

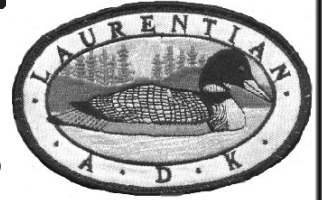


# North Wind

The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

*St. Lawrence & Ottawa River Valley Region*

January - March 2016



## Trail Work Day Attracts Huge Turnout

Every year in late October, Mark Simon organizes a trail work day for maintaining and improving local trails. Mark is maintenance coordinator of the Stone Valley Trail System on behalf of the ADK Laurentian Chapter, as well as a faculty member in Wilderness Education at SUNY Potsdam. Scores of students from the area colleges take part, along with faculty, chapter members, and others. The turnout seems to get larger every year, and the scope of projects undertaken increases accordingly. This year there were six crews out, three in Stone Valley and three elsewhere. Here are highlights of how the day unfolded.

**Red Sandstone Trail:** John Omohundro, Chapter maintenance coordinator of this riverside trail between Hannawa Falls and Potsdam, along with a couple of others had bad luck with the weather. After carrying materials in to the gulch between Sugar Island Flow and the Parmeter Quarry they were immediately rained out. John returned later in better weather to make repairs to some of the structures in the gulch.

**West River Trail, Stone Valley:** Julie Rapczynski, Bill Brown, and a crew from SUNY Potsdam Environmental Studies Freshman Interest Group (FIG) conducted general maintenance starting from the Colton dam and extending a couple of miles downstream. The work included clipping branches, cleaning water bars, and installing trail markers. A couple of weeks after the work this writer walked that stretch of trail and can state that while specific evidence couldn't be identified, the overall impression was of a very well maintained trail.

**John Stone Memorial Nature Trail Foot Bridge:** Kirke Perry, Bill Beauchamp, and students from SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Education constructed a 37' foot bridge over a creek, replacing a worn out low level bridge on this local trail in the Hamlet of Colton. The main structural members were telephone poles donated by the Nicholville Telephone Company. We collaborated with Ruth McWilliams who is chair of the Colton Beautification Committee. The whole project was completed in a single day.

**East River Trail, Stone Valley - Low Level Bridge:** Jim Williams and a crew from SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Education rebuilt a low-level bridge over a wet area not far from the east side trailhead in Colton. They also did some trail widening.

**Azure Mountain:** Adam Wheeler, Tom Maccula, and a large crew of students from SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Education Program and Environmental Studies Department conducted trail maintenance, graffiti removal, and erosion control on Azure Mountain.

**East River Trail Reroute - Stone Valley:** Mark Simon along with Jim Sheppard led a large crew consisting of students from SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Education and SUNY Canton Outdoor Adventures Club in constructing a reroute of the East River Trail near High Terrace. High Terrace, located near the midpoint of Stone Valley, is a couple of hundred feet above the river, with very steep approaches at both ends. For both safety (the approaches become dangerous under slippery conditions) and esthetic (to appreciate this stretch of the river, which can't be seen from the top of the Terrace) reasons it was decided to bypass the Terrace at river level.

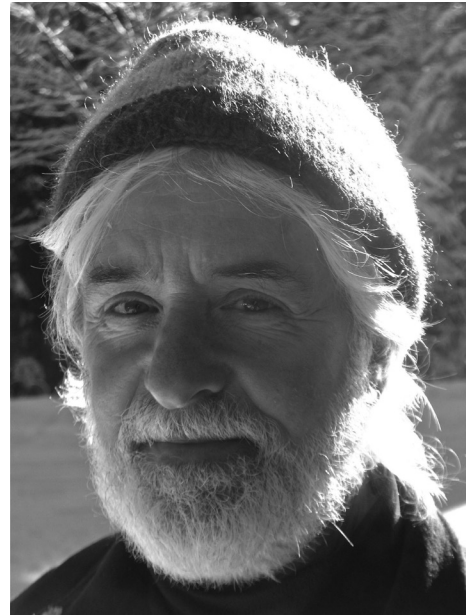
A long line of students worked for hours with hand tools, hacking new trail into the steep banks and levelling it. Near the northern end of High Terrace, the steepness required the construction of a deadman, which is a structure consisting of strong logs fastened to the ground by pegs below the desired new trail. The deadman was then filled with rocks, stones, gravel, and earth to create level trail.

John Barron

See photos in following pages:



*4 Emerging from the Nest. Photo Context Grand Prize winner. Duncan Cutter.*



*Dale on Baldface. First Place. Portrait category. Duncan Cutter*

## Chair

*Tom Wheeler*

As the year comes to a close I want to thank our dedicated volunteers who have helped the chapter in advancing its mission. This includes not just the various committee chairs whose reports are in this newsletter. They have done outstanding work. But I also want to mention some of the many others that work hard on our behalf.

Our webmaster David Katz has made our webpage one of the best in ADK. He has responded quickly to requested changes and additions. It is easily navigated and filled with information about the chapter. Marianne Hebert, in addition to her role as Outings Chair has helped our facebook presence grow to more than 100 friends. Dick Mooers' email newsletter has an equally large readership. Our EAP program which she and John Barron manage for us now has grown so that we have twenty students from Potsdam College who are members of the chapter. Our chapter organized and supported trailwork has helped make the Red Sandstone and Stone Valley trails outstanding outdoor experiences. For this we can particularly thank Mark Simon and John Omohundro. Mary MacKinnon has done an excellent job as our new hospitality coordinator. And of course, this newsletter is the product of hours of work by our editor David Trithart.

Jeff Miller will be leaving the position of Education Chair at the end of 2015. He deserves high praise for the work he has done in organizing the Outdoors-Indoors programs and our student programs, including navigating the intricacies of the DEC application process for our sponsorship of students to Camp Colby. Dana Chudzinski is leaving the position of secretary after four years and will also be missed. His input at executive committee meetings has been thoughtful and concise. Our membership chair, Lila Hunnewell will be leaving us as well because of other obligations. She has been diligent in welcoming our new members and keeping us up to date on changes in our membership.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who have agreed to lead outings over the past year. Outings have always been the key component of the chapter experience.

At year's end the Executive Committee voted to support ADK's education, advocacy, and trails programs with a gift to each of \$250.00 for a total of \$750.00. We also voted a donation to the Friends of Higley Flow State Park in the amount of \$200.00 to assist with the purchase of a groomer to maintain ski trails at the park.

I look forward to another interesting year as your Chair.

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*Lampson Falls* - This fall Clarkson engineering Prof. Robert Davis' SPEED (bridge building) team constructed four bridges for the trail along the Grasse River at Lampson Falls (see photo). Earlier bridges built by the Laurentian chapter had washed out in storms. Tom Ortmeyer and I surveyed the trail with Prof. Davis and DEC Forester Pat Whalen last summer. DEC contributed the lumber and supplies.

*Aquatic Invasive Species Steward* - The Raquette River Advisory Council, on which I serve as your representative, has succeeded in its efforts to increase protection of the river from invasive plants like Eurasian milfoil and animals like the zebra mussel. Paul Smith's College's Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) has generously offered to train and place a SUNY Potsdam environmental studies student next summer to work with boaters launching at Carry, Blake, and Rainbow Falls. We need to continue this campaign to place stewards at all popular boat launches along the Raquette. Of the other four north-flowing rivers in our region, the Oswegatchie is also vulnerable and needs more stewardship. Perhaps the Oswegatchie River Advisory Council can convince the AWI to support stewards in that river.

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Clarkson University's SPEED (intercollegiate bridge building) Team completing one of four structures on the Grasse River trail at Lampson Falls. Photo by Bob Davis.

## EAP report - Educational Affiliate Program

This year we have twenty student members in the SUNY Potsdam EAP. Six of them qualified as outing leaders at the clinic on November 14, along with seven others who qualified last year or the year before. The remainder have a great deal of outdoor experience and can co-lead outings. There is a very active all-student outing program running on campus, and we can expect to see the students as participants or leaders on regular program trips as well. John Barron





*Trails Day: East River Trail Reroute. Photo: John Barron*

# OUTINGS

## Jan.- Mar. 2016

*Marianne Hebert*

**Fri, Jan 1.** New Year's Day at Clarkson. Our annual New Year's Day pot-luck will take place once again at the Adirondack Lodge at Clarkson University. There are no cooking facilities, so hors d'oeuvres and similar items that don't require cooking or heating are standard. There will be short, easy walking, snowshoeing, or skiing tours on the scenic trails of the campus. Outdoor activities start by 2:00 and continue all afternoon until dark, snacks about 4:00 PM. Clarkson asks no pets indoors. Contact Tom Wheeler 315-386-2482 or [northflow@gmail.com](mailto:northflow@gmail.com).

**Sat, Jan 9.** Night hike at Robert Moses State Park, Massena. Get a different view of the Nature Center trails by trying them after dark. Depending on the amount of snow cover, we may not even need snowshoes. 3.6 miles of trails to explore. Level 1-2. Contact: Jeanna Matthews, [jeanna.matthews@gmail.com](mailto:jeanna.matthews@gmail.com), (315) 250-0566.

**Tues-Wed, Jan 12-13:** Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. View a selection of the best films of the Festival at the Bytown Cinema in Ottawa. Starts about 7 PM Tuesday. Optional supper in the Byward Market area beforehand. Option to stay overnight and go skiing on Wednesday in Gatineau Park. Participants welcome for films, skiing, or both. Contact: John Barron, [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca), (613) 828-2296. Members only.

**Sat, Jan 16.** Bear Mountain Hike (or Snowshoe). We start south from RT 3 in the Cranberry Lake region on a snowmobile trail, veer off onto a foot trail, ascend Bear Mountain, gaining nice views of Cranberry Lake, then hike out through the campground to our cars parked near the highway. A one-

### 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.

way trip, shuttling cars. Moderately difficult, with 7.25 miles of walking and 700 feet elevation gain. Level 3. Contact: John or Susan Omohundro, [omohunjt@northnet.org](mailto:omohunjt@northnet.org), (315) 265-8365. Members only.

**Sat, Feb 6.** Cascade Mountain. Cascade is known as being one of the more accessible of the 46 High Peaks, and has great views from the summit. 5 miles round trip with a 2000 foot vertical climb. Possible extension to include Porter Mountain if group desires. Strenuous. Level 5. Contact: Tom Ortmeyer, [tortmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:tortmeyer@gmail.com), (315) 265-8219.

**Sat, Feb 13.** Stone Valley Snowshoe/Hike. Snowshoe/hike with crampons Stone Valley's east side trail. Meet at the trailhead at 9 a.m. for this lovely local 3 plus mile outing. The ice formations associated with the river's numerous waterfalls should be spectacular! For those interested lunch at the Hide-Away Café in Colton will follow the outing. Level 2. Contact: Gene & Carolyn Kaczka, [gckaczka@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gckaczka@twcny.rr.com), (315) 265-4806.

**Sat, Feb 13.** Haystack Mountain (Snowshoe). Mount Haystack is one of the Saranac Lake 6ers peaks near Lake Placid. Nice 180 degree views of Whiteface Mountain and the Saranac Lake chain. 6.6 miles round trip with 1300 foot elevation gain. Moderate pace. Level 4. Contact: Adam Gonyeau (518) 338-7207, [gonyeaal96@potdam.edu](mailto:gonyeaal96@potdam.edu); or Eli Smith [smith198@potdam.edu](mailto:smith198@potdam.edu), (315) 418-0693.

**Sat, Feb 20.** Snowshoe Mt. Arab. This trail to the top is 1 mile long and gains about 700 feet in elevation. It is usually easier in winter than in summer! 2 miles RT. Level 2-3. Contact: Blair Madore, [madorebf@potdam.edu](mailto:madorebf@potdam.edu), (315) 261 0751.

**Sat, Feb 27.** Skiing at Paul Smiths Visitor Information Center (VIC) A large and scenic network of groomed trails allows us to customize the route to a wide range of abilities. Equipment rentals available. Trail use fee. If renting, the total cost is a bargain. Roughly 10 miles, roughly level 3. Contact: John Barron, (613) 828-2296, [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca).



*Trails Day: Azure Crew. Photo: Adam Wheeler*

**Sat, Mar 5.** Snowshoe up Goodman Mt. near Tupper Lake. Suitable for beginner snowshoers. The trail was constructed last year and honors slain civil rights activist Andrew Goodman. There are good views of nearby Coney Mt. from the summit. 3.2 miles RT, 570 foot elevation gain. Level 2-3. Contact: Eileen & Tom Wheeler, (315) 386-2482.

**Sat, Mar 19.** Snowshoeing The Pinnacle. This small mountain near Santa Clara gives a feel of the mountains for a minimal investment in driving. 5 miles RT, 500 foot elevation gain. Level 3. Contact: John Barron, [johnbarron@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnbarron@sympatico.ca), (613) 828-2296.

**Sat, Mar 26.** Hike or Snowshoe Wellesley Island State Park. The Park's trails offer a variety of woodland, wetlands and river view walks. Deer, birds and other critters abound. We will explore the trails and visit the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center to warm up. Bring lunch and binoculars. 3-6 miles RT depending on the will of the group. Level 2-3. Contact: Marianne Hebert, [hebertm@potdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potdam.edu), (315-265-0756)



*Trails Day: West River Trail Crew. Photo: Bill Brown*

## Director

*Tom Ortmeyer*

Several years ago I spend 2 months in Christchurch, on the South Island of New Zealand. While there, I learned of the Otago Central Rail Trail. This trail, which opened in the year 2000, was considered a surprise success by those South Island natives I talked to. The success of the trail frankly surprised them—what they had viewed as a resource for the local population was attracting widespread interest, and usage was exceeding all of my friends' expectations.

The Otago trail is 150 kilometers and connects the rural communities of Middlesbrough and Clyde. Recent usage statistics show around 85,000 annual users, with 12,000 or so who complete the entire trail. Keep in mind that the total population of the South Island is about a million, with another 3 million or so New Zealanders on the north island. Of the 12,000 through riders (or walkers), half rented bicycles, another 10% were on guided tours, and the remaining 40% were New Zealanders with their own gear. While riders are cautioned that services are limited along the route, businesses have developed along the trail. The trail has become a key economic factor in the region. It has also led the New Zealand government to undertake an ambitious plan to develop a national network of cycle routes.

Will the proposed rail trail between Lake Placid and Tupper Lake provide similar benefits in our region? The 34 mile length of this trail would be under half of the length of the Otago trail. The DEC estimates the bicyclers could do a one way trip on this trail in 3.5 hours—or the round trip in a day. They project that hikers and runners would do shorter, half day or less round trips. They estimate that approximately 75,000 users would enjoy the trail each year.

The report also details 18 potential connections, such as the Scarface Mountain Trail and trails to Hoel and Long Ponds in the St. Regis Canoe Area. These connections will provide many multi-experience trips, and it is not clear that the user projections have fully considered these. They also have not mentioned multi-day bicycle trekking, which I believe will become popular. Extended trips might start in Lake Placid, go to Tupper Lake and on the rail trail and then down to Long Lake on Rte. 30 or over to Cranberry Lake on Rte. 3. Both road segments have wide paved shoulders and are nice rides.

I firmly believe that the Lake Placid-Tupper Lake rail



trail will enjoy the success that the Otago and other trails have experienced. It will be a unique trail, and I look forward to riding it.

*Trails Day: John Stone Bridge Construction. Photo: Dennis Bulger*





### Call for Outing Leaders

The Chapter is always looking for volunteers to help lead outings. If you have ideas about hikes, bikes or paddles you would like to lead, we can help bring you up to speed with trip leaders dos-and-don'ts and administrative logistics. Contact: Marianne Hebert [hebertm@potsdam.edu](mailto:hebertm@potsdam.edu) for more info.

## ADK Laurentian Backtracks – Oct. - Dec. 2015

**Thu, Oct. 3:** - Paddle Debar Pond and Bushwhack to the Ledges of Baldface Mountain. Trip Leader: Duncan Cutter. First, there were no takers on October 3rd. Then, the middle of the next week, Jon Montan, Rod Woodin, Lois Cutter and I sampled the paddling component. We found the boardwalk carry to the pond too decrepit to safely navigate. Instead we used the entry road to the lodge and launched from there for a circuit of the pond nestled in full fall color. We also discovered a delightful rope swing suspended from one of the many handsome white pines gracing the grounds of the lodge. The swing offered an incredible view down the length of the pond embracing Baldface, Loon, Sable and Debar mountains. Still yearning to experience the paddle and bushwhack combination, Dale Pondysh, Rod Woodin, John Barron, Paul Cutter and I seized on windy but clear weather on Oct 15th and enjoyed this classic Adirondack venture. The bushwhack started from the ledges at the far end of the pond. It was strenuous, but we were rewarded: fall color ran in all directions from our perch high atop our goal, Baldface's cliffs.

**Sun, Oct. 4.** Ampersand. John Barron (TL), Tom Ort-meyer. We had an ideal, sunny fall day to enjoy this classic hike. We marveled at the trail construction that has taken place since last we were here: there are extensive rock staircases now.

**Sat, Oct. 10:** Prospective Member walk at Red Sandstone Trail. TL: John Omohundro. Attendees: Susan Omohundro, Randy Saumier. The turnout was small but first rate: Randy hikes, paddles, and wants to learn to snowshoe. He and I chatted as we strolled to the Parmeter quarry and back, admiring the high water from the earlier rains. That eve, Randy reported that he'd joined the Chapter.

**Sat, Oct. 24:** Stone Valley Trail Work. A very large turnout of students, faculty, and chapter members worked on projects at the Red Sandstone Trail, Stone Valley, Little John Trail in Colton, and Azure.

**Sat, Oct 31:** Climb St. Regis Mountain Canceled due to lack of participants.

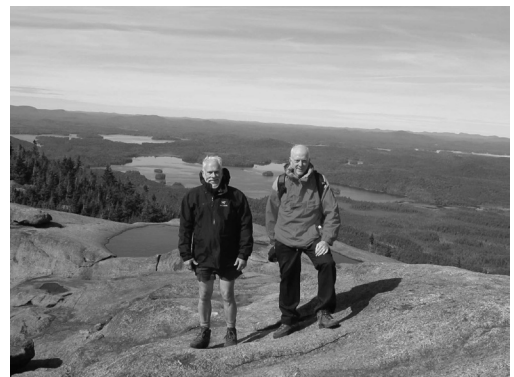
*Compiled by Marianne Hebert*

**Sat, Nov 7:** Hike up Mt. Van Hoevenberg. It was a crisp, cool, day as three of us climbed Mt. Van Hoevenberg on November 7th. The absence of snow and generally dry trail conditions made this a very pleasant hike through woods, beneath cliffs, and up to several ledges near the summit with very nice views of the high peaks. We were able to find a location sheltered from the wind for lunch. The highlight for Tom was a brief view of a pine marten that unfortunately disappeared before the others could see it. Participants: Randy Saumier, Eileen Wheeler (TL), Tom Wheeler (TL).

**Sun, Nov 15:** Red Sandstone Trail Walk. John and Susan Omohundro (TLs). Shelley Hazen, Lila and Charles Hunnewell. We walked the Sugar Island loop. Skies were grey but calm and not cold. Many blue birches were chewed or freshly cut down by beaver. We saw numerous galls in the branches of leafless cherry trees. Along the trail, wintergreen and perhaps wild rice. The river was low, with temporary islands of sandstone rubble showing.



*Trails Day: John Stone Memorial Bridge. Completed. Photo" Keagan Anderson*



*Ampersand Mt. Oct. 2015. John Barron and Tom Ort-meyer. Photographer: Bystander.*

# Outdoors / Indoors

**January 17** – Avalanche Survival: A First-Hand Account. On April 11, 2009, Dan Zucker and Tim Finocchio were about to top-out on a feature of Mt. Washington (NH) called Dodge's Drop. The snowpack collapsed and the two were carried down an 800 foot fall. Both Zucker and Finocchio not only survived, but were able to completely debrief forest service personnel who have almost no first-hand accounts of such events (for obvious reasons). Dan's talk will include both the details of the experience, but also details of the conditions on that fateful day and descriptions of the theory vs. practice of avalanche survival.

**February 7** – ADK Canoe Classic "The 90-Miler". Eileen Visser will share her 8 years of experience pit crewing and paddling this tour of ADK waters from Old Forge to Saranac Lake. Every September since 1983, recreational boaters as well as racers have competed and cheered their way along early settler and guide routes through lakes, rivers and portages, enjoying the scenery, camaraderie and muscle burn along the way.

**March 13** – The Surprising Aquatic Life of Bogs. Bogs have weird, interesting plant life that is adapted to conditions too challenging for most terrestrial vegetation. Many bogs also include pond-size aquatic environments that are too extreme for fish, and yet other creatures seem to flourish there. Join St. Lawrence University Biologist Brad Baldwin as he discusses who these creatures are and how they seem to do what fish cannot.

**April 17** – 8000 Miles from Home. Our left turn in Texas was a good decision! Join Dick Mooers as he brings us along on the journey he and Peggy took to many great national parks and monuments along a route to California, the Oregon coast, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, and North Dakota, with a side trip to Alaska

All presentations are at 7 - 8 p.m. in the Potsdam Civic Center Community Room(handicapped-accessible). Refreshments served.



*Photo Contest. Category: Nature.  
Photographer: Art Boni Title: Amanita Family*

## Education

*Jeff Miller*

This is my final column for the North Wind, as I now hand over the Education chair duties to Jeanna Matthews. Jeanna is an outdoor enthusiast as well as a teacher, the combination of which makes her a perfect fit for this position. I have no

doubt that Jeanna will succeed in her new position. Before I sign off, I'd like to take a look back at our accomplishments over the past year.

We started 2015 with a great series of presentations for our Outdoors-Indoors program. We explored the Totten Glacier system in Antarctica with Glenn Clark, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro with Peggy MacKellar, experienced some extreme backcountry adventures with "MudRat" MacKenzie, and were guided to the edge of our solar system by your favorite astronomer.

Our chapter sponsored two middle school students who attended Camp Colby last summer: Rhiley Adams from Ogdensburg Free Academy and Gabriel Damon from Brushton-Moira Central School. Rhiley is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at OFA, and this is an excerpt from a letter of thanks she wrote after attending camp:

I was never able to enjoy so many outdoor activities. I especially liked climbing St. Regis Mountain. It took us 8 hours to reach the top. I was freaking out because we were so high up, and I could see the whole forest. It was crazy! There was a counselor named Hannah who was my cabin leader. I really liked her a lot. She made me feel safe and have fun. I made a new friend while there. Her name is Lauren. We exchanged emails. We have kept in contact. I just wanted you to know that this was such an amazing experience for me and I am very grateful for your help and Mrs. Verville's [Rhiley's guidance counselor] for allowing me to attend Camp Colby.

Last summer we also sponsored Jacob Stiles and Benden Flanagan, two Boy Scouts who worked on the Orebed Trail for the High School Volunteer Trail Work program. Jacob writes of his adventure:

My experience on the Orebed Trail was amazing. The counselors and others taught me great lessons that I can use in life. It was fun to meet and work with kids from other areas who are not familiar with the Adirondack region. The work we did was hard and very fun. Because of his experience, I am likely to do again next year.

If you know of any teens between the ages of 14 to 17 who love the outdoors and aren't afraid of hard work, please pass their names along to Jeanna to be considered for sponsorship for next summer's trail work program.

We already have an exciting series of talks planned for our Outdoors-Indoors program beginning in January. We'll hear what it's like to survive an avalanche on Mt. Washington, paddle along in the 90-miler Canoe Classic, study some strange creatures that inhabit nearby bogs and take an 8000-mile journey through western national parks, with a little side-trip to Alaska thrown in for good measure. The schedule of these events can be found elsewhere in this North Wind issue.

Finally, I'd like to express my sincerest thanks to my wife Cheryl for helping out with the refreshments and chair arrangements at our talks the past two years. I hope that you will join me in welcoming Jeanna and supporting our chapter in the coming year's events. I hope to see you on the trail.



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## Chapter Photo Contest: 2015 Winners

**Grand Prize Winner:** "4 Emerging from the Nest" -- Duncan Cutter

**Runner-up:** "Summer Storm, Ottawa River" -- Art Boni

### First Place Winners

<i>Category</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Photographer</i>
Action	Cascade Mtn. Nearing Summit	Art Boni
Artistic	Reflections, Gatineau Park	Art Boni
Landscape	Gatineau Park, Fall 2014	Art Boni
Nature	Amanita Family	Art Boni
People	Cat Mt. Explorers	Carol Edmonds
Portrait	Dale on Baldface	Duncan Cutter

Other winning photographers: Alison Charles, Mark Martin, Holly Woodworth, Marianne Hebert, Kim Bouchard, Blair Madore, Jeff Miller.

See the chapter website for selected photographs from the contest.