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or expand?

Thinking about  
digging a pond?

Please call us first!



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## Well Rooted in Conservation

It was a busy tree planting season this past spring for the forestry staff. Over 80,000 trees were planted throughout the watershed helping to keep our future green!

Looking for advice on your woodlot or interested in planting trees in 2020? Give us a call at 519-367-3040 ext. 231 or email at [forestry@svca.on.ca](mailto:forestry@svca.on.ca).



## All Wet and Loving It!

Over 1,500 youth from across Grey and Bruce Counties attended the Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival, taking part in over 40 hands-on activities.

Saugeen Conservation is a proud partner in this program, assisting with the coordination and implementation of this important event.

## Wonders of Wetlands

Over 50 students participated in the Wonders of Wetlands Program at Brucedale Conservation Area.

Supported by Enbridge, students learn about the value of wetlands and take part in catching aquatic critters to help determine water quality. A good time was had by all!



## Coffee, Crops and Donuts

Once again this year, Saugeen Conservation, in conjunction with local agricultural groups and organizations, will be hosting the popular Coffee, Crops and Donuts sessions.

These educational field studies are about farmers teaching farmers with respect to soil conservation and health, the benefits of cover crops, the sharing of farm machinery, and much more!

Check out [www.svca.on.ca](http://www.svca.on.ca) for more information.

## Painting the Town Yellow

Grade four and five students from St. Mary's in Mount Forest participated in Trout Unlimited's Yellow Fish Road Program in June.

The enthusiastic students painted Yellow Fish symbols and the words 'Rain Water Only' on 84 storm drains. They also distributed informative fish hangers on the program to local homes, pointing out that storm drains are meant for storm water ONLY, emptying into local rivers and creeks untreated.



## Wetlands Made Fun



Hundreds of people have now participated in the formal SVCA tours on the Greenock Swamp, which combine natural history, culture and folklore into entertaining tourism products of Southern Ontario’s single largest forested wetland, the Greenock Swamp

The two tours offered include; Legends of the Great Swamp and Bootlegging Lore of the Great Swamp. The tours are listed on [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca) and include bus transportation, wine and beer tasting, tours of an historic Inn, a visit to the Greenock Swamp and a full course church supper with all the trimmings. Local actors are also involved and portray colourful historic characters from long ago!

## Establishing Living Legacies

The Annual Memorial Grove Ceremony was held at the end of June. A program of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation, this initiative provides opportunities for individuals to purchase a tree(s) for loved ones who have passed on.

The Ceremony is always well attended and provides a great deal of meaning to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, friend or relative. The Ceremony is held at the end of June.



## Volunteers and Staff - Making Things Happen!

Saugeen Conservation is very fortunate to have an amazing volunteer base consisting of many keen and enthusiastic volunteers from across the watershed.

Together, they take an active role in the development and maintenance of SVCA camping parks. This past spring volunteers and staff worked together to construct and repair trails at Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area! Many thanks to all!



## TRAILS & TUNES Concert & Pig Roast



Each year, staff and the ‘Horse Friends of Saugeen Bluffs’ host this fun event which includes various activities, live bands and a pig roast.

Everyone had a great time at this year’s event. Over \$4,000 was raised over the weekend that will go toward park improvements and developments.

## A Wet and Wild Spring

This past spring proved to be very wet throughout the watershed. Localized flooding was commonplace and staff were kept busy monitoring conditions, issuing flood bulletins and conducting plenty of field and site investigations in an effort to keep watershed residents up-to-date with the latest information.

SVCA’s Flood Forecasting Centre continually monitors watershed conditions throughout the year. With the increased frequency and severity of storms, flooding is no longer just limited to the spring months.



## Got A Question?

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