

# the TaTTLeR

## 2018 Membership Drive



Beryl Ivey Woods Celebration, October 14, 2017. Photo: Dave Wake

## WE APPRECIATE YOU!

It is the time of year where we ask our current members and friends to renew or purchase a new membership. The support of our members is invaluable in continuing our work as a Land Trust. With your help we have accomplished a lot of incredible things this year!

Some of these achievements include:

- Completed our Beryl Ivey Woods campaign - permanently protecting 50-acres of rich Carolinian Forest in Southwest Middlesex. This is TTLT's 15th protected property!
- Continued to grow our Adopt-a-Patch programs at Five Points Forest and Hawk Cliff Woods
- Launched our *Nature for Nurture* program and partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex
- Planted our Auzins Community Wildflower garden at Hawk Cliff Woods with a team of dedicated volunteers
- Tackled 7 invasive species at 8 properties including Phragmites, Buckthorn, Autumn Olive, Purple Loosestrife, Periwinkle and Multiflora Rose

**Memberships can be purchased online at [www.ttlr.ca](http://www.ttlr.ca) or by sending in the form on the back of this newsletter with a cheque. A big thanks from the whole TTLT team!**



# taste for nature

A FUNDRAISING  
DINNER FOR  
THAMES TALBOT  
LAND TRUST  
AT  
PLANT MATTER  
KITCHEN

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NOVEMBER 9th 2017  
5:00 & 7:00 SEATINGS  
CALL 519 660 3663 TO RESERVE

## Adopt-a-Patch Program 2017

Thanks to a grant provided by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, we were able to engage 45 community members in the Adopt-a-Patch program at Hawk Cliff Woods over the past year.

This has enabled us to get boots on the ground removing a huge amount of garlic mustard, a very detrimental invasive plant. Equally importantly, it has allowed us to set up a program for garlic mustard management that will ensure long term protection and conservation of important forest habitat in the Carolinian Zone, Canada's most biodiverse region.

Adopt-a-Patch also continues to run at Five Points Forests. We are so grateful to all the volunteers who have volunteered their time to pull garlic mustard from the woods at both Five Points Forest and Hawk Cliff Woods. We look forward to seeing you again in the spring!

Interested in adopting your own patch? Visit [thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/adopt\\_a\\_patch](http://thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/adopt_a_patch) to learn more.

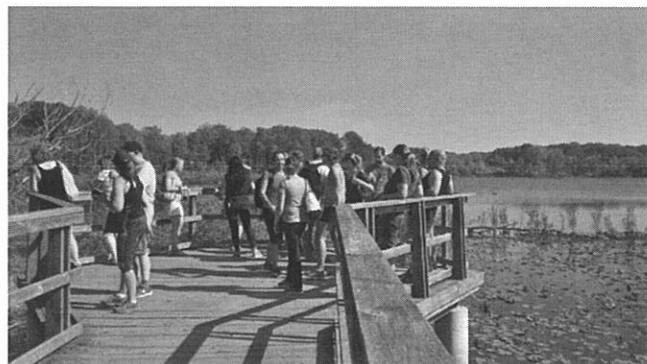


**TD Friends of the  
Environment  
Foundation**

Left: Adopt-a-Patch volunteers at Hawk Cliff Woods, September 2017.  
Photo: Ian Bailey

## Nature for Nurture Program 2017

Nature for Nurture has launched and we couldn't be more excited! TTLT is partnering with the Canadian Mental Health Association – Middlesex to deliver the program, a series of Mood Walks and bus trips to TTLT properties. So far the group has walked at Westminster Ponds, Wardsville Woods, Hawk Cliff Woods, and Five Points Forest, and got hands-on with seed collecting, invasive species removal, and planting native wildflowers. The fall series is wrapping up soon, but there will be a second series offered in spring. There's no cost to participate and it's a great way to get



out in nature, make new friends, and help the environment at the same time! Visit [thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/naturefornurture](http://thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/naturefornurture) to learn more.

Special thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding this program.

Left: The Mood Walks group enjoying a walk at Westminster Ponds on a beautiful October day.

Photo: Gail McLellan Dukic

## Upcoming 2018 Events—Save the dates!

### **WINTER WALK FOR WILDLIFE FUNDRAISER—FEBRUARY 24, 2018**

At TTLT office and Westminster Ponds ESA



Join us for our Winter Walk for Wildlife! Help us raise funds for conservation and enjoy a guided hiking tour of the beautiful Westminster Ponds ESA. Afterwards, warm up and enjoy a delicious lunch inside! Details to come.

Participants in Winter Walk for Wildlife 2017. Photo: Julia Eastabrook

### **TTLT'S 12TH ANNUAL SPEAKER SERIES - FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

*Climate Changes Everything* with Diane Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario  
Wolf Performance Hall, London Central Library, London, ON



Come out and hear Dianne Saxe, our Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, talk about climate change and the environmental challenges in Ontario. Commissioner Saxe's appointment has focused on serving the Ontario Legislature, improving the effectiveness of the Environmental Bill of Rights and catalyzing better environmental, energy and climate outcomes, for and with the people of Ontario.

Diane Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

### **ECO FOLK FUNDRAISER CONCERT 2018—MARCH 25, 2018**

Aeolian Hall, London, ON



Enjoy an afternoon of folk music at the Aeolian Hall on Sunday, March 25th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This concert will feature performances from local folk musicians. All proceeds raised by the concert will benefit the Thames Talbot Land Trust. Tickets \$25.00 for general cabaret style seating. Details to come.

Eco Folk 2017. Photo: Dave Wake



## Beryl Ivey Woods Celebration

### WE DID IT!



TTLT Directors and Executive Director. Photo: Winnie Wake

On October 14, 2017 we celebrated the permanent protection of Beryl Ivey Woods—a 50-acre parcel of rich Carolinian forest located in Southwest Middlesex. This property is nestled within the Skunk's Misery Natural Area, one of the most significant blocks of forest in the Carolinian region of southern Ontario. Beryl Ivey Woods has long been recognized as a valuable property for protection. It is situated in an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI), and boasts provincially significant wetlands. It is contiguous with other woodlands which will help to ensure suitable habitat for

birds such as Hooded Warbler, and the threatened Cerulean Warbler which require large tracts of forest. Thank you to all of our generous donors and volunteers for making this campaign a success!

## Hawk Cliff Weekends 2017



Thank you to the attendees, volunteers, partners, and sponsors of the Hawk Cliff Weekends 2017!

More than 600 visitors, over four days, were able to take part in our Auzins Community Wildflower Garden planting, enjoy guided hikes and learn more about hawks, Monarch butterflies and Ontario reptiles!



Special thanks to the Municipality of Central Elgin, the St. Thomas Field Naturalists (STFNC), Hawk Cliff Raptor Banders, and volunteers of Monarch Watch and our major sponsors: the O'Neil Funeral Home and Trojan Technologies.

Photos: Above—Auzins Community Wildflower Garden planting  
Below: Sciensational Snakes talk. Photos: Julia Eastabrook

## Join our E-Mail List!

Would you like to receive all of the latest news and information from the TTLT directly to your inbox? Please consider joining the TTLT electronic mailing list for an electronic version of the TATTLER, information about volunteer activities, event updates and the latest TTLT news. The electronic mailing list is a great way to stay connected with the TTLT!

Visit [www.ttlc.ca](http://www.ttlc.ca) to sign up today!

## Purchase/Renew Membership!

## TTLT Events 2017

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### Membership Donations

Youth/Student (under 18): \$25  
Individual Member (18+): \$50  
Affiliate/Group/ Corporate: \$100

### Additional Donations

Donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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*You may also contribute online through our website, or become a monthly donor and make a big impact.*

### Supporters' Circle (Automatic monthly donations)

Advocate \$240 (\$20/month)

Protector \$480 (\$40/month)

### Direct Bank Debit:

I (we) authorize the Thames Talbot Land Trust to process a debit, in paper, electronic or other form in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on my (our) account on the first day of each month beginning 1, \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_.

I (we) acknowledge that we have read, understood and accepted all the provisions set out in the Terms and Conditions [www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca](http://www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca).

I (we) enclose a cheque made payable to the Thames Talbot Land Trust and marked "VOID."

### Signature(s) of Donor(s)

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the completed application form and cheque to:**

Thames Talbot Land Trust  
PO Box 25054, London ON N6C 6A8

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Garlic Mustard Pesto Workshop—May 17, 2017. Photo: Daria Koscinski



Native Plant Sale—May 13, 2017. Photo: Julia Eastabrook



Greenhouse Workday—March 6, 2017. Photo: Daria Koscinski

