

Nov 26 - Reptiles - A special family presentation by Haydon DeBarros - Uxbridge

At only 14 years of age, Hayden's knowledge far surpasses his young age and his passion has gained him the attention of seasoned reptile keepers and enthusiasts alike. This young man is both entertaining and fun to listen to! Not just a kid with a passion for animals, Hayden gained experience working with reptiles over the past 6 years at "HD reptiles" – this is Hayden's own company dedicated to captive breeding for the pet industry. Additionally, HD reptiles is also involved in reptile rescue and conservation.

Oct 22 –Twilight to 2000: An Ecological History of Ontario - Dale Leadbeater, Port Perry

A large turnout for Dale Leadbeater's discussion on the evolution of Ontario's flora! Approximately 40 people attended this talk at the Scugog Memorial Library. Dale brought to life the changes that Ontario's flora have undergone over the years before people and after their arrival. Interesting connections were made between the relationship of the province's flora, and the fauna that evolved over the same time period. Her talk was followed with a number of interesting questions that lead to some good group discussion on the topic.

Sept 24 – Nature in Art

This year's gathering of Nature Artists displaying their work was enjoyed and attended by approximately fifty North Durham residents. There were a number of displays to view, while listening to the beautifully played music of the North Durham Strings. North Durham Nature is fortunate to have several artists to celebrate whom depict nature in a variety of forms. Special guests featured at this event included Annabelle Murray (Painter and Poet), Kim Lowes (Wildlife Photographer), Hanneke Koonstra (Fine Art), Daniella Boerhof (Metally Twisted Art), members of the Artists of Uxbridge among many others, including artists displaying their hand made bird houses, photos, and jewellery. Thanks to all of the artists who helped to make this night possible.

Sept 20 Moose: A Year in the Life of a Twig Eater

130 people from across North Durham and the surrounding area all gathered at the Roxy Theatres in Uxbridge on the afternoon of September 20th for a sold-out premier showing of this film by award winning nature filmmaker Susan Fleming. The film followed a mother moose and her calf for a year in Jasper National Park, focusing on their trials and triumphs. It also included spectacular footage of a number of other wildlife indigenous to that area. Those involved in the making of the film were available for questions from the audience following the film and gave several fascinating insights into its production. \$1300 was raised from this event, in support of North Durham Nature. A portion of these funds were used to send two students from North Durham to the Ontario Nature Eco-Youth Summit. A special thanks goes out to: Susan Fleming and her film crew, Cathy Christoff, owner of the Roxy Theatres, for hosting the evening and for organizing the creation of the movie poster, and Presents, Presents, Presents (Uxbridge) and Eco-Port (Port Perry) for helping to get the word out and selling the tickets. Catch the film's TV premier October 15th at 8:00 p.m. on The Nature of Things.