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# On the Wild Side

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## SANDY PINES WILDLIFE CENTRE'S



**8TH ANNUAL** *Wildlife*  
**B A B Y**  
*Shower  
Fundraiser*

**Sunday,  
May 5th, 2013  
10am to 4pm**

**LIVE MUSIC,  
SILENT AUCTION,  
LIVE AUCTION,  
RAFFLES,  
ANIMAL-FEEDS,  
DEMONSTRATIONS,  
A BARBECUE  
FACE PAINTING  
& MUCH MORE FUN!**



All proceeds go to Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre for the care and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife.  
Go online to download a pledge sheet: [www.sandypineswildlife.org](http://www.sandypineswildlife.org)

**SPWC**

SANDY PINES WILDLIFE CENTRE  
8749 COUNTY ROAD 2 - NAPANEE

### **Item Wish List ...**

Pens • Masking Tape • Duct Tape • Bungee Cords • Toilet Paper •  
Paper Towels • Bleach • Disposable Gloves • Baby Food • Dish Soap  
• Laundry Soap • Deep Woods Mosquito Repellent • Computer Paper •  
Whole Almonds Natural • Walnut Pieces • Cranberries Dried.

# Director's Editorial

This has been our busiest winter ever with a variety of animals and birds, but mostly turtles and owls.

Many of the turtles were kidnapped, surrendered or seized by the Ministry of Natural Resources, and couldn't be released in the late fall, so we ended up overwintering twenty six of them. No wonder our hydro bill is \$600 a month! Each turtle requires heat, aeration, a special UVA/B light and a heat lamp for basking. An electrician's nightmare!

However this story is about owls. We started receiving weak and injured owls in November, mostly

Barred Owls in their first year. Their numbers rose steadily over December and none of them were surviving. On contacting the Owl Foundation in Vineland, they were experiencing the same problem, and unfortunately this scenario seemed to be happening across southern Ontario.

Looking for a cause, I compared notes with naturalists and other rehabilitators and this seems to be the reason. 2012 was a good year for adult owls; food was plentiful, so much so that many had two hatchings that year. This meant that as winter approached and the juveniles were driven away to find their own food and territory, their numbers were almost doubled. They were young and inexperienced hunters, a recipe for disaster.

Another interesting factor was brought to my attention by Janet Foster, a naturalist in Madoc. There were very few rodents around. I must say that in my barn I am usually fighting them out of the grain bins, but this year I have not seen one in there.

I am not sure of the reason for the apparent crash in the rodent population, but it means that young birds of prey are weak and making mistakes, getting injured on roads and hitting windows. They are also moving into urban areas in search of food. I have had calls from people who just saw owls falling out of trees, they were so weak. We have admitted over thirty owls this winter; every one was in extremely poor condition. We rehydrate them with fluids by injection and orally before gradually introducing food. Despite this, we have been doing the best we can for these owls and hope that their well-being, as for all the wild species we help, is much improved in the season to come.

*Sue Meech*



Great Horned Owl—charcoal drawing by Janet Drew

## Upcoming Events at Sandy Pines

Proceeds from these events will be donated directly to SPWC.

### **May 5: SPWC Baby Shower at Sandy Pines in Napanee**

See cover page for more!

### **May 3 to 5 (9 am to 5 pm daily):**

### **Frontenac Outfitters Spring Sale & SPWC Fundraiser in Sydenham**

FREE door prizes, raffles, and give-aways including a grand prize!

FREE B.B.Q. lunch on the Saturday

Live Country & Rock Music featuring 'Rock Bottom' and our very own Kris Lafontaine (Saturday 4 to 6 pm)

For more details please see page 6, or visit <http://www.frontenac-outfitters.com/>

### **June 8 to 9 (8 am to 2 pm daily):**

### **Garage Sale at 177 Welborne in Kingston**

Arts, Trinkets, and Treasures—come and find some goodies!

### **July 6 to 7: Ready Set Go Fly Ball Tournament on the Napanee Ontario Fairgrounds**

Get your 50's attire out, girls! We will also be accepting items from the SPWC wishlist.

For more info go to: <http://www.rsgflyball.com/tournament.html>

## Giving—Good for Everyone!

You know that Sandy Pines relies totally on gifts and fundraising to rehabilitate wildlife. But did you also know that gifts made to SPWC can provide you with fairly substantial tax credits? Not all gifts have

to come from your bank account. There are a variety of other options that you may never have considered, such as donating stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or life insurance policies. Naming a charity such as SPWC

as a beneficiary of your RRSP or RRIF can also make huge difference for SPWC and create substantial tax savings too! Please contact SPWC and we'll be glad to provide you with more information. □

## About Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre



The Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre has been in operation since 1994. Our goal is to help all injured and orphaned wildlife and to release them back into their natural habitats. We also give advice and assistance to property owners who are having problems with their wild animal neighbours, and can offer humane alternatives to solve these conflicts. We work closely with veterinarians and Humane Societies across Ontario.

We are licensed provincially by the Ministry of Natural Resources and federally by the Canadian Wildlife Services to provide care and shelter for birds, mammals, and reptiles. To ensure the well-being of our patients, we are unable to offer tours of the Centre.

### A Review of Past Events

#### **Death by Chocolate: December 2, 2012**

Thanks to John McNeill at John's Place in Deseronto for hosting our fourth annual "Death by Chocolate" fundraiser in Dec. 2012. A special thanks to the SPWC volunteers that baked tirelessly to provide the many chocolate desserts for the extravaganza chocolate buffet, raising \$2,725 along with a generous donation from the Napanee Lions Club of \$1,000.

#### **Christmas Wild Boutique: December 12 to 16, 2012**

Thanks to Barb Hannemann for her generous donation of 300 new Bradford Exchange collector plates, which we sold at the Frontenac Mall in Dec. 2012. This event raised \$2,960 sending many happy shoppers away with some beautiful plates. KD Cloths donated by Jean Barkley & Debbie Doom were also sold, adding an extra \$140 to this fundraiser. Thanks also to Janet Drew, our SPWC Wild Boutique volunteer, for setting up the lovely gift displays at all our fundraising events.

#### **"Previously Loved" Art & Jewellery Sale: February 8 to 10, 2013**

One of our biggest fundraisers, the annual "Previously Loved" Art & Jewellery Sale, never fails to provide many delighted buyers with fabulous pieces of original art, estate, vintage & new jewellery. This year we were able to raise \$8,365 thanks to the many generous donations of art & jewellery from our supporters.

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We are  
committed  
to helping  
wildlife 365  
days of the  
year.

## Thanks To Our Sponsors...

Our fundraising events are successful in part due to the helpful contributions of organizations that lend their financial support. A big thank you to all of our generous sponsors below!

### ***Death by Chocolate***

John McNeill - John's Place - Deseronto

Robert Stacey - R.S. Multimedia - Kingston

Fardella's Bakery - Kingston

MacKenzie's Chocolates - Bath

Bread & Butter Bakery - Kingston

### ***Christmas Boutique***

Wendy James - Frontenac Mall Kingston

### ***Art & Jewellery Sale***

Randall at Charm Jewellers- Cat. Centre-Kingston

Urban Paws Pet Accessories - Kingston

Ken Karchmar - Geologist—Kingston

Lindy Martin - Martin & Co. Photography - Kingston

Michel Soucy - Photography—Kingston

Spencer Bardell - Kingston

Robert Mayoff - Wendy May Antiques - Kingston

## A Review of Past Events (*cont...*)

### **Fundraising Coordinating Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for two volunteer coordinators, one for our annual “Death by Chocolate” fundraiser, as well as a volunteer who will take on the art collection part of the “Previously Loved” Art & Jewellery Sale. Until coordinating volunteers for these events can be found, these events will be put on hold.

We will still be accepting jewellery donations year round for the jewellery part of the sale, but we are not be accepting any art until further notice.

For inquiries and info about these events, please contact Faye at:

[fundraising@sandypineswildlife.org](mailto:fundraising@sandypineswildlife.org) □



**FRONTENAC OUTFITTERS MEETS ROCK BOTTOM**  
**SPRING SALE & OPEN HOUSE**  
*Canada's Largest Paddlesport Event!* **MAY 3-5, 2013**

**400 Kayaks, Canoes & Stand Up Paddleboards**  
**FREE on-site test paddling!**

H2O Canoe Company, Delta Kayaks, Wilderness Systems, Perception Kayaks, Tahe Kayaks, Impex Kayaks, Zegul Kayaks, Current Designs, Riot Kayaks, Kahuna, Scott Canoe, Boardworks Surf Canada, Tahoe SUP, Blu Wave SUP, Salus PFD's and many more!

Join us on Saturday, May 4th for a **FREE B.B.Q. lunch**, prizes, workshops, meet the reps and live music by **"Rock Bottom"**.



Event donations to benefit Sandy Pines Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, visit: [www.sandypineswildlife.org](http://www.sandypineswildlife.org)  
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[www.facebook.com/RockBottomHome](http://www.facebook.com/RockBottomHome)  
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**Frontenac Outfitters Canoe & Kayak Centre**

6674 Bedford Rd., Sydenham, ON, K0H 2T0  
 (At the entrance to Frontenac Provincial Park)  
 613.376.6220 | 1.800.250.3174 ON

**Hours: 9am-6pm**

[www.frontenacoutfitters.ca](http://www.frontenacoutfitters.ca)

[frontenacoutfitters@gmail.com](mailto:frontenacoutfitters@gmail.com)

## Ten Years of Animal Admissions

In reviewing our data archives on admissions to the Centre, we compiled some interesting facts for you. Since 2002, we have admitted 14 different species named on the Species At Risk in Ontario (SARO) list. Ten species of birds on this list were admitted in 2012 alone.

	2002	2012
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	399	2010
Mammals	279 (16 species)	923 (24 species)
Reptiles	5 (1 species)	204 (7 species)
Birds	115 (35 species)	933 (94 species)
<i>Including...</i>		
Cottontail Rabbits	34	210
Deer	2	22
Raccoons	94	232
Eastern Grey Squirrels	87	313
Birds of Prey (Hawks, Eagles, Falcons, Vultures, Owls)	5	81
Waterfowl (Mallard ducks, Canada Geese, Loons, Swans, Gulls)	49	117
Small birds (Blue jays, Pigeons, Robins, Sparrows)	33	184

### Win a 2013 CAN AM OUTLANDER 400 XT!

Bob the builder Cox will be busy this summer working the raffle circuit with this amazing 2013 Can Am Outlander ATV, supplied by Cartronics.

Raffle tickets are available at various locations in Kingston & Napanee. At only \$5.00 each, it's a great deal!

Draw Date: September 28, 2013 at 12:00 pm, at the Cartronics in Napanee.

Winner Responsible for Insurance and License. Lottery #M648711.



**\$5**

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2013  
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\$5 per ticket. All proceeds go to help the SPWC.  
Draw to be held on Sept 28, 2013 at Cartronics, Napanee.



8749 County Rd 2, Napanee, ON K7R3L1



**Please help us help the wildlife of Ontario!**

All of our revenue depends on your generous donations. We receive no funding from the government. You may donate by cheque or on our website with the "Canada Helps" button.

Receipts will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more. Please make your cheques payable to the Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre.



For more information on volunteering, sponsoring, or donating, please visit [www.sandypineswildlife.org](http://www.sandypineswildlife.org), complete the form below and mail to 8749 County Rd 2, Napanee, ON K7R3L1, or call us at (613) 354-0264.

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