



## September 2019 – Halifax North West Trails Association Newsletter

Hello Everyone! I hope that everyone was safe and secure during the hurricane, and that any trees you had survived the day. What a way to end the summer season and start the back-to-school season! It's that time of year again when traffic increases, the nights get colder, and people seem more rushed and discombobulated than usual. It makes you really want to set out on the trails and enjoy the nature our community has to offer. Why not join us for some (or all) of our upcoming events? 😊

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### *Upcoming Events*

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Thursday, September 19 (6:00 – 8:00 pm): Join us at Foot Solutions Halifax (30 Farnham Gate Road) for a **Member Appreciation Night!** Jane from Smartwool will give a short presentation at 6:30 pm on the importance of good socks, and you will be entitled to a 10% discount off any regular priced merchandise (with proof of membership) for the duration of the event (excludes orthotics & sale items). There will be a door prize raffle, so make sure to stop by! If you're not yet a member, send us an email and we can get that fixed for you! 😊

Saturday, September 21: As always, our hike to Blue Mountain has sold out! Make sure to register early for these great hikes so you don't miss out! There are more hikes in the BMBCL area coming in October and November, so check out our Eventbrite page [www.hnwta.eventbrite.com](http://www.hnwta.eventbrite.com) for the dates and information. You can have Eventbrite email you when the tickets go on sale so that you don't miss out!

Saturday, September 28 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm): Local artists will be on site at Hemlock Ravine Park for our first ever Plein Air event "Brush the Trails". They will be painting the scenery, trails - really anything they feel like! Artists will make their creations from 9:00am – 1:00 pm, at which time the artwork will be on display at Hemlock Ravine Park (weather permitting). There will also be pieces created prior to the event from our other HNWTA trails, and these will be on display as well. Some artists have already been out on the trails creating their works of art! All pieces will be available for sale from that day on, either in person on the 28<sup>th</sup>, or online afterwards. Mark the date in your calendar, it's going to be a wonderful day!



Monday, October 7 (5:30 – 8:30 pm): Join us at Keshen Goodman Library to learn about a trail expansion project within the Mainland Common. Halifax North West Trails Association is working with consultants to plan future trails and a wayfinding signage programme. Check out maps, signage, and meet our consultants! **Join us on Sunday, Oct 6, 2 pm to walk in the woods. Discover the potential nature trails footprint. Meet at Westridge parking lot at the Loop Trailhead. Rain or shine.** Please stop in to tell us what you want to see in the Mainland Common Area for this expansion. We want your feedback!

Saturday, October 26 (1:00 – 4:00 pm): Calling all aspiring monsters! Join us 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! Register [here!](#)

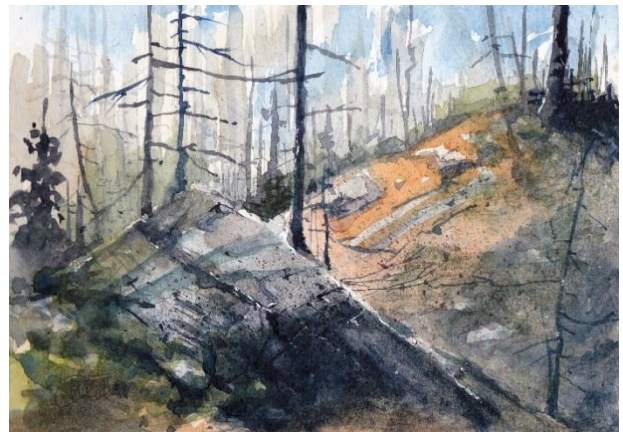
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### *News and Reminders*

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Hurricane Dorian packed quite a punch to Nova Scotia and some of our trails felt Dorian's effects as is being reported by HNWTAs diligent Trail Monitors. For example, in Bedford the Old Coach Road trail saw one tree fall on the trail itself and a couple others off-trail – luckily though none have obstructed use. We would like to thank our volunteer Trail Monitors who are examining all trails in the coming weeks and reporting issues to HRM so that we can get any issues taken care of. In the meantime, please use caution when walking the trails and certainly feel free to contact HRM at 311 if you wish to report a hazard you come across!

Don't forget about the auction of an original watercolour by [Edward Wedler](#) that was done "en plein air" on the Old Coach Road. Bidding is currently \$85 and you can bid by filling out the Google form here: <https://forms.gle/ANNntQbHoxQUjvhj8>. You can see the current bid by [clicking here](#). Bidding closes September 25th, so make sure to place your bid before then! The winner will be contacted on September 27 and payment will be determined at that time.



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### *Trail of the Month*

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Of course this month, our trail of the month has to be the trails in Hemlock Ravine Park! I can't wait to see how the artists represent this beautiful park nestled within the city. I love going there because you can easily forget that you're right next to the hustle and bustle of the Bedford Highway. The Hemlock trees are enormous, and there are so many little animals to try and see; it really is a peaceful place to take a stroll in the woods. There's lots of history in the park too (why is there a heart-shaped pond??), so check out [our website](#) for the details!