

Dear Foundation Supporter:

The 29th annual Maitland Conservation Foundation Dinner and Auction will be celebrated on April 28, 2017 at the Brussels, Morris & Grey Community Centre. This is our most successful fundraising event thanks to the generous support of businesses and individuals who contribute to the evening.

This year the event theme is "Celebrating our Conservation Areas". The Maitland watershed provides an excellent example of successful efforts to improve the natural environment. Funds raised by the Foundation directly support improvements at the conservation areas and watershed restoration projects.

We are currently seeking donations for the auction. If you would like to donate this year please contact Lori Gordon at the MCF office at 519-335-3557 or by email at:

foundation@mvca.on.ca.

In the coming weeks one of the MCF's Directors will follow up to see if you are able to make a donation. Donations received before April 7th will be listed in the event program.

In keeping with an environmental theme, donations of items related to conservation projects, landscaping, gardening, tree planting or outdoor recreation activities are being specifically sought. Products made locally using, or inspired by, natural resources are also desired. All donations and monetary contributions are greatly appreciated.

The 2017 Dinner and Auction will support the "Restoring the Maitland" campaign that the MCF launched in 2016. The MCF is planning to raise \$205,000 over the next three years. The campaign is raising funds for three projects including improvements to infrastructure at various Conservation Areas and the Middle Maitland Headwaters Restoration Project and the Garvey Glenn Watershed Restoration Project.

If you would like to attend the Dinner and Auction individual tickets are \$60 dollars per person. Tables of eight can be purchased for \$600 and table purchasers will receive a charitable tax receipt for \$120.

If you would like to sponsor a table the cost is \$250. Table sponsors receive a tax receipt for the full amount and recognition in the program. Guests with regular tickets will fill the seats at the sponsored tables.

Last year we sold out early so please contact Lori Gordon at 519-335-3557 or foundation@mvca.on.ca as soon as possible to reserve your tickets.

Sincerely,



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Kate Procter
Chair, Maitland Conservation Foundation

Donation Suggestion List

- Landscape/Gardening
- Native plants, wildflowers, trees, shrubs
- Planting material/tools
- Trees
- Pollinator or Butterfly garden plants
- Gardening tools
- Composters
- Rain barrels
- Related gift certificates
- Gift baskets (local theme...ie honey, chocolate
- Handcrafted items (pottery, quilts, wood, metal)

Outdoor recreation

- Biking, hiking, boating skiing, snowshoeing and other “eco” activity accessories
- Canoes and related equipment
- Fishing gear
- Camping gear/passes
- Birding books, binoculars and other related items
- Tickets to seasonal local events and attractions
- Photography related (camera packages)
- Certificates to golf courses
- Cottage vacation (as long as not too rustic)
- Fly fishing lessons and/or fly tying lessons
- Outdoor vacation packages

Watershed resources

- Framed pictures of wildlife or scenery
- Maple syrup/honey products
- Coupons for other local food products
- Gift certificates to restaurant that serves locally sourced foods
- Items made from local wood products or other natural materials
- Arts and craft made locally and reflecting environmental messages

ADDITIONAL IDEAS AND MONETARY DONATIONS ARE WELCOME.

Donations to the Dinner and Auction are eligible for charitable tax receipts.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MAITLAND CONSERVATION FOUNDATION