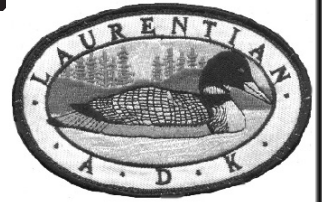




# North Wind

The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

*St. Lawrence & Ottawa River Valley Region*



Apr. - June 2015

## Spring

My favorite season in the North Country is spring. It is not the classic spring of my childhood in Ohio where spring rapidly develops into summer. No, in the North Country spring begins with long periods of anticipation when the longer days and bright sunlight promise warmth but the landscape still holds the remnants of winter.

The first sign of the end of winter are those longer days. With the sine wave of day length, the most rapid changes in the length of daylight occur at the equinoxes. While around Christmas the change in day length is measured in tens of seconds, in the North Country the daylight increases more than three minutes each day for the thirty days centered on the equinox. The sunset appears to move rapidly north during this time.

The response of the natural world is also rapid. Take the time to observe and savor the changing world. The ice in the rivers melt rapidly, on the lakes it melts more slowly. A spring rain will accelerate the process and ice flows (and ice jams) make the river thaw dramatic along our rivers. I believe this should especially be so this spring with the frigid winter. When the spring melt is at its peak our north flowing rivers offer dramatic opportunities for observing the power of nature. One of my favorite hikes in this period is on our Stone Valley trail, with its dramatic waterfalls now roaring from the melt-off and the sunlight creating rainbows in the spray. Other opportunities abound. Some of the best are on the Grass River at Lampson Falls and along the Tooley Pond Road.

As the ground thaws there are new smells and new sights. Stepping outdoors you breathe in the smells of a myriad of odors of both decay and rebirth. It is a time in the woods for some early wildflowers to poke up out of the soil before the forest canopy steals the sunlight. Take a slow walk along any forest path and look for trillium. At the Indian Creek Nature Center near Rensselaer Falls (part of the Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area) there are developed trails and boardwalks. At the East entrance there is a wildflower loop, a trail which features a number of species of early spring flowers. The west entrance provides opportunities to observe waterfowl and songbirds as they pass through on their spring migration.

In the Adirondacks and North Country spring brings mudseason. You only get mudseason where the winters are harsh enough to freeze the ground well below the surface. As the sun warms the topsoil the ice and snow melt but the lower ground is still frozen. The meltwater is trapped and is unable to percolate through the soil. We are cautioned to keep to more rocky trails. Nonetheless it is fascinating to observe these trail conditions as the land thaws, often with patterns caused by the mixture of frozen and unfrozen ground.

It is about this time as well that you begin to hear the spring peepers. Within a week or two the sound of the peepers can grow to become a cacophonous end to the day near every swamp or wetland.

Keep an eye on the birds as well. Some of our winter birds linger while others leave at the first sight of spring. Some of the early arrivals in spring include the redwing blackbird and, of course, the robin. The wood warblers wait until early and mid May to make their appearance. We are fortunate to have one of the greatest varieties of these birds anywhere with our geography ranging from lowlands to the Adirondack mountains. A good ear and a pair of binoculars are helpful. They are best observed just as the trees begin to fill with leaves in May.

While autumn is best known for colors, take the time this Spring to also observe the subtle changing shades of green as the first leaves appear. As the leaves come out the colors around you change virtually daily. Of course there are the insects as well. Be especially careful this time of year to protect against ticks. With the spread of lyme disease northward, it is wise to tuck pants in your socks and wear insect repellent. The flying and biting insects are bothersome, but they are the food for many songbirds so we should appreciate them as well.

Spring is a time to use all of your senses to appreciate the nature. In the north country where we really have winter (unlike further south) it is an especially dramatic time of birth and rebirth and a great time (and place) to savor the living world.

Tom Wheeler

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Loon Lakes Icefall. Photo by John Barron

## Chair

Tom Wheeler

I believe that the wilderness experience is one that is transforming for both body and mind. One can see this in our Adirondack literature. Fortunately, Adirondack literature of the past is far more accessible today than ever before. As just a few examples, Verplanck Colvin's narratives of his experiences in our mountains, culled from his annual reports of the Topographical Surveys are now anthologized in Paul Schaefer's *Adirondack Explorations, Nature Writings of Verplanck Colvin*; Bob Marshall's explorations are gathered in *Bob Marshall in the Adirondacks*, edited by Phil Brown. Our own late Paul Jamieson wrote vividly of his experiences in his book *Adirondack Pilgrimage*. Many older books are even accessible as e-books. One of my favorites is Charles Dudley Warner's essays *In the Wilderness*, first published in 1878. This includes "A Character Study", an essay providing a vivid picture of Old Mountain Phelps. The sketch illuminates Phelps' love of the Adirondack mountains and paints for us a philosophical portrait of the man who inspired many others.

One theme that runs through our chapter activities is to make that experience available today. Our outings program provides opportunities to explore the outdoors from many perspectives. Our conservation program seeks to protect and preserve the wild areas that enthrall us. We provide opportunities for experiences in the outdoors for young people of all ages. We do this for college students through our EAP program, for high school and younger students through sponsorship of Volunteer Trails program participation and camper sponsorship, and for younger members through our sponsorship of the Kids on the Trail challenge.

We hope that our actions also make this experience available to each of you. Take the time this spring to experience the Adirondacks.

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In a recent issue of the North Wind I summarized the staffing and funding squeeze that the local NYSDEC office faces. Now the NY State Comptroller has published a report that clearly shows this is a problem statewide.

In “Environmental Funding in New York State,” Thomas DiNapoli shows that staff and funding for the entire department have not kept up with inflation and increased responsibilities. DEC spending has risen 1.7% in ten years, in real dollars, while state funding has declined 15%. Federal money made up the shortfall, but it was “soft” money and will disappear now. DiNapoli forecasts that the department will have to reduce spending in each of the next four years, until it is only 75% of current levels. I can remember years DEC officers couldn’t attend meetings I was part of because they had to ration gas.

Meanwhile, staffing has shrunk, too, by 10%. Enforcement, pollution, and waste management have all experienced deep cuts. At the same time, new programs have been added: brownfield cleanup, greenhouse gas initiative, and waste tire recycling— all good ideas.

Most years, the Environmental Protection Fund, which the citizens approved in 2000, has been raided of its mandated funding to aid the balancing of the budget. Your legislators did this even though the money in the EPF does not come from tax dollars. Lately we environmentalists have considered ourselves lucky when Albany only sweeps a little out of the EPF. During the recession, maybe this was necessary. But now?

It’s not possible to protect New York’s incredible natural heritage with just good intentions. We need to agitate for better funding of the EPF and the DEC.

DiNapoli’s report may be found online at [www.osc.state.ny.us/reports/environmental/environmental\\_funding\\_nys\\_2014.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/reports/environmental/environmental_funding_nys_2014.pdf)

## Education

Jeff Miller

Our new year is off to an exciting start. Despite the brutal temperatures, our first two Outdoors-Indoors presentations were very well attended. In January, Glenn Clark shared his stories and images from his research trip to study the Totten Glacier system in Antarctica. The photos from his trip during the Antarctic summer made us all feel just a little bit warmer. And in February Peggy MacKellar shared stories of her explorations of several mountains in Tanzania, including Mt. Kilimanjaro. She also told us of her work and experiences with an orphanage and the people of Tanzania.

There are still two more presentations to come this year. In March, I’ll tell you about the celestial wonders you’ll discover in the sky if you’re doing some hiking or camping in the evening. We’ll also hear the latest information about Pluto, and why we’ll know more about this distant world this coming summer. And in April we’ll end our presentation series with Kevin “MudRat” MacKenzie, who’ll regale us with his backcountry adventures on some of the High Peaks’ most scenic and seldom-explored venues. Highlights include a “full on” winter assault on Gothics North Face, bluebird conditions on Giant Mountain’s East Face and various explorations in Panther Gorge. It will be thrilling end to the season.

This summer our chapter is again sponsoring two children to attend Camp Colby, where students learn science, solve challenges, play games, catch salamanders, net butterflies and discover the interconnectedness of life on Earth. Rhiley is a student at Ogdensburg Free Academy, and she loves science, fishing and archery. She is very much looking forward to her first trip to the Adirondacks, and is hoping to make many new friends. Gabriel attends Brushton-Moira Central School, and has never been camping before. He’s very excited about hiking, backpacking and boating for the first time. I’m sure that both students will have an experience they’ll remember for many years to come.

And this summer we will again provide scholarships for two teenagers to work on a 5-day High School Volunteer Trail Work Project. If you know of a teen between 14 and 17 years old who loves the outdoors and isn’t afraid of some hard work, please have them contact me for more information.

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*High Rock EAP ski trip. L to R - Julia Zakaryan, Connor O'Brien, Hannah Racette TL . Photo by Bill Brown*

# OUTINGS

## Apr. - June 2015

*Marianne Hebert*

**Sat., Apr 4 Lampson Falls.** We'll ski, snowshoe or hike depending on conditions. The falls should be spectacular. Two miles. Level 2 .Ann & Armond Spencer 379-1383

**Sun., Apr 12.** Wellesley Island State Park. In the 1000 Islands. We'll explore the Park's extensive trail system. Expect river views. 6 miles, Level 3, moderate. Contact John Barron at (613) 828-2296 or [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca).

**Sun., Apr. 19.** Spring Potluck. Presbyterian Church, Community Room. Potsdam. 5 pm - 8 pm. Eat at 5:45. Speaker following.

**Sat., Apr 25 Everton Falls clean-up.** Meet at Everton Falls canoe launch parking (County route 14 out of St.Regis Falls) at 10:30 to collect roadside trash and prune trails. Bring trash bag or pruning clippers. About 1 mile of walking, mostly on level roadside or undulating woods trail. Lunch on rock wall above Falls. Canoeing possible. Contact Duncan Cutter, 315-328-4675, [dcutter1@twcnv.rr.com](mailto:dcutter1@twcnv.rr.com).

**Sat., May 2 Bear Mountain Hike.** This will be loop beginning in the Cranberry Lake campground. It will be too early for wildflowers, but hopefully the snow will be gone. Tree foliage will still be sparse, so the views from the Lookout should be lovely . ~5.5 miles RT. Elevation gain 677 feet. Level 2-3 Moderate.

### Foot travel

Difficulty Level	Feet of ascent	miles
5. Very strenuous	over 1500	10+
4. Strenuous	1000-1500	8-10
3. Moderate	500-1000	5-8
2. Fairly easy	to 499	3-5
1. Easy	level mostly	1-3

### Cycling

Leaders should specify mileage, elevation, and surface.

Check for additions, deletions and changes on our chapter website, [www.adklaurentian.org](http://www.adklaurentian.org)

Please contact the leaders at least a day before the trip.

Car pooling makes sense, as does sharing the cost of gas.

Contact Marianne Hebert (315) 265-0756, [hebertm@potsdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsdam.edu)

**Sat., May 9: Cat Mountain Hike.** Beginning at Wanakena, we hike south past Janacks Landing, glimpsing Dead Creek Flow, then past Glasby Pond, to Cat Mountain, elevation about 2300 ft. We'll lunch on top, then return the same route. 9.2 miles RT, total elevation gain 750 ft. Rated moderately strenuous for the distance. Joint trip for North Woods and Laurentian. Members only. John and Susan Omohundro, 315-265-8365, [omohunjt@northnet.org](mailto:omohunjt@northnet.org)

**Sat., May 23: Tabletop.** One of the shorter and easier trailless High Peaks, rising above the Van Hovenberg Trail to Marcy. 8 miles, 2,500 feet of gain, level 5 minus. Contact John Barron at (613) 828-2296 or [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca).

**Wed., May 27 Indian Pass hike.** A pilgrimage for us, who have multiple paintings of Summit Rock by various artists. From Heart Lake to the pass is 4.8 miles one way, gaining 1200 feet. The first 3.7 miles are a nice walk in the woods, but the last 1.3 is a scramble. Strenuous. Joint trip for North Woods and Laurentian. Members only. John and Susan Omohundro, 315-265-8365, [omohunjt@northnet.org](mailto:omohunjt@northnet.org)

**Sat., June 6. Bicycle Higley Flow Loop.** 30 Miles, Strenuous. This 30 mile trip starts in Potsdam, up Rte. 56 to Colton and then on the Gulf Road to Higley Flow State Park for lunch. The return trip has several scenic options. Contact Tom Ortmeier, 315-265-8219, [tortm-eye@gmail.com](mailto:tortm-eye@gmail.com).

**Sat., June 13 Robert Moses State Park, Massena.** Bicycle and Hike We will explore the park on our bi-



*Marble Rock. L-R: Toni Towle and Peter Blood. Photo by John Barron (TL).*

cycles and possibly a quick pass on foot for the Nature Center trails. We will try to see a ship going through Eisenhower Lock and the Hawkins Point Visitor Center. I estimate we will bike 10-20 miles around the park and walk 1-2 miles on the Nature Center trails. Relatively flat easy terrain. If there is interest, we could consider going to the beach that afternoon and/or camping that evening. Contact Jeanna Matthews, [jeanna.matthews@gmail.com](mailto:jeanna.matthews@gmail.com).

**Weekend June 20-21 - Grace Peak Celebration.** In 2014 East Dix was renamed Grace Peak. The 46ers are organizing a celebration in North Hudson on Saturday afternoon, with special guests, entertainment, food and drink, camping, and more. We'll join the festivities, camp for the night, and do a mountain hike on Sunday, possibly Grace. Many options; trip can be adapted. Contact John Barron at (613) 828-2296 or [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca), preferably by June 13 so we can make reservations if required.



*Stone Valley snowshoe. L-R: Jeanna Matthews, John Barron, Marianne Hebert, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza. Photo by Tom Ortmeyer (TL)*



*Racquette River snowshoe. L-R Falls: Marianne Hebert, Tom Ortmeyer, Susan Omohundro (TL), Gretchen Gedroiz, John Omohundro (TL), Jean Giblin, John Barron. Photo: Bill LaRocque.*

## Director

*Tom Ortmeyer*

Yes, March is here, April is coming and I imagine you are all involved with your seed catalogs and travel brochures. While our skis and snowshoes may not be put away yet, I think everyone is ready for the warmer weather to come.

I think it is worth taking a look at club level activities for the spring and summer.

Adirondack Mountain Club recreation program activities are the popular canoe camp, held on the Paul Smiths campus in July, as well as numerous Adventure Travel trips throughout North America and the world. Both single and multi-day guided trips are available in the Adirondacks—among these are a three day trip in the Santanoni Range. Adirondack Lodging and camping are available at Adirondack Loj, and Johns Brook Lodge will soon be open for the season.

For those wanting to update their mountain skills, workshops will be available on canoeing and kayaking, canoe/kayak safety and rescue, map and compass bushwhacking skills, and wilderness first aid.

The Conservation program includes supervised volunteer trail opportunities ranging from 1 day to a full week—with locations including Cascade Mountain, Johns Brook Lodge, and Great Camp Sagamore. The volunteer summit stewards and backcountry stewards programs are available for those interested, as is the campground volunteer hosts at the Loj. Further information on these activities is available on the club website, [www.adk.org](http://www.adk.org). These many and varied opportunities offer Laurentian Chapter members new activities and the chance to meet some new and interesting people. You might want to include some of these in your summer plans.

## BACKTRACKS



*Compiled by Marianne Hebert*

Pond, whose snowy surface sparkled in the sunshine.

**Sat., Feb 4. Ski to the Old State Game Farm and Bald Mountain** John Barron, Dale Pondysh, Rodney Woodin, Duncan Cutter (TL). Light snow was falling on already deep snow, temperature in the 20's. It was easy going up the groomed mile long trail to the old game farm where the State once raised Elk. Its formerly unobstructed views to Debar, Loon and Sable mountains are largely vanishing as pioneering pines grow up in this former Meadow. It was a real workout navigating our way across eight beaver ponds and two steep ridges before reaching the ice falls coming off Baldface. We laughed at the track we came across of an otter that had tobogganed along first on top of the new snow, then dived beneath it for about ten feet before surfacing & ten submerging again, leaving a tunnel pointed toward a near-by brook. Not many folds trek this territory. We found it challenging but interesting.

**Sat., Feb 7: Part 3 of the Saranac 6er Series:** Diana Niland, Tim Thomas, Tom Ortmeyer, Jim Ormsbee, Felica Neahr (TL). We hiked Scarface for the third mountain in our Saranac 6er Series. It was a beautiful, overcast winter day, with temperatures reaching approximately 15 degrees. There was minimal views along the trail, but even on the best days Scarface doesn't offer too many views. We were very fortunate to have the trail broken out for us, as the snow is now knee-deep even when breaking trail with snowshoes.

**Sat., Feb. 14 - Marble Rock.** Peter Blood, Toni Towle, TL John Barron. We arrived at the trailhead in a blinding snow squall, and warmed up by shovelling ourselves parking space. We set out on the trail and within 45 minutes the snow stopped, the wind moderated, and we had excellent winter weather. Later on the sun came out. The trail was unbroken, and the deep powder snow made progress slow and strenuous enough that we settled for the first loop only. There were a number of fine view points and we couldn't have asked for better conditions. We ended the day with supper at the Stonewater Pub, a favorite.

**Feb. 22, Skiing in Canton,** Ann & Armond Spencer TLs Participants: Duncan and Lois Cutter, Tom Ortmeyer, John & Susan Omohundro. We caught a break from the frigid weather and had a beautiful day. The Kip Trail was fun, and our trails were ready. We enjoyed the campfire, lunch, and mulled cider at the lean-to. Duncan got some great pictures. Altogether a fine day.

**Sat., Feb 28: Snowshoe St. Regis Mt.** Rob Woodin, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza, Marilyn Denesha, Paula Skiff, Tom Ortmeyer (TL). We had a beautiful last day of February hike up St. Regis Mountain. We started out at a balmy 8 degrees, and things only got better from there. We were in 30 inches of snow with a well-packed trail, and plenty of winter scenery on the way up. On the summit, deep blue skies, nearly 20 degrees, and hardly a breeze made for a nice lunch.

**Sat., Jan 3: Cross Country Skiing for Beginners.** Jean-na Matthews, Marianne Hebert, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza, Mary MacKinnon, TL John Barron. A snowstorm on New Year's Day had deposited a layer of excellent fresh powder snow. A disconnect in borrowing ski equipment led to two participants' snowshoeing instead, but they proved no slower - in fact faster - than our less-experienced companions who spent time practicing techniques. In the end all had an excellent time. We had a brief lunch at the new Higley Trails Lodge and managed to get home before another winter storm ramped up later in the afternoon.

**Sat., Jan 10: Stone Valley Snowshoe.** Tom Ortmeyer (TL), Jeanna Matthews, John Barron, Marianne Hebert, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza. We had just in time snow for a cold clear snowshoe hike up the west side of Stone Valley. There was high water flow and lots of great scenery. We had a nice warm lunch in the Colton Library, and then headed back down the east side for a great passage through the narrows.

**Sun., Jan 11: Part 1 of the Saranac 6er Series:** Diana Niland, Kevin McPhee, Brad Green, Tim Thomas, Felicia Neahr (TL). We hiked McKenzie from the Jack Rabbit trail for the first mountain in our Saranac 6er Series. It was a beautiful, yet chilly, winter day with the sun shining. By the time we reached the summit, we were in at least single digits with the wind chill. The trail was packed and broken, and participants wore snowshoes from the beginning. Several participants changed into microspikes about halfway up the trail, as we ran into icy conditions.

**Mon., Jan 12: Part 2 of the Saranac 6er Series:** Diana Niland, Kevin McPhee, Melissa Tinklepaugh, Felica Neahr (TL). We hiked St. Regis for the second mountain in our Saranac 6er Series. It was a warmer, overcast winter day-with temperatures in the 20's. Unfortunately there were no views from this beautiful open summit, but the hike was still enjoyable with its gradual climb, and fantastic trail conditions.

**Sat., Jan 17: Raquette River Snowshoe.** John & Susan Omohundro TL, Tom Ortmeyer, Bill LaRocque, John Barron, Jean Giblin, Marianne Hebert, Gretchen Gedroiz. The temperature was below zero when we began but rose to 10 above and the sky was mostly clear. We bushwhacked along the west bank of the river from Moody Falls to Jamestown Falls, then walked out to the highway. This took about 4 hours. The going was difficult because the snow was not consolidated, but the falls were gorgeous.

**Sat., Jan 24 Grassy Pond Ski/Snowshoe.** Eric Jeffrey, TL Duncan Cutter, Tom Ortmeyer, Jon Montan, Rodney Wootin, Art Johnson, Dayle Pondysh., Sally Coghlin. A perfect day to share a trail: clear blue sky, sunny, almost no wind, we found a bit of new snow over a well-packed trail through a corridor of tall pines to the lean-to above Grassy



*Higley ski trip. L-R. John Barron, Marianne Hebert, Jeanna Matthews, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza, Mary MacKinnon. Photo by a bystander.*

## Welcome New Members

*Lila Hunnewell*

Jeanne Bateman, Tewksbury, MA  
 Jacqueline Colt, Canton  
 Steven Daniel and Joan Zeller, Pittsford  
 Sean Dwyer, Potsdam  
 Kristin Esterberg, Sue Bergmeier, and Lin Bergmeier-Esterberg, Potsdam  
 Rev. Joe Giroux, Malone  
 Nick Grippe, White Plains  
 Cynthia Humphrey, Belmont  
 Geoffrey Lyman, Stillwater  
 Randy Merrill, Colton  
 Hannah Raceffe, Potsdam  
 Adam Smith, North Tonawanda  
 Julia Zakaryan, Potsdam

Kudos to Julia Zakaryan who has already led two ADK hikes!

FYI: As of January 2015, Laurentian Chapter members include 60 adults, 85 families, 45 seniors, 34 senior families, 3 life members, 15 students, 242 total households, 119 spouses/partners, 361 total voting members, 27 children, for a total of 388 members.

## EAP

*John Barron*

The Chapter's Educational Affiliate Program (EAP) has gained a lot of strength this year. Nine SUNY Potsdam students have qualified as ADK trip leaders. We have five all-student trips in the winter-spring schedule, three of which have gone ahead with good turnouts and two are upcoming in March and April. There are also two trips on the regular program in mid-March led by student leaders. The EAP is well supported by the SUNY Potsdam Outing Club, the Wilderness Education Program, Student Government Association and Venture Outdoors, and the College administration.

## Call for Nominations

There have been seventeen Distinguished Volunteer Awards given by the Chapter to recognize volunteers who have given exceptional service to the chapter. No award has been given since 2011. This is not for lack of individuals deserving of the award. Here is a summary of the selection guidelines and process for making a nomination:

### *A. Guidelines*

- The selected recipient over a number of years has made a significant contribution to the chapter's endeavors.
- The selected recipient may have made a noteworthy contribution in one specific area or in a variety of areas.
- Contributions at the club level may also be considered in determining this award.

### *B. Process*

- Nominations may come from any chapter member or from the Executive Committee.
- The recipient(s) shall be selected by unanimous vote at a properly constituted Executive Committee meeting.
- To be formally considered by the Executive Committee, the nomination should be submitted in written form with strong documentation. Nomination papers should include the significant contributions made by the nominee to ADK's Laurentian Chapter and to the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK). Dates of elected positions held, appointed roles and duties assumed as well as volunteer tasks undertaken are important areas to identify and incorporate in the nomination papers.
- To the extent possible, the nomination process should be kept secret from the nominee(s).

Awards are given at either the Spring or Fall potlucks.

Please take the time to consider participating in the nominating process. If you have questions about how to put a nomination together, and for a complete copy of the guidelines and rules, please contact me or Carolyn Kaczka, our chapter archivist.



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## Remember the Annual Laurentian Chapter Photo Contest

Submit photo entries to Tom Ortmeyer at [tortmeyer@twcny.rr.com](mailto:tortmeyer@twcny.rr.com). If you have questions or want to transfer photos in other ways, contact Tom at that address or at (315) 265-8219.

Details were in the Jan. - Mar. 2015 *North Wind*.

Photo contest winners will be announced at the Laurentian Chapter Annual Meeting in November, 2015. A Grand Prize photo will be selected. Best photos and honorable mention will also be selected in the categories:

Action  
Landscape  
Nature  
People

In 2015, an award will also be made for the best "selfie" photo.

For ease of handling, digital photos are preferred, but hardcopy versions are acceptable. If your photos are originally digital, please submit the highest resolution you have (photo file size of at least 500kbytes are best). Submitters are encouraged to include descriptive titles with their submissions.