



November 2019 – Halifax North West Trails Association Newsletter

It's hard to believe it's November already! I hope that you all had a wonderful Halloween and that you got to enjoy the amazing fall colours that October brought us. If you're still looking for ways to get outside this fall, don't forget about all of the guided hikes promoted through [Hike Nova Scotia's Fall Hiking Series!](#)

Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Plein Air Exhibit

For the third year in a row, HNWTA, along with Friends of BMBCL Society and the Canadian Association for Retired Persons (CARP), has supported the Blue Mountain Plein Air Artists who venture into the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area (with their art supplies in tow!), and paint beautiful scenes of this amazing wilderness area. The artwork has been completed, and it will be on display at the Keshen Goodman Public Library for the entire month of November. The exhibit opens tomorrow (November 2) with an event being held at the Library in the Learning Centre from 3:00-4:00 pm. Councillor Richard Zurawski and two of the artists will be there to speak about their work and the area. The artists this year are: Ron Kuwahara, Geoffrey Grantham, Sunetra Ekanayake, Joy Laking, Don Pentz, Susan Patterson, Sandi Komst, and Carolyn Vienneau. Come enjoy the beautiful paintings, learn about the wilderness area, and meet some of the artists!

Monster Mania Rescheduled

It was a cold and rainy day when we planned to visit the Monsters of Hemlock Ravine park for our Monster Mania event, so we decided to let the monsters stay inside and keep warm and dry. We have rescheduled the event to Saturday, November 9 from 1:00-4:00pm, and hopefully the rain doesn't scare us away this time! Registration is now open through [Eventbrite!](#) Join Halifax North West Trails Association as we lead parents and their little ones (ages 5-8) on an adventure through Hemlock Ravine park in Halifax. We'll discover some monsters who live in the park (they are friendly!) and learn the skills needed to BE a monster! This is an approximately 2.5 hr walk through the park (both on and off trail) with various nature activities along the way. Parents should come prepared to let their inner kid out and join in on the fun! There will be lots of getting up close with nature, so be prepared to get dirty as well!

Winter Tree for the Birds

We have opened registration for our second annual Winter Tree for the Birds event! Last year was a great success, with many participants, and even more happy birds along the Mainland Common Loop Trail :) Join Halifax North West Trails Association on Sunday, November 24 from 1:30-3:30 pm as we celebrate the coming of winter by making simple bird feeders for the Mainland Common Loop. Delicious cups of hot chocolate will be available once the bird feeders are hung along the trail. Ducks Unlimited Canada will also be present to help make nesting boxes for the area! Please register for this event on [Eventbrite](#), and inform us of any allergies. All ages are welcome. This event is made possible with funding from a TD Parks People Grant – thank you!

Exciting BMBCL News!

This week it was announced that the Nova Scotia Nature Trust (NSNT) has been working with land owners around the BMBCL Wilderness Area to add their lands to the area and by doing so connect the entire wilderness area! The landowners have agreed to forgo any future development of the lands, and have agreed to sell the property to NSNT and to donate a large part of the land's value as a charitable gift. This is an amazing contribution to the BMBCL wilderness, and we thank everyone involved in the process! To purchase the land, NSNT is raising \$2.1 million. More information and how to donate can be found on their website [here](#).

Join our Facebook Group for Members only!

HNWTA has created a Facebook group for members only, where members can post photos and have discussions about the trails they use and the events they've attended. If you are interested in joining, you can find the group [here](#). If you are not yet a member, check out our [website](#) for information on how to become one! Benefits include a "members register first" policy for events, appreciation nights, and extra events and news shared through the Facebook group!

Have a great month!

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