



KAWARTHA LAND TRUST

Protecting the land you love.

Dear Kawarthas,
I love, value, and appreciate the change
of seasons and especially the wildflowers.
— Love Susan



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Land Love Notes

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Welcome to Kawartha Land Trust's 2024-2025 Passport to Nature!



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After our successful first year, Kawartha Land Trust proudly presents our second annual Passport to Nature. KLT's Passport to Nature is a year-long series of free, guided adventures outdoors for everyone to enjoy. Consider this your "passport" to exploring more of the land you love in the Kawarthas.

Registration opens one month before each event and you can register via our events page on our website: kawarthalandtrust.org. To ensure the best possible experience for all attendees, some events have limited space, so be sure to sign up early.

KLT sincerely thanks and acknowledges the volunteers, event facilitators and community organizations that have made KLT's Passport to Nature possible this year. These environmentally-minded people and organizations make our community better.

— Susan Scott & Anna Lee, Co-Chairs,
People and Nature Working Group, KLT

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that Kawartha Land Trust is located within Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig Anishnaabeg territory on the traditional homelands and territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations.

We offer our gratitude to First Nations for their care for and teachings about our Earth and our relationship to it. Kawartha Land Trust strives to honour these teachings through stewardship, respect for the land we protect, and expanded collaboration with Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous peoples.



KAWARTHA LAND TRUST

Protecting the Land **You Love**

Founded in 2001, **Kawartha Land Trust (KLT)** works to protect the forests, fields, wetlands, and shorelines of the Kawarthas.

Every year, thousands of residents and visitors connect with nature in the region through our public access trails and special events.

Join others in the Kawarthas in protecting the land you love.

How KLT Works to Protect the Land **You Love**

As a land trust, we work to help individuals, families, and the community realize their vision for protecting the land they love.

There are a number of ways to work with conservation experts at Kawartha Land Trust.

Protect the land you love forever through:

- **Gifts of land to KLT**
- Restricting future use of your land through a **Conservation Easement Agreement** on the property title
- **Donating to KLT** to support the purchase of land to protect

Support better care of land through:

- Land stewardship projects through our Partners in Conservation Program
- Land management agreements
- Public trail agreements

You Can Help Protect Land in the Kawarthas

With your support, Kawartha Land Trust can continue to ensure the **long-term conservation** of land in the Kawarthas.

Donate to KLT

There are many ways to contribute to KLT's work. Whether it's through a single or monthly donation, a planned gift, or gift of land, you can help protect connected ecosystems and biodiversity in the Kawarthas. Donate online at **kawarthalandtrust.org**.

Volunteer with KLT

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our work. We're fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer base with a range of talents who give us the gift of their time to help us accomplish our land securement and stewardship goals. As we continue to grow, so does our need for volunteers! Interested? Reach out to us at **info@kawarthalandtrust.org**.

Learn more at **kawarthalandtrust.org**
or reach out to us at
info@kawarthalandtrust.org
or **705-743-5599**.



2024–2025 Calendar of Events

Planning your next adventure?

Visit a Kawartha Land Trust trail to enjoy the sights and sounds of all four seasons.

Learn more about our public access properties and trails at:

kawarthalandtrust.org

2024 Events

- **April 20** — Grow Without a Garden
- **May 11** — Spring Beauty and Blooms — Ephemerals Galore!
- **May 26** — Birds for Everyone!
- **June 9** — The Power of Pollinators: Protect Insects, Protect Birds
- **July 20** — We Love Turtles (and Other Herptiles)
- **August 24** — Finding Poetry in Nature
- **September 27** — Skyworld: The Wonders of the Night Sky
- **October 6** — Annual Tallgrass and Wildflower Seed Harvest
- **December 12** — Webinar: Species at Risk on Farms — What You Might See and How to Find Them
- **December 21** — Celebrating the Winter Solstice Night Hike

2025 Events

- **January 16** — Webinar: Farming with Conservation in Mind
- **January 25** — Black History Month Hike: Celebrating Black Excellence in Conservation
- **February 16** — How to Be a Winter Wildlife Detective
- **March 1** — The Sleeping Forest: Identifying Trees Without Their Leaves

Register for any of the events on our website at:

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(events and registration links will be posted there)

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Planning Your Adventure(s)

To make the most of your experiences and exploration of nature, here are a few guidelines to help you:

1. **Plan** your adventure(s). **Read** this guide to choose which  you want to attend.
2. **Register** for events by visiting Kawartha Land Trust's website (kawarthalandtrust.org) and visiting the Events page or Passport to Nature page. 
3. **Attend** and enjoy the event! For in-person events, remember a water bottle, good walking shoes and perhaps a jacket (for cooler days). 
4. **Share** your experience with friends and family by tagging KLT **#KawarthaLandTrust** in your online social networks. 
5. **Sign up** for KLT's e-newsletter on our website to find out more about KLT events, volunteer, and donation opportunities. 



Protecting adventure for generations.

Save it for them.



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Protecting the land you love.

Kawartha Land Trust is dedicated to protecting the land you love for future generations to enjoy. You can **Save It For Them** by visiting our website to learn more.

You can help. kawarthalandtrust.org/save-it-for-them

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An engaged community that is inspired to learn about, appreciate, and conserve nature in all its forms.

Come & explore with us!



Nature Journaling



Kids' Christmas Bird Count



Connect in Nature as a family by joining the **Junior Naturalists**

For more information contact juniors@peterboroughnature.org

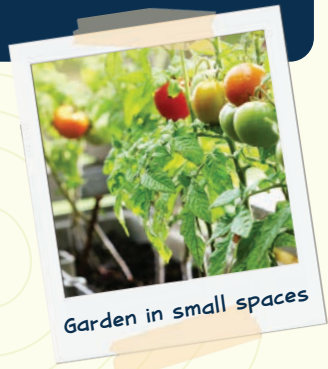
www.peterboroughnature.org



Sounds of Spring Frog Walk

Grow Without a Garden

Help nature thrive in even the smallest places. Learn about gardening in containers of all kinds. Learn tips for success in choosing hardy plants from veggies and culinary herbs to perennials and “wild” plants. Grow a feast for your eyes and feed local pollinators and yourself! New gardeners welcome, as well as those with more experience who wish to apply or adapt their knowledge to growing on roofs, balconies and other unlikely – yet available – places.



Garden in small spaces

Facilitator: Lara Mrosovsky

Participants:
30 maximum
General audience

Family-friendly



Grey-headed Coneflowers

Did you know?

The Grey-headed Coneflower is a native wildflower that is both beautiful and beneficial to pollinators and birds. It's one of the wildflowers that KLT collects seeds from each year from the tallgrass prairie at Ballyduff Trails. When picked and handled, the grey seedheads have a distinct scent – some describe it as smelling like anise, black licorice or even turpentine!

Spring Beauty and Blooms – Ephemerals Galore!

Spring is a special time in forests of the Kawarthas for many reasons. One of our favourite seasonal changes is the emergence of spring ephemeral flowers that delight onlookers with their delicate flowers and pops of colour on the forest floor.

Join us as members of Peterborough Field Naturalists (PFN) lead us through the beautiful forests of Tecasy Ranch, a KLT Partner in Conservation. PFN's hike leaders will share their love and extensive knowledge of local flora while you enjoy the signs of spring.

Facilitators: Martha Lawrence and Lou Smyrlis,
Peterborough Field Naturalists

Participants:
24 maximum
General audience

Family-friendly



White Trilliums



May 11

Tecasy Ranch,
Trent Lakes

10am - 12noon



Red Trillium

Did you know?

Ants collect seeds of various species including Trilliums in a process known as “myrmechorry.” The ants carry the seeds into their nests, which have perfect conditions for the Trillium seeds to stratify and germinate. The ants, in turn, will eat a fleshy structure on trillium seeds called an “elaiosome.”

Birds for Everyone!

From warblers to woodpeckers and everything in between (at least in Ontario!), join us for a birding extravaganza where our team of facilitators will help you to learn about – and hopefully view – the many birds that call the Kawarthas home – at least for part of the year. Learn about migration patterns and which birds fly away only to return each year for the summer and fall. Bring along binoculars, if you have them, and a keen eye!

Facilitators: KLT volunteers: Jazz Barrick, Jamie Morris, Al Sippel, Ben Stark

Participants:
10 attendees
per location

This activity requires the ability to be quiet for prolonged periods of time, to move slowly, and patience.



Bobolink



May 26

Multiple
Locations

9am - 11am

Peterborough Trans Canada Rail Trail
Jazz Barrick

KLT's Ingleton-Wells Property
Al Sippel

KLT's Dance Nature Sanctuary
Ben Stark

KLT's Ballyduff Trails
Jamie Morris

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The Power of Pollinators: Protect Insects, Protect Birds

World Migratory Bird Day 2024 focuses on insects and their importance to bird life. Join Junaid Shahzad Khan of Creators Garden Birds on a walk that focuses on the unseen creatures that feed the world around us — pollinators! As an Ecologist and Anishinaabemowin learner, Junaid looks to inspire folks to recognize and support Indigenous language revitalization through the exploration of the land around us. Come along to Ballyduff Trails on June 9 to learn about the importance of insect conservation for migratory bird populations, and how you can participate in helping these ecosystems thrive.



Facilitator: Junaid Shahzad Khan, Creators Garden Birds

 **Participants:**
40 maximum
General audience

Family-friendly



Connecting with nature

Did you know?

More than 20,000 people visit Kawartha Land Trust-protected lands each year to connect with nature.

Visit kawarthalandtrust.org to find a list of our public access trails. Happy hiking!

We Love Turtles (and Other Herptiles)


Join us for a leisurely nature walk on KLT's Christie Bentham Wetland property to learn about local turtle species, their habitats and behaviours, and how to help them survive and thrive.



You will also learn about the work Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre does, why the work Kawartha Land Trust undertakes is so vital to turtle conservation, and ways people can help protect turtle populations.

Facilitator: Lisa Browning, Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre



 **Participants:**
24 maximum
General audience

Family-friendly



KLT and OTCC staff releasing at-risk Northern Map Turtle hatchlings at a KLT-protected wetland in 2022

Did you know?

Kawartha Land Trust and Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre have partnered to release at-risk turtle hatchlings on KLT-protected lands? We're grateful to collaborate with amazing local organizations like OTCC to make a difference on our shared landscape.


Finding Poetry in Nature


Renew and reinvigorate your relationship to nature through poetry. Join poets Samantha Banton and David Seymour for an afternoon of poetry workshopping that will draw inspiration from the Hammer Family Nature Preserve, enabling participants to channel, challenge, and convey their emotional reflections and intellectual observations through an encounter with the beautiful natural surroundings. The afternoon will begin with a short stroll, followed by a series of writing prompts and poetry exercises designed to activate the imagination, and re-establish a connection to the natural environment through composition.



August 24
KLT's Hammer Family Nature Preserve, Lakehurst
1pm - 3pm

Facilitators: Sam Banton and David Seymour

 **Participants:**
24 maximum
General audience

 **Bring:**
Lawn chair or blanket



KLT's Hammer Family Nature Preserve

Did you know?

In February 2024, Kawartha Land Trust announced the protection of its largest property in the organization's history – the Hammer Family Nature Preserve, located in the Municipality of Trent Lakes.

We offer our thanks to all of the volunteers, donors, and funders who made the protection of this 1,411-acre property possible. Thank you for protecting the land you love!

Skyworld: The Wonders of the Night Sky

Our Skyworld event is back to offer you the chance to look at the stars! This perennial favourite will be led by members of the Peterborough Astronomical Association (PAA), a group of amateur astronomers from Peterborough and the surrounding area. Following a presentation, you will have the opportunity to observe the setting up of a variety of different telescopes and then look skyward to view a diverse variety of astronomic objects including planets, star clusters, globular clusters, galaxies, double stars, and more. Learn about the equipment PAA members use and about the objects visible in the night sky. If the weather is rainy or too cloudy, registrants will be notified the event will be postponed to the rain date.




Sept. 27
KLT's Dance Nature Sanctuary, Lakefield
7:30pm - 11pm


Attendees may leave earlier if needed

Facilitators: Members of the Peterborough Astronomical Association (PAA)

Family-friendly



 **Participants:**
50 maximum
General audience

 **Rain/Cloud Date:**
Sept. 28 (same time and location)



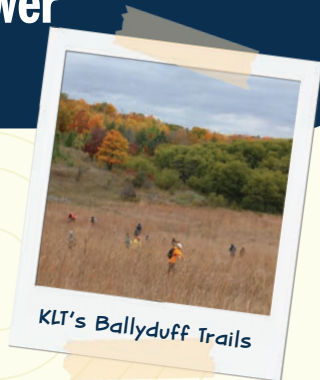
Did you know?

Kawartha Land Trust hosts Passport to Nature events at no cost to attendees. We do this with the goal of fostering positive connections between people and the land they love.

If you wish to make a donation to support the work of KLT please visit our website kawarthalandtrust.org or scan this QR code. Thank you!

Annual Tallgrass and Wildflower Seed Harvest

An annual tradition! For more than a decade, volunteers have helped restore a local tallgrass prairie, one of the rarest ecosystems in North America. You can continue this tradition by helping collect the seeds of tallgrass plants and wildflowers on this beautiful property.



Land donor, Ralph McKim, has been managing the tallgrass prairie for almost two decades by germinating tallgrass plants like Little Bluestem, Big Bluestem, and Sideoats Grama in homemade greenhouses during the winter. The following year, the seeds, harvested with the help of volunteers like you, will be ready to be planted in the prairie!

Facilitators: Kawartha Land Trust staff and volunteers

Participants:
50 maximum
General audience

Family-friendly



Come for all or part of the day!

Webinar: Species at Risk on Farms – What You Might See and How to Find Them

Join us for a special webinar hosted by our friends at Ontario Farmland Trust.

Farms can be home to incredible habitats for many species, including species at risk. Join the Ontario Farmland Trust for an exploration of the main species at risk you might see on farms in Ontario. They'll review what habitats support them, how to identify them, and more.



Family-friendly

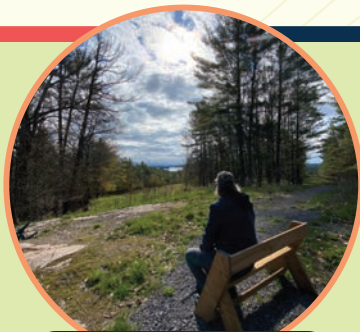


For information and to sign up visit:

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(events and registration links will be posted there)



KLT's Jeffrey-Cowan Forest Preserve

Did you know?

Kawartha Land Trust protects ecologically important lands across the Kawarthas, some of which include hiking trails that introduce thousands of people to nature in the Kawarthas every year. For a list of our trails, visit kawarthalandtrust.org.



KLT staff at annual provincial gathering of Ontario land trusts in 2023

Did you know?

According to the Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts there are 148 regional and community land trusts across Canada. Learn more at aclt-acoc.ca.

Celebrate the Winter Solstice Night Hike

Welcome the winter solstice with a night hike followed by a hot drink and an opportunity to warm yourself by a fire. Enjoy and embrace darkness and the longest night of the year. We will create smaller groups to explore the trails for those who are interested in walking. There is also the option to simply sit by the fire and enjoy the beauty of the night. Dress for the weather – boots and winter jackets!

Facilitators: Nancy Thomson, Think Outside and Barb Rimmer, KLT volunteer

Participants:
24 maximum
General audience

**Snow or
Shine Event**

Family-friendly



Dec. 21
**Gamiing Nature Centre,
Kawartha Lakes**
6:30pm - 8pm



Webinar: Farming with Conservation in Mind

Attend our second webinar with Ontario Farmland Trust to learn about some best management practices for supporting conservation and biodiversity on your farm. No matter the size or type of your farm, all farms can play a positive ecological role.

Jan. 16
Webinar
12noon - 1pm



For information and to sign up visit:

kawarthalandtrust.org

(events and registration links will be posted there)



Mieke Schipper at
Gamiing Nature Centre

Did you know?

Nature at Gamiing Nature Centre is protected through a Conservation Easement Agreement that Mieke Schipper registered with Kawartha Land Trust in 2017. Mieke was also one of the founding members of KLT, which was then known as Kawartha Heritage Conservancy.



KLT's Kidd Farm CEA
established in 2022

Did you know?

According to statistics from the 2021 Census of Agriculture, Ontario is losing approximately 319 acres of farmland daily. Land trusts like Ontario Farmland Trust and Kawartha Land Trust can protect the future of farming in Ontario and the Kawarthas by collaborating with private landowners to protect and support


sustainable working lands. Learn more at ontariofarmlandtrust.ca and kawarthalandtrust.org/farmlands-woodlots.

Black History Month Hike: Celebrating Black Excellence in Conservation



Another popular event back this year! In celebration of February's Black History Month, Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) and Diverse Nature Collective (DNC) will host an informative guided hike through the snowy terrain. The guided hike will shine light on Black contributions to the environmental movement both past and present and give insight into what the future of conservation will look like with more diverse voices at the table. Depending on snow conditions you may want to bring snowshoes. We will have some extra sets available if you do not have your own and would like to try snowshoeing! Otherwise, please dress for the weather and being outside for a couple of hours.

Facilitator: Patricia Wilson,
Diverse Nature Collective

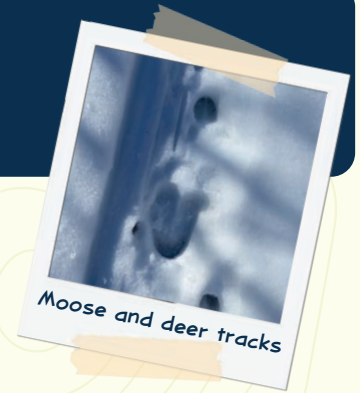
 **Participants:**
24 maximum
General audience

 **Snow or
Shine Event**

Family-friendly





How To Be a Winter Wildlife Detective



Want to know what's happening in the woods when you're not around? During this family-friendly event, we will examine signs of local wildlife and learn about their relationships to the land and each other through games and storytelling. Jamie has been working as an outdoor educator and nature-based mentor for over 10 years.

Facilitator: Jamie Williams

 **Participants:**
30 maximum
General audience

 **Snow or
Shine Event**

Family-friendly



Can you guess **what type of animal made these tracks at KLT's Cation Wildlife Preserve?**

(Find the answer on page 24)

The Sleeping Forest: Identifying Trees Without Their Leaves

Bundle up and enjoy the stark winter beauty of the forest at Kawartha Conservation's Ken Reid Conservation Area while learning to identify trees without leaves. From buds, bark, shape, and other clues, we will explore the many distinctions present in the sleeping forest to help identify different kinds of trees. A simple identification key will be provided to all participants for use during the hike and can be taken home where you can continue to practise your new skills! Bring binoculars, if you have them, and dress warmly for the weather to join us for a leisurely hike among the trees.

Facilitators: Sam Clapperton, Kawartha Land Trust and Joel Grandmont, D.M. Wills Associates Limited



Participants:
30 maximum
General audience

Family-friendly



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The tracks on page 23 were from an Eastern Wild Turkey

Meet the Passport to Nature Facilitators

Sam Banton is a passionate lover of life and people. She writes poems as an artistic expression of self and comes alive with every opportunity to share her work through spoken word performances. Sam views sharing her work with others as a privilege to share her perspective and create space for honest and open conversations. Her artistic process involves drawing inspiration from her lived experiences and the experiences of those around her.

Jazz Barrick is a recent graduate of Fleming College's Ecosystem Management program. She has a passion for all things birds and plans to begin a career in avian conservation. Having just returned from Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory where she was assisting with migration monitoring, she is ready to share her knowledge and identification skills with her community.

Lisa Browning is the Education Coordinator at Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC). Lisa has a Bachelor of Science degree from Trent University in Biology and Environmental Science and an Ecosystem Management Technology diploma from Fleming College. While completing her undergraduate degree, Lisa was introduced to the world of turtles by volunteering at the OTCC as a cleaner. During her summers, she worked with Christina Davy's research lab, where she searched for turtles in wetlands and monitored the sky for bats. She joined the OTCC field team in 2020, to track Blanding's Turtles for the headstart program, and was lucky enough to work on the education program as well. During 2021, Lisa joined the Adopt-A-Pond program at the Toronto Zoo, where she monitored turtle and snake populations in the Rouge National Urban Park. Having returned to the OTCC in 2022 as Education Coordinator, Lisa feels very fortunate to have had amazing mentors along the way and is passionate about sharing her love for turtles with those she meets!
ontarioturtle.ca

Sam Clapperton is the Land Research Coordinator at Kawartha Land Trust. She holds an Honours BSc in Environmental and Resource Science from Trent University and an advanced diploma from Fleming College in the Ecosystem Management program. Sam has experience working with conservation authorities, Parks Canada, and consulting firms to implement species at risk monitoring, ecosystem restoration and outreach. She is passionate about data-driven decision-making in conservation and believes strongly in the power of geographic information system (GIS) as a conservation tool. Outside of work, Sam enjoys developing her naturalist skills. She has a strong interest in lichens, herptiles and birds and can be found paddling wetlands and hiking forests accompanied with her binoculars, field guides, and dog in tow.

Joel Grandmont is a Project Biologist with D.M. Wills Associates Limited and holds an Honours BSc in Environmental and Resource Science from Trent University and an advanced diploma from Fleming College in the Ecosystem Management program. Joel's experiences as a consultant have led him to travel across most of Ontario, where he uses his impact assessment skills to prevent and mitigate the impacts of infrastructure on sensitive wildlife and species at risk. Outside of work, Joel can be found woodworking, backcountry camping, and pressing flowers.

Junaid Shahzad Khan is a Muslim-Canadian from the Indus Valley, from the region that is now Pakistan. Junaid has worked as an ecologist for over 12 years on issues of invasive species, plastic pollution, habitat revitalization, insect conservation, and bird education. Over the past four years, Junaid has committed himself to the understanding of ecologies within Indigenous cultures. Through the ongoing learning of Anishinaabemowin, and working alongside community members looking to rejuvenate Anishinaabek cultural practices, he hopes to help support efforts towards Indigenous land sovereignty across Turtle Island. creatorsgardenmarket.ca

Martha Lawrence is a graduate of Lakehead University's Ontario Master Naturalist Program and has attended numerous Lakehead nature workshops since. She is an active member of Peterborough Field Naturalists, Kawartha Field Naturalists and North Durham Nature. Martha also volunteers for the Robert L. Bowles Nature Centre in Ramara Township coordinating design and completion of three RLBNC workshop booklets to date including Winter Dendrology, World of Mushrooms & Flora of the Carden Alvar.

Jamie Morris is a retired teacher and longtime Lindsay resident. He is Chair of the team that successfully applied to Nature Canada to have City of Kawartha Lakes certified as a Bird-Friendly City and sits on the City's Environmental Advisory Committee. His "spark bird" (the bird that got him interested in birding) is the Bobolink, which he encountered on walks around Fleming's Frost Campus.

Lara Mrosovsky has been teaching and learning about growing food in small spaces since 2003. She is the author of *An Illustrated Guide to Growing Food on Your Balcony and Grow Without A Garden: 101 Plants for Containers*. For nine years she coordinated the first intensive green roof atop a community health centre in Ontario, where she established productive gardens and award-winning community programs. As a visual artist, Lara works in illustration and printmaking. Community engagement is central to both her gardening and her art practice.

Barb Rimmer is an avid hiker and certified hike leader from Hike Ontario. She leads hikes for the Ganaraska Hiking Trails Association and has hiked many trails, some being the Bruce Trails, Rideau Trails, and most of the Ganaraska Trails. Barb has been active in helping to improve the natural environment and always is seeking ways to make it better and more available for everyone. She has enjoyed volunteering for many years in many ways with the Kawartha Land Trust from leading hikes, assisting with trail maintenance and even counting bees on KLT's Big (Boyd/Chiminis) Island.

David Seymour has published two full-length books of poetry, *Inter Alia* (Brick Books), and *For Display Purposes Only* (Coach House Books), and a chapbook entitled *Head Arrangements* (Junction Books). Between 2011 and 2017 he served on the Goose Lane Editions editorial board as both an Acquisitions Editor and a Substantive Editor for the poetry books published under their Icehouse Poetry Imprint, and he continues to edit poetry manuscripts in a freelance capacity. In addition to writing and editing, David has also worked in the film and television industry as an Assistant Director and, after leaving the production floor, as the Director of Member Services for the Directors Guild of Canada. He currently resides in Lakehurst, Ontario.

Al Sippel graduated with a degree in biology from the University of Guelph 50 years ago this year. He spent 32 years with the Ministry of Natural Resources and since retiring has volunteered with Kawartha Land Trust for 10 years. Al has a number of interests including gardening, reading, and cooking. He met his wife, Margo Tant, while working on an ornithology project at university and they have both shared an avid interest in birding for over 40 years.

Lou Smyrlis has been exploring nature in the Kawarthas since moving to the area almost 30 years ago. He is the author of the Kawartha Wild column in the Lakefield Herald and the Peterborough Field Naturalist's Orchid newsletter. He also regularly posts his findings on Instagram (@themanofthemarsh) and has begun sharing his experiences with local groups.

Ben Stark is a graduate of Fleming College's Ecosystem Management program and he works to support groups around the Kawarthas that manage invasive species, maintain natural habitats, and spread awareness about ongoing biodiversity loss. He has been volunteering with Kawartha Land Trust since 2021. Ben enjoys hiking, birding, and identifying plants, and is on the planning committee for the Peterborough Monarch Festival.

Nancy Thomson, otherwise known as “Nature Nancy,” is an engaging outdoor educator that has been teaching in the outdoor classroom for the last 25 years. Her sense of fun and genuine connection with the children creates a positive learning atmosphere. She values inquiry and exploration of our natural world through experiential learning and hands on activities. As a certified teacher, she has had incredible teaching opportunities in the past which have included Outdoor Education at Fleming College, teaching at several different Outdoor Centres, directing Summer Camps and teaching at Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and with ALIVE Outdoors. Her vast programming experience coupled with her sense of fun and exploration allows children to connect with their natural world and each other in a playful yet meaningful way.
thinkoutside.life

Ever since **Jamie Williams** was born, long ago and not so far away (strangely enough, with a beard), Jamie has found solace and joy in the natural world. It has been his great joy to not only discover a means of deepening that relationship but of sharing it with others. After over 18 years of working with children and youth, seven of those in the wild and over 10 of those with special needs youth, Jamie has found his passion in nature-based mentoring. Jamie holds a BA (honours) in Philosophy and Cultural Studies and a Bachelor of Education from Trent University as well as Educational Assistant and American Sign Language Certificates from Fleming College. He finds joy and meaning in the woods, working with kids, playing and listening (obsessively) to music and spending time with his kids.

Patricia Wilson is a nature lover at heart and passionate about increasing diversity and inclusion within the conservation and environmental world. She owns and operates Diverse Nature Collective. Having worked within the environmental non-profit sector for six years, Patricia has filled a variety of roles and has experience in ecological restoration, land stewardship and invasive species management, trail development and community outreach. She also holds a Bachelor of Science from Trent University in Conservation Biology as well as a diploma in Ecosystem Management from Fleming College. While she has a deep love for this field, she has noticed a huge lack of inclusion of diverse voices and believes that in order to progress further, protect our natural spaces and spread awareness we must support and include diverse voices within the environmental movement. Patricia knows that in order to create lasting change, we need to come together to mobilize and empower BIPOC voices, and this led her to create DNC.
diversenaturecollective.com

Protect Your Land...Forever



Donating Your Land to Kawartha Land Trust to Ensure its Protection

Nature in the Kawarthas inspires awe. If you own land in the Kawarthas, you know how special that land is. And you know what it's like to experience the beauty of your land season after season and year after year.

In our heart of hearts, we all hope that the Kawarthas we love and cherish will remain wild and beautiful forever.

That vital wildlife habitat remains untouched by unsustainable development, wetlands thrive undisturbed, and the serenity of the forests we enjoy spending time in will be enjoyed in the same way by future generations. By donating your land to Kawartha Land Trust, you can ensure the permanent protection of its natural features and potentially quality for capital gains and income tax benefits.

Create a Lasting Legacy: Protect the Land You Love With KLT

Kawartha Land Trust (KLT), a trusted regional charity with deep local knowledge, can work with you to secure the vital wildlife habitats on your property and ensure the land and all of its important ecological features are protected forever. For your peace of mind, for nature, and for future generations to enjoy as you have.

If you have questions about how you can protect your land, please reach out to us at protectland@kawarthalandtrust.org, or call us at 705-743-5599. We look forward to learning more about the land you love.



“Putting off until tomorrow may deprive you of donating to protect your precious land from development, financial advantages, and just the sheer joy of giving.”

— Land Donor, KLT's Pipers' Woods.



KAWARTHA LAND TRUST
PARTNERS
 IN CONSERVATION

Partners in Conservation Program

Founded in 2001, Kawartha Land Trust protects ecologically diverse lands in the Kawarthas. We're landowners like you.

We aim to help 1000s of landowners across the Kawarthas shape our shared landscape. Together we can ensure our land provides for the needs of people and nature into the future.

KLT's Partners in Conservation Program works with landowners to help them work toward their land stewardship goals.

All land in the Kawarthas is interconnected. Your land plays a part in the larger ecological picture of the region and beyond.

The **Partners in Conservation Program** is about thanking you for your land care and providing you with information and tools to help you further your efforts.

To date, KLT has collaborated with dozens of landowners.



Forests



Waterways



Wetlands



Agricultural



Meadows

Quotes from Participating Landowners:



I'm happy to do what I can to improve our property's contribution to the environment and thankful for KLT's information and support.

Our family plants a lot of trees. With KLT's help, we've planted a lot more.

Any landowner would benefit from the stewardship report. They're beautiful and informative.



Become a Partner in Conservation

- 1 Contact us!** Call or email us and let us know why you're interested in the program or ask any questions you may have.
- 2 Inventory:** Where appropriate, KLT will conduct a property inventory and prepare a customized report for you, with maps and insight that reveal the value of your land.
- 3 Planning:** Together, we will explore projects to support mutual environmental goals for your land.
- 4 Ongoing Support:** Our staff help execute projects, share information relevant to your land and maintain a conversation/relationship with you and your land.

Partners in Conservation Program Projects

Conservation experts at Kawartha Land Trust work with landowners of a wide variety of lands on an even wider variety of projects.

For a list of possible projects, visit kawarthalandtrust.org or reach out to us at info@kawarthalandtrust.org or **705-743-5599**.

Protecting the Land You Love

Founded in 2001, Kawartha Land Trust is a dynamic, non-profit charity powered by people like you.

Our mission is to care for the lands entrusted to us and help others protect the land they love in the Kawarthas. We create nature reserves for future generations by acquiring ecologically important properties and/or interests in properties.

KLT protects more than 7,000 acres of ecologically diverse lands, some of which include hiking trails that introduce thousands of people to nature in the Kawarthas every year. We have achieved our successes through the work of our dedicated and growing team of donors, volunteers and supporters. Together, we can ensure more natural spaces in the Kawarthas are preserved forever.

KLT works within the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig Territory and we are dedicated to continuing to create meaningful connections and relationships with First Nations communities in our region as we build upon these connections.



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