

Feb 25 - AGM - Your Pane is their Pain - Presented by Michael Measure, Executive Director of the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) - Port Perry

On February 25 North Durham Nature held its second Annual General Meeting at the Port Perry Public Library. President Derek Connolly was pleased to report that the past year has been a very successful and busy one for our group. He reported that in 2015 our events included 6 nature talks, a feature film, 11 outdoor experiences, and other conservation activities such as our bird box project. He was also pleased to see North Durham Nature partnering with other groups and noted that we helped two teens attend the Ontario Nature Camp. He gave special thanks to two board members who are stepping down from active board duties.

Alan Wells, past president and John Mclean were praised for setting the foundation of North Durham Nature on firm ground during their tenure on the board. James Kamstra and Carol Aspersen were welcomed as new board members. All other current board members will continue to sit on the board. Derek reminded us that the coming year holds many interesting opportunities for members and he hoped that more families and children would join us to conserve and protect nature in North Durham.

The meeting continued with a presentation from Michael Measure, the founder of F.L.A.P. (Fatal Light Awareness Program). He made it very 'clear' that many migrating song birds are killed and injured due to collisions with buildings. He delineated that solutions are within our grasp and urged everyone to take the necessary actions. He was also very pleased that the film "The Messenger" was being shown in Uxbridge on March 6, 2016.

Jan 28 - Members Night - Uxbridge

Approximately 40 people came to listen to several of our members give mini presentations on a variety of different natural places that they have visited. We started the night off with a presentation from Cara Gregory on a local treasure, the Nonquon Wetland. James Kamstra then delivered a short talk on the Queen Elizabeth Wildlands. Jay Thibert spoke about his journey in Belize, and Steve Cluff enchanted us with his experiences in Borneo. A short refreshment break gave opportunity for Cara to bring around a grey tree frog from the Nonquon E.E.C. for everyone to see up close. John McLean ended the night with his slideshow on "The High Arctic Oasis".