



Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club  
Club des naturalistes d'Ottawa

2025

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR: THE OFNC EVENTS COMMITTEE

*The Member of the Year award is given in recognition of the member (or members) judged to have contributed the most to the Club in the previous year. Members of the Executive are excluded from consideration.*

The 2025 Member of the Year award goes to the OFNC Events Committee, recognizing a successful year of teamwork. With field trips, hikes, bioblitzes and speakers, this committee gave OFNC members over 60 events in 2025.

OFNC members count on the Events Committee to deliver, every month, all year long. Events are what draw many members to the Club in the first place and are, along with publications, among the major benefits of membership.

To deliver such a program, a committee must be well-organized, bold and creative, and must know what would appeal to OFNC members. The Events Committee meets regularly to plan. They recruit field trip leaders and speakers. Then they keep in touch to ensure the event goes as planned, introducing them if they're a speaker, or going along with them on field trips. They also coordinate events publicity.

Events Committee members themselves led or co-led about one third of the 2025 events. For some, they collaborated with other organizations. The Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club, the Friends of Stittsville Wetlands, the Canadian Museum of Nature, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the Rideau Trail Association are but a few examples.

Events bring OFNC members together, for learning, fun, fresh air and friendship.

Thank you for delivering a year of great events! Committee members receiving the award are Tamara Bloom, Cindy Burrell, Catherine Crosier, Diane Lepage, Shawna Lucey, Susan O'Connor and Lynn Ovenden. (Two additional members were also members of the OFNC executive offices in 2025. Their contributions are highly valued, but awards policy excludes them from being recipients.)

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