



**Free events
in nature**



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Dear Forest,
I am so grateful to you
for giving me peace and
solitude in listening to the
wind rustling your leaves,
to the call of the barred
owl in the evenings, and
the constant yipping of
the coyotes throughout
the night. It makes me
realize how truly blessed
we are to live in such a
beautiful part of Ontario.
— A.



Photo: Isabelle Summers



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Land Love Notes

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Welcome to Kawartha Land Trust's 2025–2026 Passport to Nature!



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We're excited to launch the third year of Kawartha Land Trust's popular Passport to Nature program! In the past two years, we've explored amazing landscapes together, learned more about the wildlife and plant species that call the Kawarthas home, and even written poetry in nature!

We offer our respect and appreciation to the dedicated volunteers, facilitators, and community organizations that make this program possible, and to our amazing sponsor Cambium Consulting & Engineering. We couldn't do it without **you!**

Take a moment to browse these pages and see what events are on offer this year. **Registration for our free events opens one month before each event.** You can register on KLT's website at kawarthalandtrust.org/events.

We look forward to getting out onto the land we love again this year to explore, learn from the land and each other, and have a great time.

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.

Cover image: Bonnet Fungi at KLT-managed John Earle Chase Memorial Park. Photo: Dani Couture

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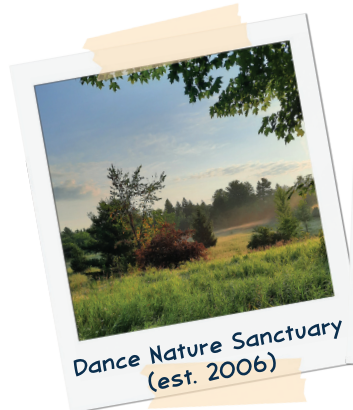
Founded in 2001, Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) works to conserve the natural and working lands of the Kawarthas for future generations.

Like you, we value natural environments, healthy ecosystems, and diverse landscapes and are committed to protecting and restoring them so that the many benefits they provide may be sustained.

KLT's Nature Reserves: **Protected for Future Generations**

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

Here are just a few of the nature reserves that Kawartha Land Trust protects and stewards because of the dedicated support of donors, volunteers, and supporters like you!



Dance Nature Sanctuary
(est. 2006)



Vincent Woods
(est. 2010)



East Syndicate Island
(est. 2005)

You Can Help Protect Nature in the Kawarthas

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

You can make a positive impact for nature in the Kawarthas:

- Make a donation
- Become a monthly donor
- Give a lasting legacy gift
- Celebrate an important occasion, birthday, or anniversary with a gift for nature

Learn more at kawarthalandtrust.org/giving-options

Volunteer with KLT

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our work. We're fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer team who give us the gift of their time to help KLT accomplish our land conservation and stewardship goals. As we continue to grow, so does our need for volunteers! Visit kawarthalandtrust.org/volunteer to learn more.

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

Photo: Anna Lee



Volunteer Orientation at Hammer Nature Family Preserve

Plan your next adventure outdoors!

It's time to get outside — any time of year! Thanks to visionary land donors and dedicated donors, volunteers, and supporters like you, Kawartha Land Trust has a number of public access nature reserves that you can visit with your family and friends.

Learn more about KLT's public access nature reserves and footpaths at:

www.kawarthalandtrust.org/connect-with-nature

2025–2026 Calendar of Events

2025 Events

- **May 4** — Dawn Chorus: Welcoming Morning with Birdsong
- **June 28** — How to Catch a Fish with Care
- **July 26** — Guided Hike at KLT's Ingleton-Wells Property
- **August 16** — The Wonderful World of Wetlands and Turtles
- **September 12 to 13** — Explore, Identify, Record! Bioblitzing With KLT
- **September 14** — The Wood Wide Web: Exploring Fungal Networks
- **October 4** — Forest Bathing at Tecasy Ranch
- **November 15** — Nature-inspired Ink and Art Making
- **December 21** — Winter Solstice Night Hike

2026 Events

- **January 21** — Meet the Mottled Duskywing Butterfly Webinar
- **March 28** — People, Pumpkins, Pollinators: A Journey into Reciprocity

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Thank you to **Cambium Consulting and Engineering** for sponsoring KLT's 2025-26 Passport to Nature Program.

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Thanks to **OFAH Foundation** for support of 2025 Passport to Nature events.



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Planning your Passport to Nature adventure(s)

To make the most of your experiences and explorations of nature through Kawartha Land Trust's Passport to Nature program, here are a few helpful tips:

1. **Plan** your adventure(s). **Read** this guide and **choose** which **free event(s)** you would like to attend.

2. **Register** for events by visiting our website at kawarthalandtrust.org/events.

3. **Attend** and enjoy the event! For in-person events, remember to bring a water bottle, good walking shoes, and a jacket for cooler weather.

4. **Share** your photos with us! We love seeing photos from our events and protected lands. Tag KLT on our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

5. **Sign up** for our e-newsletter to receive good news about nature in the Kawarthas in your inbox and learn about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, conservation successes, ways you can support nature, and more!

kawarthalandtrust.org/subscribe

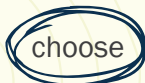


photo by
Mike Lake

Protecting adventure for generations.

Save it for them.



Photo: Stephanie Lake



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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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Dawn Chorus: Welcoming Morning with Birdsong

You can join us at beautiful **Tecasy Ranch** near Buckhorn for an unforgettable early morning experience as we celebrate the natural harmonies and wonders of birdsong at dawn. This event offers a rare opportunity to immerse yourself in nature and the symphony of the dawn chorus that fills the air as the sun rises.

Facilitators: Lou Smyrlis and Jason Smyrlis

 **Participants:**
30 maximum

Family-friendly



Blackburnian Warbler
Photo by Rachel Barrington



How to Catch a Fish with Care

Would you like to learn how to fish in a sustainable way? Join Gary Pritchard from 4 Directions Conservation Consulting Services at **KLT's Hammer Family Nature Preserve** in Lakehurst to learn how to fish in a way that respects the principles of All My Relations. This event is intended for novice anglers and will be an experiential day of learning, fishing from shore, and a BBQ lunch that will allow us all to gather together and share knowledge.

Facilitator: Gary Pritchard, 4 Directions Conservation Consulting Services

 **Participants:**
25 maximum

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Family-friendly



Brook Trout



Partner in Conservation:
Tecasy Ranch.

Did you know?

Tecasy Ranch is a member of KLT's Partners in Conservation program. Through this special program, Kawartha Land Trust is able to thank private landowners in the Kawarthas for caring for nature on their lands and support them in land care initiatives. Learn more at kawarthalandtrust.org/partners-in-conservation.



Hammer Family Nature
Preserve (est. 2023).


Did you know?

The Hammer Family Nature Preserve (est. 2023) is Kawartha Land Trust's largest nature reserve, and it is located close to KLT's second-largest nature reserve, Big (Boyd/Chiminis) Island (est. 2015).

Guided Hike at KLT's Ingleton-Wells Property

Learn more about the land you love on the land you love. Join Richard Raper at KLT's **Ingleton-Wells Property** near Woodview for a guided hike to learn about the history of the land and its ecology. KLT's 73-acre Ingleton-Wells nature reserve was generously donated to KLT by the Ingleton and Wells families in 2011. Today, it is a place where nature thrives and the community can visit to walk the footpaths, birdwatch, and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature in the Kawarthas.

Facilitator: Richard Raper, RPF (Ret.), KLT Volunteer Lead Property Steward

 **Participants:**
15 maximum

Family-friendly



Monarch Butterfly
on a New England Aster
plant at KLT's Ingleton-
Wells Property. Photo by
Dani Couture.



Stony Lake Trails
Appreciation Day in 2019.

KLT's Stony Lake Trails

The footpaths on KLT's Ingleton-Wells nature reserve are part of KLT's popular Stony Lake Trails network. In 2025, we'll celebrate the 9th anniversary of the trail network. It took a community to make this trail network possible — from land donors like the Ingleton and Wells families and Norman Cowan, and landowners


we established trail agreements with like Viamede Resort, not to mention volunteer trailblazers, bench makers, lead property stewards, and countless others who ensure this remains a place of community and nature connection...always.

Plan your visit! kawarthalandtrust.org/connect-with-nature

The Wonderful World of Wetlands and Turtles

We love the wetlands and turtles of the Kawarthas and we know you do, too! Spend time at KLT's largest nature reserve, the **Hammer Family Nature Preserve** in Lakehurst, to learn more about the turtles that call the Kawarthas home, the threats they face, why wetlands are important to turtles, and, in turn, why turtles are important for wetlands. Lisa Browning will share how the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre works to protect and conserve Ontario's native turtles and how conservation organizations like Kawartha Land Trust play a role in protecting the habitats that support turtles throughout their life cycles.

Facilitator: Lisa Browning, Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC), and an Ambassador Turtle

 **Participants:**
20 maximum

Family-friendly



Blanding's Turtle

Andrea the Ambassador
Turtle from the OTCC.
Photo by Chris Ferguson.



Can you name **all eight**
species of native turtles that
can be found in Ontario?

(Find the answers on page 21)

KLT Executive Director John Kintare
releasing a Northern Map Turtle hatchling
at a KLT-protected wetland.

Explore, Identify, Record!


Bioblitzing With KLT

3 events!

Have you ever wanted to contribute to community science to support the plant and animal species of the Kawarthas? Kawartha Land Trust is hosting three bioblitzes on properties that are protected by or connected to KLT. Using your smartphone, explore one of the three properties below and document the plant and wildlife species you see.

- 1** **Fern Hill** is a 200-acre farm in Bailieboro with beautiful historic buildings, active hayfields, pastures, ponds, a creek, woodlands, a pollinator garden, and majestic oak trees. The landowners are members of KLT's Partners in Conservation program.

Facilitator: Amanda Newell,
Kawartha Land Trust

 **Participants:**
10 maximum

Family-friendly

Photo by
Rachel Barrington




Did you know?

You can **prepare for our bioblitzes** (or bioblitzing on your own) by watching KLT's introduction to iNaturalist webinar that was led by KLT volunteer Warren Dunlop. Scan the QR code to watch the video.

- 2** **KLT's Christie Bentham Wetland** is a 137-acre nature reserve near Burleigh Falls that was protected in 2020 through community support and a legacy keystone gift from Christie Bentham. This KLT nature reserve is open to the public year-round and is home to forests and wetlands that support an abundance of wildlife.

Facilitator: Ashley Cramer,
Kawartha Land Trust

 **Participants:**
10 maximum

Family-friendly



- 3** **John Earle Chase Memorial Park** is a 400-acre nature reserve that Ralph and Evelyn Chase donated to Parks Canada in 1995. Since 2018, as part of a special partnership, KLT manages the community footpaths and stewardship activities on the property. With beautiful views overlooking Pigeon Lake, mature maple forests, wetlands, and meadows bursting with life, there will be a lot to observe!

Facilitator: Lou Smyrlis

 **Participants:**
15 maximum


Family-friendly



The Wood Wide Web: Exploring Fungal Networks

Fungi are tucked into every corner of the natural world. From brightly coloured caps scattered across forests to invisible threads woven through decaying logs, fungi connect, repurpose and reshape ecosystems in complex ways. Join KLT's Land Stewardship Manager Hayden Wilson at **John Earle Chase Memorial Park** in Lakehurst (a KLT-managed, Parks Canada-owned property) for a foray into the fungal communities of this protected space and how these often unseen organisms underpin form and function in forests.

Facilitator: Hayden Wilson,
Kawartha Land Trust

 **Participants:**
15 maximum



Ramaria Coral
Mushroom

Sightings at John Earle
Chase Memorial Park

Photo by Alissa Paxton



Ghost Pipes

Yes or no?
Are Ghost Pipes mushrooms?

(Find the answer on page 26)

Ghost Pipes at KLT's Ballyduff Trails.
Photo by Megan Greenwood.

Forest Bathing at Tecasy Ranch

Forest Bathing, also known as Forest Therapy, originated in Japan in the 1980s and was inspired by the ancient practice of Shinrin-Yoku, meaning "bathing in the forest air." It's a mindful, immersive experience that reconnects people with nature. Research shows that forest bathing helps reduce stress, lower cortisol levels, boost the immune system, and supports overall well-being. Join us to slow down and engage all of your senses in the beautiful natural surroundings of **Tecasy Ranch**.

Facilitator: Jodi Forestell, Jodi-Lee Nutrition and Wellness


 **Participants:**
12 maximum
Requires ability to be still and quiet for extended moments to enjoy slow and gentle contemplation in nature.

Photo by Sheila Thompson



KLT's Poetry in Nature
event held in 2024.



Kawartha Land Trust, a registered conservation charity serving the Kawarthas, hosts Passport to Nature events for the community at no cost to attendees.

If you would like to support KLT's efforts to protect nature in the Kawarthas for future generations, **you can make a donation at kawarthalandtrust.org/donate or scan this QR code.** Thank you for protecting the **land you love.**



Forest Bathing

Oct. 4

Buckhorn

1pm - 3pm



Nature-inspired Ink and Art Making

As winter approaches it's a unique time to explore and appreciate the plants still standing and tree buds ready for the next growing season. Join Sammy Tangir for a plant-focused wander on the trails at **Camp Kawartha Environment Centre** followed by crafting using plants that are in abundance to create ink and make prints inspired by the season.

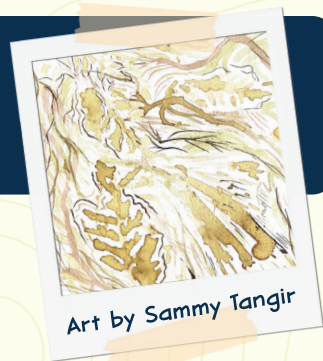
Facilitator: Sammy Tangir



Participants:

20 maximum

Geared toward adults, but kid-friendly.



Art by Sammy Tangir



Nov. 15

Peterborough

1pm - 4pm



Inspiring Environmental Stewardship



Red Efts. Photo by Hayden Wilson.

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Sign up at kawarthalandtrust.org/subscribe.

Winter Solstice Night Hike

Enjoy and embrace darkness on the longest night of the year at **Gamiing Nature Centre** near Lindsay. Welcome the Winter Solstice with a night hike that begins as the sun is setting and ends in beautiful darkness with an opportunity to warm yourself by a fire. 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, winter jackets, hats and mitts are a must!

Facilitators: Nancy Thomson, Think Outside, and Barb Rimmer



Participants:

20 maximum

Family-friendly



Gamiing Nature Centre

2024 Passport to Nature Winter Solstice event. Photo by Anna Lee.



Dec. 21

Lindsay

4pm - 6pm



Did you know?



Mieke Schipper at Gamiing Nature Centre.

Gamiing Nature Centre is protected for future generations by a Conservation Easement Agreement. Gamiing's founder Mieke Schipper was also one of the founders of Kawartha Heritage Conservancy in 2001, which would later become Kawartha Land Trust. In 2026, Kawartha Land Trust will celebrate its 25th anniversary of protecting nature in the Kawarthas.

Webinar

Meet the Mottled Duskywing Butterfly: New Hope for an Endangered Species

Biologist Jessica Linton will share an overview of the Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Team's work to reintroduce the endangered Mottled Duskywing butterfly back to places it was formerly found in Southwest Ontario. This work has included establishing a captive rearing program, habitat restoration, research, and the reintroduction of the species to Pinery Provincial Park and Norfolk County where the butterfly has been extirpated for over three decades. Jessica's talk will be followed by a conversation with KLT's Land Stewardship Manager, Hayden Wilson, on Kawartha Land Trust's work to support Mottled Duskywing habitat on several of KLT's nature reserves.



at a KLT-protected property.
Photo by Dan Riley.



Facilitators: Jessica Linton, Natural Resource Solutions Inc., and Hayden Wilson, Kawartha Land Trust



Participants:
unlimited



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(events and registration links will be posted there)

People, Pumpkins, Pollinators: A Journey into Reciprocity

Within Indigenous worldviews, all relationships are reciprocal, meaning all participants give and take for the benefit of all. This talk explores a vibrant reciprocal relationship among *Cucurbita* crops (pumpkin, squash, gourd), humans, and a special wild pollinator known as the Hoary Squash Bee whose life is intimately entwined with them. We will follow the threads of this relationship from Oaxaca, Mexico, where Hoary Squash Bees and wild *Cucurbita* originated, to present-day Ontario, where Hoary Squash Bees thrive and *Cucurbita* crops are important food sources and cultural symbols for present day humans.

Facilitator: Dr. Susan Chan



Participants:
50 maximum



Photo by Sheila McLeod Potter



Blanding's Turtle

The answers from page 13 are:
Blanding's Turtle, Eastern Musk Turtle, Northern Map Turtle, Painted Turtle, Snapping Turtle, Spiny Softshell Turtle, Spotted Turtle, and Wood Turtle.

All eight of Ontario's native turtles are listed at risk federally. Learn more:
ontarioturtle.ca/turtles.

Meet the Passport to Nature Facilitators



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



Dr. Susan Chan has a background in agriculture, education, and environmental science. As a researcher, Susan seeks to understand and protect the pollination services provided by wild bees to crops. She has written many scientific articles about wild ground-nesting bees as well as technical guides for farmers on the topic of crop pollination and protecting pollinators. As a farmer herself, Susan is an advocate for sustainable farming practices that embrace ecological principles while recognizing the practical realities of farming. Susan lives with her family outside of Lakefield on Summer Roads Farm.



Ashley Cramer is the Land Stewardship Coordinator at Kawartha Land Trust. She holds an HBSc in Wildlife Biology & Conservation from the University of Guelph and a Postgraduate Certificate in Ecosystem Restoration from Niagara College. Ashley has experience working with Ontario Parks, conservation authorities, and not-for-profit organizations on ecological inventories and stewardship initiatives. She is passionate about integrating sustainable choices into everyday life and believes in the power of collective action to create positive change. Outside of work, Ashley is an artist who draws inspiration from nature. kawarthalandtrust.org



Jodi Forestell is a Holistic Nutritionist and Certified Forest Therapy Guide dedicated to helping others achieve balance and well-being through nutrition and nature. With a passion for sustainable health, she empowers clients to take control of their health through mindful eating, lifestyle changes, and the healing power of nature. As a Forest Therapy Guide, Jodi leads immersive experiences that reduce stress, boost immunity, and restore inner calm. Whether through personalized nutrition coaching or guided nature walks, Jodi helps individuals reconnect with their bodies and the natural world for lasting wellness. jodileenutrition.ca



Jessica Linton is a Senior Biologist and Manager of the Species at Risk Division of Natural Resource Solutions Inc. She is also a member of the COSEWIC Arthropod Specialist Subcommittee and the Chair of the Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Team. A large portion of Jessica's work over the last 15 years has focused on insect conservation, status assessment and recovery planning, especially in Ontario's rare tallgrass habitats. nrsi.on.ca



Amanda Newell is KLT's Partners in Conservation Coordinator. She has a background in conservation and stewardship, including restoration ecology, Indigenous-led conservation, community engagement, and sustainable agriculture. Amanda holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo in Environment and Resource Studies and Biology, with certificates in Environmental Assessment and Parks Management. Before joining KLT as the Partners in Conservation Coordinator, she was a KLT volunteer for many years. kawarthalandtrust.org/partners-in-conservation



Gary Pritchard is a Conservation Ecologist and Indigenous Engagement/Placemaking Specialist from Curve Lake First Nation, Ontario. Gary loves to connect and educate through nature, especially with wildlife photography and storytelling. He believes we can all make conscious decisions on how we impact Mother Earth and the next seven generations. He spends much of his time educating the youth about "All Our Relations," his favourite students being his two children. Gary often acts as the bridge between the Indigenous Community and the western style of governance, having successfully collaborated with many stakeholder groups, institutes, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and political organizations to address environmental concerns and identify practical solutions. 4directionsconservation.com



Richard Raper, R.P.F. (ret.) is a retired Forester who has been the lead property steward at Ingleton-Wells for five years. In his role as Volunteer Lead Property Steward, he has gained an intimate knowledge of the property. During his career, Richard worked in the forest management and protected areas programs for the Ontario government as well as a short period of forest contracting. In addition to his volunteer work with KLT, Richard has volunteered with Otonabee Conservation and the Kawartha Hiking Club. Richard has worked and lived in northern and southern Ontario and currently resides in Peterborough.



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 is always seeking ways to make it better and more available for everyone. She has enjoyed volunteering for many years in many ways with Kawartha Land Trust from leading hikes, assisting with trail maintenance, and even counting bees on KLT's Big (Boyd/Chiminis) Island.



Jason Smyrlis is a graduate of the Honours Bachelor Degree in Conservation Biology from Trent University and then earned a diploma in Fish and Wildlife Management from Sir Sandford Fleming College. Jason was an enthusiastic bird watcher from a very young age and continues to pursue that love on his days off when he drives sometimes hundreds of kilometers to add a new bird or two to his Ebird list.



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.

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Sammy Tangir (she/her) is a seed saver, willow grower, artist and botanist who aspires to be as good as squirrels at planting trees and processing nuts. She works in ecological restoration, farming and loves crafting with natural materials including weaving, wood carving and natural paint-making. Sammy grew up in Toronto and thanks to some wonderful mentors and an innate and never-ending curiosity she got inspired about plants, birds and beyond! She now lives by abundant brambles and Hemlock trees in Michi Saagiig Anishinaabe territory near Warkworth, ON. Instagram: @[sammytangir](#).



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**



Hayden Wilson is the Land Stewardship Manager at Kawartha Land Trust. Hayden is an endlessly curious person with a passion for the conservation of our native species and spaces. Previously, he worked for the Algonquin Wildlife Research Station where he facilitated projects on the park's flora and fauna; however, Hayden has a particular fondness for herptiles, bats, fungi and rare plant communities. He specializes in species at risk monitoring, outreach, land management and holds diplomas from Fleming College's Environmental Technician and Environmental Technology programs. Hayden spends as much time as possible immersing himself in the wetlands, forests, and barrens of the Kawarthas via meandering canoe trips and long hikes. He strives to protect and enhance ecosystems to allow them to be more resilient against the effects of climate change. **kawarthalandtrust.org**



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We're not just engineers, scientists, and ecologists -- we're outdoor enthusiasts too. Our work promotes a conservation ethic with a deep respect for the natural environment and sustainable growth. Hope to see you on the trails!



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The answer from page 16 is: No! Ghost Pipes are non-photosynthesizing perennial wildflowers that have symbiotic relationships with certain kinds of plants and fungi.



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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 qualify 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.

Creating Memories on the Land We Love

Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported our 2024-25 Passport to Nature program! We had a great time out on the **land we love!**



Would you like to protect nature in the Kawarthas for future generations? You can give a gift to nature at kawarthalandtrust.org/donate.

Thank you for protecting
the land you love!



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Partners in Conservation Program

Founded in 2001, Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) conserves and stewards diverse natural and working lands in the Kawarthas for future generations.

We also enhance our stewardship of the land by partnering with private landowners in land care initiatives through our Partners in Conservation program.

KLT has worked with dozens of landowners in the Kawarthas on stewardship projects that make a difference on our shared landscape.

Here are a few examples of projects we have helped with on Partners in Conservation member's properties:



Planted native
wildflowers.

Lowered culvert
to reconnect
coldwater stream.



Planted trees.
Photo by
Richard Gauder.

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

Learn more about KLT's Partners in Conservation program and frequently asked questions at kawarthalandtrust.org/partners-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 can help execute projects, share information relevant to your land, and maintain a conversation/relationship with you and your land.

Connect With Us!

If you have questions about KLT's Partners in Conservation program, please reach out to us at **705-743-5599** or partnersinconservation@kawarthalandtrust.org.

Protecting (and Having Fun!) on the Land You Love

Kawartha Land Trust's Passport to Nature program is a **series of free, guided events** and nature adventures in the Kawarthas. Consider it your "passport" to spend time outside learning more about the land you love and having fun.



This booklet lists all of our in-person and online events for 2025-2026. Look through the pages and find events that interest you. Bring your family and friends and enjoy time in nature and try something new.

Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) is a land conservation charity that protects natural and working lands in the Kawarthas. Our mission is to protect the land entrusted to us and help others protect the land they love in the Kawarthas. You can learn more about Kawartha Land Trust and our work at **kawarthalandtrust.org**.



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How you can help protect nature in the Kawarthas:
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