



## FRIENDS OF THE PETAWAWA RESEARCH FOREST INC.

NEWSLETTER #18  
(April 2012)

This is our first newsletter of 2012 (#18 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](http://www.friendsofprf.ca) for previous newsletters, more detailed organizational information and a variety of useful links.

**\*\*Please take note that your 2012 charitable membership donations are essential in order to carry out the plans we have for this year. Membership in the FPRF is free, but with the number of corporate donations made to our organization decreasing in the past years, we really need your donations now to stay afloat. See page 4 of this newsletter for detachable membership and donation form.\*\***

**Board of Directors:** The 2012 Board of Directors (BOD) was elected by acclamation at our tenth Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Deep River Library. After 10 years on the BOD, Earl Berry has stepped down, but remains a valuable member of the Friends. The FPRF certainly appreciate his years of service!

A new student/youth representative, Melissa Meneghetti, from the Forestry Technician Program, of Algonquin College was introduced by Frank Knappen.

The **2012 Board of Directors** is as follows:

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Board Member	Kristin Bickell	(613) 297-7995

**Membership:** Our 2012 membership totals 163 with approximately 25 active members. We have 22 corporate members.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of March 28, 2012, the Friends' account at the Deep River Northern Credit Union stood at **\$3 234**.

**Projects:** The following are continuing or proposed projects of the Friends during 2012:

- **2012 Fund Raising Campaign:** Our fund raising campaign will continue this year. Any suggestions for fundraising would be appreciated, and may be emailed to us at [rcunning@bell.net](mailto:rcunning@bell.net) or included on the donation sheet on page 3 of this newsletter.
- **Stone Chimney Sign & Plaque:** A sign explaining the history of the stone chimney is now in place, and a brass plaque will be attached to the chimney itself in the spring. The surrounding area will be cleared by the PRF staff, and a picnic table donated to the Friends will be placed at the site.
- **Signs:** The main way the Friends can help the PRF in 2012 is with signage. There is a new Biomass project planned that will require new signs. The Cartier Lake Silvicultural Area requires new signs, and recreational signs are also badly needed.
- **Database:** PRF staff are digitizing old PRF maps and documents from the vault by scanning them into computers, creating a web browser database of all the work done on

the oldest forest research centre in Canada. About 60% of the vault's contents has been completed in the past three years. The Friends are looking into the possibilities of sponsoring this project by including it on their website and/or purchasing CD's for its promotion and dissemination.

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)** – The FPRF 2011 AGM was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Deep River Public Library. Chair, Earl Berry, read a synopsis from the last newsletter of the Friends' activities since the 2010 AGM and reviewed what had been done in 2011, including work on the Water Trail; a successful Family Fun Day held in August at the Visitor Centre;; the Friends' participation in Expo 150 held in Petawawa in June; work completed on the stone chimney sign and plaque; the Friends' support of the School Sugarbush program; and the withdrawal of Head, Clara & Maria from the Memorandum of Understanding for the Operation of the Petawawa Research Forest Visitor Centre.

Peter Arbour gave a presentation on the Water Trail restoration explaining how the \$5500 grant from the TD Friends of the Environment is to be spent. He gave special thanks to Kristin Bickell for her work in obtaining this grant. He emphasized three areas in which the work is to be done:

1. A new bridge at the beginning of the trail is being erected.
2. The walkway to the beaver dam lookout is being repaired and made secure.
3. The trestle bridge was rotten so is being replaced. It will no longer be secured to the bottom of the river, but fastened with footings which should make it more stable.

PRF staff will brush the trail back in the spring and Algonquin Forestry students will be approached to help with the trail as well.

Our AGM guest speaker was Wayne Remus, Chair of the Sub-committee of the Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre Planning Committee, who spoke on the planning and progress of the Education Centre. He began with an explanation of how the Renfrew County Stewardship Association became involved in the local Envirothon and how this interest grew into plans to create a permanent outdoor forestry education centre in the heart of the Ottawa Valley. The Shaw Woods, 120 acres of old growth forests as well as wetlands around it, acquired by the Shaw family in 1847, was chosen for the site of this undertaking as it is in the geo-centre of Renfrew County and provides most of the requirements they were looking for in an outdoor education centre location. A new building is being planned, adjacent to the old growth area. A BOD has been formed with representatives from Algonquin College, all four county boards of education, the Hila Science Camp, Shaw Lumber, Renfrew County Stewardship, Connaught Nursery, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, the mayor of the municipality involved, and private citizens. Their Mission Statement is to give students and the public an opportunity to spend some time in the forest, and to foster an ethic of responsible environmental stewardship, as well as to show off Renfrew County forestry.

The Snake River intersects the area, running all the way to Muskrat Lake, and it may be possible to have a future canoe route planned along this river. Volunteer Algonquin students have already assisted in clearing some of the area and more help will be sought from them in the future.

The possibility of having satellite sites associated with the Outdoor Learning Centre throughout the county was also discussed, with the PRF being one of the suggested locations. These extra sites will make bussing of students less costly for certain presentations and demonstrations of curriculum-based sustainable forestry.

Mr. Remus was thanked by Earl Berry for his enthusiastic presentation of what promises to be an exciting new addition to Renfrew County education opportunities.

**Upcoming Events at the PRF:**

***Save the date!* Forest Birds Workshop Thursday, May 10, 2012  
Petawawa Research Forest, 1000 Clouthier Rd, Chalk River, ON**

A *FREE* one-day workshop for landowners and land managers on techniques for conserving forest birds in managed woodlands. The event is organized by the Forestry Research Partnership in collaboration with OMNR and the Petawawa Research Forest **Workshop Topics:**

- Ecology of forest birds
- NEW* guidelines for land managers for conserving habitat for forest birds
- Local examples of managing forestry operations to conserve birds on public & private lands
- Field trip in the Petawawa Research Forest to discuss habitat & management techniques

For more information or to register please contact:

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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](http://www.friendsofprf.ca) or contact us at [rcunning@bell.net](mailto:rcunning@bell.net) or telephone: (613) 732-8402

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

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS & FUNDRAISING**

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