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Notes from the Field: Summer in Full Swing and Citizen Science at Point Petre

Things are looking up at Point Petre! South Shore Joint Initiative (SSJI) volunteer John Lowry checked in from the field with a wonderful seasonal update. According to John, local ecosystem conditions are looking definitely better than last year at this time.

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John Lowry

STEP INTO NATURE RAFFLE

6 PRIZES*
200 TICKETS ONLY
\$25 PER TICKET

*Total value of prizes is \$2,365!

- Two lakeside nights at Little Ben Cottage (\$700 value)
- County Wine Tour for six (\$600 value)
- Inaugural Walk with South Shore Footpath Project Volunteers (\$500 value)
- County artist-designed SSJI t-shirts, totes & more for two (\$200 value)
- 2hr Cabin Fever Kayak rentals + Chef Jeremy Fletcher box lunches for two (\$150 value)
- 1hr massage from Jennifer Bowman, RMT (\$115 value)

100% of proceeds support South Shore Joint Initiative

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TICKETS

Get yours before they sell out!

contact: Cheryl Anderson
613-849-7743 or cheryl.anderson@ssji.ca

DRAW: 30 OCT 2026 @ 4 PM LITTLE BEN COTTAGE, 361 MAIN ST, WELLINGTON

Licence No: M858025 Ticket Price: \$25 Total No of Tickets: 200

Step Into Nature Fundraising Raffle: Limited Tickets, Big Impact

Our raffle is all about celebrating the beauty of Prince Edward County — and protecting it. With **only 200 tickets available at \$25 each**, this is a chance to support conservation while entering to win some truly unforgettable local experiences.

From a peaceful lakeside getaway at **Little Ben** to a curated **County Wine Tour for Six**, the prize list showcases the best of PEC. Nature lovers can join the **Inaugural Walk with South Shore Footpath Volunteers**, while art-and-nature fans will appreciate the **SSJI Merchandise Bundle**, featuring original South Shore flora artwork by Jan Swaren and endangered species designs by Dawn Ayer. Adventurers can drift along the Black River with a **Cabin Fever kayak or canoe experience and lunch crafted by chef Jeremy Fletcher**. Those in need of relaxation can enjoy a **massage with Jennifer Bowman, RMT**.

Tickets can be purchased by emailing cheryl.anderson@ssji.ca or calling **613-849-7743**, or in person at Monarch Day (August 22), The Eddy Market (July 25 and August 25), and the Milford Fall Fair (September 19).

Every ticket supports conservation. Every prize celebrates community. [Read more...](#)



🦋 SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, August 22 • 10 AM–3 PM •
Hudgin-Rose Nature Reserve**

Get ready for a flutter-filled celebration of Monarchs on the South Shore. This family-friendly day invites visitors of all ages to explore the magic of Monarch butterflies through guided walks, hands-on crafts, nature discovery, and playful outdoor activities.

SSJI volunteers and outdoor educator Cheryl Chapman will be on-site sharing their passion, while naturalists Joanne Dewey and Matthew Christie lead immersive walks through the Hudgin-Rose Nature Reserve and Monarch Point.

Pack a lunch, wander the trails, and enjoy a peaceful break beneath the shade of the trees — it's a perfect summer day for curious kids, nature lovers, and anyone who wants to experience the wonder of Monarchs.

[Read more...](#)

This month's sky news from Steven Burr:

July's night sky is full of movement, mythology, and a few spectacular early-morning surprises. From the Buck Moon rising at month's end to Venus and Mars making eye-catching appearances, and the constellation Bootes sweeping across the heavens with centuries of stories attached, this month offers plenty for sky-watchers to enjoy. Here's what to look for when you step outside and turn your eyes upward. [Read more...](#)





Wear the South Shore — and support it too.

Local PEC artist **Jan Swaren** has generously shared her beautiful South Shore flora artwork, now featured on our premium tees and showcased in the **[Art in the County Show & Sale \(until July 12!\)](#)**.

This original piece highlights rare and remarkable Prince Edward County plants: Four-leaved Milkweed, Limestone Hedge Hyssop, Ram's-head Lady's-slipper, Ontario Aster, Downy Woodmint, Clammyweed, Eastern Few-fruited Sedge, Bicknell's Sedge, and Green Arrow-Arum.

Our **Comfort Colors® premium tee** is made from 10 oz/L yd, 100% ring-spun cotton with garment-dyed, soft-wash fabric for that instantly-favourite feel. Relaxed fit, unisex, durable, and perfect for every “weekend wandering the South Shore.” ✨ **Only a few sizes left**

 **[Available online here](#)**

 **In person on July 25 at [The Eddy Farmers Market](#)**

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