



Parry Sound Nature Club 2020 Calendar

Date & Details	Event Description
Wednesday, Jan 15th 7pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Learning to be Less Salty</p> <p>Using salt on our sidewalks, parking lots and roadways throughout the winter is a necessity - but often we're using way too much. In this presentation, learn about the impacts excessive salt has on the environment. Kelsey Scarfone, with Environmental Defence Canada will share information on the #LessSalty campaign, and tips on how we can encourage our communities to keep salt out of our freshwaters.</p>
Wednesday, Feb 19th 7pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Bugs in the Mud: Underwater life</p> <p>Chris Jones with MECP will present about the provincial benthic monitoring program. His presentation will include real specimens and talk about some of the interesting morphological & ecological attributes that make benthic invertebrates amazing!</p>
Wednesday, March 18th 7pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Fossilized Sea Creatures Meet Modern Day Wildlife: A photographic journey of the Carden Alvar.</p> <p>Cameron Curran's love of nature started young, having spent his summers at Lake Dalrymple next to the Carden Alvar. He got connected to the Couchiching Conservancy land trust and became fascinated by the Carden Limestone Plain and its globally rare alvars. Eventually Cameron did a summer co-op term with the Couchiching Conservancy spending his time assisting with various conservation projects. Today, through his conservation photography, volunteering and professional career, Cameron aims to break down communication barriers that exist between people and the natural environment so that it can be protected for future generations.</p>
Wednesday, April 15th 7pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Bringing the Wiigwaas Jiimaan back to Georgian Bay</p> <p>The Wiigwaas Jiimaan (Birch bark canoe) is deeply rooted within Anishinaabek cultural identity and tradition, connecting people to the water, the land, and each other. Beginning October 7th, 2019 the newly created youth collective known as the "Georgian Bay Anishinaabek Youth" c/o Georgian Bay Biosphere, hosted an immersive 20 day Wiigwaas Jiimaanke. GBAY team members, Dawson Bloor and Kyla Judge, will be sharing about their experiences building and launching the Jiimaan into the waters and what their vision for the future holds.</p>
Wednesday, May 20th 7pm Parry Sound Museum	<p>Nesting in close quarters; causes & benefits of high-density nesting in painted turtles</p> <p>Join Steven Kell as he brings you on a journey into the lives of Painted Turtles, Ontario's most common and often overlooked turtle species. His graduate work took him on a path into investigating communal nesting behaviors of Painted Turtles which he had observed, but had never before been studied in the entire 45 years that the Algonquin Turtle Project has been running.</p>
Wednesday, May 20th 8:30pm Parry Sound High School Parking Lot	<p>An Evening of Swifts: Chimney Swift Viewing</p> <p>Each spring, Chimney Swifts return to Parry Sound from their wintering grounds in the Andes. As they fly north, they are in search of suitable chimneys for nesting, and will often use them along the way to roost. This is a very spectacular sight and we are excited to share it with everyone!</p>

<p>Wednesday, June 17th 7pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>The Power of Visual Storytelling for Engaging Diverse Audiences in Science and Natural History</p> <p>Samantha Stephens is a biologist turned visual storyteller. She uses photography and film paired with compelling written narratives to tell stories about people and the planet, with the aim to foster appreciation for the natural world and the work that helps us understand and protect our shared home. Samantha is a National Geographic Explorer and a photojournalist-in-residence at the Algonquin Wildlife Research Station, where she has been documenting their long-term monitoring projects on turtles, salamanders, and small mammals. In this presentation she'll share stories that she has photographed, behind-the-scenes adventures and demonstrate the power of compelling visual storytelling to capture hearts and minds.</p>
<p>September 16th 7pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>Birdseye View of Spectacular Colombia</p> <p>Colombia has more bird species than any other nation on Earth. In fact, its species total is close to that of all of Africa! Caribbean lowlands, Pacific coastlines, the Andes mountains, and rainforest lowlands; Colombia has it all. The country's great diversity of birds fills these landscapes, with many birds unfamiliar to northerners including spectacular hummingbirds and tanagers. Alex Mills travelled with five friends in February 2019 to do a trip of a lifetime to Colombia, and he wasn't disappointed! Hear how Colombia is experiencing a renaissance following several dark decades, including a burgeoning eco-tourism sector.</p>
<p>October 21st 7pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>Walleye Management at Shawanaga First Nation</p> <p>Aaron Pamajewong is a member of Shawanaga First Nation and has been employed as Hatchery Operator by the First Nation since the spring of 2017. Aaron's talk will focus on walleye (ogaa in Ojibwe) resource management within Shawanaga First Nation traditional territory through education and the seven grandfather teachings. Aaron will be joined by another member of the wildlife team to talk about other exciting projects on the traditional territory.</p>
<p>November 18th 7pm Parry Sound Museum</p>	<p>Understanding impacts of wildfire on the Georgian Bay rock barrens landscape.</p> <p>In the summer of 2018, the Parry Sound 33 wildfire burned over 11,000 hectares of the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve (GBBR) rock barrens and wetlands landscape. Given that wildfire frequency and severity are predicted to increase due to climate change it is likely that the risk of wildfire impacts to the landscape will increase over the next few decades. To understand the potential impacts fire has on the GBBR landscape, the McMaster Ecohydrology Lab has a range of research projects examining at-risk reptile habitat, the carbon loss from organic soil combustion and the altered hydrology from the potential loss of soil on the landscape.</p>
<p>December 13th 9:30 am More info to come</p>	<p>Christmas Bird Count for Kids!</p> <p>Inspired by the well-loved Christmas Bird Count, the CBC4Kids engages new generations of young birders across North America! For the 2nd time in Parry Sound, the CBC4Kids will take place! Join us in this fun winter bird watching event for kids and families where we will learn about birds and connect with others interested in them!</p>
<p>December 19th 8am Meet at Bowes Street Tim Hortons</p>	<p>Christmas Bird Count</p> <p>Join us for this longstanding and important tradition of tracking bird numbers and species. All levels of birding skills welcome. Contact Steph Romaniuk for more information at 705-774-9527.</p>

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