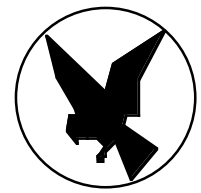


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Indoor Program

September 27th

The Urban Coyote

Lesley Sampson, wildlife educator and co-founder of Coyote Watch Canada, has studied coyotes for 15 years. She will help us to better understand and appreciate these creatures, teaching us not to fear them but admire them as self reliant hunters. There will be samples of scat, skulls and audio howls with explanations of their meaning.

October 25th, 2010

Following the Flight of the Monarch

Professor, Dr. Jeremy McNeil, of UWO, teaches courses around the world and is the holder of many awards and distinctions. He will discuss the remarkable migration of the monarchs from Canada to Mexico and the chemical and other cues which guide it.

November 29th 2010

Pollination and Pollinators

Vicki Beard, founding member of Pollination Guelph and a City Councillor will tell us about turning a garbage dump into a bloom filled haven for birds, butterflies and other pollinating insects through the vision the Guelph Pollination Initiative had for a local 100 acre landfill site. Vicki received the 2007 North American Advocate Award for this.

January 31, 2011

Natural Treasures of Lambton County

An educational film, commissioned by Lambton Wildlife, written and produced by Larry Cornelis will be shown. Larry will introduce it and explain how and why it was made. Afterwards, Larry and the videographer, Danny Alexander, will tell about their experiences and answer questions.

February 28th 2011

Canaries in the Coalmine

Mike Cadman is a songbird biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service and was the Coordinator of The Atlas of Breeding Birds of Ontario (2001-2005). The atlas documents how bird distributions and abundances changed between 1981-1985 and 2001-2005. It illustrates the patterns of increase and decrease, expansion and retraction, providing insight into the challenges faced by our birds and what those indicate about our environment. Join us for an entertaining presentation that will both inform and inspire.

Outdoor Program

Howard Watson Nature Trail Bike Rally

Saturday, September 11, 2010

Meet: 10:00 am at Modeland and Cathcart entrance. Our first bike outing. Bike the HWNT and answer the nature questions based on what you see and find on the trail. Prizes awarded. Families welcome.

Inquiries: Larry Cornelis – 339-8785

Nature Walk at the Lorne C. Henderson C.A.

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Meet: 10:00 am at the C.A. which is located on the south side of Petrolia Line, just west of Petrolia. A pizza lunch will be provided by LWI. Carpooling at St. Clair high school at 9:30 am. A great family outing

Leader: Kim Gledhill - 862-1804

***Fungi Foray**

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Meet: 8:30 am at the Brights Grove Plaza (near Shoppers).

Enjoy a pleasant walk to see and learn about interesting and beautiful fungi.

Leader: Peter Banks – 869-4243

Birding the Lake Huron Flyway

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Meet: 10:00 am at the Kettle Point Plaza (Points Preference Plaza)

Excellent birding opportunities are explored in the Kettle Point to Grand Bend area.

Leader: Alf Rider – 519-786-4213

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Greetings From The President

Welcome everyone. It is my pleasure to return to serve another term as President of Lambton Wildlife Inc. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to our new season. September traditionally marks the resumption of LWI's regular monthly indoor meetings after our summer recess.

We can look forward to another great year of indoor meetings. A glance at the 2010-2011 Program Brochure indicates LWI is again offering a menu of top-notch speakers speaking on a wide variety of topics.

Frequently people have expressed astonishment to me that LWI can offer such high quality programs to the public free of charge. That to me is a compliment of the highest order to the Indoor Program committee for the work they do.

Since becoming President and getting a "look behind the scenes" as to what is involved in finding and arranging for these speakers to appear at our meetings, has given me a real appreciation for the effort of the committee. What we see at the monthly meeting is only the tip of the iceberg in regard to the phoning, organizing and scheduling needed to make sure things come off as intended.

This year we start with a subject that has recently garnered a lot of media attention both nationally and locally. Lesley Sampson, a wildlife educator and co-founder of Coyote Watch Canada, will be here to speak and inform us about these fascinating animals. I look forward to her talk about these canny animals with interest.

The Outdoor Committee is another hard working group that has done a really fine job in organizing our outdoor events. Many of these events have already taken place and I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some of them.

A new event this year was a relaxing boat cruise south along the St. Clair River aboard the Hammond Bay. Thirty-eight LWI members boarded the boat to enjoy the scenery and the cool river breeze. Although the skies were overcast and the hint of rain threatened, it held off and the day was most enjoyable. Larry Cornelis played the key role in organizing this trip. Larry's keen birding eye also pointed out to folks on board ship a bald eagle flying along the river bank.

Another new outing on the agenda this year, again organized by Larry, will be our first Howard Watson Nature Trail Bike Rally September 11, 2010. Both Janice and I have our bicycles prepped and ready to go on this one.

To my knowledge, another first will be a winter snowshoeing outing February 12, 2011 lead by Brenda Kulon. Brenda is well known as a summer butterfly expert but, as this expedition shows, is a woman for all seasons. Be sure to keep this event in mind this winter when snow flakes begin to fall.

On an entirely different note, last year the Nominating Committee was not successful in finding a candidate to take on the position of President-Elect. While this was certainly not desirable, we were able to work around it successfully. To continue with the same situation this year, however, was deemed by the Nominating Committee to be unacceptable. It is gratifying to report that my colleague Janet Bremner has graciously stepped forward to fill the post. Janet has a wealth of outstanding committee and executive experience within Lambton Wildlife and will do her usual admirable job. I am happy to have her on board.

LWI has lots of fun and interesting activities and speakers to enjoy in the months ahead. Consult your Lambton Wildlife 2010-2011 Program brochure for event dates, times, and locations. Remember too, we are always looking for volunteers so if you want to help out just give your name to any Board member. And as always, stay safe.

Richard Maxfield

Upcoming 2010 Events:

Young Naturalists (age 6-11)

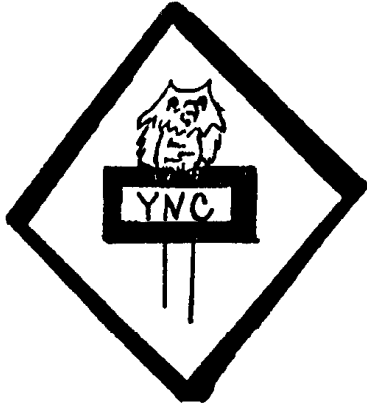
Sept. 18th: Canatara Park from 1:00-3:00PM

Topic: Pollinators – Bees & Butterflies

Jr. Conservationists (age 12-16)

**Sept. 19th: @ Bluewater Centre for Raptor Rehabilitation
from 10:00 – 3:00PM**

Continuation of our Jr. Rehabber's Course!



Young Naturalist Report:

With a new Young Naturalist season about to begin, it's a great time to reflect on how successful the 2009-2010 season was. The two groups, the Young Naturalists (ages 6-11) and the Jr. Conservationists (ages 12-16) have many great accomplishments to look back on. Here are just a few from last spring;

- Native tree grove planted @ Brigden Public School
- 150 native plant seedlings handed out to kids & families @ Artwalk
- 220 native plant seedlings donated to every student & staff @ London Road School in Sarnia
- Maintenance & re-mulching of Schoolyard butterfly garden (which the Young Naturalists planted in May 2009) @ London Road School

The Jr. Conservationists deserve special recognition for all of their help with the aforementioned activities & also for their volunteer work days spent at the Bluewater Centre for Raptor Rehabilitation. These young people worked a total of 25 hours at the centre last season; their contributions included bird care, cage maintenance & cleaning, medical treatment, feeding & the successful release of a Red Tailed Hawk!

Congratulations to ALL our Young Naturalist members!
This year will be even better!

We are currently accepting new members for the 2010-2011 season!
Contact Melissa Levi @ insektivi@hotmail.com for info.

BUTTERFLY COUNTS OF 2010

By Blake A. Mann

It was an interesting summer for butterflies. The counts were relatively good, and some set new record highs and tallied some new count species. It was also a noteworthy year for immigrants from the south.

The Pinery/Port Franks count in which some LWI members participate, came up with 45 species on June 26. Numbers were somewhat low, but two new species were added to the count list. Mulberry wing (3) was found at the Pinery boat ramp, and an American snout was found near Arkona. Dusted skipper was also recorded. This is usually the only count that tallies the dusted. The transitional form of white admiral/red-spotted purple was noted again.

The Ojibway count on July 3 recorded a very respectable 52 species. Dreamy and Columbine duskywings were found, as well as a huge number of wild indigo duskywings. A large number of American copper and Edwards hairstreaks were flying in one area of Spring Garden. We also found lots of little glassywings.

The next day, Skunk's Misery tallied a remarkable 59 species, a new record high. It was an excellent day for butterflies! New to the count were variegated fritillary, wild indigo duskywing and harvester. Two harvesters were actually found. Many new record highs of several species were established.

On July 11, the Rondeau count took in 47 species. No new species for the count, but pipevine swallowtail and little yellow were found in the uncommon immigrant department. Many new highs were tallied including American snout (7), mulberry wing (67), broad-winged skipper (72) and Dion skipper (22).

The next weekend we participated in the Clear Creek count in West Elgin and into Chatham-Kent. Another record high species count occurred, with 51. This count also recorded a pipevine swallowtail and little yellow (3). Little yellow has been widely reported this year all the way up to Toronto. It is a small yellow butterfly that flies close to the ground.

The Point Pelee butterfly count was held on a beautiful August 7. My party consisting of Maris Apse, Paul Carter and Heather Campbell came up with 28 species in the south half of the park. Surprisingly, we did not have a single little yellow! Common buckeyes were fewer and looking worn compared to previous outings. Just the previous week these two species were quite numerous. Observers in the north half of the park did have a little yellow though. Our highlight was a variegated fritillary, a rare, but almost annual immigrant to Ontario. We also saw two wild indigo duskywings. Painted ladies had increased in numbers.

Outside the park, a variegated fritillary was seen at Hillman Marsh, along with a gray hairstreak.
About 40 species were tallied for the Pelee count.

I normally like to publish the account of the LWI annual general meeting in the summer issue. However as there was a lot of material for that issue I delayed doing so until now. The reason for publishing the account is to inform members who did not attend but also to provide a record for the future.-Ed.

AGM-April 2010

The annual meeting of Lambton Wildlife Incorporated was held at the usual venue of Mandaumin United Church. The meeting commenced with President Richard Maxfield calling the meeting to order promptly at 4:30 pm. Janet Bremner was appointed to act as secretary.

The normal business was carried out with approval of the minutes of the 2009 AGM. In the absence of Bill Scott, Richard Maxfield delivered the Treasurer's Report. Following some discussion it was approved.

The Presidents Report was given next.

Lambton Wildlife's 2010 AGM marks the end of my first term as LWI President. It has been an exciting and successful year for both LWI and me. I have been nominated and am pleased to accept another term as your President. Our membership base remains strong with 242 Family and Single memberships representing nearly 400 individual members. We are one of the largest, if not the largest, naturalist clubs in Southwestern Ontario. Our membership strength is due in large part to the diversity and scale of both our Indoor and Outdoor Programs and the reception within the community of our other activities. We offer excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics and interests as exemplified by the recent Front Yard Gardens presentation at SCITS by noted gardening expert Liz Primeau which drew more than 200 people. It is a good example of the club's ability to outreach to the community. Likewise, the Outdoor Program offers a wide spectrum of activities of different physical capabilities and interests. We do listen to our members. As a result of suggestions from a membership survey conducted the previous year, we offered a very successful September 2009 Nature Walk and pizza party at the Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area, which combined a walk in the woods with a social outing. It is gratifying to report that overwhelmingly the membership survey showed high membership satisfaction with the programs being offered and with the operation of LWI as a whole. LWI's electronic Earthways distribution system initiated and under the direction of Gord Catterson had gotten off to a fine start. Of the e-mail addresses LWI has on record, 60% have elected to receive their newsletter copy by eEarthways. This represents an annual savings in supplies, printing, and postage costs of about \$700. This is a good start, but I think with more education of the benefits derived from electronic distribution we can do even better. Still in a preliminary stage, we are in ongoing discussions with Wendy Cridland, Program Manager Southwestern Ontario, Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) to work together to purchase from a developer about 50 acres of land on either side of the Karner Blue sanctuary in Port Franks. If this initiative comes to fruition, it will fulfill a long standing goal of LWI to acquire this property. In conjunction with Sydenham Field Naturalists (SFN), Lambton Wildlife has pledged up to \$15,000 to aid the Walpole Island Land Trust, under Chair Clint Jacobs, to purchase about 18 acres of rare tall grass prairie that might otherwise be farmed. This acreage is a very significant ecological hotspot containing a variety of rare and endangered plant species that are rare not only to Ontario, but to Canada as a whole. Its acquisition and preservation will be a noteworthy achievement. Lambton Wildlife has joined the Land Stewardship Partnership Program with the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and Community Foundations of Canada to raise \$20,000 each to establish an agency endowment fund administered by the Sarnia Community Foundation under Executive Director Jane Anema. Proceeds from the fund will be used to provide monies for maintenance of properties owned or managed by LWI. Maintenance funding is an area of concern often overlooked when acquiring property and the establishment of an endowment fund will help LWI to address this need. Briefly, other projects of interest to Lambton Wildlife include: Sponsorship of the Ontario Nature AGM taking place May 2010 in Sarnia. Publication of a Nature Guide to Lambton County, edited by Gord Catterson. Production of a Natural Heritage of Sarnia-Lambton DVD directed and produced by Larry Cornelis. All of these projects will do much to enhance the visibility of LWI within the community and foster our public commitment to promote the love of nature and our natural environment. I started off my report by stating that much of our success as an organization is due to the diversity and scale of our Indoor and Outdoor programs and other activities. While that is true, it is only part of the story. Success does not just happen. From a personal standpoint, I can assure you that without the dedicated and diligent efforts of the Board of Directors and officers, committee members, event leaders, special events coordinators, standing committee members, past presidents, and those volunteers who willingly step forward to help when needed success would be difficult if not impossible to achieve. All these volunteers are to be commended for the time and effort they so generously contribute to making Lambton Wildlife the success it is. To all these volunteers, I extend my heartfelt thanks. And to all the members of Lambton Wildlife, I thank you for your generous past support and for your support in the future.

Malcolm Boyd then presided over the election for the Board of Directors. Retiring as of this meeting are Robert Difruscia, Alexia Gladdy and Melissa Levi. New directors who will retire in 2013 are Janet Bremner, Tania Havelka, Kerry Gardiner, David Jenniskens and Malcolm Boyd. President-elect is Janet Bremner while Dick Maxfield has agreed to stay on for a second year. Malcolm Boyd will be past-President for another year and will resign when Dick Maxfield becomes past-President. Dick will retire in 2012.

The meeting adjourned with no other business.

Following dinner the bucket draw was held. Results were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Won By</u>
Vase with grapevine	Marlis Saunders	Sylvia Kennedy
Wood carving & bird calendar	Gerry Clements	Gwen Johnson
\$25 certificate	Degroots	Brenda Kulon
Hand carved soap sculpture	Ron Warren	Gertrude Stackhouse
Dried flower arrangement	Marlis Saunders	Wayne Bowen
Mask from Ghana	Hermine Tradt	Scott Kennedy
Front Yard Gardens(autographed)	Liz Primeau	Martha Knight
8 bottles aged wine	Malcolm Boyd	Faith Archer
2-\$25 gift certificates	Bookkeeper	1. Anne Goulden 2. Mary Harmon
2 cape Dorset calendars	Marlis Saunders	1. Anne Smith 2. George Krause
Nature Placemats	Marlis Saunders	Gord Catterson
Native Plants	John Teasel	Corinne Lemieux
Cheeseboard, oven mitts, spices & shells.	Marlis Saunders	Scott Kennedy
Metal bird art & Portuguese handbag	Marlis Saunders	William Gardiner
Photo of tundra swans	Alf Rider	Jim Gardiner
Electric screwdriver & tool belt	Janet Bremner	Aurie Prendiville
2 books	Marion Toms	Cathy Coates
3 books	Elizabeth & Fern Noel	Robert Difruscia
Galileo Thermometer	Krista Cowieson	Janice Maxfield
Bird songs	Mary & Wilfrid Tarbot	Barb Teasel
Bird songs	Kathy Mitchell	Dorothy Plumley
7 books on nature	Frank & Joan Baugh	William Gardiner

Following the bucket draw the Meritorious Service Award, LWI's current highest honour, was presented to Brenda Kulon by Gerry Clements. (Last year Brenda presented the award to Gerry). Gerry spent a few minutes highlighting the many contributions that Brenda has made to LWI including serving on the board, acting as President, being named to the President's Honour Roll, her organizing of the annual native plant sale and particularly her pivotal role in purchasing the Karner Blue Sanctuary.

President Richard Maxfield then identified his nominees for the 2010 Presidents Honour Roll. They were Robert Difruscia, Melissa Levi and Janet Bremner.

Next past-President Malcolm Boyd identified the LWI board members for 2010-2011. They are Richard Maxfield as President, Janet Bremner as President-elect, Malcolm Boyd as past-President, Bill Scott Treasurer, Avalon Hamlin Secretary, and Board members Ken Bulgin, Krista Cowieson, Kerry Gardiner (new to board), Tania Havelka, Bill Hopkins, David Jeniskens (new to board), Eric Marcum, Mary Margaret McGrail, Shawn McKnight, and Doug Winch. Retiring from the board are Robert Difruscia, Alexia Gladdy and Melissa Levi.

Next Malcolm Boyd introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Winnifred Wake from Nature London. Winnifred's talk was entitled: Chimney Swifts:- Mysterious Little Birds in Big Trouble. Malcolm mentioned that while she had started this program it was now being run by Bird Studies Canada.

Winnifred began by saying if you are looking for chimney swifts you need to look up.....way up. She said they fly higher than most small birds and are found much higher up in the air column. She said there are 100 species of swifts worldwide with 4 found in Canada. Chimney swifts are the only species found in eastern Canada. They nest in chimneys and when they fly out in the morning they fly for the whole day. They rest on vertical surfaces and are not comfortable lighting on the ground or tree branches. During the day they can be seen high up swooping and darting as they capture their food which consists of flying insects such as mosquitos, midges, caddis flies, gnats, mayflies, spittle bugs, crane flies, aphids, wasps, bees and winged ants.

She further said that they are a dark sooty bird with a cigar shaped body. Their wings form a crescent shape, have a rapid wing beat and they frequently bank and swoop. They do not fly in a straight line, have a light throat, a short tail and have a soft, chattering call. They somewhat resemble swallows who have a similar flight but lower down. Their breeding range is eastern southern Canada and the U.S. They winter in the upper Amazon basin.

She then showed a map locating where they are located. A small square with a black dot indicated their presence and high population areas included Sarnia, Walpole Island and the west end of Lake Ontario. Their habitat requires suitable nest and roost sites, adequate food (flying insects) which is associated with wetlands where insects breed. Pre-European settlement they used large hollowed out trees and only began to occupy chimneys when settlement began.

She said they feed in small flocks, arrive about the end of April until mid-June, while nesting occurs from mid-May to mid-August. They fledge from mid to late July to late August. Fall migration begins around mid-August and lasts until late September. The last leave in early October. They prefer medium to large chimneys with no cover or animal guard and no metal lining, but a rough interior they can cling to. They nest one pair to a chimney and have one brood each year. They mate for life at age 2 and the eggs incubate for 3 weeks and the young fledge at 4 weeks. She also said that the nests are made of fine twigs which the birds glue with their saliva.

She then talked about them roosting (or resting). Maybe an Olde English word, perhaps. They like very large chimneys and will go in at dusk after flying all day. She said it was a very impressive sight to see when hundreds of birds all swirl down in a funnel into the chimney. She said they are non-breeding birds in summer and during fall and winter migration.

She reported that in London in 2009 they had 112 active chimneys in 4 main clusters. They also had 3 or 4 spring roosts and 14 fall ones. 9 were large, 5 small and 2 empty. She said that initially people were happy to find out that the birds were nesting in their chimneys but later worried that if the birds were declared endangered they may not be able to make changes to their property. As a result some people, including the school board, have pulled chimneys down before that happens.

In February 2009 chimney swifts were designated as threatened and there has been a 40% decline in 40 years. There are now about 12,000 breeding birds with 60% in Ontario. The Ontario range shrank by 1/2 in 15 years. While the decline in the U.S. has been less dramatic there has still been a 30% decline on the continent.

Reasons are difficult to document but probably a combination of a shortage of food due to drainage of wetlands and clearing of woodlands where insects breed, and a shortage of nesting and roosting sites contribute as no suitable chimneys are being built and old chimneys are being torn down. However she said the population is declining faster than the chimneys are.

She further said that a group in Texas has attempted to build suitable structures for them. However they are quite expensive (\$700 to \$800) and birds in northern U.S. and Canada don't seem to like them.

How can you help? Winnifred gave the following ideas.

1. Help monitor chimney swifts by identifying suitable local chimneys. Then count birds entering by observing the chimneys for about 40 minutes around sunset. Report the data to Bird Studies Canada on line.
2. Protect old chimneys.
3. Protect woodlands and wetlands.
4. Educate friends and neighbours.
5. Reduce your ecological footprint.
6. Join Ontario Swift Watch.
7. Celebrate chimney swifts.

Our thanks to Winnifred for a really good presentation on these mysterious little birds.

Gord Catterson

Native Plants and Plans:

The LWI native plant sale was held on Saturday, May 1st at the home of John and Barb Teasel. Two days previously John & I drove down to pick up some plants for the sale at Pterophylla, the farm home and business of Mary Gartshore and her partner Peter Carson, near Walsingham. They grow many native plants including shrubs, trees, vines, wildflowers, grasses and sedges and for the past several years have generously donated plants to Lambton Wildlife for sale at the annual native plant sale.

This year we encountered Joan Difruscia there as she was picking up plants for sale by Degroots who also source their native plants from Mary and Peter. After loading our respective vehicles Mary offered to show us their new location, as she and Peter have gone into a partnership with several other people in a much larger operation nearby, a few miles to the east.

The site they will be moving their operation to is a former government tree nursery originally called the St. Williams Forestry Centre but now called the St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre. It is located in Norfolk County in the heart of the Carolinian life zone and is a few miles inland from Lake Erie. It is a 250 acre property and was the site of Canada's first forestry station, established in 1908. It was run for many years by the Province of Ontario and it is estimated that it produced in excess of a billion seedlings for reforestation until it was privatized in 1998. It has been run recently by ForestCare primarily for the production of reforestation seedlings.

There have been additional greenhouse facilities added and they now cover some 14 acres under roof. There are automated production and environmental control systems along with packaging and shipping facilities. In 2009 Pterophylla and ForestCare entered into a partnership to expand the operation's mandate to create a science and innovation centre dedicated to enhancing native biodiversity as well as conservation and ecological conservation. The new operation, in addition to seedling production, will also produce over 300 native species promoting the use of wild-type genetics of native flora for use in both natural and man-made areas. Plants are available in a variety of forms such as seed, seed mixes, bareroot seedlings, plugs and potted stock. They are currently in the process of setting up an accredited seed lab which will concentrate on testing native seeds to ensure high quality standards. When done it will be a first for Canada.

When Mary took us to the location it was overwhelming. There is a west wing consisting of 19 (if I counted right) very large greenhouses of the type that look like quonset huts with the semi-circular arch supports covered with plastic. Mary explained that this area was leased to a company that was using them to grow cucumbers for the Asian market in New York. The plants were watered with a root dip system and they produce a mind-boggling quantity of these vegetables between April and October.

The centre section, also very large, is the production and shipping area which includes a hockey rink sized cooler. People were in the process of planting Michigan lily which was being done by hand. I think Mary said they were doing 20,000 of them with the seeds having to be placed by hand in the small containers. She also said they had a secret method of getting the seeds to germinate prior to them being placed, which she was not about to share.

The east wing was huge and in two halves. The northern half was being used while the southern half was being prepared for use. The whole of both areas are serviced by a system of large racks that are moved by hand. There is an east west set of rails at the one end which

allows the racks to be maneuvered into position where they can be raised via a hydraulic system in order to place them on racks that run north and south. While we were there a crew was working to plant a million Jack pine seedlings using automated equipment sort of similar to the type you see in biological testing labs that allow several to be done at one time. As well other tree seedlings were being raised using a automated watering system to ensure the correct amount of moisture is applied.

All in all a most impressive operation. As in past years we are immensely grateful to Mary and Peter for their support and wish them well in this new endeavor. By the way the native plant sale again raised in excess of \$5000 which will be used to further LWI's work in preserving land within our land trust.

Gord Catterson

Thames Talbot Land Trust:

I was interested to read a recent newsletter of this organization which is now 10 years old. In an article by Shelley Kaufman the history of the land trust is covered. Founded in March of 2000 they have worked to protect nearly 800 acres of property via purchase, donation and easements on 8 separate locations. The latest additions include the Blain Farm, Tiedje Woods and the Dreiger Tract all added in 2009. The others are Meadowlily Nature Preserve (2002), the Eberhardt Easement (2005), Joany's Woods, the Newport Forest (2007) and the McTavish Tract in 2008. All in all a most impressive record. The TTLT has been named as a recipient of this year's Carolinian Canada Coalition's Conservation Awards.

Suncor Energy Foundation

Once again, thanks to President Richard Maxfield, this year Lambton Wildlife is a recipient of a \$2000 donation from Suncor Energy Foundation (SEF).

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Age Groups: Under 12 12-20 20-40 40-60
60-80 over 80 or M.Y.O.B.

Interests: Birds Flowers Animals Insects
Fungi Fish Trees
Conservation Environment
Other _____

Activities: Hiking Camping Bike Riding
Canoeing Walking Talking
Writing Cross country skiing
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Serve on Committee
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Act as LWI Representative
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Go on Outings
Participate in Slide Show
Be an Advisor

Other Information you might wish to share with LWI

Need transportation to meetings _____

Special skills or work experience _____

Ontario Nature Staff Changes

Submitted by Lisa Richardson, Ontario Nature

Ontario Nature has bid a fond farewell to Lenore Nadeau and Gabe Camozzi. Taking over the Nature Network from Lenore is Lisa Richardson who has returned after a year on maternity leave. A new Nature Guardians Coordinator will be announced later this month.

Interest in improving your mushroom identification skills. Here are a few upcoming events that may be of interest. Ed.

Mushroom Workshop at the University of Guelph

Arboretum: Come out October 1 or October 2 for an all day workshop that will focus on developing your fungal identification skills. The guest instructor will be Richard Aaron. For more information, visit www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/ProgsWrkshps/ProWrkshp2.htm#Workshops.

Fabulous Fall Fungi at Queens University Biological Station:

In this 4-day workshop held October 4-8, you will learn to identify the wide variety of mushrooms and other fungi growing in great abundance at this time of year. The guest instructor will be Richard Aaron. For more information, visit www.queensu.ca/biology/qubs/events/workshops/fabulousfungi.html.

Mushrooms on the Moraine: Come out to U of T's Koffler Scientific Reserve on October 9, and learn to identify many of the fascinating mushrooms and other fungi found on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The workshop will be led by Richard Aaron. For more information, visit <http://ksr.utoronto.ca/MUSHROOMS-on-the-MORAINE>

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Membership fees: Single \$20 Family \$25 Young Naturalist \$15 (\$5 ea. add'l child) (Circle one)

