



Fall 2016

## The View from Foley Mountain \*

News from the Friends of Foley Mountain

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# RVCA 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016  
RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION CENTRE  
3889 RIDEAU VALLEY DRIVE, MANOTICK

RSVP  
BY NOV 22 TO MICHELLE  
[MICHELLE.PRITCH@RVCA.CA](mailto:MICHELLE.PRITCH@RVCA.CA)  
613-692-3571 EXT. 1177

WINE & CHEESE FROM 5 TO 8 PM ~ OFFICIAL CEREMONY AT 6:30 PM

### NEW - PayByPhone Payment System at Your Local Conservation Area

You may have noticed new signs up at Foley Mountain telling visitors about RVCA's new payment system. In case you are interested, here are some more details about how it works:

- The new paybyphone service is going to make visits to conservation areas as easy as one, two, three!
- No cash required, as long as you have access to a phone, you're covered. There are three easy ways to use paybyphone (by phone, using an app, or online). You chose what works best for you and even pay before you arrive!
- Baxter, Foley Mountain, Rideau Ferry, WA Taylor and Perth Wildlife Reserve conservation areas are user pay sites.
- You can buy a day pass or you can opt to get an annual pass. (The advantage our annual passes is that it gives you access to all five conservation areas all year round.)
- With paybyphone, you won't need to keep track of a day pass ticket or an annual pass card.

### NOTE: for members of Friends of Foley Mountain:

If eligible for an annual pass with your membership, you will no longer receive a physical annual pass card. When you renew, you can list 1 or 2 licence plate numbers on the membership form. These will be entered into the system and you will receive confirmation from RVCA that your information has been processed. Staff will be able to check that cars in the park are in the system by checking licence plate numbers.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

What a beautiful autumn we had with such stunning colours and warm weather. I hope that our members and guests had the opportunity to take advantage of the display of fall colours in the Foley Mountain Conservation Area- time spent on the mountain is well worth it.

On May 25, 2016 The Friends of Foley Mountain held their Annual General Meeting. During the meeting, the volunteers listed below were elected to your Board of Directors for the coming year:

President: Rob Struthers

Vice President: Cait Maloney

Treasurer: Sandy Cameron

Secretary: Marion Watkins

Directors: Angela Archambault, Mary Bowlby, Wendy Briggs-Jude, Mike Fay, Don Goodfellow, Ethel Green, Carole Pickett, Pete Stothart

At that meeting the Board established the priorities for 2016/2017. The priorities are:

- 1/To run a successful paddle board raffle
- 2/To increase our membership sales to help the Foley Mountain Conservation Area
- 3/To recruit new Directors
- 4/To meet with RVCA management

I am pleased to report that we are on target to meet all the priorities. We have held a very successful raffle, Carole Pickett has joined the Board as a Director, and a meeting with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and RVCA Foundation is being arranged for December. Membership has remained about constant with last year's numbers. However, to fully achieve these priorities, we will need your support. Please consider joining the Board, renewing your membership, discussing with any Director projects you would like pursued, and continuing to support our fund raising efforts. We are particularly interested in recruiting someone who can help improve our social media presence. Do you know a high school student with the right skills who needs to complete some community service hours??? If so, please give him or her my contact details ([r.a.struthers@live.com](mailto:r.a.struthers@live.com)).

The Board has had a very successful year in our fund raising activities. The paddle board raffle was well supported by the community. Not only were raffle tickets sold at our traditional ticket selling location near the LCBO but this year, we were able to sell tickets during one of the Jazz nights held at the Cove. We are grateful for the support offered by the LCBO employees in allowing us to store raffle equipment in their store, to The Cove, to Steve Korenis for allowing us to set up the ticket sales at his Rideau Plaza parking lot, and to Ken Rose of Lake Effects for his help in obtaining the paddle board and for storing it during the week. Dr. Jan Trojanowski of Vancouver was the grand prize winner, Ryann McCann of Westport won the second prize, and Dale Festa of Langhorn, Pennsylvania claimed the third prize. Congratulations to all three and thanks to the community and our summer visitors for their support. We will be using the funds raised to continue supporting the outdoor education programming at Foley Mountain Conservation Area.

In addition to our major fund raising raffle, we have been successful this year in raising money in other ways. We received some unsolicited donations and a grant from the Rideau Lakes Township which we will be using to improve our social media presence and making improvements to our website. Funds were also raised during Peri McQuay's reading of her latest book "Singing Meadow: The Adventure of Creating a Country Home" which was held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at The Cove. Of course, membership fees are a significant source of funding and I would like to thank all of you who continue to provide financial support through your membership fees. Many of our local businesses are loyal supporters. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the generosity of Neil Kudrinko who this year completed his 2012 commitment to pay for new washrooms at the group camping area.

We will be trying some different fundraising methods in the coming months and are hoping that you support these as you have supported our traditional fundraisers.

The Friends of Foley Mountain have continued to contribute to making the experience of visiting Foley Mountain Conservation Area as enjoyable as possible for members, guests, and students. We have contributed funds to support the summer programming run by the RVCA, have arranged for the rental of the animals that are displayed in the visitors centre, and have funded the purchase of new flooring for the main floor of the visitors centre.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Membership Form. I urge you to renew your membership and to recommend to those who aren't already members to become one. With your continued support, the Friends of Foley Mountain can continue the excellent work that it has performed over the years. If you have any suggestions, would like to volunteer or join our Board of Directors, please feel free to contact me at [r.a.struthers@live.com](mailto:r.a.struthers@live.com).

As some of you may know, I am involved in extensive international travel. While the countries I visit are beautiful in their own ways, in my opinion none surpass the beauty of Foley Mountain and the Westport area. On behalf of the Board, I wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season. Soon we will be able to admire the Christmas lights on the beautifully decorated enormous Christmas tree on Spy Rock.

In closing, I encourage you to include visits to Foley Mountain in 2017 – a great way to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial!

FOFM Chair: Rob Struthers

#### Friends of Foley Mountain

#### Statement of Operating Account

For the period Jan. 1, 2016 to Sept. 30, 2016

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Memberships (1)	\$5,230	\$9,000
Grants & Donations	4,722	1,600
Bank Interest	31	70
Fund Raising (Lottery)	9,058	11,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,041</b>	<b>\$21,670</b>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Administration		100
Advertising	231	300
Office Supplies	162	500
Fund Raising (Lottery)	3,942	3,500
Miscellaneous	150	200
Animal Rentals	560	
Donations to RVCA (2)		7,000
Student Top-Up (2)		2,500
Special Projects (2)		6,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,045</b>	<b>\$20,400</b>

#### OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER OF 2017

Dinner and Blues Show  
at the Cove Country Inn  
February 17, 2017  
with the Hogtown Allstars

For more information and  
tickets, call the Cove at  
613-273-3636 or  
1-888-COVEINN or  
[www.BluesOnTheRideau.ca](http://www.BluesOnTheRideau.ca)

(1) Membership revenue for 2016 totalling \$3,480 was received in the fourth quarter of 2015. The budget for 2016 assumes that a similar amount will be received in the fourth quarter of 2016 for 2017 memberships. This would bring the total revenue for memberships purchased in 2016 to \$8,710.

(2) Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) will submit invoices for Donations to RVCA, Student Top-Up and Special Projects in the fourth quarter of 2016.



## What's Up At Foley Mountain?

### *Winter Adventurers Day Camp – February 2, 2016*

Programs are geared for kids aged six to twelve and are hosted by knowledgeable RVCA interpreters. Learn how to snowshoe, put up a shelter, build campfires and cook outdoors! The fun will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is **\$40/child** and \$35 for additional children in the same family. Each session can accommodate up to 25 children. Pre-Registration is required.

For more information, contact Rebecca at [rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca](mailto:rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca) or 613-273-3255.

