE, EASTERN WOLF AND MOOSE RESEARCH.** The Friends continued with their support of vital wildlife research by providing funding. The Friends continues to devote funds annually to various research projects in the Park.



Wolf research.

2006

- **THE ALGONQUIN PARK NATURALIST'S CALENDAR** celebrated its 10th year in print. This product continues to be a popular memento that captures the essence of Algonquin Park. The 2009 calendar is available for purchase online at www.algonquinpark.on.ca and at our bookstores.



- **WILLIAM M'S 100TH BIRTHDAY.**



Aerial view of the William M alligator boat.

- **10TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOGGERS DAY.**



Rory MacKay and Bryan Hughes operate the blacksmith shop during Loggers Day, demonstrating what a blacksmith's work involves.

"Please accept my best wishes for continued success and my heartfelt thanks for the countless volunteer hours spent for the benefit of both Algonquin Park and its many, many visitors."

Norm Miller

Norm Miller, MPP
Parry Sound - Muskoka



2007 to 2008

2007

- **LOGGERS DAY.** On July 28th over 1,350 people attended the 12th Annual Loggers Day, to see the Algonquin Logging Museum come alive with shanty songs, demonstrations along the trail and 425 people partaking in the loggers lunch served at the cookery.



Cross-cut saw demonstration at Loggers Day.

A special thanks to our partners and volunteers who made this day possible: Algonquin Forestry Authority, Algonquin Ice Company, John Brook, Jim Etmanski, John Foreman, Alex Holmberg, Hans Koster, Charles Larking, Gordon Lewer, Rory MacKay, Scott & Debbi Miller, Ontario Parks, Robinson's Independent Grocer, Ray Townsend, Pat Tozer, Tim vanderHorn, and the Wakami Wailers.

• DIRECTORS AWARD.

Bernard Reynolds received the Directors Award posthumously in June. Bernard was a dedicated Director of The Friends from its beginning in 1983 to 2006, serving as our first Treasurer for most of those years.



The Wakami Wailers received the Directors Award for their significant contribution toward the appreciation of Algonquin. Refer to year 1996 entry for details.

2008

- **RV WORKSHOP.** The Friends of Algonquin Park worked in cooperation with Frank and Lucy Spence, and Ontario Parks to organize the RV Workshop at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion. If you are interested in participating in this year's workshop, call (613) 637-2828.
- **ALGONQUIN FOR KIDS: T-SHIRT CONTEST** winner, see page 10 in the Park Information Guide.
- **CANOE DRAW WINNERS**, see page 17 in the Park Information Guide.

- **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDS.**
- **OFFICIAL OPENING OF CACHE LAKE HISTORIC SITE.** Starting in July, visitors will be able to take the short round trip walk along the old Algonquin Park Station platform, while observing a reconstructed section of track using some original rails dating back to the establishment of the railway in 1894. Along the way there will be exhibit panels to provide a glimpse of historical images showcasing the importance of the site. For more details on this exciting new project see page 17 of the Park Information Guide.



Aerial view of park headquarters, the rail line, station and Highland Inn, circa 1948.

- **CANOE EXHIBIT.** On loan from the Canadian Canoe Museum from June 28 to September 1, *The Canoe: A Canadian Cultural Icon Exhibit* showcases the significance of the canoe to the people of Canada. This 140 square metre travelling exhibit features numerous canoe artifacts from the national collection and gives visitors a chance to see remarkable craftsmanship and traditional uses of these vessels.

This exhibit at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion is free of charge with a valid park permit and will also be home to the Canoe Themed Bookstore operated by The Friends. This bookstore will specialize in canoe and kayak related publications and merchandise focusing on the historical significance of these watercraft. For more details about this special exhibit see page 11 of the Park Information Guide.

NEW! CANOE-THEMED BOOKSTORE

East Beach Picnic Pavilion (at km 35.4) **Daily**
June 28 to Sept. 1/08 9 AM - 5 PM
Fridays only 9 AM - 8 PM

- **JUNIOR CANOE RANGER PROGRAM.** As part of the special Canoe Exhibit, The Friends have developed a Junior Canoe Ranger program for Park visitors aged 12 and under. This program involves participating in programs and completing fun activities in a free Junior Canoe Ranger booklet.

Participants will discover more about the significance of the canoe in Algonquin Park, plus a chance to win cool prizes. To become an Algonquin Junior Canoe Ranger pick up a free activity booklet at the Visitor Centre, Logging Museum or at the Canoe Exhibit at the Picnic Pavilion. For more details see page 12 of the Park Information Guide.

- **CANOE FILM FRIDAYS.** Every Friday night in July and August The Friends are hosting an evening of film with legendary canoeists. We hope you will join us as they plunge down whitewater rivers, glide over placid waters, or share the skills needed to make your canoe trip more enjoyable. For a complete list of Friday night films please check the current edition of "This Week in Algonquin Park". See page 12 of the Park Information Guide for more details.

- **THE FRIENDS ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE.** To help celebrate this milestone we have organized an amazing raffle. With 15 prize bundles valued at over \$28,000 available to be won we think this is a draw you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$10 each and are available for sale at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum. Please inquire for a detailed list of the many wonderful prizes. We hope you will support this fundraiser and perhaps be the winner of some fabulous prizes. Lic. # 640.

Please support the work we do by becoming a member or making a donation.

To purchase a membership or make a donation, pick up our brochure at the East or West Gate or visit us at the Visitor Centre or Logging Museum.

TYPES OF GIVING

General Donation – Make a gift in your own name in support of enhancing the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park. Your name will appear in our Donors Book located in the Visitor Centre lobby.

In Honour – Celebrate a special occasion in the life of a friend or family member. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the honouree on your behalf.

In Memoriam – Make a gift in memory of a loved one who has passed away. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the family or friends you designate.

Bequests – As a lasting tribute, a gift of money or property can be bequeathed to The Friends of Algonquin Park. If you are interested in leaving a legacy to Algonquin, please contact the General Manager for help with your estate planning.

Thank You For Being Passionate About Algonquin!

For a list of Donors who supported The Friends of Algonquin Park from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca.

ONLINE BOOKSTORE — www.algonquinpark.on.ca

Proceeds from Bookstore purchases support educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park.

For a list of New Products and Special Events for our 25th Anniversary, see pages 10 and 11 of the Park Information Guide.

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