

Looking For Citizen Scientists To Help Baby Turtles

Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) is looking for dedicated citizen scientists of all ages to help monitor turtle hatchings, remove turtle nest protection structures and report on findings in their communities.

In May through July of this year, Central Lake Ontario Conservation actively placed more than 20 turtle nest protection structures across their jurisdiction. These structures

were intended to protect the nests established by female turtles, with as many as 40 eggs in each, ready to hatch in September.

"We have nesting structures in Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington, so you do not have to stray far from home to help local turtles," says Patricia Lowe, Director of Community Engagement with CLOCA. "Once turtles have hatched, they will dig their way out to the wild and start

their adventure. We encourage all residents to keep an eye for the baby turtles and help them by reporting activity, carefully transporting baby turtles to their home wetland and removing the nest protection structures."

The nest protection structures were assembled by high school students with funding from Ducks Unlimited Canada as part of the Wetland Centre for Excellence Mentorship Program. Grade 6 students of Ms. Lucyk's and Ms. Parker's classes at Lakewoods Public School played an important role in this program, placing two decorated protection structures on turtle nests at Pump-house Marsh in Oshawa.


Turtles face a number of challenges throughout their lifecycle, the least of which is their ability to reproduce. Females do not start to lay eggs until 17 to 19 years of age depending on the species. A female turtle would have to lay 1,400 eggs in her lifetime in order for one of her offspring to replace her. If she lays 34 eggs per year, she would have to survive 58 to 60 years to replace herself in the population with another

female turtle. By comparison, a female white-tailed deer can mature at 2 years of age and can replace herself in only 4 years. If that was not challenging enough, the female turtle leaves her scent on the nests, making them vulnerable to predation. The eggs in a newly laid nest and the baby turtles when they hatch, make a delicious snack for raccoons, skunks and gulls. Add to the mix, fragmented habitat, roads and consumption of turtle eggs and turtles by some individuals, it is no wonder Ontario's seven out of the eight turtle species are considered Species At Risk (SAR).

For more information and to report baby turtle activity please contact Patricia Lowe, Community Engagement Director at Central Lake Ontario Conservation (905) 579-0411, ext. 126, Email: plowe@cloca.com

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Wednesday, September 14 Bill McNamara, a modern day hunter of almost extinct plants, has traveled extensively to see plants in their natural habitats. Each fall for over 25 years he has trekked into the mountains of China, India,

Japan and Nepal to collect specimens for research and conservation.

Bill is the Executive Director of the Quarry Hill Botanical Gardens, a private research garden in California. At Quarry Hill, Bill has created an Asian forest to preserve these plants and distribute seeds, plants and herbarium to other facilities around the world.

Bill will be sharing some of his adventures and discoveries with us in his talk "Plant Hunting in China."

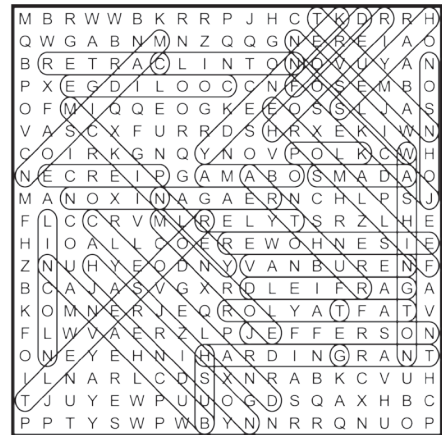
The event starts at 7:30 pm at the Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Rd. E.

Basic Foot Care Community Care Durham provides basic foot care services by registered foot care nurses on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. Please call 905-668-6223 for more information.

Thursday evenings Love to sing! The Brooklin United Church adult choir welcomes new voices to join us. Practices are Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. You do not need to read music to be part of the choir. Practice CD's are made available. For more information, please call the church office at 905-655-4141 or by email at office@brooklinunited.ca.

Tuesdays Brooklin Toastmasters, 7:15 p.m. for Meet & Greet, Meeting from 7:20 to 9:14 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre & Library (NEW LOCATION), 8 Vipond Road, 2nd floor Boardroom (NW corner). For more information, contact John at 905-683-4439 or jajhj@sympatico.ca or Loran Weston-Smyth at lorn@loranwestonsmyth.com or 416-910-4109. Brooklin Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills.

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