



## “Tay Watershed Discovery Evening 2008”

### Directory of Exhibitors and Displays

\***Adventure Tours** – a Highlands-based canoe and kayak training and tour organizer, by a certified instructor, specializing in a soft and customizable approach to touring the wonderful waterways of this region [www.adventureagent.net](http://www.adventureagent.net).

\***A2A** - the Algonquin to Adirondacks Conservation Assn. works to enhance wildlife survival through connecting habitat in the unique, biologically rich area between Algonquin Park and Adirondack State Park, NY, while respecting responsible land uses – and to improve air/water quality for humans and wildlife alike, and preserve the rural character of the region. [www.a2alink.org](http://www.a2alink.org)

\***Ardoch Algonquin First Nation** – This display is presented by the Ardoch Algonquin First Nation, who have been leaders in the initiative to review the Ontario Government approval of a mining exploration permit on public lands at Robertsville, north of Sharbot Lake in Frontenac County.

\***Bedford Mining Alert** - is committed to bringing about reform to the Ontario Mining Act and other legislation to protect the environment and the rights of property owners. [www.bedfordminingalert.ca](http://www.bedfordminingalert.ca).

\***The Book Nook & Other Treasures** - has a nice mix of gently used, new and discount books, including history . The Book Nook supports local and regional authors and topics. Featured in workshops this season will be “writing family history - even if you are not a writer”. Come & browse at 56 Gore St. E. Perth, 613-267-2350.

\***Carleton Geography Honours Students** - present their report on the biophysical state and naturalization of the shoreline in the lower Tay River, between Glen Tay & Perth, including the level of awareness of the need, based on on-site observations last summer - with recommendations for steps to improve the condition & develop a shoreline protection policy.

\***Canadian Museum of Nature** – information for teachers, students and community groups on a variety of water related initiatives - 'Adopt a River', a water monitoring program, gets students out of the class and into the field; information on the upcoming Water Gallery, and more. For information, visit [www.nature.ca](http://www.nature.ca) or contact Katja Rodriguez, 613-566-4708.

\***Centre for Sustainable Watersheds** - a non-profit, charitable organization seeking cooperative approaches to protect Canada’s water resources. Current work focus: development of web enabled national water information-sharing network & provincial water stewardship initiatives; a national venture to implement zero-discharge wastewater technologies.

\***Community Coalition Against Mining Uranium (CCAMU)** - concerned citizens of the greater Ottawa Valley-Kingston area aiming to prevent a uranium mine in Frontenac /Lanark region and bring about a permanent moratorium on uranium mining in Ontario and changes to the Mining Act. <http://www.ccamu.ca/>

\***Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County** - a volunteer organization working in Lanark County to bring people and organizations together to advance resource stewardship on private land.

\***Friends of the Tay Watershed** – a non-profit, charitable association of residents, associations, and other organizations interested in the welfare of the Tay watershed, formed to assist in carrying forward the recommendations of the *Tay River Watershed Management Plan*. [www.tayriver.org](http://www.tayriver.org).

#### Displays:

**Welcome and Memberships table** – please consider joining us

**Antique Auction tables** – Review the antiques to be auctioned, at the display tables at the front of the room, including mirrors, traditional quilt, ca 1880 Perth map, chest of drawers, etc.

**Literature & Comments Table** – information on the Association, the Tay watershed, water resources and on programs to protect them, plus maps.

**Award winning projects from 2008 Historica** – ‘History of the Tay Canal’, by David Tysick, and ‘Train Wreck at Sucker Lake’ by Mitchell Crain.

\***Lake Management Planning** - What could a Lake Plan do for your lake? Information, resources and advice on lake planning, information on the Lake Management Planning Program, and what it can do for you. Presented by the Lake Management Planning Program (RVCA) and Lake Networking Group. [www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca/programs)

\***Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists** - naturalist group and Ontario Nature member, with the goal of promoting knowledge, appreciation and respect for the natural world within the Mississippi watershed; will provide information on club membership, 2008/09 lecture and outdoor activities schedule, and free copies of "*Lanark County Canoe and Kayak Journeys*".

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**\*Nature Lovers Bookstore** - caters to everyone inspired by nature, including inquisitive children. Special focus on the environment, sustainable living, ecology. Unparalleled diversity of unique, reasonably priced nature-related books, art, gifts. Browse our Watershed Evening specials. 62 George St, Lanark (613) 259-5654. [www.natureloversbookshop.ca](http://www.natureloversbookshop.ca).

**\*Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** - manages and protects Ontario's natural resources across the province. MNR strives to promote healthy, sustainable ecosystems, conserve biodiversity, conduct scientific research and apply the findings, develop effective resource management policies, manage Ontario's crown land, promote economic opportunities in the resource sector and enhance opportunities for outdoor recreation.

**\*Perth and Area Dowzers** – an informal association of folks wishing to learn to dowse (for water, lost articles, and other purposes) and to improve abilities in that art. Amongst others, the group includes energy workers and healers of various types, who have a particular interest in that aspect of the subject.

**\*Perth Municipal Water Board & Environmental Services** – information and display by the Environmental Services Department of Perth's water filtration, distribution and waste water collection/ treatment systems; how Perth provides drinking water to residents, where their water goes once 'used'.

**\*Perth Museum** – presents a selection of heritage photos, of Perth and the Tay Canal from the 1800s, from their extensive collection on the history of Perth and area. Open Monday-Friday, 10:00-5:00; Weekends, 1:00-5:00, 11 Gore St.

**\*Rideau Environment Action League (REAL)** – presents the 'Well Aware' Program, with information and advisory services on the care and maintenance of wells and septic systems. "Know Your Well and Septic!"

**\*Rideau Roundtable** - is a non-profit environmental organization working to preserve and enhance the waterway. "The Rideau Experience" program takes groups out on the water in Voyageur canoes for a half eco-tour highlighting the natural and cultural heritage of the waterway. Visit our display of information & artifacts on the tours, and learn more about the work we enjoy!

**\*Rideau Trail Association** - 1000-member organization promotes hiking and other fitness activities, and maintains a 300-km trail, Kingston-Ottawa, and several side trails or "blue loops" within the Rideau Canal corridor and nearby natural areas; some 90 members in Perth and the surrounding area.

**\*Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) & Mississippi Valley Conservation (MVC)** - balancing the needs of the environment with the needs of the community when protecting natural resources in the Mississippi and Rideau watersheds. [www.rideauvalley.on.ca](http://www.rideauvalley.on.ca) <http://www.mvc.on.ca/>

**Displays:**

**Rural Clean Water Program (RVCA)** – information and financial assistance to address well, septic, livestock, farm fuel storage, erosion, and nutrient management needs.

**Septic Systems (MVC & RVCA)** – information and advice on the care and maintenance of residential and commercial septic systems.

**Source Water Protection (MVC & RVCA)** - information on Ontario's *Clean Water Act* and how it will protect local sources of municipal drinking water.

**Conservation Lands (MVC & RVCA)** - information on the natural areas that conservation authorities manage for the enjoyment of the public and the health of the watersheds.

**\*Rideau Valley Field Naturalists** – a volunteer group spreading information on area nature, through field trips, monthly speakers, etc. Be sure to ask for your free butterfly poster and handout; enter their free draw for a nature book (winner to be announced at the end of evening). <http://www.rvfn.ca>.

**\*The Town of Perth's New GreenBin Program** - The Town of Perth is making big changes to their waste programs, including launching a GreenBin Program, re-opening a Recycling Depot, and changing garbage collection days. The town's GreenBin Helpers will be on hand to answer your questions.



The “Tay Watershed Discovery Evening” is presented by the Friends of the Tay Watershed Association, in cooperation with the evening sponsors. Visit us at [www.tayriver.org](http://www.tayriver.org)

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