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December 13th Meeting Program

Guest speakers: Edmund Redfield, Tim Robinson, and Christine McLaughlin

Title: The Petitcodiac River: What is happening now

The December 13 meeting will consist of a "double bill" presentation on the Petitcodiac River where there has been some very intense and interesting activity happening in the past five years that many of us may not be aware of.

Edmund Redfield and Tim Robinson will give a presentation in the first part of the evening on the Fish recovery project on the Petitcodiac River.

Edmund Redfield and his assistants from Fort Folly First Nation and Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance have maintained a live fish trap at the head of tide for seven years from May to November and have recorded every fish they have seen. They now have seven years of records that are very revealing as to what changes have occurred.

Tim Robinson is manager of the FFHR (Fort Folly Habitat Recovery) program and has been a long-standing member of the Planning Group and Recovery Team for the endangered iBoF (Inner Bay of Fundy) Atlantic salmon population. FFHR is leading efforts to restore this iconic species within the Petitcodiac watershed - in part, through the 'Fundy Salmon Recovery' project approach which sees remnant wild juvenile iBoF salmon raised to adulthood at the first ever dedicated marine wild Atlantic salmon conservation grow out site located off the coast of Grand Manan.

After the break that will feature morsels appropriate for the Christmas season, Christine McLaughlin, Executive Director of the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance, will present their success in 2016 with a focus on culvert assessment and remediation work. The PWA had an extremely busy summer with a record staff of 14 focused on projects such as water quality, storm water management, aquatic habitat connectivity, wood turtle monitoring, river restoration, education, community engagement, and river cleanups. Culverts were chosen as the topic of focus for this talk because the cost-benefit ratio is extremely high, and to date over 105 KM of upstream habitat has been restored in the Petitcodiac River watershed. The PWA is also engaging other organizations to add this high-impact work to their rosters for 2017-2018 and these efforts too will be discussed.

As always all are welcome.

November Meeting Report

Guest speaker: Stephen Clayden **Title:** Title: The Acadian Forest

Overview: We live in a very special part of the world in New Brunswick. The Maritime Provinces encompass the transition between temperate deciduous ("hardwood") and boreal evergreen ("softwood") forests in northeastern North America. Red spruce is a signature species of this region, but many other conifers and hardwoods are present, forming a mosaic of forest communities that reflect both environmental and historical influences. This diverse and distinctive assemblage was first termed the Acadian Forest by William E. D. Halliday in 1937 in his pioneering classification of the forest regions of Canada. Since then, the name has gained widespread use by ecologists, foresters, and conservationists. It has also entered the popular imagination, conjuring up the special character of the woods of the Maritimes. In this talk, Stephen Clayden will provide an overview of the Acadian Forest: how it came to be recognized by that name; its variation across the region and modification by human pressures; and the challenges involved in conserving its rich biodiversity, known and unknown.

A very special thank you was made to Stephen Clayden for coming to the NM meeting on Tuesday November 15th. The full house left with an appreciation of the Acadian forest we live in. Many things were noted but of particular interest was that the worldwide distribution of the red spruce being limited to our area and its surroundings and the red pine not much more. Two trees we will appreciate just a bit more. Steven also explained why certain trees are common in certain parts of NB and uncommon in other areas and why. A very informative presentation.

Highlights of member's Observations

Mack Wilmut provided a video of red bellied woodpecker at a suet feeder.



Lynda Leclerc provided a lovely video of her time at a falconry in Chester England. Linda was holding the female falcon on her left arm. The caretaker explained that the falcon's white plumage and her temperament were designed for colder temperatures and snowy conditions. The Falcon was 15 months old so she does not have all her colors yet as her beak and feet had not turned orange yet.

Nelson Poirier showed a video his grandson took of a small blue shark which they encountered while out on the Bay of Fundy. The boat was chumming the water which attracted the blue shark. The captain of the vessel said that this was the first time in his life that he had ever seen a blue shark.

A Hammonds fly catcher was spotted in Fundy Park near by the visitors' center: this is a first for New Brunswick.

Nelson Poirier also showed a video he took of crows digging for grubs. He described how these crows would rip up a patch of ground looking for their meal. Nelson noted that this area he was filming had many areas dug up.

From the Editor's Desk:



Courtesy of Brian Stone

- Nature Moncton members I want to thank you for the confidence you have in electing me as the new NM President. I also wish to thank all the other members who volunteered to serve on the new executive. Our first EC meeting was most productive and I look forward to working with these enthusiastic volunteers.
- As announced at the November meeting the Newsletter publishing dates will be changing. As of the December issue the focus will be to provide details of upcoming events rather than summarizing past events.
- As more details of the NM events become available they will be posted on the website, included in the daily Info-line and closer to the date will be broadcast on CBC.
- The December issue will publish a schedule of the upcoming monthly meeting presentations, workshop and outings which the Activities Committee has recently confirmed from January to June.

Remember: the purpose of the Newsletter is keep our members informed of the monthly meeting announcements, reports of our club's field trips, workshops and other matters of interest. Please feel free to let me know of items of interest or comments.

Membership: If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2016-17 please bring a completed form along with you to the meeting. Maintaining your membership is vital to the success of the Club. A copy is also on the last page of this issue.

FYI: Nature Moncton maintains a membership with Nature NB. As an activity driven club an important benefit of membership with NNB is the insurance policy which provides coverage during outings to each of our paid-up members.

**Deadline for submission(s) for the December Newsletter will be Monday December 19th.
The December issue will circulation December 20, 2016 .**

Submissions can be sent by:

- 1) Email: susanatkinson29@gmail.com
- 2) Telephone: 506-384-2332 to make arrangements to deliver article(s) or photo(s) which you cannot

Calendar of Nature Moncton Field Trips, Workshops and Presentations

Everyone is welcome to participate in our activities

All meeting presentations, workshops and field trips are posted to the NM Info-Line (384-6397) or sent to your email during the week leading up to the event. They are also published in the current issue of the Newsletter, posted to the Website and published in What's Happening in Moncton. Keep checking the as they are subject to change.

Louise Nichols is our Activities Committee Co-ordinator and she and the members of the Committee are always seeing input and suggestions from members. All ideas are welcome.

Contact Louise Nichols at nicholsl@eastlink.ca

Workshops:

Pre-registration is normally requested as some events have a maximum or minimum number of participants. It also assures effective planning and to allow for contact to be made in the event of changes. Pre-register with Judi Berry-Steeves at 506-387-4778 or at jbsteeve@nbnet.nb.ca. A modest \$8 fee is charged for workshops which are held at the Tankville School, 1665 Elmwood Drive, Moncton.

Field Trips/Outings:

Generally, no fee is charged. For outings car-pooling is organized to allow seats be available for those who need rides. If car-pooling, please remember to share the gas costs.

Date 2016	Event	Presenter/ Outing Leader
Ongoing	<u>"Impromptu Outings"</u> – These outings visit sites in the Greater Moncton area and are designed for everyone and are usually accessible to those who have limited time or mobility. They can take place at any time and will last 2-3 hours at the most. Timing will be dependent on nature's schedule. Listen to the Info Line 384-6397 and be ready to go.	Various
	Watch for the soon to be published December issue with details of all up-coming events.	

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