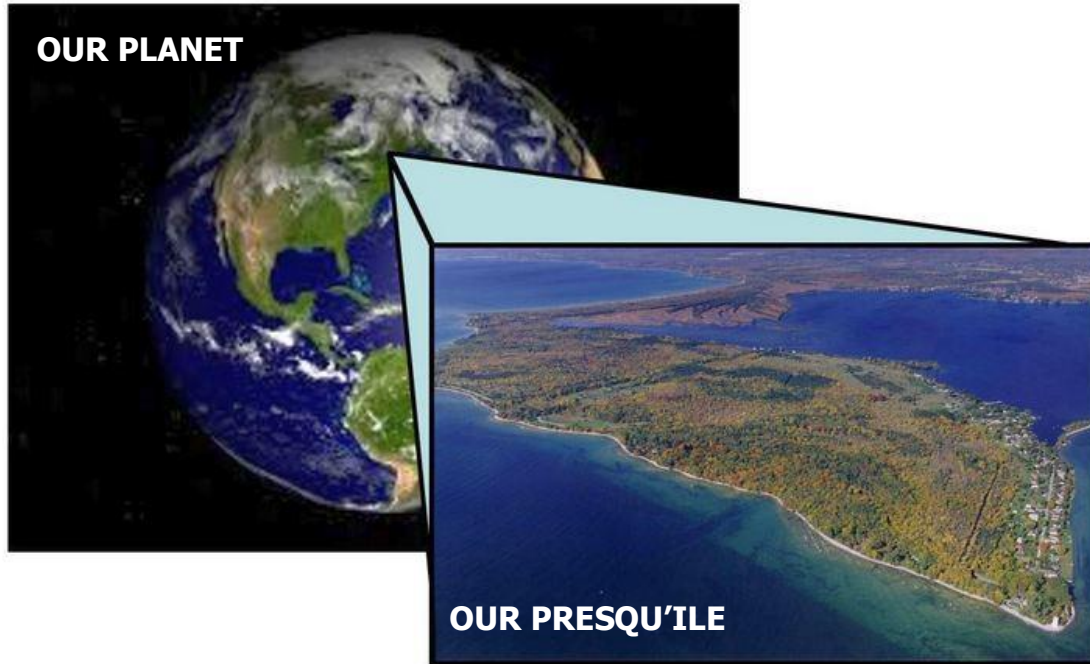


HABITAT AT PRESQU'ILE



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I am frequently asked: What do The Friends of Presqu'ile Park do? My simple answer is: We are all about the **Habitat at Presqu'ile**.

This usually leads to a conversation about how we deliver many educational programs.

Over 2,200 school children from more than 24 schools participated in our 2014 interpretive programs with their teachers and classmates at no cost to the school board or parents.

Also, last year we expanded our **Kid's 'n Nature** summer camp to four weeks, subsidizing most of the costs with only a nominal fee to participants.

Next, it's an easy segue to explain how our environmental initiatives are contributing to the Park's efforts to

control invasive species and help species at risk.

These are just a few of the activities we deliver in support of Presqu'ile Park and the community at large which benefit immeasurably from The Friends' efforts.

Of course, none of these contributions could occur if it were not for the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who work throughout the year raising funds to make these activities a reality.

We also have dedicated committees and a Board of Directors who ensure that the all-important governance is in place to allow our charity to grow and meet all the necessary reporting requirements.

Being a member of The Friends of Presqu'ile provides an opportunity to

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enjoy the wonderful feeling that comes from participating in something important. We are making a difference in our corner of the planet. We are helping the next generation understand what it takes, and how essential it is to understand and help our fragile ecosystem.

Please accept this invitation to join our efforts and become a volunteer in an area where you will meet others who care about the **Habitat at Presqu'ile**, our community, and each other.

On Page 3 you will learn more about our recruitment efforts and 'becoming a friend of the Friends'.

If you are not already a member, please join us and consider volunteering in any area which you might find interesting.

If you are already a member, please ask a friend to join. New members and new volunteers are always welcome.

Have a great summer and enjoy our Presqu'ile.

Steve Sinclair,
Chair, The Friends of Presqu'ile Park

The Friends of Presqu'ile Park is a non-profit charitable association of volunteers dedicated to enhancing the educational, interpretive, and scientific research programs at Presqu'ile Provincial Park.

Find out more about The Friends of Presqu'ile

We are always keen to talk about The Friends, and the programs and activities that we support in the Park.

If you know of any group or organization who would be interested in finding out more about The Friends, please contact **Pete Alker**, *Chair, Communications and Public Relations.*



The subject and length of our presentation can be tailored to suit the audience.

Send an e-mail to **info@friendsofpresquile.on.ca** and mark it for Pete's attention.

The Friends' website



We hope that you have found your way around our new website. Feedback from our visitors is always welcome.

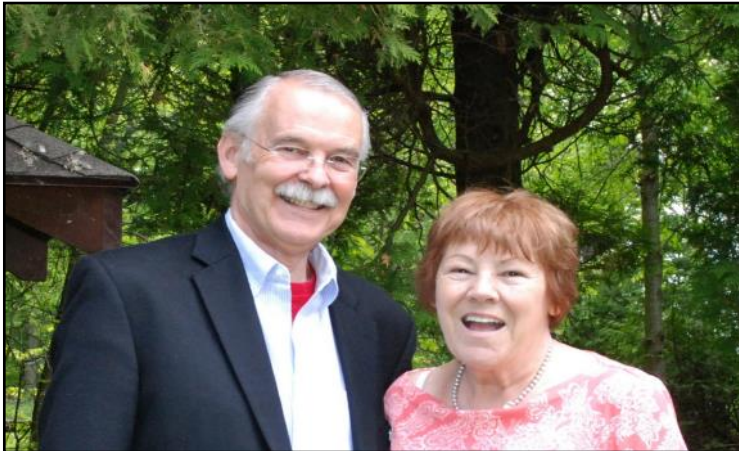
If you have any photographs taken in Presqu'ile, and have a caption and/or a background story behind your photos, we hope that you will share them with us.

Contact us at **info@friendsofpresquile.on.ca**

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Become a friend of The Friends



Chair Steve Sinclair presents The John Cole Award to May Davies, our 2014 Volunteer of the Year.

Photo: Pete Alker

Each year, we honour our Volunteer of the Year with the presentation of **The John Cole Award**. This year it was presented to **May Davies**, who has worked tirelessly in many roles over the years, just making things happen. Congratulations to May.

GIVE A LITTLE, GAIN A LOT!

The Friends of Presqu'ile Park are seeking new volunteers to help with the running of our established programs and to develop new initiatives. The Park is

such a precious resource; we want to make sure it can be enjoyed by all, for generations to come.

We are a volunteer-driven charitable organization. We are all devoted to ensuring learning, recreational, and conservation opportunities for all.

In order for that to happen, we are recruiting additional volunteers to help us in the following areas:

- ◇ Summer barbecue helpers
- ◇ School Program helpers
- ◇ Summer Camp Helpers
- ◇ Christmas at Presqu'ile Arts and Crafts Show helpers
- ◇ Environmental Program labourers
- ◇ Nature Centre helpers
- ◇ Lighthouse Interpretive Centre hosts
- ◇ Lighthouse Gift Shop manager
- ◇ Office and technical support
- ◇ Committee members – Communications, Environment, and Fundraising
- ◇ Board member

There are so many ways you can support our Educational and Environmental initiatives.

Please visit our website www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca for more details, or call our Volunteer Coordinator, **Nancy Sutton**, at **613 475 9817**, or you can send us an e-mail to info@friendsofpresquile.on.ca.

Volunteering gives you an opportunity to change lives, including your own.

2015 will be an interesting year at Presqu'ile

Since last fall, the Park has resurfaced the roadway and included speed bumps to encourage drivers to keep within the speed limit. Two turtle crossings have been ordered and will be installed in the fall. Special fencing will guide reptiles and amphibians to the crossings. Staff have also constructed two new turtle nesting areas.

The very successful Scots Pine removal project occurred during the winter 2014/15. The Friends provided a great benefit to the Park by securing a federal grant for this project.

Park infrastructure projects for 2015/16 include the installation of a larger Trailer Dump and also a permanent sewage system.

The Clarke-Denson cottage is already completely booked until Labour Day. If you would like information about the cottage, please telephone the Park at 1 888 668 7275.

The Park plan to install a new electronic sign at the Front Gate to better inform our visitors and to promote events.



Rob Cunningham, Park Superintendent, Presqu'ile Provincial Park

The Friends' Lighthouse GIFT SHOP



Photo: P Alker

The Friends' Lighthouse Gift Shop is stocked with special products just for you.

We carry The Friends' publications, clothing, nature books, patches and pins, jewellery, cards, binoculars, and many more useful and surprising gifts to please that someone special.

Hanna and Breanna are our summer students this year.



Joyce Boucher

Photo: Don Davis

Your purchases really do make a difference.

100% OF PROCEEDS from sales at the Gift Shop remain in Presqu'ile Park to further educational objectives.

Watch for our special offers during the summer.

For more information, please call us at **613 475 1688** and don't forget to drop in for a chat.

FREE WiFi (provided by The Friends) available from May to November. Call in to the Gift Shop for the current password.

If you would like to volunteer in our Gift Shop, please contact Joyce at 613 475 1428.

Kids 'n Nature programs continue to improve and expand

2015 marks the fifth year of offering the **Kids 'n Nature** Summer Day Camp and the sixth year of our School Outreach Program.

Once again, both programs are proving very popular. Last year we doubled the number of camp spots offered to 80, and at this moment all but 6 of those spots are filled. New to our camp program this year are different themes for each camp week (please see advertisement on Page 6 for more information).

We are very excited to introduce our 2015 **Kids 'n Nature** staff. **Bradley Robins** is our Interpreter in charge of leading the spring School Group Program and the Summer Camp.

Krista Neilly is our Assistant Interpreter for spring School Groups and will work for the NHE program in the summer. We welcome back **Michelle Lunitz** as our Assistant Interpreter for the Summer Camp.

We are fortunate to have such enthusiastic educators on staff and we wish them a very rewarding season at Presqu'ile.

For more information about the **Kids 'n Nature** School Groups Programs and Summer Camps, and for Camp Registration Forms, contact **Brad Robins, Kids 'n Nature Interpreter**, at **613 475 1688, Ext 3**, or e-mail **kidsn.nature@hotmail.com**.

Janine McClintock

Volunteering increases levels of life satisfaction, self-esteem — and happiness. It makes people feel good about themselves when they reach out and give back.

Brad, Krista, and Michelle, the Kids 'n Nature Team for 2015



Brad Robins and Krista Neilly with some of their nature props Photo: D Bree

Bradley Robins

'I grew up in Colborne, Ontario and attended East Northumberland Secondary School. Afterwards, I completed my undergrad at Brock University, in Biology and, just this past year, completed teachers' college.

My first encounter with the Marsh Boardwalk was doing a face plant into the muck. After the burning of my favourite clothes in response to the smell, I have not repeated that event.

This opportunity with the Kids 'n Nature program is a dream job because it combines my love of teaching and the outdoors.

In my spare time I maintain a vegetable garden, coach soccer

with the CCH soccer club, and do War of 1812 re-enacting.

I am looking forward to a busy summer full of fun experiences and adventures.'

Krista Neilly

'I'm Krista and a recent Carleton University grad. I may have learned all about biology in Canada's capital but being from Pickering, I feel much more at home here in cozy ol' Brighton.

This is my second season at Presqu'ile and I am so glad to be back. The unique habitat at the Park provides so many wonderful opportunities to experience wildlife – of which my favourite are birds!

I spend my spare time hiking park trails, knitting, and reading.

I can't wait to get to know many of you. Come chat with me!

Michelle Lunitz

Michelle was our 2014 Kids 'n Nature Interpreter. Since last year she has been teaching French at a school in Oshawa.

She enjoys working with children and is very excited to be back again this year as Assistant Interpreter for the Summer Camp.

Michelle completed a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education with a specialization in French at Lakehead University.

She grew up in Warkworth, and having spent many years living in Northern Ontario, she is happy to be back home teaching students about the nature found locally.

Michelle enjoys hiking, camping, playing hockey, and volunteering in her community.



Michelle Lunitz Photo: P Alker

A few spaces are still available — please contact Brad or Krista, our Kids 'n Nature Staff, to register your child.



Kids 'n Nature Summer Camp 2015



A fun and exciting Nature and Outdoor Adventure Camp for boys and girls, from 8 to 14 years old.

Kids 'n Nature Summer Camp features

- Nature Exploration
 - Hiking
 - Fun Science
 - Crafts
 - Recreational Games
 - Team Building
 - Conservation
- ... and much, much more!



Building lighthouses at Calf Pasture Photo: Jennifer Hilton

We offer 4 five-day Summer Camps, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

~~July 13 to 17 (wildlife Detectives)~~

~~July 27 to 31 (Blast from the Past)~~

~~August 10 to 14 (Wonderful Water)~~

August 24 to 28 (Monarchs and Migrants)

**FULL
FULL
FULL**

A limited number of 12- to 14-year-olds will be accepted for each camp on a 'first come first served' basis.

Location

Presqu'ile Provincial Park, 328 Presqu'ile Parkway, Brighton, ON, K0K 1H0

Cost \$125 per child per camp (includes: pick-up at King Edward Park in Brighton in the morning, and drop-off at King Edward Park in the afternoon, as well as craft and camp supplies).

Please register early as there is a limited number of spaces per camp.

For more information and a registration form, please call 613 475 1688, ext 3, visit www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca, or e-mail: kidsn.nature@hotmail.com

*We cannot always build the future for our youth,
but we can build our youth for the future.*

Come to the Nature Centre and find out how to help our animal friends

We had a great summer in the Nature Centre in 2014, and we welcomed over 10,000 visitors who came through the doors. We had many opportunities to share our love of nature and to educate people about the natural history here at Presqu'ile.

I am excited to be back at Presqu'ile this summer and have been working on a few changes and updates to the Nature Centre. Regular visitors will notice a number of modifications to some of the exhibits as the Centre continues to grow and develop.

This summer there will be a new display featuring the critters that live under our feet. Get up close and personal with the critters that live on the forest floor, from millipedes to centipedes, pill bugs, and everything in between.

The wildlife of Southern Ontario faces various threats from habitat destruction to road mortality, and human persecution. This summer at the Nature Centre we will be talking about the various ways we can help our animal friends. Come and visit us this summer to learn about some practical ways to help out.

Kristen Osborne, Nature Centre Coordinator



Kristen Osborne

Photo: MNR



THE CREATURE THAT LIVES BELOW

alien movie. This is the larva of the **antlion**, a flying insect that lives here at Presqu'ile.

The adults spend their days flying around the dunes and pannes while the larvae spend their lives under the sand and create these funnels in order to catch food.

The larvae dig the funnels by slowly moving backwards in circles, flicking the sand over their bodies with their large jaws. Then they sit at the bottom of the funnel and wait for an unsuspecting insect to fall into the pit.

As the insect struggles to escape, grains of sand fall down, telling the antlion there is a victim waiting. The antlion then starts to flick sand at the insect, causing it to fall down into

the middle where the antlion is waiting. It then grabs its prey with its large jaws and drags it into the sand.

These are just one of the many cool critters found at Presqu'ile that you can see in action at the Nature Centre. So come out this summer and see the antlions and so much more!



Antlion

Have you ever been walking along a trail and see a funnel like this on the path or in the sand? Have you ever wondered what created it?

If you sat and watched one of these funnels for a while, you might notice an insect, like an ant, fall into the funnel and struggle to escape. Then before you can blink an eye, the insect is dragged into the sand below.

The creature responsible for these funnels looks like something from an

*Kristen Osborne,
Nature Centre Coordinator*

Thank you for being a Friend of Presqu'ile Park.

Natural Heritage Education for Summer 2015



The ever-popular Marsh Cart will be on the Marsh Boardwalk again this summer. Here, Vivienne Wu shares a discovery with a young visitor.

Photo: David Bree

June as always is a busy month for us in NHE: safety and other training, program planning and crafting, scheduling, and of course, rebuilding the Nature Centre.

This is a **long** summer this year, 10 weeks from beginning of July to Labour Day, which requires some juggling of the student positions, most of which run 9 weeks but almost all of our excellent staff from last year are returning, so we look forward to their being able to hit the ground running this year.

In addition to our own excellent programs, including our own versions of **Night at the Museum**, and **Myth Busters**, and our traditional Saturday campfire skits and sing-alongs, we will be bringing some guests in this year.

BIRDS OF PREY ...

The Centre for Specialized Species will be back with their **Birds of Prey** show on **August 8th**.

We are also looking at a bat program from them with live bats! – stay tuned.

DAY AND NIGHT VIEWINGS OF THE SKY

We have also partnered with the **Belleville Chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society** for both day and night viewings of the sky. Day showings of the sun will be every second Saturday starting June 27th at noon in

the day use area. They will have two different types of telescopes, one of which shows the hydrogen spectrum and is quite colourful. Both telescopes obviously provide safe sun viewing. The night **Star Party** has yet to be scheduled.

INFAMOUS DR KING and IROQUOIAN SHORELINE

We will also have local historian **Dan Buchanan** in to relate his story of the infamous Dr King and Nature Conservancy Biologist, **Mark Stabb**, on the Iroquoian shoreline (that's the glacial lake that formed Presqu'ile).

For schedule up-dates keep checking The Friends' Website (www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca) or, if you would like a weekly schedule e-mailed to you through the summer, e-mail David Bree at david.bree@ontario.ca, and ask to be put on the distribution list.

Have a good summer and hope to see you in the Park.

*David Bree,
Sr. Natural Heritage Education Leader*



The Centre for Specialized Species will be bringing their raptor show to Presqu'ile again this year. Here Kristen Osborne, Nature Centre Coordinator, gets up close to a Peregrine Falcon.

Photo: Ontario Parks

A Long Road to Recovery

June 2014. It was a dark and stormy night; the rain, wind, and lightning were beating down on the Presqu'ile peninsula. We were planning on staying inside that night; bypassing our nightly surveys because of the terrible weather, when we got a call.

It was **Heather Peters**, one of the Presqu'ile Provincial Park gate staff. Frantically, she let us know there was an injured turtle at the main gate.

We jumped into my car, and made our way down to see what had happened. When we got there, Heather let us know a bit more. Apparently, someone had sped right past the stop sign at the main gate, not only startling Heather, but hitting the gravid (with eggs) female Snapping Turtle that was crossing the road only 10 metres past it.

Things looked pretty grim, so immediately we decided the only chance the turtle would have would be if we drove it to the **Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre** in Peterborough.

The Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre (or KTTC for short) is exactly what it sounds like – a hospital for turtles. Turtles are an incredibly resilient group of animals if they are given the chance and the KTTC gives turtles that second chance.

Much like an emergency room you or I would attend, doctors and nurses on staff evaluate turtles' condition, and triage them in order to be as effective as possible.

Every summer since its establishment in 2002, the KTTC has helped save hundreds of turtles from far and wide. They are widely recognized as a major contributor to the conservation, preservation, and protection of these animals. The KTTC also provides turtle outreach programs to help people both understand the importance of turtles, as well as how to help them.



Snapping Turtle discovered by Heather Peters in June 2014 and released in May 2015, fully recovered from her wounds. Notice the crack running down her back, which extends all the way to the back of her carapace.

Photo: Krista Neilly

Fast forward about a year, and spring 2015 was rapidly approaching. As I was getting ready to come to the Park, I got a call from the KTTC. I was delighted to hear that the female Snapping Turtle we brought in last year was doing well, and was ready to be brought back to the Park.

I was even happier when I was told that the eggs which she had were successfully laid and incubated in the hospital.

Cristen Watt, former field technician for the turtle project (2013), and now active volunteer at the KTTC, was able to bring the turtle back to the Park. As a group, **Mary Balsdon** (undergraduate student working with us for the summer), **Krista Neilly** (*Kids 'n Nature*), Cristen's sister **Kaitlyn**, and I released her back into the marsh, where we found her nearly a year previously.

If you see a turtle that has been hit by a car, the best thing you can do is immediately call the KTTC (see the telephone number on the next page). They will be able to advise you on what to do next, and if you can bring the turtle in, you will likely save its life.

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Research at Presqu'ile Park is primarily intended to assist species or habitats at risk.

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Mary Balsdon, field technician for the turtle project this summer, holding the Snapping Turtle immediately before its release.

Photo: Krista Neilly

Female turtles such as the one pictured left are the most crucial part of a population because they are its limiting members when it comes to how many eggs can be laid each year, and thus how many new members can be added to the population each year.

As we enter into nesting season again (running throughout June), let this remind us how dangerous it is for turtles. It is especially important that we keep an eye out for *nesting* turtles, so that turtles will be around for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

For more information about the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre please visit their website www.kawarthaturtle.org:

Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre
1434 Chemong Road #4
Peterborough, ON
K9J 6X2
Phone Number: 705 741 5000

Sean Boyle

Some useful links:

- www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/ - Toronto Zoo Adopt-A-Pond Program
- www.youtube.com/v/FnGGVLHpwsW?rel=0&autoplay=1 – Ontario turtles at risk
- www.youtube.com/v/Lgd_B6iKPxU?rel=0&autoplay=1 – Learn how to move a turtle across a road

Presqu'ile was always my father's favourite place



Dunlin can number in the hundreds in May
Photo: D Bree

My parents travelled from Toronto to Brighton in the late 1970s, stayed at the Butler Creek B&B, and passed their days birding in Presqu'ile Park.

In the 1980s, after my mother passed away, I joined my father every May not only to help him mourn his loss but also to continue the tradition of looking for **Warblers and Whimbrels**.

This has continued almost every May but now includes my wife, and sometimes our three children, and now our grandson (the fourth generation of Kensett's to walk in the Park).

For the past 25 years or so, my wife and I have been joined with our good birding friends, who, also being retired, are able to spend several weeks in Presqu'ile, and not only to hunt down the odd rarity but also to enjoy the magic of Presqu'ile and completely relax from all of life's responsibilities and worries for a short time.

Presqu'ile was always my father's favourite place and he donated money to the Park on several occasions. It is only fitting that I continue to support the Park in his memory on behalf of the Kensett family.

John Kensett, supporter of our 25th Anniversary Environmental Fund



Fred Helleiner's Birding Reports are posted every week on our website, www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca/birding-report.php

Enjoy the Park — Thank you for being a Friend

Membership of The Friends of Presqu'ile offers a great opportunity to support your community and have fun through our Volunteer Program.

Please contact me if you would like to join or to renew and have not yet received your reminder notice (sent out to members in June).

Tell your family and friends about the good work The Friends are doing in Presqu'ile Park and please share this copy of The Beacon with them.

If you would like to learn more about joining The Friends, you may contact me at **613 475 5460** or by e-mail at **maureenfopp@gmail.com**.

Maureen O'Connor, Membership/Donations Coordinator



Photo: P Alker

When you support The Friends' Gift Shop, our BBQs, Raffles, and Christmas at Presqu'ile, ALL of the proceeds remain in Presqu'ile Park.

Our first Summer BBQ will be held on June 27

Summer Barbeques

The Friends will be holding their Summer BBQ every Saturday, from Canada Day weekend until Labour Day weekend, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.



**HAMBURGERS,
SAUSAGES,
HOT DOGS, and
PEAMEAL BACON, ...
and much more.**

You will find us in the Campground area at Presqu'ile Park, between the Amphitheatre and the parking lot, beside the lake.

All proceeds from our BBQs go towards The Friends' programs in the Park.



Telephone 613 475 1688

www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca



***Volunteers wanted ... a sense of humour is essential ...
The Friends are grateful for whatever time and skills you are able to give.***

Congratulations to the Winners of our Bushnell Raffle

We run a number of Raffles throughout the year, and all the proceeds go towards funding educational and interpretive programs in Presqu'ile Park.

The first raffle of 2015 was the **Bushnell Raffle**. We thank Bushnell, who donated the prizes.

Congratulations to the two winners whose tickets were drawn at the Lighthouse Interpretive Centre at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 17. **Cheryl Mound**, of Stirling, won the Bushnell Scope and Tripod and **Barbara Foster**, of Mississauga, won the Bushnell Binoculars (see May 24 News item posted on our website for full story).



Our main fund-raising Raffle for 2015 has begun — see details below.

Buy your Tickets and you could WIN ...

Good luck!



The Friends of Presqu'ile Park's
2015 RAFFLE



GET CLOSE TO NATURE



WIN one of four fabulous prizes

1st Prize: 5 nights' camping in Presqu'ile Park - 2016

2nd Prize: Annual Ontario Parks' Pass - 2016/17

3rd Prize: 1 week at Kids 'n Nature Summer Day Camp - 2016

4th Prize: Summer Season Ontario Parks' Pass - 2016

Tickets: **\$2** each, **3/\$5**, or **10/\$10**

available from members of The Friends, our Saturday Summer BBQs, and at The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre.

The draw will be held at The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre, at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

All funds raised are used in support of The Friends' programs in Presqu'ile Provincial Park.

For tickets and more information call 613 475 1688 or visit www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca

Licence No: M 713322

Mark your Calendar for Christmas at Presqu'ile Arts and Crafts Show

Our 2015 team consists of 6 very dedicated volunteers: **Eileen Cockburn, Linda Collins, Marg Hanlan, Anne Onishchuk, Helen van Poorten, and Leslie Scott.**

We all look forward to another successful **Christmas at Presqu'ile Arts and Crafts Show** and are very grateful to the 250 or so volunteers who help with every phase of the show, a major fund-raising activity in the calendar of The Friends.

Work is under way for this year's show, well known for being one of Eastern Ontario's premier juried Arts and Crafts Shows.

Invitations have been sent out to over 130 artisans and crafters from last year and we will jury close to 30 new exhibitors in June.

Such a turnover of exhibitors ensures that there will be plenty of new arts and crafts in our show.

Please, mark these dates on your calendar - **November 7, 8, 11, 14, and 15, 2015** - we hope to see you there.

Christmas at Presqu'ile Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

(Calendar is subject to change — please check our website to confirm dates and information.)

June 13, 20, and 27: Spring Interpretive Program

Guided nature walks each weekend. The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open weekends (10:00 am to 4:00 pm).

July 1 to September 6: Summer Interpretive Program

Programs will be posted on our website, www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca, and throughout the Park, every week. Daily family programs (except Wednesdays) - guided walks, children's programs, evening talks, and campfire sing-alongs. Every Saturday lunchtime, The Friends will hold their fundraising BBQs, near the amphitheatre, from 11:00 am. The Nature Centre, Lighthouse Interpretive Centre, and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open daily (10:00 am to 5:00 pm).

July 13 to 17 (Wildlife Detectives): Kids 'n Nature Summer Day Camp, 8- to 14-year-old boys and girls

July 27 to 31 (Blast from the Past): Kids 'n Nature Summer Day Camp, 8- to 14-year-old boys and girls

July 31, August 1 and 2: History Weekend - War of 1812-1814, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Relive Presqu'ile's storied past and take part in events. See 1812 re-enactments. Participate in old-fashioned field games, children's boat-building bee and regatta, ghost walks, a history play, and more.

August 10 to 14 (Wonderful Water): Kids 'n Nature Summer Day Camp, 8- to 14-year-old boys and girls

August 24 to 28 (Monarchs and Migrants): Kids 'n Nature Summer Day Camp, 8- to 14-year-old boys and girls

September 4, 5, and 6: Monarchs and Migrants Weekend, starting at 8:00 am

Bird-banding, Monarch tagging, and guided nature walks celebrate this weekend of fall migration.

September 7 to 27: Fall Interpretive Program

Friday video presentations and guided hikes on select weekends. The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open weekends.

November 7 and 8, 11, 14 and 15: 24th Christmas at Presqu'ile Juried Arts and Crafts Show

Fine arts and crafts on sale, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily, at the Nature Centre. Visit the Tea Room at Stonehedge and enjoy our famous rum cake and hot drinks. Featured artists Doug Comeau, Rose Brown, and Linda Barber at the Lighthouse Interpretive Centre, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Friends' Gift Shop will be open. Free entry to the Park and free admission to the Show. Free parking.

The Friends' Lighthouse Gift Shop will be open 7 days a week throughout the summer, from 10 am to 5 pm.

For more information, please call
Joyce Boucher
at **613 475 1428**.

Unless otherwise noted all events are FREE.

A valid park permit is required to enter the Park.

For more information on events, visit **The Friends of Presqu'ile Park's website** at www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca or contact **Presqu'ile Provincial Park** at **613 475 4324, ext 225**.

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