

**SANDY
PINES
WILDLIFE
CENTRE**

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SPRING 2018



Wildlife Baby Shower Fundraiser



**Sunday May 13th, 2018
10am - 4pm**

**Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre
8749 County Rd 2 Napanee**

ANIMAL FEEDS & DEMOS
BARBEQUE
MILK & COOKIES CAFE

RAFFLE TICKET DRAWS
LIVE/SILENT AUCTIONS
KIDS' ACTIVITIES

NICE ICE BABY ICE CREAM
BARK'N UP THE GREEN TREE

4H PETTING ZOO
FACE PAINTING

VARIETY OF VENDORS
AND MORE!



*Live Music By
The Fade Kings &
The Kitchen Gypsies*



Wish List

Unsalted Almonds/Walnuts/Pumpkin Seeds - Dried Cranberries - Bird Seed
Toilet Paper - Paper Towels - Disposable Gloves - Heavy Duty Work Gloves
Postage Stamps - Dish Soap - Bleach - Unscented Liquid Laundry Detergent
Industrial sized clear recycle bags and Garbage Bags - Butterfly Nets

PROCEEDS GO TO THE CARE AND REHABILITATION OF INJURED AND ORPHANED WILDLIFE

Director's Editorial

Dear Friends,

We had a great 2017 with over 4,000 admissions, but 2018 did not start well. We had a major fire on January 6th and lost the entire barn, storage and drive shed. Fortunately, no wild ones were in the barn.

Four years ago we had over 30 swans in our barn and it became the swannery. We were very concerned about where to put the admissions if the winter was cold for long periods of time, and began thinking about building an Aquatic Centre. When we lost the barn this year, the community rallied to support us and many donors came through with extra donations. This has given us the momentum we needed to fund a new Aquatic Centre as well as a new barn. Plans are now underway and those who visit us for the Baby Shower in May will see the building going up. Sometimes good things come from bad starts.

We would like to thank the donors and residents of our community and all over Eastern Ontario, for their support this winter. Generous volunteers have helped store hay, held fund-raisers, donated time for fencing, kept my farm animals safe and did an incredible clean up job. We all worked hard to keep the centre running, made sure each patient was cared for and continued on with day-to-day operations. To the staff and volunteers at Sandy Pines, thank you for carrying on the work as usual in spite of the chaos outside. To the Firemen who came by the dozens from all over our area on the coldest day of the year, we thank you. I feel very privileged to be a part of such a caring community.



The winter has not been as cold as we feared so we were not overwhelmed with water birds. Despite this, it was still difficult to find places to put them all. Next winter will be so different with a whole new building to work in.

Sue Meech

Sue Meech, Founder & President
Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre

Fundraisers

We had several great fundraisers this Fall and Winter. “Chocolate and Cheer”, a “Victorian Tea” and our “Art and Jewelry Sale”.

Several families and children donated from private parties and fundraisers too.

Thank you!



A New Aquatic Centre for Sandy Pines

For years we have been struggling with the problem of where to put our water birds, Loons, Herons, Swans, Ducks and mammals such as Beavers and Otters.

We have a line up of birds waiting for a swim in the bathtub every day, as water is essential to keep their waterproofing and they obviously enjoy it so much.

We started fundraising for a new building over a year ago. Donations have been raised by the Golf Tournament, the Investors Group and private individuals. Now we are seeking some grants to get building this Spring. It will be built right beside the new barn utilizing a common wall to save money.



Everyone loves a good shower in the morning!



"Guys, don't you think this pool is a bit small!?"



"Do you mind! I am bathing here"

Your donation will help us give our beautiful aquatic wildlife patients the best possible care for their needs.



"My Goodness, it is crowded in here today!"



Winner of our Barn drawing contest:

Congratulations Hayley Clark



Raffle for Wildlife

TICKETS ON SALE NOW !!

At Sandy Pines
Wildlife Centre
8749 County Rd 2,
Napanea

\$2.00 ea./3 for \$5.00

**Ticket Draw
at Sandy Pines
Baby Shower**

Sunday, May 13

1st PRIZE

1 Week Cottage Mazinaw Lake
Father's Day June 17 to June 24
(date flexible on availability, etc.)
Road access. Kid/pet friendly. Sleeps 4
Canoe & paddle boat available.
Great getaway at a prime spot !

2nd PRIZE

14kt Yellow Gold Solitaire Pendant
Set with a Round Brilliant Cut 4-claw
.33ct Natural Diamond
on an 18" flat anchor style gold chain
Replacement value \$1,175
A chance to win it for only \$2.00 !



HAPPY ANNUAL TURTLE DAY!



Did you know that **World Turtle Day** happens every May 23? It is a day to learn more about turtles and how humans can protect them and the wetlands where they live. World Turtle Day is celebrated around the globe in a variety of ways, from dressing up as turtles or wearing green colored clothes, to saving turtles caught on highways, to research activities.

Here in Ontario, on World Turtle Day, we will likely begin to see turtles on the roadways as they leave the safety of their wetland homes to find mates or to find a place to lay their eggs. In our area, Turtle Day marks the start of the most dangerous period in a turtle's life.

Will you help to keep our turtles safe on World Turtle Day - and every day that they are out on the road during spring and summer? Here are four things that you can do to help turtles:

- ♥ drive slowly and with increased caution when you see turtle crossing signs
- ♥ watch "How to move a snapping turtle cross the road" on YouTube.
- ♥ bring injured turtles to Sandy Pines, even if you think that the turtle may have recently died. If the turtle has not laid her eggs, we will incubate them for her
- ♥ ask your friends to help you save turtles!

On May 23, don't forget to wish everyone "Happy Turtle Day"!

During 2017 we rescued and released 258 turtles, 21 of which were the Blanding's Turtle which is still on the Species at Risk list. Half of the released were from eggs that we harvested from dead turtles who were hit on the roads. We are still experimenting with our new incubators to see if we can get even better results.

By Sue Meech



At Sandy Pines, we work diligently to aid animals in distress. Our many volunteers assist us by rescuing, transporting, caring for the animals and releasing them back into the wild. Without our volunteers we could not do the work we do. In addition, supporters help us build safe housing for animals in our care and bring us supplies and food that these animals require, the list goes on and on. We do everything we can to keep them “wild” so when they are released they will not be “human dependent” or seek out people.

To keep everyone up-to-date and informed, we send out a weekly update (via email) on the new admissions we have received during the week. The update also includes success stories of our releases, information on any upcoming activities such as our Yearly Baby Shower or Yearly Art and Jewellery fundraiser (among others). Together we can and have made a better life for animals in need.

As an added bonus once a month we play a game called *Who Am I*, where you receive a picture of a bird, reptile, plant, insect or animal with hints as to who they might be. By replying to the email you are entered into the game. The person with the highest score at the end of the year wins a Sandy Pines T-shirt. Many people have found this game informative and educational.

If you would like to receive our weekly update or participate in the game, please send an email to sandypines@gmail.com and request to be put on the mailing list for weekly updates.

We never give out email addresses but if you want to be removed from any communication please email us directly at sandypines@gmail.com.



Our volunteer Linda has sent these communications out each week since 2010. Thank you Linda for all the work you do for us!



Although this year began with the barn tragedy, we have come out of it stronger than before. We have many people to thank for their support including our dedicated and amazing volunteers.

We have numerous new faces in our clinic and couldn't be more thrilled with the dedication from our long-term and new volunteers and of course our students! Our high school co-op program is more popular than ever and we have 5 co-op students from multiple high schools in the area. Our vet tech and vet assistant placement students have also been a wonderful addition, although their placements are only a month, we appreciate the help from dedicated and knowledgeable animal lovers. We cannot begin to show our thanks and appreciation for all of the support, and would not have been able to help over 4,000 animals last year without you.

With plans to introduce a volunteer education program this Fall; we hope to give back more to our volunteers and show our appreciation in a useful way. With seminars about natural histories of the species we work with, basic pharmacology, and tips and tricks that have been learned over years of wildlife rehabilitation, we hope to better equip our volunteers for the work they help us do.

As always, new volunteers are happily welcomed into our centre and we are on the lookout for handymen to help us maintain cages, and those who love community outreach and fundraising! Let's continue to work towards helping as many animals as possible and building close community bonds!

by Tess Miller, Human Relations Coordinator





**GETTING ALL OUR DUCKS IN A ROW FOR OUR UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS
FOR THE AQUATIC CENTRE AND REBUILDING OF THE BARN!!**

THOMPSON CHRYSLER
ALWAYS ONE UP ON THE DEALS

5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Friday June 22nd, 2018 Garrison Golf and Curling Club

\$100 Per Person / \$400 per Team

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VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST OPPORTUNITY



Janelle, the office manager would like some help. Volunteers wanted to work at reception desk in the hospital 4 hour shifts.

Duties would include greeting the public, answering the phone, taking messages.



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ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO SANDY PINES WILDLIFE CENTRE

We will also accept donations for Sandy Pines including items from the SPWC donation wish list



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, credit or debit card 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.

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