

The Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project is located in Orwell on the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead. Our walks and workshops are free, but donations are welcome and help fund our educational and restoration activities. Please call 651-2575 for more information or visit us on Facebook.

APRIL 16: Owl Prowl #1 – we've added a third owl prowling this year due to the increased interest, but we ask that you only attend one so that everyone has an opportunity to participate. Join us for a slide show and talk on owls, then walk the trails to see what might be around. Meet at the Nature Centre at 7:30pm. The Macphail Foundation will open the Great Room of the Homestead at 6:30pm and serve light refreshments. There will be no cost but donations to the Foundation will be gratefully accepted.

APRIL 22: Owl Prowl #2 - join us on Earth Day for a slide show and talk on all things related to owls. Meet at the Nature Centre at 7:30pm. The Macphail Foundation will open the Great Room of the Homestead at 6:30pm and serve light refreshments. There will be no cost but donations to the Foundation will be gratefully accepted.

APRIL 23: Owl Prowl #3 - join us for a slide show and talk on all things related to owls. Meet at the Nature Centre at 7:30pm. The Macphail Foundation will open the Great Room of the Homestead at 6:30pm and serve light refreshments. There will be no cost but donations to the Foundation will be gratefully accepted.

MAY 5: The Macphail Woods native plant nursery will be open for sales, Thursday through Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Please check out our nursery catalogue at macphailwoods.org for more details.

MAY 14: Birds and Breakfast - the Macphail Homestead will be open at 7am to serve a free "early bird" breakfast. Join other birders beside the fireplace in the Great Room for a hot beverage and breakfast treats to start your day out right! Donations will be gladly accepted to help cover costs. Then walk the trails of the Macphail Homestead with Fiep de Bie, looking at year-round residents and returning migratory birds. A great walk for the whole family. Wear your boots, and bring binoculars if you have them. The bird walk begins at the nursery at 8am.

MAY 14: Landscaping With Native Plants - want to spend less time cutting grass and more time enjoying the beautiful plants around your home? This workshop introduces a variety of hardy native plants to attract wildlife and beautify your yard. Meet at the Nature Centre at 2pm.

MAY 31: Fernwood Confederation Forest Planting – come join us as we continue our work to establish an Acadian forest in Fernwood. Everyone is welcome, young and old. We'll be planting a mix of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns from 10am to 3pm. This planting is supported through Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Fund.

JUNE 4: Final day for regular sales at the Macphail Woods native plant nursery. We will still have some potted plants for sale after this date but with all our other work going on we ask that you call ahead to make sure someone is on site.

JUNE 4: Plants of Prince Edward Island - led by Kate MacQuarrie, one of the province's foremost biologists. Kate will focus on many of the plants, both native and non-native, that you commonly encounter, plus a look at lots of rare trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns. You won't want to miss this one. The talk begins at 10am at the nursery.

JUNE 11: Upton Farmland Confederation Forest Planting – come join us as we continue our work to establish an Acadian forest on the Upton Farmland in Charlottetown. Everyone is welcome, young

and old. We'll be planting a mix of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns from 10am to 3pm. This planting is supported through Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Fund.

JUNE 12: Bob Bancroft will speak on "Water, Land, and Wildlife - the Healthy Connections".

We are thrilled that Bob is coming over again from Nova Scotia. The well-known CBC Radio Noon guest and advocate for nature throughout the region will explore how land and water combine to produce clean water and healthy habitats for many species. While the responsibilities for forests, agriculture and freshwaters are separated by government into departments, in the real world land and water function as one unit. Disproportionately large numbers of wild plant and animal species seek out this zone where terrestrial habitats meet aquatic ones. Bob will be offering guidelines for wildlife stewardship. His illustrated talk begins at 2pm in the Nature Centre

JUNE 17: Bangor Confederation Forest Planting – come join us as we continue our work to establish an Acadian forest on the Bangor Road near Morell. Everyone is welcome, young and old. We'll be planting a mix of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns from 10am to 3pm. This planting is supported through Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Fund.

JUNE 19: Identifying Native Trees and Shrubs - stroll around the native plant nursery, arboretum and trails of Macphail Woods, and learn how to identify native trees and shrubs – everything from dogwoods and viburnums to birches and maples. This is always a beautiful time of year on the Macphail grounds and there will be lots of interesting plants to see. Begins at the nursery at 2pm.

JUNE 20-24: Our week-long UPEI Credit Course on **Ecological Forestry**. A great way to learn more about the Acadian forest, wildlife enhancement, forest ecology and restoration techniques. This one always fills up quickly so register early to avoid disappointment. Register through the UPEI registrar's office (www.upei.ca/registrar).

JULY 16: Pruning Trees and Shrubs – slide show and demonstration of proper pruning methods and a discussion of recommended books and tools. Participants will practice pruning on a variety of plants in the nursery, arboretum and woodlands. Please bring along your favourite pruning tools, if you have any. Begins at the Nature Centre at 10am.

JULY 16: Forest Restoration Workshop – a walk and talk in a wide variety of forest habitats at Macphail Woods. Anyone interested in forest restoration or nature in general is encouraged to attend. The focus will be on bringing back the native Acadian forest, looking at enhancement methods used on the property over the past 25 years and trying to find solutions to problems faced by woodlot owners.

Meet at the Nature Centre at 1pm.

AUGUST 20: Volunteer Afternoon - come out and help with our work on the Native Plant Arboretum at the Macphail Homestead. We'll have lots of tools and compost and mulch, and a variety of native shrubs, wildflowers and ferns to plant. This is already a beautiful area and will continue to improve over the years as we add more plantings of both rare and common species. We'll be there from 1-4pm, but you can show up any time.

OCTOBER 16: Autumn in the Forest - a walk along the trails of Macphail Woods, looking at both plants and animals. This is a great outing for people of all ages. Meet at the nursery at 2pm.

Interested in helping with our Confederation Forest plantings?

With help from Environment Canada's ECO-Action Community Funding program, we are continuing the Confederation Forest Plantings that we began two years ago as part of the PEI 2014 Celebrations. The sites will become future Acadian forest natural areas, accessible to the public. These will be fun, public events with lots of opportunities to plant a mix of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns. Please call 651-2575 for more information on how to help or check out our website for directions. There will be multiple public plantings on each site, but the main dates will be as follows:

Prince County – Fernwood (Island Nature Trust): May 31th
Queens County - Upton Park (Upton Farm Lands Trust): June 11th
Kings County - Bangor (Island Nature Trust): June 17th

Sharing a Love of Nature – Week-long camps at Macphail Woods

We will be offering our ever-popular children's programs again this year. Please register early as these tend to fill up. For more information, please check out our website at macphailwoods.org

Young Ecologists (Ages 10-12) - July 4-8

Nature Discovery (Ages 6-8) - July 25-29

Becoming A Naturalist (Ages 8-10) - August 1-5th

Bushcraft Ecology (Ages 12-16) - August 22-26

Would you like to help out with our bird banding projects?

In 2015, we restarted our bird banding program at Macphail Woods and included a new site on the Selkirk Road Public Forest Land. Under the leadership of Master Bander Fiep de Bie, we had dozens of volunteers of all ages come out to help, and great cooperation from the birds as well. We're really excited to see what this year will turn up. If you're interested in helping out or learning more about the project, please email macphailwoods@gmail.com or call 902-651-2575.