

50 Years of Foley Mountain

RVCA marked Foley Mountain Conservation Area's 50th anniversary with a community reception on Friday, Sept. 22. Past and present RVCA staff and board members, special guests, local residents and the Friends of Foley Mountain gathered at the Interpretive Centre to reminisce about the property's positive impact in the community.



ABOVE: Ron Stewart and wife Wendy Stewart (past RVCA board chair), Sommer Casgrain-Robertson (RVCA general manager), Cliff Craig (past RVCA Conservation Lands director) and wife Rhonda, and David Crowley (past RVCA board chair).

ABOVE: RVCA general manager Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Augusta Township Deputy Mayor Adrian Wynands, Rideau Lakes Mayor Arie Hoogenboom, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MPP Steve Clark and Westport Mayor Robin Jones. RIGHT: Foley Mountain site supervisor Rebecca Whitman, left, and RVCA board chair Kristin Strackerjan cut the cake.



Fabulous Fall Colours!

Get outside and enjoy the stunning fall foliage before it's gone! Foley Mountain, Mill Pond, Baxter and Chapman Mills each offer their own autumnal charms. Visit www.rvca.ca to find your trail.

Story Trail unveiled

Foley Mountain now has a permanent Story Trail thanks to funding from the Lawson Foundation, Westport Lions Club, Friends of Foley Mountain and the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation. Following the Mobility Trail, stations every 50 metres will display a page of the featured children's book so families can read as they go. The book will be changed with the seasons. Foley's story trail encourages literacy, outdoor exercise and conservation messaging. Contact REBECCA at rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca for more.



From left, Friends of Foley Mountain president Rob Struthers, Foundation board member Mark Mortimer, Foley Mountain Conservation Area Site Supervisor Rebecca Whitman, Foundation board member Allison Gibbons and Lawson Foundation's Tim and Nancy Gardiner.

It's septic maintenance season!

Fall is a great time to pump out your septic system or to book your mandatory annual inspection if you own an alternative treatment unit like EcoFlo, Norweco or Waterloo Biofilter. Don't wait for a problem to appear! Septic systems are an extension of your home, and regular maintenance protects your investment, your health and the environment. Learn more at www.rvca.ca/septic-approvals.



Spotlight on Stillwater

Nepean's Stillwater wetland will be the star of a new exhibit at Shenkman Arts Centre between Oct. 5 and 31. Local photographer Jon Stuart's images of the restored wetland highlight the area's subtle departures from 'normal' Ontario landscapes. Together with RVCA's interpretive text, viewers can immerse themselves in the landscape and discover the value of wetlands. A free artist's talk will be held in the exhibit on Oct. 17 from 6 to 8. Learn more at www.jonstuartprints.com.



See an ALUS project in action

Are you a Lanark County farmer looking to improve sustainability on your property? ALUS Lanark will showcase a successful wetland project at a local farm on Saturday, Oct. 21 for anyone interested in taking advantage of this collaborative, community-led service. The program covers project costs and can also generate supplemental income depending on the environmental services you create on your property. Interested? Contact DEREK at derek.matheson@rvca.ca.

Lake Links 2023: Back in person!

Registration is now open for the 22nd Annual Lake Links workshop, which will be held in person on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Perth Civitan Club (6787 Lanark County Rd 43, Perth, ON). This year's theme is "Hooked on Habitat: Sustainable Fisheries for the Future." Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. Visit www.watersheds.ca to register.

City Stream Watch 2023 Highlights

Thanks to our City Stream Watch volunteers who provided 744 hours of their time monitoring and improving our urban and rural creeks this year! With your help, our city streams are more valued, respected and cared for to ensure they remain a point of pride within our communities.

By the numbers:

- **33.6 km** of stream sections surveyed in Mud, Bilberry, Mosquito, and Stillwater creeks
- **2.6 km** of shorelines cleared of garbage during **10** events
- **7,000 sq. metres** of invasive species removed (Himalayan Balsam, European Frogbit, Garlic Mustard, Buckthorn, Japanese knotweed and Dog Strangling Vine)
- **28** participants attended our invasive species workshop, back for the first time in 4 years.

Invasive Species Event:

Join us for our final invasive species removal of the year, as we tackle invasive yellow iris and replace it with native species at Stanley Park along the Rideau River.

When: Wed. Oct. 11 from 9 to 12

Where: In front of the New Edinburgh Park Fieldhouse to walk together to the project location.

Register: Email citystreamwatch@rvca.ca to sign up in advance.

Still time for shoreline site visits!

Do you have a grassy waterfront property impacted by erosion, nuisance geese or harmful algae blooms? Shoreline naturalization can help stabilize your shoreline while improving water quality, deterring geese and adding some natural beauty to your property. Plus, we cover 75% of the cost or more! There's still time to book a site visit this fall ahead of spring planting. Contact BRANDON at brandon.holden@rvca.ca.



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