

THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK

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The Friends of Algonquin Park (FOAP) is a non-profit charity dedicated to furthering the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park.

Algonquin Park has the ability to capture the hearts and minds of those who visit here. Whether it is the pristine lakes and wilderness, the backcountry



The Friends of Algonquin Park Staff, 2010.

solitude, or the world-class museums, there is something here to enrich the spirits of all who experience Ontario's oldest provincial park.

In 1983, FOAP was founded by individuals who share this passion. Because of the commitment of people like you, we have been able to foster a greater appreciation for Algonquin Park. We do this through research, the development and delivery of programs, workshops, and events, plus the production of educational materials.

For information on The Friends of Algonquin Park join our eNews at www.algonquinpark.on.ca or email friends@algonquinpark.on.ca.

Enhancing the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park

To learn more about The Friends of Algonquin Park visit WWW.ALGONQUINPARK.ON.CA



Images from 2009, clockwise starting at top left: P. Renaud (Raffle 1st Prize Winner ~ Langford Canoe Package); L. Cross (Raffle 2nd Prize Winner ~ Killarney Lodge Package); Loggers Day ~ Alligator Station; Friends Chair & staff with Algonquin Forestry Authority Board members; Loggers Day ~ Model Alligator Station; FOAP Board members.

LCBO

The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to announce that for the month of July 2010, we will be participating in the LCBO's Donation Box Program. Through their Social Responsibility Initiatives, LCBO has approved the Friends to receive in-store donations at the following stores: Dorset, Dwight, Huntsville, Burks Falls, Kearney, South River and Sundridge. Watch for our logo when you check out at these LCBO locations during July, and please give generously.



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The Friends of Algonquin Park

THE 20TH ANNUAL RAFFLE

We are pleased to share the news that The Friends of Algonquin Park 2009 Fundraising Raffle was another success! With 2,274 tickets sold, over \$9,600 was raised to help enhance the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park. This raffle continues to be popular due to the outstanding quality of prizes offered by our generous partners. Over the last 20 years this annual raffle has generated almost \$167,000!

Congratulations to our 2009 winners:

- 1st prize – P. Renaud, Paris, ON
- 2nd prize – L. Cross, Huntsville, ON
- 3rd prize – M. Reaman, Omemee, ON
- 4th prize – J. Forsythe, Toronto, ON
- 5th prize – K. McRury, Peterborough, ON
- 6th prize – K. Ryckman, Burlington, ON

The Friends will host its 21st annual raffle in 2010, and are thrilled to announce that there will be not 1, but 3 canoes up for grabs as well as many other fantastic prizes. Our partners have really come through for FOAP again as you can see from this list of prizes for this year's raffle (see page 2 of this newsletter).

Please show your passion for Algonquin by purchasing your tickets while in the Park!



The Friends launched a new educational offering, the 'Experience Algonquin' workshop series, in summer and fall 2009. Seventy-six current and new FOAP members took part in 7 workshops covering topics from wilderness cooking to outdoor photography, astronomy, animal tracking, and how to carve your own canoe paddle.



Animal Tracking Workshop, 2009.

The workshops were created to provide FOAP members with hands-on instruction and in-depth experiences in a variety of natural history and recreational topics. We brought in expert instructors from communities around Algonquin Park, and as far away as Toronto, to share their passion and expertise. Participants worked closely

with instructors in groups of 16 or fewer, taking home new skills and knowledge, as well as field guides and tools needed to pursue their interest further.

The day-long workshops go beyond what can be covered in a 2-hour guided walk or a slideshow talk offered by naturalists through the summer interpretive program, furthering the Friends mandate of enhancing educational programming in Algonquin. Participants spend a portion of the day indoors in a classroom-style setting, getting an introduction to the day's topic, before heading out to various field locations for practice and study. 2009 Photography workshop participants, for example, hiked a portion of Centennial Ridges Trail and visited the Tea Lake Dam, while animal tracking participants made a field trip to the Mew Lake airfield to look for tracks, trails, and sign.

See page 3 of this newsletter for the 2010 schedule of workshops and come experience Algonquin with us.

ONTARIO PARKS PARTNERS BURSARY PROGRAM

The Friends' very own Sonje Bols was one of three fortunate Algonquin recipients of a 2009 Ontario Parks Partners Bursary Award. Sonje joined our team as a Museum Technician in 2009 and provided outstanding customer service to Park visitors at the Logging Museum and Visitor Centre. It was exciting to see Sonje's professionalism, enthusiasm, maturity and willingness to learn. Congratulations Sonje!

Sneak Peek..

- The Visitor Centre is getting **TWO NEW PANELS** that will rotate seasonally and interpret phenomena visible from the viewing deck. An 'autumn colours' panel will challenge visitors to identify different tree species in the landscape by providing leaf colour and habitat clues! A 'winter birds' panel will allow visitors to identify birds visiting the feeders just below the viewing deck.
- The Ontario Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is sponsoring a series of



EIGHT INTERPRETIVE PANELS that will introduce visitors to some of the native woody plant species in the parking lot of the Algonquin Visitor Centre.

- **THEY'RE BACK...** The 15th Annual **Loggers Day** will be held on Saturday, July 24th, 2010 from

10am to 3pm at the Algonquin Logging Museum (km 54.5) near the Park's East Gate. Admission is a minimum donation of \$2 per person and an optional Loggers Lunch costing \$10 per person will be served from noon until 2pm or while quantities last.



New panels at the Visitor Centre; Algonquin's Autumn Mosaic & Algonquin Winter Birds.

The ever-popular **Wakami Waiters** will be holding their concert at the Outdoor Theatre (km 35.4) at 7pm on Sunday, July 25th, 2010, courtesy of The Friends of Algonquin Park. Admission is a minimum donation of \$2 per person to help offset costs for this event.

• THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS...

The Board of Directors would like to thank Eric and Poppy at **Killarney Lodge** for hosting two special events in 2009. FOAP June Board Meeting was held at the Visitor Centre and as a token of gratitude for what The Friends of Algonquin does for Algonquin Park, Killarney generously invited the Board for lunch at no charge. A Friends' staff appreciation lunch was then held at Killarney later in June, and Eric and Poppy extended a very admirable discount to the Friends for that event. A very sincere thank you to Eric, Poppy and their staff at Killarney Lodge.



Killarney Lodge

Algonquin Outfitters (AO) is proving to be a very innovative partner for The Friends of Algonquin Park. Through third party agreements, AO collects donations at various events and outlets on behalf of the Friends and then forwards the funds to us to further our mandate. A new component on the AO website is an online calendar that lets you create a custom calendar and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to FOAP. The Board of Directors and staff extend our thanks to Algonquin Outfitters for all that they do to foster a greater appreciation for Algonquin Provincial Park.



Arowhon Pines and Frank Kuiack have enjoyed a long-standing relationship. They jointly partnered with us once again for 'The Friends of Algonquin Park Give-Away'. This free draw ran online and was initiated to increase the number of email addresses in the Friends database from March 25 to April 26/10. Essentially a person could enter the free draw and then improve their chances of winning by telling their friends, family and coworkers about the contest and the outstanding work of The Friends of Algonquin Park. The prize for this free draw was a 2-night stay at Arowhon Pines and a 1-day guided fishing trip with Frank Kuiack. A whole-hearted thank you goes out to



Arowhon Pines and Frank Kuiack for their continued support and generosity.

The Blue Spruce Resort and guests step up to the plate, again! Scott Hayden of Blue Spruce Resort presented the Friends with an \$11,000 donation in 2005 and he recently presented Vice-Chair Jim Griffin with a new cheque for \$5,000. These generous donations were made on behalf of the guests of Blue Spruce Resort. Scott feels it is important to give back, "this is a way for those who benefit from Algonquin Park to ensure it remains for generations of guests and business owners alike".

Scott wants to challenge his local business colleagues to a friendly competition to come up with other innovative ways to raise funds in support of Algonquin Park. "We are all so fortunate to have this jewel in our backyards. It is a great attraction that benefits us all so I think it is important that we acknowledge that and show our appreciation in any way possible."

To discuss such possibilities contact Lee Pauzé, General Manager of The Friends of Algonquin Park or Scott Hayden at Blue Spruce Resort in Oxtongue Lake.



Vice-Chair Jim Griffin & Scott Hayden.

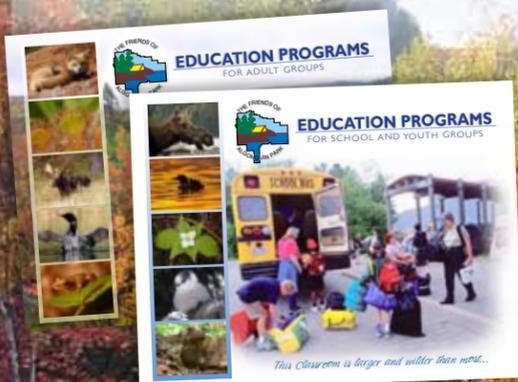
Thanks Blue Spruce Guests and the Hayden family!



Blue Spruce Resort

• GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM

School, youth and adult groups visiting Algonquin Park can hire a Naturalist guide who will lead half-day, full-day and sleepover programs for your group regardless of grade or age. Experience your own private wolf howl, discover more about Algonquin's cultural history, or explore Algonquin by canoe, all led by a FOAP Naturalist guide who knows the Park intimately. Check www.algonquinpark.on.ca for more information on program offerings, trip planning information, plus rates and booking procedures.

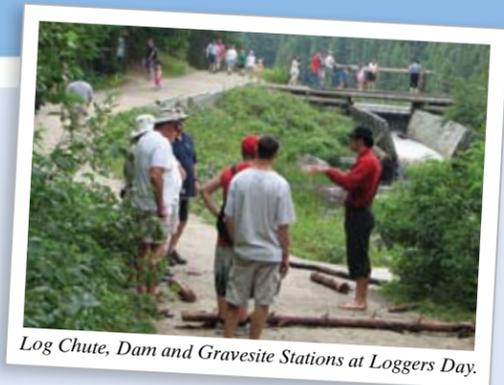


Loggers Day

On July 25, 2009 1,075 people attended the 14th Annual Loggers Day sponsored by The Friends of Algonquin Park and the Algonquin Forestry Authority in cooperation with Ontario Parks.

The Algonquin Logging Museum came to life with demonstrations, exhibitors and activities that allowed visitors of all ages a glimpse into the history and modern practices of logging in Algonquin Provincial Park. The interpretive trail at the Logging Museum hosted authentic food, entertaining music, many genuine logging characters, a model alligator and even a few hands-on activities for the 'kids' in all of us.

A special thanks to our partners, exhibitors and volunteers who made this day possible: Algonquin



Log Chute, Dam and Gravesite Stations at Loggers Day.

Forestry Authority, Algonquin Ice Company, Lori Beecroft, John Brook, Ben, Joshua & Sean Dawe, Jim Etmanski, John Foreman, Hans Koster, Charles Larking, Rory MacKay, Debbi & Scott Miller, Ontario Parks, Robinson's Independent Grocers, Tom Stephenson, Kathy Tutty, Ray Townsend, Pat & Ron Tozer, the Wakami Wailers, Paige & Dan Wilson.



THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK

2010 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Buy YOUR TICKET for just \$10

You could win one of...

1		LANGFORD PROSPECTOR 16.6' CANOE & STAY AT BARTLETT LODGE 2-Night Tent & Breakfast Stay, Includes a Mountain Equipment Co-op Tarn Tent and 2 Mirage Sleeping Bags BARTLETT lodge ALGONQUIN PARK	Valued at: \$4,249.35	
2		SWIFT KIPAWA ULTRA LIGHTWEIGHT KEVLAR CANOE (2-tone, Clear over Champagne), 2 Badger Paddles and an Algonquin Outfitters Safety Kit	Valued at: \$4,079.85	
3		7-NIGHT STAY AT COUPLES RESORT for 1 Couple at "Ontario's Only 5-Star Lakeside Resort"	Valued at: \$3,074.00	
4		NOVA CRAFT ROB ROY FIBERGLASS CANOE 1 Grey Owl River Canoe Paddle	Valued at: \$2,056.01	
5		FAMILY SPRING WEEKEND STAY AT KILLARNEY LODGE Stay in a private 2-Bedroom Cabin overlooking the water for your family or 2 couples during spring 2011. Meals included. Also includes a Framed Print by Jerry Schmanda - Moose (11" x 14")	Valued at: \$1,649.40	
6		2-NIGHT STAY AT AROWHON PINES A small, rustic summer resort located on Little Joe Lake. During spring 2011, enjoy the peaceful location with a renowned kitchen, warm hospitality, and attentive service. Meals included. Also includes a Framed Print by Jerry Schmanda - Red Fox (11" x 14")	Valued at: \$1,358.56	
7		DELUXE LIGHTWEIGHT COMPLETE OUTFITTING PACKAGE Plan your 3-day adventure for 2 and record memories with your new Fuji A170 Digital Camera. Also includes a Framed Print by Jerry Schmanda - Owl (11" x 14")	Valued at: \$807.66	
8		FRANK KUIACK - 2 GUIDED FISHING DAY-TRIPS FOR 2 Includes lunch, an autographed copy of <i>The Last Guide</i> and a Framed Print by Jerry Schmanda - Common Loon (11" x 14")	Valued at: \$766.15	
9		SNOW FOREST ADVENTURES - 1-DAY DOGSLEDDING ADVENTURE FOR 2 Explore Magazine 1-year Subscription	Valued at: \$531.20	
10		HUNTSVILLE COMFORT INN 1-NIGHT STAY + \$50 Restaurant Voucher and a Framed Group of Seven Reproduction from the Algonquin Art Centre	Valued at: \$337.00	
11		WOLF DEN HOSTEL & NATURE RETREAT Private Room, 1-Night Stay for 2, a Framed Print by Jerry Schmanda - Gray Jay (11"x14"), MET Bike Helmet & Explore Magazine 1-year Subscription	Valued at: \$327.05	
12		FUJI A170 DIGITAL CAMERA Also includes a Framed Print by Jerry Schmanda - Great Blue Heron (11" x 14")	Valued at: \$277.40	

RULES & REGULATIONS: The Friends of Algonquin Park (FOAP) will conduct the raffle in accordance with the information supplied on the Raffle Licence Terms & Conditions provided by the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario. FOAP has designated two executive officers to be responsible for the conduct of the raffle. *Paid employees & Board members of FOAP & selected prior donors will be the sellers of the tickets. *The following persons will not be eligible to purchase a ticket: Persons under the age of 18, Algonquin Park Staff & Board Members & employees of FOAP and their immediate families (ie, residing under the same roof); Prize Donors (ie, owners of companies that donated prizes for this raffle). *Prizes must be claimed within 1-year of draw date. *The only advertising of the Raffle will be in the form of signage at the actual locations where tickets are sold, and FOAP generated free park information publications and website. *A list of winners will be posted on FOAP website (www.algonquinpark.on.ca) the week following the draw. 12 prizes valued at \$19,527.03 (including all taxes) will be awarded from highest to lowest value. Winning ticket not eligible for subsequent draws. Proceeds to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Tickets \$10.00 each. Draw: Sunday, November 28, 2010 at 1pm Algonquin Visitor Centre (km 49) 5,000 tickets printed. Licence #2847

Good Luck!

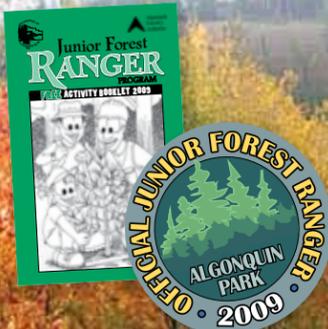
The 2009 **Junior Forest Ranger Program** was a tremendous hit with over 20,000 free activity booklets distributed to youth aged 12 and under between July and August. The second booklet in this series focused on tree ecology and forest management practices and principles in Algonquin Park. Produced by The Friends of Algonquin Park in partnership with the **Algonquin Forestry Authority**, this booklet received great reviews from both parents and children.

• ALGONQUINPARK.ON.CA

the official website of The Friends of Algonquin Park, and the premier outlet for Algonquin Park information is undergoing dramatic enhancements in 2010. Check algonquinpark.on.ca for a new Events Calendar, more backcountry trip planning information, and new multimedia offerings, to name just a few.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK...

- has 2,382 members
- coordinated 123 volunteers who provided over 1,660 hours
- employed: 4 Junior Park Naturalists, Trail Technician, Staffhouse Cook
- provided extra staff for Wolf Howls
- upgraded & maintained the Algonquin Park website: www.algonquinpark.on.ca



2010

Experience ALGONQUIN



COME OUT FOR AN EDIBLE TREASURE HUNT

May 7th, August 6th & August 15th

CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF ALGONQUIN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES

May 8th, May 17th, June 8th, July 21st, July 22nd, August 21st, August 22nd, September 24th, September 27th, October 12th, October 17th

WILDLIFE RESEARCH WEEKEND

May 21st-24th (multi-day)

CONTAINERS, BASKETS & NATURAL FIBER

June 20th

TANDEM & SOLO CANOE SKILLS

July 7th (tandem) & July 8th - 9th (multi-day solo)

WILDLIFE DETECTIVES: FAMILY ANIMAL TRACKING DAY

July 17th

INTRODUCTION TO WILDERNESS SURVIVAL & ANCIENT WILDERNESS LIVING SKILLS

August 3rd - 5th (multi-day)

FAMILIES IN NATURE

August 7th

THE ART OF FIRE MAKING - ADVENTURES IN FRICTION FIRE

August 8th

CARVE YOUR OWN CANOE PADDLE

August 14th

LOGGING HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

August 24th

PUFFBALLS, JELLY BABIES AND DEAD MAN'S FINGERS: MUSHROOMS OF ALGONQUIN PARK

September 1st & September 2nd - 4th (multi-day)

PHOTOGRAPHING THE NIGHT SKY

September 18th

FOUR SEASONS RV-ING

September 25th

ANIMAL TRACKING

October 16th - 17th (multi-day)

Space is limited. Advance registration is required for all workshops. Check www.algonquinpark.on.ca for full details and for new listings.

For more information or to register, call (613) 637-2828 or e-mail groupeducation@algonquinpark.on.ca

BRENT HISTORIC SITE EXHIBIT

The Brent Historic Site Exhibit, a cooperative project between Ontario Parks and The Friends of Algonquin Park, will develop a permanent series of exhibit panels to better communicate the historical features of the Brent Townsite to Algonquin Park visitors. The Brent Historic Site Exhibit will be similar to the Cache Lake Historic Site located at km 23.0 of Highway 60 opened in 2008.

The newly relocated and reconstructed Brent Tower offers a tree top view of the Brent Crater and Trail, located 8 km North of Brent, as well as three exhibit panels that detail the meteorite crater impact, its discovery and the crater today.

Be sure to take a trip to Brent in late summer 2010 to see these new exhibits and to hike the Brent Crater Trail.



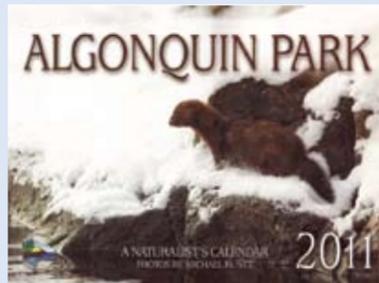
Train yard at Brent, circa 1940

NEW PRODUCTS

11TH ANNUAL ALGONQUIN FOR KIDS T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Our very popular Algonquin For Kids (AFK) T-shirt design contest is now in its eleventh year and the winning design from 2009 was created by Patrick, age 12, entitled "Happy Hopper". Patrick's design is soon to appear on t-shirts available for sale in the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum bookstores and through our online store with proceeds going back into the Algonquin For Kids education program. Congratulations Patrick!

We wish to thank all those who submitted designs in 2009 and encourage your participation again this year. Contest rules and entry forms for our 2010 contest can be picked up after each Algonquin For Kids Program (daily in July and August), or at the Visitor Centre Information Desk, or can be downloaded from our website. Child and Youth sizes \$12.95, Adult sizing \$17.95 + taxes.



A NATURALIST'S CALENDAR

Our popular Naturalist's calendar, will be available for its 16th year in 2010. This year's calendar features an all new collection of images with naturalist messages by photographer Michael Runtz. The beautiful cover shot, of a Mink in winter, is just a tease of what's inside. This product always proves popular and we are sure this printing will not disappoint, so don't delay in purchasing your copy. \$9.95 + taxes.

MAKE YOUR PURCHASE COUNT!

Show your passion for Algonquin 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.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

For the first time ever, all 17 interpretive trails were 'adopted' by individuals or groups for the summer. Volunteers walk their trail weekly, picking up litter and reporting any serious repair work best looked after by our trail crew. A plaque at the entrance of each 'adopted' trail acknowledges these contributions, and we are grateful to these caring and passionate volunteers for their dedication.

Whiskey Rapids & Hardwood Lookout

~ *Canoe Lake Access Point Staff*

Mizzy Lake ~ Taylor Statten Camps

Peck Lake ~ *Stephanie Allen & Shannon Queen*

Track & Tower ~ *Madeleine Pageot & Dan Strickland*

Hemlock Bluff ~ *Hugh McPherson*

Bat Lake & Two Rivers ~ *Huntsville Nature Club*

Centennial Ridges & High Falls System, South

~ *Tom Newman*

Lookout ~ *Bernadette & Gord Nugent*

Big Pines ~ *Kevin Fotherby*

Booth's Rock ~ *Jim Sternberg*

Spruce Bog Boardwalk ~ *Barb & Chris Zeagman*

Beaver Pond ~ *Christine & Maureen Luckasavitch*

Algonquin Logging Museum Trail ~ *Alice & Eddy Ruddy*

Barron Canyon & Berm Lake ~ *Fred Blackstein & Bert Cain*

Brent Crater ~ *Bert Cain*

BOOKMARKS

Our selection of nature bookmarks, first produced last year, were so popular we have added to the series. These beautiful Algonquin bookmarks will be available in a variety of nature themed images, sure to please any reader. Currently we are working on the production of 8 new designs: Marten; Canoe at Shore; Autumn Hillside; Maple Leaf; Black Bear; Eastern Gray Treefrog; Barred Owl; Eastern Chipmunk. Each acts as a souvenir of Algonquin Park and will provide natural history information on the species/location represented. 49¢ each + taxes.

LARGE FORMAT POSTER

We will be adding another large format poster to our already great selection of posters. Its title and pricing is still to be finalized, but will be produced from the photographic collection of Andrew Collett and is a representation of autumn colours along the Madawaska River. Andrew was the photographer from our "Algonquin Elements" series of posters in 2007.

CHILDREN'S POSTERS

The Friends' have two new children's posters in the works for 2010, a Monarch Butterfly and a Bullfrog, both by photographer Peter Ferguson. Following the same format as in previous years, each poster will reproduce at 12" x 18" and will provide interpretive information on the animal represented. Other images currently in the series are Raccoon, Black Bear, Eastern Wolf, and Common Loon. \$2.95 + taxes.

POSTCARDS

We will be adding some great new images to our postcard line-up this year. At .49¢ each they are perfect - both to send to friends and family and to capture your time on vacation in Algonquin. They also make great additions to photo albums or scrapbooks as souvenirs of your visit.



2009 AFK T-shirt contest winner.



New Children's Poster.

2009

MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY

You may not be aware of it, but each year dozens of scientists are in the field, studying some aspect of Algonquin's natural or cultural history. Join us for Meet the Researcher Day and get a privileged look at some of the topics and results of current research being conducted here and meet some of the people doing the work.

This event was held for the first time in 2009 in cooperation with the Wildlife Research Station and Ontario Parks. It was so successful that we will hold the 2nd Meet the Researcher Day on Thursday, July 29, 2010 at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion (South from km 35.4) from 9 am to 3 pm.

As part of this event, join The Friends of Algonquin Park at their charity BBQ from 12 noon to 2 pm (or while quantities last). Monies raised will support research in the Park.



2009 Meet the Researcher Day.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK...

- ☐ reprinted the following popular park publications in 2009: Algonquin Canoe Routes Map (13,200 copies); Backpacking Map (7,600 copies); Lookout Trail Guide (40,200 copies); Peck Lake Trail Guide (20,050 copies); Whiskey Rapids Trail Guide (15,300 copies); French Logging Museum Guide (3,180 copies).

STAFF MILESTONE!

The Board of Directors was thrilled to honour Sharon Hockley in June 2009 for 25 years of service with The Friends of Algonquin Park. Sharon was treated to lunch at Killarney Lodge and presented with a small token of the Board's appreciation. Many of you will recognize Sharon as one of the warm and familiar faces greeting you as you enter the Visitor Centre. More of you may be surprised to learn that as the Bookstore Manager, Sharon is responsible for filling the Friends' bookstores with those wonderful and unique books and other items we all love so much. Congratulations Sharon!

PROJECTS

- In 2009, FOAP financially supported these new & ongoing projects:
- the Raven
 - Park Information Guide
 - Park Research
 - Exhibit maintenance at Visitor Centre & Logging Museum
 - 2009 National Association for Interpretation Region IV Conference hosted by Ontario Parks
 - an upcoming documentary, *The Breeding Birds of Algonquin's Hardwood Forests*
 - Return to Basin Depot –



In Memory of a Dear Friend

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Madeleine Pageot. Madeleine was Membership Secretary for The Friends of Algonquin Park for 18 years starting in 1983. She was a faithful and enthusiastic park user and a volunteer in the Adopt-A-Trail program for many years. Madeleine will be missed by all of us here at the Algonquin Visitor Centre and we express our deepest sympathies to Dan, Sarah, and Matt.

Archaeological Dig in October 2009

- Algonquin's 36th official Audubon Christmas Bird Count
- Algonquin's radio station CFOA-FM at the East & West Gates

COMINGS & GOINGS

Sandra McClure retired from The Friends of Algonquin Park in December 2009, after 16 years of dedicated service. Her

horse and gardens had been calling her for a few years now so please join us in wishing Sandy and Brian all the best as they venture into retired life together.

The Friends is pleased to welcome Elva Bennett to our staff as the new Bookkeeping & Payroll Administrator. Elva has worked with non-profit organizations for many years and we were fortunate to find her as Sandy's replacement. Elva's enthusiasm and experience make her a valuable member of the Friend's team. Please join us in extending her a 'friendly' welcome!

A PERSONAL
Legacy of Giving

What is endowment?
When you donate a charitable fund through The Friends of Algonquin Park, you have the opportunity to benefit Algonquin Park now – and forever – with a permanent endowment. Your gift is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to enhance the educational and interpretive programs. Your gift – and all future earnings from your gift – is a reliable source of funds, helping do good work today and in the future.

Legacy and stability.
Donors who endow their gifts can make a difference in Algonquin Park during their lifetime and, at the same time, provide a gift that lasts forever. Gifts will continue to be made in the name of the fund you establish so that your charitable wishes are preserved.

For more information contact: Lee Pauzé, General Manager (613) 637-2828 ext. 234

GIVING BACK TO ALGONQUIN

Donations made today are necessary, but there is also another way: it's called Planned Giving. Often, someone may desire to make a sizeable donation to a charity, but doesn't believe they have the current resources to do so. Or, someone realizes that their estate will have a large income tax challenge that they hadn't planned for. Planned gifts allow them to make gifts today, but where the value of such gifts is deferred, in whole or in part, until a later date, often upon death of the donor and, depending on the type of gift, income tax benefits are realized either immediately or in the future.

Life insurance is a common method of planned giving. A donor can purchase a policy, assign ownership and appoint The Friends of Algonquin Park as beneficiary and agree to pay the premiums. The donor receives a charitable tax receipt upon proof of paying each premium and, upon the death of the donor, FOAP receives the face amount of the policy. Similarly, a donor could assign an existing policy, no longer required, to FOAP and receive a tax receipt for the surrender value as well as future premiums, if any, paid by the donor.

A bequest in a will is another common method. This could be in the form of a fixed amount, a percentage of the estate or the residual value of the estate after all specific legacies have been fulfilled. A charitable tax receipt is issued to the estate upon receipt of the donation as the estate is disbursed, which would be used to reduce the income tax obligations of the estate.

There are many variations of these two methods, as well as others: charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, gifting of existing RRSPs or RRIIFs. Not everyone can leave large gifts, but many can leave something. The FOAP has received gifts in the hundreds and some in the thousands. With all these options, there is usually a method to meet your

personal needs. Talking to your lawyer or financial planner will help you and your family decide what is best for you and ultimately what will provide the greatest legacy to your beloved Algonquin Park.

**MONTHLY GIVING
Inspire Future Generations**

The Friends of Algonquin Park would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Denraugh family. Stephen, Anna Marie, and Fraser have decided to make a monthly gift to The Friends of Algonquin Park.

As to their motivation, Stephen said, 'I am a child of Algonquin Park. My kids are children of Algonquin Park. My monthly gift to The Friends of Algonquin Park, combined with many, will ensure the continuation of Park programs and the legacy of excellence. It assures us that 'Park Kids' will continue to benefit today and for generations to come.'

Join our Monthly Giving Program and help provide a lasting security to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Become a leader with a regular monthly pledge and help share your passion for the Park. Monthly Giving is a source of predictable revenue, enabling The Friends of Algonquin Park to plan confidently and strategically for the future.

Monthly Giving is easy: simply specify a pre-authorized donation amount from your credit card each month and at the end of the year, you will have made a lasting contribution. Start your monthly giving today! – It is a safe, secure and significant way to help enhance the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park. With a monthly gift of \$10, \$20 or \$100 you will make a significant difference.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Don Spring - *Chairman*
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