



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter October 2017

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), various **jobs postings** (page 6), lots of **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 7), and **news** (page 13). *Eco Connections* is published on a monthly basis around the middle of each month. To have your submissions included or to receive the *Eco Connections* directly, email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

Eco Connects NS Gathering a fantastic success! Thank you!

The NSEN board and organizers were heartened to see such a big and diverse crowd at #EcoConnectsNS in Truro this past weekend (over 100 people)- thank you to our members for continually connecting!

Our workshop hosts, keynote and panel speakers, and Pecha Kucha presenters are all exceptional leaders and knowledge resources in our network.

Together, we built some great momentum towards protecting our land, air, and water here in NS and revitalizing the value of the NSEN. We are learning so much together about the proper processes needed for reconciliation with our local Mi'kmaw community members. We are especially grateful for Elder Albert Marshall's wisdom shared and Mi'kmaw Conservation Group staff's contributions and patience.

A huge thank you to our event sponsor Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, and our supporters Nova Scotia Community College, Divert NS, Patagonia and LUSH for the beautiful gifts, and Just Us! for the donated coffee and tea.

Thank you to our site hosts Town of Truro and Glengarry Inn! Gold Island Bakery and Red Knot Bakery provided delicious food on Saturday and we were in awe of the Eastern Eagle drummers and Liliona's water dance Friday evening in beautiful Victoria Park.

Finally, thank you to Community-based environmental Monitoring Network, Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute, Sierra Club of Canada Atlantic Chapter, Clean Annapolis River Project, and Dorene Bernard with Peace and Friendship Alliance for your contributions with the organizing. Reporting on the event will be widely shared using visual graphic recording from Minds Eye Creative (Ashton Rhodenhiser) and neutral facilitator lessons from Bernice Williams. See the results here:

<https://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/2017/06/30/eco-connects-ns-gathering>

Sheila Cole, long time environmental advocate was honoured at the Eco Connects NS event. She has worked for and with the NSEN for many years and her mentorship and guidance has kept the Network afloat! We were delighted to present her with the Environmental Lifetime Achievement Award!

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

Website: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/events>

Email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

A big incentive is reduced registration fees for paid Members. Not sure you're a member? Get in touch with Joanne at jonilight3@yahoo.ca.

We look forward to new and renewing members' input on issues of importance to you. We know that NSEN can be a conduit and resource hub for your concerns and an opportunity to communicate with others in order to create the political will for a healthier environment in Nova Scotia. Please feel free to write to the newsletter in these regards.

A big thanks to the new and newly renewed members:

Groups:

Transition Bay St Margarets

Individuals:

Silver Donald Cameron

Molly Hurd

Looking for board members: We're looking for you! NSEN is looking to expand the board. Having a board is the cornerstone of a strong network and NSEN is obviously a province-wide organization and we would like this province-wide reach of the network to be reflected in the makeup of our board! It's easy to join in via teleconference. We encourage participation from members from all regions of the province. Be in touch with me and I'll send your email to the board: nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

NSEN CAUCUSES**Water Caucus:**

The next NSEN Water Caucus meeting is TBA. Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: amy.buckland-nicks@merseytobeatric.ca.

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus:

Next caucus meeting is Friday, Oct. 20, from 10am to 12pm, at Clean Foundation, on 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth . Be in touch with Karen for further details: karenmckendry@eastlink.ca. See info and the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest*October*

Hi NSEN Members,

An exciting new program NSEN launched last Tuesday at the Mi'kmaq Talking Circle area, 3rd floor, Halifax Central Library.

Four Circles of Life: Earth, Air, Water and Fire Learning Mi'kmaq Perspectives to Protect our Environment for Future Generations

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network, the Peace and Friendship Alliance and the Halifax Central Library present four talking circle sessions led by four esteemed Mi'kmaq teachers to build right relationships. The traditional Native American non-hierarchical way to solve problems is to allow people to express honestly from the heart. In turn, holding a special object, each may speak on the topic introduced, in this context, by the Mi'kmaw teacher, or pass without speaking. When everyone has spoken as many times as they wish, the teacher ends the circle.

Earth Element October 3rd, 6:30-8:30pm

Air Element October 26th, 6:30-8:30pm

Water Element November 28, 6:30-8:30pm

Fire (Sun) Element January 11, 6:30-8:30pm

See the full event details here <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com> or here: [Talking Circle Promotion 2017](#). All events at the Halifax Central Library. Find the Facebook event [HERE](#).

Dalhousie University Fall 2017 Environment, Sustainability and Society Lecture Series can be found here:

<https://www.dal.ca/dept/sustainability-at-dal.html>

Joint Seminar: Marine Affairs Program and the Marine & Environmental Law Institute

What explains the implementation of the policy in the Norwegian Barents Sea Management Plan? Presented by Gunnar Sander, PhD Candidate of the Norwegian College for Fisheries Science, University of Tromsø, Norway

Date: Thursday October 19, 2017

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Room 305 Weldon Law Building, Dalhousie University

Forest Funeral 1:00, October 19th, 2017

PARADE SQUARE march to PROVINCE HOUSE

You are invited to mourn our forest losses with citizens from across the province. Please come to pay your respects to the once great Acadian Forest.

An 'open casket' of tiny 'logs' will be followed by a procession of wildlife that have died through drastic losses of habitat. Pall bearers and forest mourners will walk from Grand Parade Square to the funeral ceremony at Province House. From there, the bodies will be carried to the very origin of forest mismanagement, the NS DNR office on Hollis Street.

Dress: traditional funeral attire suggested (multi-cultural encouraged).

Schedule of events:

1:00: Gather at the Grand Parade Square

Assemble for the funeral procession to Province House.

Music and as many people as possible to celebrate the life of the forest and also the great sadness of its passing. Music or drumming present, a festive environment as we assemble.

* Bring any wildlife (mounted/stuffed) you may have to demonstrate the loss of wildlife

* Bring pickets

* Bring small trees (optional), and tissues, of course

Funeral procession march to Province House.

Led by bag piper(s)

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Funeral ceremony

Eulogy to the forest: Robert Bancroft.

Various spiritual speakers to wildlife and forest losses.

Mi'kmaq ceremonial practice, song/drumming.

March to DNR Office (as time permits)

Why a funeral and why now? The funeral pays homage to the forest resources that Nova Scotia has lost through over-harvesting and rampant clearcutting. An Independent Forest Review presently taking place must hear of our disapproval and concerns over the massive forest destruction incurred through poor forest management and short-sighted political decisions. Come and demonstrate your dismay and anger. The time is now to curb industrial forestry impacts on our lands

[The Walrus Talks Social Impact](#) is two weeks away! Don't miss eight local leaders and entrepreneurs discussing philanthropy and social responsibility as it pertains to business, the arts, and more. This special event is taking place at the **Spatz Theatre** on **October 26** at **7pm**. We would love for you to attend.

You can RSVP by responding to me directly. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch. We hope you will join us!

Best,

Catherine

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Green Teacher's Fall 2017 Webinars We have four exciting webinars scheduled for this Fall. All of the webinars are FREE, but you must register in advance. Please share this email with friends and colleagues who might be interested in the sessions below.

Eco-System Monitoring Programs

presented by Daniel Shaw

Wednesday, October 25th 2017, 7:30-8:30pm EST [Register Here](#)

Telling your Story with Story Maps

presented by Joseph Kerski

Monday, October 30th 2017, 7:30-8:30pm EST [Register Here](#)

Depaving: A New Way to Change Cities from Grey to Green

presented by Alix Taylor

Wednesday, November 15th 2017, 7:30-8:30pm EST [Register Here](#)

To find detailed descriptions of each of the above sessions, visit www.greenteacher.com. All webinars are free to attend live, and for 30 days following the live session. (To see the list of 75 past webinars, which can be freely viewed by Green Teacher subscribers, visit www.greenteacher.com/webinars.)

Join the Nature Trust for our 20th Annual Dinner and Auction! Help us celebrate the year's conservation successes and network with like-minded friends while raising critical funds for the Nature Trust's continued work saving the most unique and outstanding places across Nova Scotia.

We invite you to head out *Into the Wild* with us. Our special guest speaker Brian Keating will take us on an incredible escape into the wild spaces that he has explored all over the world, from the Canadian Arctic to the African savannahs. We know that this will be evening to remember!

Details:

October 26, 2017

Cunard Centre, Halifax

Doors open at 5:30pm, and tickets are held at the door

Get your ticket today! Early bird deadline is Friday June 30, 2017.

Early bird price: Tickets \$125/Tables \$1250 (10 seats)

Regular price (after June 30th): Ticket \$150/Tables \$1500

Call [\(902\) 425-5263](tel:9024255263) to reserve your spot!

Or you can download the ticket order form, and either email it to office@nsnt.ca or send it to our mailing address: PO Box 284 Station Main, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y3.

Topic: **Stakeholders Webinar: Canada's participation at upcoming meetings of the CBD**

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017

Time: 2:30 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

Meeting Number: 555 552 695

Meeting Password: ban4v5Y9

To join the online meeting

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1. Go to <https://pwgsc-nh.webex.com/pwgsc-nh/j.php?MTID=m4c9d22e9aeccd89c5ad1749b6013cd14>
 2. Enter your name and email address.
 3. Enter the meeting password: ban4v5Y9
 4. Click "Join Now".

To join the teleconference only

Call-in toll-free number: [1-877-413-4788](tel:18774134788) (Canada)

Call-in number: [1-613-960-7513](tel:16139607513) (Canada)

Conference ID: 403 451 6

For assistance

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1. Go to <https://pwgsc-nh.webex.com>
 2. On the left navigation bar, click "Support".
 3. Call [1-800-226-6338](tel:18002266338) or [613-941-9554](tel:6139419554)
- You can contact me at: scott.wilson5@canada.ca

We hope you and yours are enjoying this beautiful Nova Scotia autumn as much as we here at The Deanery Project are. It's a special time of year, with the leaves changing, wool sweaters coming out of storage, and fires being lit at night, the season brings about a sense of togetherness, and community. Our favourite way to celebrate autumn at The Deanery Project is with our annual **Rural Roots Fall Skill Sharing Festival**, coming up this month, on **Saturday, October 28th**.

From 10am, until 9pm we have a day full of engaging workshops, wholesome home cooking, and rousing musical performances, and with activities for the whole family, there's sure to be something for everyone!

Ticket prices begin at \$5 for youth under 16, \$20 for Deanery Project members, and \$25 for non-members. Family style dinner and a concert will round out the day, at an additional price of \$10 per person. As always, family discounts, and work-trades are available upon request!

In collaboration with Health Canada, the Canadian Network for Human Health and the Environment (CNHHE) is hosting a teleconference/webinar on **Thursday, October 26, 1:00pm (EDT)** to present an overview of **national human biomonitoring programs carried out under the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP)**. The focus will be on the biomonitoring component of

the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS), the Maternal-Infant Research on Environmental Chemicals (MIREC), and the Northern Contaminants Program (NCP) and how the data are used under the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP). We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about these programs and discuss the achievements, how the findings are used, and most importantly for the CHMS, how you can access and use the data in your own work. Once again, this session is intended for a wide range of health and environment stakeholders, including, but not limited to NGOs, indigenous groups, researchers, health workers, and policy-makers. **Please share this invitation with your colleagues and other interested individuals.**

The session will include the opportunity to discuss this subject with CHMS, MIREC, NCP and CMP staff.

Please **reply as soon as possible** if you are interested in participating, along with your language preference for materials (English/French).

Thanks.

Jane Percy and Liz Smith

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www.twitter.com/CNHHE_RCSHE

Solar Shelter Courses

Solar Nova Scotia offers practical courses on designing and building Solar Homes and Additions. This is a **Passive Solar Home Design Course** for the general public and, for those in design and construction. The instructor is a 40 year experienced solar designer-builder, Don Roscoe.

- 1 SOLAR BASICS for electricity, for active thermal hot water and hot air, and for passive solar
- 2 CLIMATE CONTROL for comfort and health, energy and the environment
- 3 SITE DESIGNING, working with nature, creating microclimates and integrating the shelter
- 4 SHELTER DESIGNING, bringing you, your needs and your site together
- 5 MAKING IT HAPPEN, costing, controlling costs, contracting and doing it yourself

This is offered as a six evening course in Halifax, Chester or Bridgewater; Spring, Winter & Fall. With demand, locally organized weekend versions may be offered in other locations. Contact: solardon.ns@gmail.com

BRIDGEWATER / CHESTER

at **Bridgewater High School** (541-4367) or **Chester, Forest Heights High** (275-2712). COURSES Tuesdays 6:45-9:45PM
October 24 > November 23.

HALIFAX

at **Nova Scotia Institute of Technology**, Leeds St., Halifax., Thursdays 7-10: October 19 > November 23

Information at SolarNS.ca Registration at 852-4758 / solardon.ns@gmail.com

The fee: \$80 students, \$90 single, \$150 couples; with handouts. Optional textbooks(\$15/\$25/\$40)

Passive Solar Construction Course

This course is intended for those wishing to **design and build** a PASSIVE SOLAR HOME with an **air recirculated heat storage slab**.

- 1 PASSIVE SOLAR BASICS
- 2 GROUND INSULATION instead of frost walls
- 3 HEAT STORAGE SLAB construction techniques and details
- 4 AIR RECIRCULATION and FILTRATION SYSTEM design and components
- 5 SYSTEM BALANCING and CONTROLS

The course includes construction detail sheets, system and component sketches, and a DVD of the course visuals.

On demand, one-day PASSIVE SOLAR CONSTRUCTION COURSES will be offered mid-winter at Halifax & elsewhere. Fee \$50 students, \$60 singles, \$90 couples. Info. & Registration at solardon.ns@gmail.com

Photographic exhibition by Peggy Cameron "**Corridor Wasting Disease: Robie Street, A Case Study**", opened at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Summer Street, bottom corridor, side entrance. The exhibition continues until Oct 31.

November and onward...

Please join us on **November 2, 2017** for the **9th Annual Douglas M. Johnston Lecture**, taking place at **7pm** in the **Ondaatje Hall**, Marion McCain Building, 6135 University Avenue.

Our speaker this year is **Mary J. Simon** and she will be speaking about Building Arctic Leadership: Prosperous People and a Healthy Environment. This is a public event and everyone is welcome!

You are invited to join the Haase family for a Celebration of the Life of Rudy Haase

Friday, November 24, 2017, 1:45 - 3:00 pm

Reception to follow: St Andrew's United Church, 1390 Robie St, corner of Coburg, Halifax, NS

Fundraising for Social Change with Kim Klein

November 24-26, 2017 Friday 5:30 pm to Sunday 1:30 pm

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS

[REGISTER NOW](#)

[The premise of fundraising for social change is simple:](#)

it is possible to raise the money you need to do the work you want.

It is not necessary to compromise your values or change your programs

and it doesn't matter if you work in a rural or urban community.

Fundraising is also part of community organizing and can be built into everything an organization does.

To learn more about Kim Klein [click here](#)

Program cost: \$680 includes tuition, book, meals & lodging

For more information on our program including the workshop agenda [click here](#)

Job Postings

WRITERS NEEDED <https://GoodWork.ca/931693>

Sharing Success Stories about the Environment to Inspire Action

Position: Guest Writers

Type: volunteer

Publication: Positive Planet

Location: virtual / anywhere

Guest write for Positive Planet!

We are looking for guest writers to contribute a monthly post. We want contributors from all over, so we get a diverse range of positive stories.

Contact me with a short explanation of why you want to write about positive environmental stories.

Positive Planet: <http://positiveplanet.ca>

Contact: <http://positiveplanet.ca/contact>

Cook and Food Intern <http://www.artscentre.ca/nowhiring.html>

The Ross Creek Centre for the Arts is looking for a full time intern to fill its new position of Food Specialist, focussing on cooking/ food security and outreach starting as soon as possible. Our kitchen is an amazing place and you can help us with camp meal planning, organising, working with our local food bank to support communities, and preserving food and ensuring little wastage. National applications welcome, and accommodation onsite may be provided if necessary.

Due to the funding, ALL APPLICANTS must be 30 years or less, with postsecondary education in a related field (food security, gardening, cooking, etc), love cooking and working with people, able to work on your own, and able to work at Ross Creek.

To apply:

Email: chris@artscentre.ca

Subject line: Food Intern

Include:

Cover letter detailing what you think you can offer

CV with specifics on any science or other related education and background

Two references who can discuss your qualifications if applicable.

Please ensure you fit the qualifications included above.

All attached documents should be in MS Word or PDF format.

Emily LeGrand

property@artscentre.ca

Environmental Farm and Landscape Manager

Ross Creek Centre for the Arts

[902 582 3842](tel:9025823842)

Digital Lead: Campaigns & Communications <https://GoodWork.ca/976624>

Organization: The Leap

Location: Remote from any Canada or U.S. time zone.

Start date: As soon as possible.

Deadline: This position is open until filled.

Environmental Opportunities

Are you familiar with our trails and the Halifax North West Trails Facebook page?

Want to become more involved?

Now is your chance.

We need a main Admin for our Facebook page.

In conjunction with directors of the HNWTA Board, you would post events, communications, photos and share relevant posts from our trails community.

Like to use Twitter, that would be great too.

If interested contact: Jessica Boyd HNWTA.communications@gmail.com or [902-401-2282](tel:902-401-2282)

OXFORD, Ohio (Sept. 1, 2017) – Miami University’s Project Dragonfly is accepting applications for 2018 Earth Expeditions graduate courses that offer extraordinary experiences in 16 countries throughout the world.

<http://EarthExpeditions.MiamiOH.edu/informaledcanada>

Earth Expeditions can build toward the Global Field Program (GFP), a master's degree that combines summer field courses worldwide with web learning communities so that students can complete the GFP master's part-time from anywhere in the United States or abroad. <http://GFP.MiamiOH.edu/informaledcanada>

Graduate tuition for all programs is greatly reduced because of support from Miami University.

A broken National Energy Board puts our democracy and our environment at risk, and the Trudeau government has pledged to fix it.

At no other time in history have we been presented with this rare opportunity to be the architects of one of the most important decision-making bodies in our country.

The Trudeau government has promised to fix the NEB - because pressure from communities and activists along pipeline routes finally revealed Canadians had lost faith in its legitimacy.

Thanks to the National Observer for uncovering the concealed conflicts of interest within the National Energy Board Panel reviewing Energy East and to people like you who have had enough with the backrooms deals and secrecy of any national body that wields such influence, the government of Canada now has a critical obligation to restore the NEB in a way that reflects our democratic values of open consultation, transparency, and accountability.

Please sign this message today to ensure our government:

places the safety and welfare of people and communities over industry profit

removes environmental assessment from NEB's authority respects the rights of Indigenous peoples forces the NEB to align its work with our targets under the Paris Agreement.

The Trudeau government has made a public commitment to fix the National Energy Board and to safeguard our environment.

Let's hold them to it.

With thanks,

Gretchen Fitzgerald

National Program Director

Dear Nova Scotia Environment Networks,

Hope all is well. Thank you, once again, for being a part of our **Canada-wide Energy Leaders Panel**. The panel brings together university experts and key decision-makers from industry, government, Indigenous communities, local communities and environmental organizations to determine how energy resources can be developed in a way that garners acceptance and benefits society at large.

The findings of the previous research suggest that energy and environmental thought leaders believe that misinformation, lack of knowledge and environmental concerns are the top challenges for energy projects, while greenhouse emissions and fossil fuel related pollution are the top challenges for environmental stewardship. Furthermore, engagement and equal participation are the top challenges in terms of Indigenous communities and the energy sector. Panel participants recommend increased transparency/clarification for the public as a strategy for increasing public confidence in energy projects.

In appreciation of your participation in this project, we invite you to download the summary report detailing these findings at the following link:

[Download](#)

The data in this report is based on the compiled views of 141 environmental and energy leaders between August 15th and October 4th, 2016.

We are now conducting research about how to balance local and Indigenous governments' interests with broader regional, provincial and federal interests in Canadian energy policy, regulation and projects. The outreach should only take about five minutes of your time. To share your views please click on this link

[Begin survey](#)

In recognition of the value of your time, all participants will receive a summary of the key findings of the research in order to advance energy and environmental dialogue. All the views you share with Nanos Research will be confidential and grouped in the report for analytical purposes. All the information you share will be protected in accordance with Canada's privacy laws.

If you have questions about the overall Positive Energy project, please feel free to contact Monica Gattinger, at mgatting@uottawa.ca. For questions about the Leaders Panel, please contact the senior researcher on the project, Nik Nanos, at nnanos@nanosresearch.com

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your time.

Regards,

Nik Nanos, FMRIA

President Nanos Research

Professor Monica Gattinger

Chair, Positive Energy

Director, Institute for Science, Society and Policy

Teaching Teens about Climate Change

We're excited to announce that **Green Teacher's newest book** will be published later this month.

If you peruse the table of contents below, you will see that this 80 page book brings together 12 articles and activities to aid any educator working with high school-aged students. The activities have the capacity to take teens from despair to empowerment, help them appreciate the difference between cap and trade and carbon taxes, explore the environmental impacts of the tar sands, provide options for sustainable transportation, and much more. But don't take our word about it: see below what other educators think about the book. <https://greenteacher.com/teaching-teens-about-climate-change/>

2nd Youth Nova Scotia Nature Writing and Art Contest

The Nature Writing and Art Contest is inviting youth in ages 7-15 years who live in Nova Scotia to submit a **written piece** (short story, non-fiction, poetry, etc.) **OR** an **original artwork** (painting, drawing, collage, etc.) that is inspired by: native plants or animals of Nova Scotia (*native means a species that occurs naturally in a region*), an adventure, personal moment, or happy experience in Nova Scotia's wild places (lake, river, ocean, forest, trail), an injustice that impacts nature in Nova Scotia

Key Dates: Contest Opens: **June 30 2017**, Contest Closes: **October 31 2017**.

Categories:

Writing

Junior – ages 7-11

Senior – ages 12-15

Art

Junior – ages 7-11

Senior – ages 12-15

Prizes: Total of **\$1200** in cash prizes. Each Category has a: First Place prize valued at \$150, Second Place prize valued at \$100, Third Place prize valued at \$50

Rules and Regulations:

This contest is open to youth in ages 7-15 who live in Nova Scotia.

Students may enter as many times as they wish; however, each youth will be limited to one prize per contest.

Writing Category specifications

Entries can be in French, English or Mi'kmaw and be a maximum of 600 words

Entries may be in any form (short story, non-fiction, poetry, etc.)

It is advisable written work be accompanied by a photo or artwork that supports the subject

Entries must include a title page with the author's name – do not put author's name on manuscript pages to ensure anonymous judging

Entries must be original, written by the author, have been written in 2017 and not previously published

Art Category specifications

Wildlife species (plants and animals) and or habitat represented in artwork must be native to Nova Scotia – exotic or domestic animals and plants will not be accepted.

All formats and mediums are accepted (except photographs): drawing, painting, collage, fibre arts, sculpture etc.

All art entries must be made by hand. Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted

Entries must include a title with artist's name on the back of the artwork – do not put artist's name on front of art work or a signature to ensure anonymous judging

Artwork should be accompanied by a written description that supports the subject

Artwork must be the original work made by the artist and created in 2017

Deadlines and Submissions:

Entries must be dropped off with a completed Entry Form (download form: [2nd Youth Nature Art and Writing Contest Entry Form 2017](#)) to the Museum of Natural History in Halifax, or mailed to: Young Naturalists Club, c/o The Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax NS, B3H 3A6

Entries must be postmarked by October 31st or dropped off job at the Museum of Natural History by this date.

Entries will not be returned unless you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or request to pick them up at the Museum of Natural History

By entering you give YNC permission to use your entry on its website, in its communications, or for fundraising

<http://nature1st.net/ync/events/youth-nova-scotia-nature-writing-and-art-contest/>

[No oil and gas exploration in protected ocean areas! https://act.leadnow.ca/protect-oceans/](https://act.leadnow.ca/protect-oceans/)

Robin Rigby Trust

Connecting Researchers with Coastal Communities: Since 2008 the Robin Rigby Trust has assisted university students and recent graduates undertaking fieldwork in collaboration with coastal communities interested in resource assessment, sustainable utilization and community based management. Canadians or students studying here are encouraged to work outside Canada, while applicants from other countries are encouraged to collaborate on projects in coastal regions of Canada. The deadline for the present round of funding is October 31, 2017. If interested, or if you know a person who may be interested, please review information at www.smu.ca/academics/robin-rigby-trust.html

Funding Announcement: Environment and Climate Change Canada's Environmental Damages Fund

Environmental Damages Fund (EDF) uses funds received as a result of environmental violations to fund projects which benefit the environment in four categories (in order of priority): restoration, environmental quality improvement, research, and/or education & awareness. Eligible EDF applicants include non-governmental organizations, universities and academic institutions, Indigenous groups and provincial, territorial and municipal governments. The upcoming project application deadlines are July 28, 2017 and October 31, 2017.

Check out the available funds, listed by province at: <https://www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/default.asp?lang=En&n=137DC913-1>

Check out information on the Environmental Damages Fund at: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/>

My name is Rick Cauvier owner of **Rick's Environmental Solutions**. My company's main goal is to reduce air pollution by disposing of all waste wood whether it is land clearing, emerald ash borer beetle infected, land fill sites where developers take waste lumber to be buried. Open burning is not the answer and grinding pollutes the air with wood dust and diesel fumes and is very expensive. My method to solve this problem is an **Air Curtain Burner**. I can very effectively dispose of 10 to 12 tons of waste wood per hour with very low impact on the environment. The air quality from this machine has passed Environment Canada's own air quality tests. Please visit my site for more information. resltd.net Thank you.

Hi NSEN folks,

Larry Ladd here from the Community Advisory Group for Aerojet Superfund Site Issues in Sacramento. Who in Nova Scotia is following the environmental impact of the unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine that will be used at the proposed Canso

spaceport? Here in Rancho Cordova we are still dealing with the impact of UDMH spills from 60 years ago. Please make sure they address all of the breakdown products of UDMH, not just the nitrosodimethylamine. See Figure 1 and Table 1 here: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3091350/> In particular, anything Canada can do to advance toxicological knowledge about tetramethyl tetrazene beyond these French studies <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26082396> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28498558> would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Larry Ladd

11064 Santiam River Court
Rancho Cordova CA 95670 USA
tel [916-852-8188](tel:916-852-8188)

We are looking for environmentally minded folks to share the 2nd lot on our property at Mill Lake, Hubbards. Our historic cabin sits on 500' of waterfront. We are prepared to subdivide to create a 2nd lot with 250' of waterfront. This is a great opportunity to build a cottage or just camp close to metro on a beautiful lake. Summer has arrived. The boat is in the water and we would love to connect to pursue this opportunity with like-minded people. Details can be found at: <https://www.ecoproperty.ca/listings/waterfront-property-for-sale-near-halifax-nova-scotia-39811>

Are you aware of an upcoming decision by the Minister of Agriculture to permit Ontario beehives to be trucked to NS for pollination this season?

Ontario has small hive beetle, and we do NOT want that pest here! In addition, it seems crazy for the government to fund pollination expansion in this province and then allow special permits for beekeepers in other (especially "pest-ier") jurisdictions to fill NS pollination contracts....even though the NS Beekeepers Association says there are clearly enough hives in NS to do the job.

Re. Small Hive Beetle -- these hive pests harass the bees, and their maggots slime the honey, thus ruining it. Small-scale beekeepers such as ourselves will be the most negatively impacted by the introduction of the beetle.

I've started an Avaaz **petition**. The language is a bit sensationalist but I was trying to be factual + click-bait at the same time.

Please sign and share!! We will need a lot of signatures and shares if there is any hope to stop the importation. Share on Facebook and email.

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Nova_Scotia_Premier_Stephen_McNeil_Protect_Nova_Scotia_Honey_Bees_and_bee_keepers_from_new_threats/?preview=live

Thanks so much,

Michelle McPherson, MSc

Apiculture + Ecology + Education

www.mcphersonconservation.com

Green Teacher has recently launched a YouTube Channel. To date, we've posted 8 videos on our website, with several more in various editing stages. In time, we hope this will grow into a valuable resource for educators. Among those currently posted, are those describing:

+ How Google Earth was used by high school students as part of an invasive species removal project

+ How an elementary school in a northern resource town created partnerships so that their students could explore the natural and cultural environment in their area.

+ How to build better bug houses – and pack waste free lunches.

Check out the posted videos here: <https://greenteacher.com/check-out-these-videos/>

In essence, we're keen to both receive short (i.e. 2-6 minute), practical videos – edited or unedited – from teachers and other youth educators on a wide variety of topics. Like the articles and activities we seek for *Green Teacher* magazine, we're looking for innovative green learning strategies on a wide variety of topics. Your presentation should provide sufficient detail and enough guidance that will enable viewers to replicate the activity in their own communities. Your video should specify early on the age group for which your learning activity or strategy is most appropriate. For more details of what we're looking for, check out: <https://greenteacher.com/send-us-your-videos/>

Finally, if you see a short enviro-ed video that deserves a wider audience, send us a quick note about it.

Happy spring!

Tim Grant, Editor

Green Teacher

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Hi, this might be of interest to NSEN members and friends:
I've attached a sign proof (to be in Green print only) that is 16" x 24" on a corrugated plastic sheet so that it can stand up well over several years of being exposed to weather. Available after April 3rd. Available for a donation of \$ 6.00 ea. incl hst . fob Tatamagouche, N.S. Posts of 1 x 2 x 32 " are \$ 1.50 each extra. Assembled total \$ 8.00 hst incl. Email orders to; donwilson@gmail.com. After the next 3 weeks we will have some other locations for pickup around Nova Scotia. Group orders for 15 + signs to one location served by a courier or Canada Post location are Prepaid.
-- Thanks,
Don Wilson - Cell Tel [1 902 662 4190](tel:19026624190)

12 Maclew Road , RR 1
Brule Point, N.S. B0K1V0

This is to advise on October 11, 2017, Dexter Construction Company Limited will register the Williamsdale Quarry Expansion Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to expand the existing quarry located at [1736 Wentworth-Collingwood Road](#) in Williamsdale, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. The existing quarry has been in operation since 1998. The land associated with the expanded quarry will occupy a maximum of 31.3 hectares, which includes the existing quarry footprint. A project life of up to 40 years is expected. The expanded quarry will extract approximately 50,000 tonnes/year, for use primarily in the road construction industry in Cumberland and Colchester Counties. It is intended that the future use of the quarry will be identical, or very similar, to current operations.

On October 11, 2017, all project information including the Registration Document will be available on Nova Scotia Environment website at <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>.

Public comments will be accepted until November 10, 2017 for this environmental assessment. Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible. All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review upon request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bridget Tutty, bridget.tutty@novascotia.ca or [902-452-7891](tel:902-452-7891).

Regards,

Candace Quinn

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Volunteer Group Leader for Citizens' Climate Lobby Halifax

Looking for a volunteer leader to take over as soon as possible as group leader for the Nova Scotia chapter of a well-organized and effective international organization, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada, a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization with a twin focus: to create the political will for a livable planet and to empower people to claim their political and personal power. CCL's approach to creating political will for carbon pricing is based on a proven model developed by the poverty-reduction and citizen empowerment organization RESULTS. Unique in the climate arena, CCL's roots can also be traced to the principles of nonviolence and compassion that guided the social revolutions led by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. If you're looking to help achieve reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to gain transferable interpersonal, communication, computer and organizational skills, this is an ideal group with whom to work. Present group leader started the Nova Scotia chapter in 2011 and, due to personal reasons, needs to find a replacement as soon as possible to carry on this important work. No expertise in climate science is necessary. Just a desire as a citizen to see appropriate action being applied politically in Nova Scotia in this area of dire concern. Contact [902-429-1571](tel:902-429-1571) for further information.

Creative Industries Fund: Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage is now accepting applications for a new \$2 million Creative Industries Fund. This fund has been designed, in consultation with stakeholders, to invest in the growth of the creative industries. Businesses, not-for-profits, social enterprises and sector associations operating in the creative sectors are eligible for funding. For more information click [HERE](#). Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Hi Solar Friends,

Can you help to make Nova Scotia a place that relies 100% on renewable energy?

Are you an owner of a solar energy system? Do you want to inspire others by your example? We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in having their system and story featured on our website as a case study.

We need case studies for

Passive Solar

Solar Thermal

Hot air

Hot water

Solar Electricity (PV)

Concentrated

Ideally, case study volunteers would have owned their solar energy systems for a minimum of two years and are willing to share information about their systems such as the details of its design, energy production and costs. We will do the rest.

Why do we want to do this?

- Clearly show Nova Scotians the economic and environmental benefits of adopting solar energy.
- Make our website the recognized clearing house for solar energy information.

If you are interested please contact me before December 20, 2016:

Ian Guppy

Solar NS Communications Committee

guppy@ns.sympatico.ca

Phone: [902-425-5121](tel:902-425-5121)

Got some beef to air? Got some news to share? Got some questions? Got some ideas? Got some plans?

This Friday evening, every Friday evening, is the Solar Nova Scotia Sup'n'Share!

We're there at 5:00 sharp, have supper and catch up.

When: Every Friday evening, 5:00pm

Where: Lion's Head Tavern, 3081 Robie St. Ask the waiter to point out our table.

See ya there!

Watch for Wildlife (W4W) NS is a wildlife vehicle collision prevention program that encourages and enables Nova Scotians and visitors to the province to drive with an awareness of wildlife on roads, and do what they can to prevent collisions with wildlife. It is also about providing drivers contact numbers and information about how to respond in case a collision does happen.

If you want a magnet or sticker to put on your car so you can be a reminder to others as you drive to Watch for Wildlife, please get in touch. Please see our website: www.watchforwildlife.ca

And follow or like us if you do at: Facebook www.facebook.com/watchforwildlifens/ Twitter @watch4wildlife

Sign up to receive newsletters on school environment and health issues from CASLE. Send your request to info@casle.ca

In this month's newsletter:

1. Research has now shown there is no doubt that Carbon Dioxide (CO2) affects learning and well-being.

<http://www.chgeharvard.org/resource/impact-green-buildings-cognitive-function>

2. Nova Scotia remains in the forefront of regions that address indoor environment quality issues actively. CASLE and the government departments have been collaborating for two decades to create and maintain healthy schools.

3. The US Environmental Protection Agency is continuing its series of on-line courses in school environmental health:

https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/iaq-knowledge-action-professional-training-webinar-series?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

4. Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE) website www.casle.ca in its new format is accessible to tablets and phones, and contains updated practical information on a wide range of topics relevant to healthy schools and healthy school children. Please circulate the web address widely.

Everyone deserves a warm home.

We all deserve to be comfortable in our home. For homeowners who qualify, the HomeWarming team provides a free comprehensive energy audit and works with you to determine the energy efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your home. Then the team takes care of managing sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed at no cost to you. Am I eligible? You can apply if:

# OF PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOME	MAXIMUM ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Line 236 from your Tax Notice of Assessment)
1 person	\$21,186
2 to 4 people	\$39,367
5 or more people	\$56,064

- Your combined family income is under the levels shown in the chart to the right
- You own a single-unit home/mobile home located in Nova Scotia and can provide proof of ownership
- You live in your home year-round, it is your primary residence, and you do not plan to sell in the near future
- Your home has not previously received upgrades through HomeWarming or the Low Income Homeowner Service.

Applications can be filled online at www.homewarmingapply.ca or downloaded at www.homewarming.ca

Have questions? Call toll free at [1-877-434-2136](tel:1-877-434-2136) or visit homewarming.ca

Do you have shredded sneakers, torn trousers or holy socks ready for trashing? **Since 2013, all worn or unusable textiles and fabrics of any material and in any condition (except chemically contaminated) can be reused/ recycled. Collection sites are all over HRM and Nova Scotia.** AFTeR began in 2013 as a group of six organizations that collect used clothing to fund social causes such as helping children at risk, combatting disease, and supporting marginalized citizens and those facing crisis. This is accomplished with the added benefit of keeping the textile materials out of our landfills. AFTeR member charities are experts in the collection and repurposing of used textiles and footwear. <http://afterwear.ca/wp/donate/>

Environmental News

Network in renewal in Nova Scotia: ZACK METCALFE Endangered Perspective. Published October 10, 2017 - 11:31am <http://thechronicleherald.ca/southshorebreaker/1510248-network-in-renewal-in-nova-scotia>

OPINION: Combating climate change requires a sense of responsible government JOANNE LIGHT
Published September 22, 2017 - 11:55am <http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1505347-opinion-combating-climate-change-requires-a-sense-of-responsible-government>

First Nations organizing leads to TransCanada Ending Its East Energy East Pipeline and Eastern Mainline proposals.
<https://www.indigenousclimateaction.com/single-post/2017/10/06/First-Nations-organizing-leads-to-TransCanada-Ending-Its-East-Energy-East-Pipeline-and-Eastern-Mainline-proposals>

TransCanada won't proceed with Energy East pipeline <http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/transcanada-energy-east-1.4338227>

2017 Fall Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment

Dear colleague,

I am writing to advise you that my [2017 Fall Reports](#) were tabled today in the House of Commons.

These reports specifically examines the following issues:

[Progress on Reducing Greenhouse Gases—Environment and Climate Change Canada](#)

[Adapting to the Impacts of Climate ChangeClimate Change](#)

[Funding Clean Energy Technologies](#)

[Departmental Progress in Implementing Sustainable Development Strategies](#)

[Environmental Petitions Annual Report and Retrospective](#)

In addition, the Reports contains: [The Commissioner's Perspective](#)

My report is available on the [Office of the Auditor General of Canada](#) web site.

Sincerely,

Julie Gelfand

Commissioner of the Environment and of Sustainable Development

OPINION: Clearcutting and herbicide spraying: the story never ends JOAN BAXTER Published September 29, 2017 - 5:53pm
<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1507709-opinion-clearcutting-and-herbicide-spraying-the-story-never-ends>

Helping Nature Heal newsletter can be found here: <http://mailchi.mp/70c4a601df3f/hnh-newsletter?e=68f3ae577f>

October 2017 Newsletter of the Halifax North West Trails Association is available [here](#).

Coastal Update September 2017 edition is now available and ready for you to view—see attached! You can also find the latest issue [online](#), or through our social media channels—[Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Sheila Cole has recently reported on **formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products**. View the report here: [Formaldehyde Final Report 2017](#)

Interested in receiving the Eco Connections directly? Email me with your request! nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

We would like to hear your news! Please send updates of environmental concerns/activities in your community and we will post them in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.



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Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

Find past EcoConnections here: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/resources>

NSEN Events webpage: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/events>

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network connects environmental organizations across the province – together we are

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