THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK

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 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

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Images from 2010 Experience Algonquin Workshops (top left from Animal Tracking, others from Families in Nature and Wildlife Research Weekend).



The Experience Algonquin workshop series had a very successful second year in 2010. 119 participants joined in fifteen different workshops, from returning favourites such as 'Carve Your Own Canoe Paddle' and the 'Capture the Essence of Algonquin' outdoor photography series, to exciting new additions including 'The Art of Fire Making' and 'Come Out for an Edible Treasure Hunt.' The day-long programs included informative presentations and discussions with the expert instructors followed by field trips for a hands-on experience.

2010 also saw the addition of two multi-day workshops in the Experience Algonquin series, hosted in partnership with the Wildlife Research Station (WRS): the May 'Wildlife Research Weekend' and October 'Way to Wildlife: Discovering the Lives of Animals Through Tracking.' With meals and accommodation offered at the WRS, participants had two or three full days to explore Algonquin Park. The multiday workshops were met with overwhelmingly To learn more about The Friends of Algonquin Park visit

21ST ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Friends of Algonquin Park 2010 Fundraising Raffle was another huge success raising over \$23,000!



HE FRIENDS

Congratulations to our 2010 winners: 1st prize – I. Aitken, Toronto, ON 2nd prize – B. Comfort, Zephyr, ON 3rd prize – M. Sharpe, Toronto, ON 4th prize – T. Faulkner, Newmarket, ON 5th prize – K. Brentnell, Ottawa, ON 6th prize – B. & B. Heard, Oshawa, ON 7th prize – D. Wright, Toronto, ON 8th prize – D. Wright, Toronto, ON 8th prize – D & P Scandlou, Guelph, ON 10th prize – K. Beitz, Kitchener, ON 11th prize – K. Woodland, Alliston, ON 12th prize – D. Armstrong, Belgrave, ON



Lori Haines (Assistant General Manager) and Jim Griffin (Vice-Chair) drawing the winning tickets for the 2010 Fundraising Raffle.

The Friends will host its 22nd annual raffle in 2011 and are proud to announce that there will be two canoes up for grabs, as well as many other fabulous prizes. So be sure to pick up your tickets while in the park, or see www.algonquinpark.on.ca for information on how Ontario residents can order their tickets.

Please Show your passion for Algonquin by purchasing raffle tickets!

In Memory of Omer and Edith Stringer



NEW STRINGER MEMORIAL There is a new memorial to Omer and

There is a new memorial to Omer and Edith Stringer appropriately placed under Omer's canoe that hangs in the Sunday Creek Café at the Visitor Centre. These attractive plaques were generously funded by Camp Tamakwa in cooperation with The Friends of Algonquin Park and Ontario Parks.

INTERPRETIVE TREE PANELS

Park staff have been planting trees and shrubs in the Visitor Centre parking lot 'islands' since 2002 in an ongoing effort to create shade and improve wildlife habitat there. Thanks to a \$5,000 grant to The Friends of Algonquin Park by the Ontario Chapter of the International Society for Arboriculture, eight of those woody plants along the main walkway leading to the Visitor Centre's main entrance now have 'faces' in the form of interpretive panels. Each panel shares interesting facts about that tree or shrub's role in Algonquin's ecosystems, including relationships to other park wildlife and uses by humans.



positive feedback and are set to become an annual occurrence.

There was also a family focus to the Experience Algonquin series in 2010. The 'Wildlife Detectives' and 'Families in Nature' workshops were all-ages events focused on animal tracking and nature awareness activities to get children and their families engaged in the natural world. These were shorter events with a focus on outdoor exploration and games.

The Experience Algonquin series began in 2009 as a way to give Park visitors more focused, in-depth educational experiences in Algonquin Park. Workshop participants work closely with leaders in groups of 15 or less, accompanied by a Park Naturalist. They take home new skills and knowledge, and also field guides and tools to pursue their interest further. The events are a great opportunity to experience Algonquin Park from a new perspective.

For details about 2011 workshops visit:



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One of the two memorial plaques that hang in the Sunday Creek Café.

FOAPAlgonquinPark

One of the eight new interpretive panels located at the Visitor Centre.



You lube

The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to announce that for the month of July 2011, we will be participating in the LCBO's Donation Box Program. Through their Social Responsibility Initiatives, LCBO has already approved The Friends to receive in-store donations at the following stores: Dwight, Huntsville, Burks Falls, Kearney, South River and Sundridge. We are hoping to get into even more stores, so watch for our card at LCBO locations all around the perimeter of Algonquin Park in July, and please give generously.

Find us on

Facebook

Look for these cards at local LCBOs in July.



The Friends of Algonquin Park

PRESERVING PARK HISTORY

The Friends of Algonquin Park would like to acknowledge Gordon & Danny Gibson for their assistance with digitizing oral history interviews from the Park Archives.

A FRIENDLY THANK YOU also goes

out to Killarney Lodge for again hosting lunch for the June Board of Directors meeting. We truly

enjoyed the outstanding food and



your sincere hospitality! Killarney Lodge

THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Friends of Algonquin Park would like to acknowledge both Algonquin Outfitters and the Algonquin Art Centre for pledging to donate proceeds from various programs and events in 2011, to FOAP. Both partners have entered into Third Party Fundraising Agreements with us.

For more information on this method of supporting Algonquin Park please visit

www.algonquinpark.on.ca

ALCONQUIN ART CENTRE



PITCHING IN

May 7th, 2010 was Highway 60 clean up day within Algonquin Park. The highway from West Gate to East Gate and major sideroads were scoured for garbage and debris by park staff. Pictured here are some Friends staff that were able to pitch in that day.



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the official website of The Friends of Algonquin Park has undergone dramatic enhancements. If you have not visited us online since last July, we know you will be very impressed. Why not tag us as your homepage ~ a great way to stay connected to Algonquin Park even when you can't be here.



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.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Loggers Day

On July 24, 2010 over 800 park visitors attended the 15th annual Loggers Day sponsored jointly by FOAP 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



Ray Townsend interpreting at the Log Chute & Dam.

Forestry Authority, Algonquin Ice Company, Lori Beecroft, John Brook, Steve Estok, Jim Etmanski, Stacey Finch, John Foreman, Lynn Gierszewski, Shannon Hockley, Hans Koster, Charles Larking, Rory MacKay, Ontario Parks, Robinson's Independent Grocers, Tom Stephenson, Ray Townsend, Ron Tozer, the Wakami Wailers, Dan & Greg Wilson.



DID YOU KNOW THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQU PARK...

□ Has 2.304 members

Coordinated 141 volunteers who provided over 1,758 hours of service □ Staff the Visitor Centre year-round & Logging Museum

Employed 3 Naturalist Trainees, the Trail Technician, and the Found Lake Staffhouse Cook

Provided extra staff for Wolf Howls

□ Reprinted the following popular park publications in 2010: Algonquin Park Canoe Routes Map (12,300 copies), Track & Tower Trail Guide (10,000 copies), Two Rivers Trail Guide (10,000 copies)

For people passionate about Algonquin Park



Here's a sneak peek at workshops we're working on:

The Secret Lives of Summer Wildflowers: Lives, Lore & Uses **Edible Treasure Hunt Family Animal Tracking Day Solo Canoe Skills** Legends of the Night World **Turtle Island Teachings Become a Packable Gourmet Backcountry Camping with Kids Carve Your Own Canoe Paddle Puffballs, Jelly Babies** & Dead Man's Fingers: Mushrooms Astronomy Way to Wildlife Animal Tracking

Capture the Essence of Algonquin: Photography Series

Space is limited. Advance registration is required for all workshops. Check www.algonquinpark.on.ca for full details and for additional 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, has developed a permanent series of exhibit panels that better communicate the historical features of the Brent Townsite to Algonquin Park visitors. The Friends would like to thank the following donors for making this project possible.

The Brent Historical Enhancement Fund CN

John S. Doering Family The Pigeon Family In Memory of Bill Swift Sr. (Swifty)



S. Dearing & family at the Official Opening

NEW PRODUCTS

12TH ANNUAL ALGONQUIN FOR KIDS T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The Algonquin For Kids T-shirt design contest is now in its twelfth year and the winning design from 2010 was created by Grace, age twelve, entitled "Hoo Loves to Camp". Grace's design will 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 Grace!

We wish to thank all those who submitted designs in 2010 and encourage your participation again this year. Contest rules and entry forms for our 2011 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.

CHRISTMAS CARD

It has been awhile, but Christmas card packages will be back in the store again this summer. Featuring a stunning photograph by Michael Bertelsen, these card sets capture the beauty of an Algonquin winter with a snowy woodland White-tailed Deer.

The Friends of Algonquin Park would like to thank Ellen

been a member for 15 years and helped us with the ever-

Volunteers adopted 15 out of the 17 interpretive trails last

season. These individual or group volunteers walk their

trail weekly, picking up litter and reporting any serious

problems to our professional trail crew. A plaque at the

entrance of 'their' trail acknowledges the adopter(s)

Algonquin Logging Museum ~ Alice & Eddy Ruddy Whiskey Rapids & Peck Lake ~ Huntsville Nature Club

Bat Lake & Two Rivers ~ *Huntsville Nature Club* **Two Rivers & Lookout** ~ Gordon & Bernadette Nugent Centennial Ridges & High Falls System, South ~ Tom Newman

for their contribution. FOAP is most grateful to these

daunting task of counting inventory. While this was not

a glamorous task, the staff was excited to have Ellen's

assistance for a few days. Thanks Ellen!

dedicated and passionate volunteers:

Mizzy Lake ~ Hugh McPherson Track & Tower ~ Dan Strickland **Hemlock Bluff** ~ *Ashley Schison*

Gendreau for volunteering with us last fall. Ellen has

STORE

VOLUNTEERS

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

IMPROVEMENTS Check out the Friends bookstore at the Visitor Centre for some exciting new colours and displays and products!





2010 AFK T-shirt contest winner.





The Friends of Algonquin has brought to the stores, once again, it's Naturalist's Calendar and it will be in production and available for the 17th year in 2011. Last year's format change was very popular with calendars selling out in December. This year's calendar follows the same refreshed format and features an all new collection of images

with naturalist messages by photographer Michael Runtz. This product always proves popular and we are sure this printing will not disappoint. Don't delay in purchasing your copy. \$9.95 + taxes.

EZIPIN

We now have the EZIPIN system at our Visitor Centre store location and are selling prepaid phone cards for your cellular and long distance calling needs. Many different

types and denominations are available. If you are unsure of what would be the best product for you, no problem, we have a reference book at the desk so you may browse to find the best rates.

MAGNETIC NOTEPADS

They're back! Back by popular demand is a great selection of magnetic notepads. We have borrowed images from our outstanding bookmark and postcard creations and have reproduced them on very versatile magnetic notepads. Sure to please and perfect for home or office or as a gift or souvenir of your stay in the Park. Three images available. 5.95 each + taxes.



Look for this cute image on new Christmas cards.

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.

MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY

600 visitors attended this 2nd annual event in 2010 - twice as many as the previous year! Not only did the number of visitors increase but the number of researchers presenting their findings increased to 30. This event is held to promote awareness of and interest in ongoing research projects in Algonquin Park.

The event included researchers with their projects on display, as well as free door prizes and The Friends' charity BBQ, with proceeds going to support research in the Park. Considering the new research in the Park, the event this year should be even more exciting. The third annual Meet the Researcher Day is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2011 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion with another charity BBQ from 12-2 pm (or while quantities last). Join us and see your Algonquin from a new perspective!





ALGONQUIN PARK

Be sure to include a trip to the North part of Algonquin this year in your plans to see these new exhibits.

Another reason to visit Brent...

BRENT CRATER TRAIL TOWER

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.

Le cratère Brent aui





Big Pines ~ *Kevin Fotherby* Booth's Rock ~ Jim Sternberg Spruce Bog Boardwalk ~ Chris & Barb Zeagman Barron Canyon & Berm Lake ~ Fred Blackstein & Bert Cain Brent Crater ~ Bert Cain

2010 Meet the Researcher Day

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to profile Eddy and Alice Ruddy for their dedicated adoption of the Algonquin Logging Museum (ALM) trail. The Ruddys have been associated with Algonquin Park for over

40 years and are likely familiar faces to many of you along park trails, in any season. Eddy recalls indulging in ice cream at the Highland Inn as a boy and then working for Lands & Forests as a young man. He then worked on park maintenance with Alice from 1971 to 2001, where he started keeping a journal.



Volunteers Eddy & Alice Ruddy

Alice and Eddy have shared remarkable wildlife experiences on the ALM trail and are particularly proud of the way they have 'trained' the Gray Jays to follow them around the entire trail during winter.

The work that volunteers do for Algonquin Park is invaluable and as we

honour the Ruddys, their humble reply is this, "thank you to all the staff, the students and anyone who works to make Algonquin a better place to visit. We really consider it our home, our park, and our way of life. Thanks to all of you for letting us volunteer on the trails".

ONTARIO PARKS PARTNERS BURSARY PROGRAM

The Ontario Parks Partners Bursary Awards recognize excellence and leadership in student employees and promote post-secondary education. Winners were nominated by park visitors as well as the students' peers and supervisors for their dedication, customer service, initiative and leadership. The Friends are proud to continue participating in this valuable program.

The Friends of Algonquin congratulate our very own Larissa English as one of the 2010 recipients of this bursary. Larissa has been a Museum Technician for three years now and we welcome her back for another summer.

COMINGS & GOINGS

Elva Bennett has moved on from The Friends of Algonquin Park and although we miss her already, we are pleased to welcome Chris Williams as the new Bookkeeping & Payroll Administrator. She is a longtime local resident and frequent Park user and we are fortunate to have her join our team. Please join us in extending Chris a 'friendly' welcome!



A Friend Passes

Kirk Wipper received the prestigious FOAP Directors Award for his outstanding contributions to Algonquin Park in 1999. He died unexpectedly on March 18, 2011 and the Canadian Canoe Museum released this statement,

"This is surely the end of an era. Kirk will be sorely missed but his legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of the members, volunteers, staff and friends of the museum who join daily stewardship of these 600 canoes and kayaks - this unique portrait of Canada he created that was his passion for so many years."

The Board and staff express our deepest sympathies to the Wipper family and their friends.

PROJECTS

In 2010, Friends of Algonquin Park supported these new & ongoing projects:

- Overhauled & maintained www.algonquinpark.on.ca
- Published the Park Information Guide
- Financially supported Park research

PERSONAL

What is endowment?

Legacy and stability.

so that your charitable wishes are preserved.

· Contributed to exhibit maintenance at the Visitor Centre & Logging Museum

Legacy of Giving

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

Donors who endow their gifts can make a difference in Algonquin Park

Gifts will continue to be made in the name of the fund you establish

during their lifetime and, at the same time, provide a gift that lasts forever.

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

MONTHLY GIVING

• Leon Budziszewski

Camp Arowhon

• Frances Gregory

• Dean St. Germain

• Frank & Mary Whitson

Nancy Navkar

• Mati Sauks

your support!

The Friends of Algonquin Park are pleased to re-

port that the following donors are now part of our

monthly giving program and that in total, they provide

This translates to almost \$4,000 per year! If you wish

to join our monthly giving program, please contact

our Fundraising Coordinator to help you get started,

or visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca/donate. Thanks for

\$325 every month in support of Algonquin Park:

• Stephen Derraugh & Anna Marie Iraci

programs. Your gift — and all future earnings from your gift – is a reliable

from your fund are used to enhance the educational and interpretive

source of funds, helping do good work today and in the future.



- Supported Algonquin's radio station CFOA-FM at the East & West Gates
- · Coordinated various art/photographic shows in the Algonquin Room

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A big thanks to our seasonal staff that worked with Park visitors during 2010:

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Please visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca/donate for more information.

GIVING BACK TO ALGONQUIN

Donations made today allow us to continue with our good work and there are other important ways you can help through planned giving. These include:

- Gift of Real Estate
- Residual Interest
- Registered Assets (RRSPs & RRIFs)
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Gift of Life Insurance
- Beauest
- Endowments

If you would like to make a sizable donation but your current resources just do not allow for that, you may wish to consider these options. Of course, talking to your lawyer or financial planner will help you and your family realize tax benefits while helping you fulfill your legacy to Algonquin Park.

If you would like to discuss these options please contact the General Manager.

Inspire Future Generations

Please support Algonquin Par

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Make a Donation – By making a donation to The Friends of Algonquin Park you are strengthening our ability to enhance this special place. With this donation your name will appear in our Donors Book in the Visitor Centre lobby and also in our online Donors List.

Become a Member – By purchasing an annual membership you are empowering FOAP while gaining exclusive membership rewards.

Receive our monthly eNews by signing up at www.algonquinpark.on.ca.

Buy Algonquin – By shopping at The Friends of Algonquin Park stores, you are

giving back to the Park in two ways. First you are purchasing a product that helps to educate you and others about this special place. Secondly 100% of the proceeds from

our sales stay in the Park and are used to foster an appreciation for Algonquin Park.

In Honour – 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 has passed away. An acknowledgement card can be sent to the family or friends you designate.



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