

## A Night Out for Nature helps to protect land

The HNC's first spaghetti dinner fundraiser was a resounding success! Tickets were sold out and the St. Paul's United Church hall was a busy place on November 19 with over 170 people. About half were not HNC members and were able to learn about the Club's land trust program. Thanks to everyone's generosity the event raised approximately \$6,000 and the raffle for the canoe donated by Nova Craft raised approximately \$3,500. The funds will be used to help the HNC's land trust program to acquire natural lands in Dundas.



There were several highlights to the evening. J Neysmith and the Out of the Cold volunteers made an incredible spaghetti dinner that received rave reviews. A tableful of delicious desserts was devoured. Thanks to Marg Troy, Bronwen Tregunno, Stephanie Broxholme, Fran Hicks, Jean Stollard, Joyce Lister, Jocelyn Neysmith, and June Franchetto for making the desserts! Elaine Serena arranged for a delightful cake decorated with a canoe to match the theme of the event.



Four over Forty

Musicians Four over Forty, Nikki Loney and Shawn Trotter thrilled the crowd with their talent, so much so that Four over Forty was asked for an encore. Kevin Callan shared entertaining stories about his canoeing adventures, reminding us of why we need protected natural spaces and how important it is to spend time in wilderness.



Kevin Callan

Amber Rieder won the coveted trophy for the spaghetti sauce cookoff. The much anticipated draw for the canoe that was generously donated by Nova Craft wrapped up the evening with the van Gageldonk family being the lucky winners.

We were fortunate to receive numerous items for the silent auction and for door prizes. This includes Wray Provo, J Neysmith, A Different Drummer Books, Mickey McGuire's Cheese Shop, Taylor's Tea Room, Brian McHattie, Adventure Attic, Venni Gardens, RBC Royal Bank Commercial Financial Services Halton, Tumblehome, Wild Birds Unlimited, Waterdown Massage Therapy, Lindsay Burtenshaw, The Beanermunky Chocolate Experience, Joanna Chapman, Elaine Serena and Marg Walton.



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Bruce  
MacKenzie

The evening was a great success thanks to the hard work of many volunteers. Jocelyn Neysmith and Jim Stollard were on hand to welcome everyone and to sell tickets. Jean Stollard recorded the evening as the photographer. Numerous people pitched in to clean up after dinner, including Jill and Paul Attack, Gerten and Terry Basom, Bronwen and Brian Tregunno, and Stephanie Broxholme. The spaghetti sauce cookoff was popular and ran smoothly thanks to Bronwen and Brian Tregunno. Our emcee, Bruce Mackenzie kept us on track and talked about the importance of the work of the HNC's land trust program. The bartenders were popular throughout the evening.

The land trust committee will be planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Night Out for Nature, stay tuned for details for the November 2012 event! If you would like to participate in organizing fun events like this, as well as other land trust activities, please contact Jen Baker at 905-524-3339 or [land@hamiltonnature.org](mailto:land@hamiltonnature.org).