



FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST INC.

NEWSLETTER #15
(October 2010)

This is our second newsletter of 2010 (#15 in the series), intended to bring you up-to-date on recent developments in our organization and the Petawawa Research Forest. Please refer to our website www.friendsofprf.ca for previous newsletters, more detailed organizational information and a variety of useful links.

FPRF 2010 AGM: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 16, 2010** at the Deep River Public Library from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Darwin Burgess. His topic will be **The Potential Role of the PRF in Forest Productivity Research.**

!! Your attendance at the AGM is important to help determine the future direction and activities of the Friends !!

****Please note that your FPRF membership for 2011 should now be renewed. Although membership is free, we will issue charitable receipts for donations of \$10.00 or more. See page 3 for detachable form. Donations for 2011 will be accepted at the AGM or may be mailed to the Friends of the PRF Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Chalk River ON. K0J 1J0.****

Board of Directors: The 2010 Board of Directors (BOD) is as follows. Nominations and changes to the Board for 2011 will be dealt with at the AGM in November.

Chairman	Earl Berry	(613) 584-7773
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Board Member	Tom Moore	(613) 584-9354
2010/11 Board Member/Student Rep.	Nicole Bergevin	(613) 584-1183

Visitor centre:

During the summer of 2010, approximately 200 visitors stopped in at the PRF Visitor Centre each week, making the total for the two months around **1800** people. The tree house remained closed due to safety concerns. The portable toilets that were placed at the VC were adequate but hand washing facilities will have to be considered. A number of suggestions that will be addressed by the V.C. municipal committee were made by the students in their final report.

Updates: The following are projects undertaken by the Friends during 2010:

- **2010 Fund Raising Campaign:** Our fund raising campaign has continued this year with letters sent to many public and private organizations which might be interested in the Friends' program. Corporate donations have been down sharply in the last two years, probably because of the state of the forest industry in Renfrew County, but our donation request letter has been revised and we are looking further for donations in order to continue the plans we have for 2010 and 2011. We are also investigating the possibility

of applying for project grants. Any suggestions for fundraising can be emailed to us at phoenix262@live.com or added to the donation sheet on page 3 of this newsletter.

- **Canadian Wood Fibre Centre Grant:** In early 2010, a grant of \$1000 was made to the Friends by the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre. The money was used to purchase new signs for locations such as PNFI historical sites, the Petawawa Sunburst white spruce, fire research, and PSP 1.
- **Visitor Centre Highway 17 Signs:** With the help of a generous donation from the Visitor Centre Municipal Committee, the signs promoting the PRF Visitor Centre on Highway 17 have been replaced. Additional "Closed" signs have been purchased to replace the plywood covers that were used after the summer season.
- **Ski Trails:** Because of the efforts of volunteers, the Deep River Ski Club, PRF staff and Forestry Technician students from Algonquin College, we can look forward to a great cross country ski season at the PRF this winter. The Maunsell Lake, H.S.A. and Acer trails will all be marked and open. More trail signs have been purchased by the Friends and a new map is available. (See link to "ski trail map" on www.friendsofprf.ca)
- **Water Trail:** The Chalk River Water Trail boardwalk is still in dire need of repair and is under discussion. Subject to the approval of the manager of the PRF, the Friends intend to contribute to the necessary maintenance and upgrading cost repairs.
- **Stone Chimney:** Charles van Wagner and Kit Yeatman have been very busy with this project and a brass plaque and sign, with bilingual wording and a picture of the original house, will soon be ordered to be put on/near the stone chimney of the former staff house. Plans to clear an area around the chimney are on-going.
- **School Sugarbush Program:** A donation of \$384 was given to Ian Miller and Michelle Stein to purchase maple syrup for the school sugarbush program. The Friends feel strongly that this project continue and recognize its importance to local school children.
- **Lecture at the Deep River Library:** The Friends sponsored a talk by Frank Ahern on his book, *Algonquin Park Through Time and Space: The history and ecology of Algonquin Park told with satellite imagery and computer graphics* at the Deep River library on May 26th, 2010. Despite wind and rain, about 90 people turned out to hear Dr. Ahern's talk.
- **Ontario Woodlot Association Conference:** The 15th annual Renfrew County Outdoor Woodlot Conference, entitled *Forest Research: Applications for Woodlot Owners*, sponsored by the Ontario Woodlot Association, was held at the PRF on October 2, 2010. A morning silviculture bus tour and an afternoon sugar maple walk were both well attended. One of the most important events of the season for managers of private land forests in Renfrew County, the conference did much to promote and explain the on-going research and activity on the PRF.
- **OVTA:** The Friends will continue their membership in the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association at a cost of \$185 plus HST (\$209.05) for 2011. Advertising costs in the Travel Guide and on the road map will be paid for once again by the Visitor Centre Municipal Committee.

Membership: Our 2010 membership totaled 161 with approximately 80 active members. We have 21 corporate members, including two new members, Summers Logging and Tree Service, from Killaloe, and AECL.

Treasurer's Report: As of October 15, 2010, the Friends' account at the Deep River Northern Credit Union stood at **\$1 832**.

Addresses: The Friends of the PRF Inc. may be contacted as follows:

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2011 Membership **Time To Renew!** 2011 Membership

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Name: _____ Ave/St/Box # _____

City: _____ Province: _____ P. Code: _____

Telephone # _____ Email: _____

Here is my tax-deductible donation of \$_____ (Receipts will be provided for donations of \$10.00 and over) **NOTE: Membership is free, but we need your donations to continue our work.**

For more information and recent news about the Friends, please refer to the website at: www.friendsofprf.ca or contact us at phoenix262@live.com or telephone: (613) 584-7773 or (613) 732-8402

_____ Yes, I would like to volunteer. (Please note any specific projects of interest in the suggestion section below)

Charitable # 88812 3007 RR0001

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS & FUNDRAISING

Mail this form to: Friends of the PRF Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Chalk River, ON. K0J 1J0