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Northumberland Land Trust Hosts Environmental Speaker Series: An Introduction to the Native Bees of Ontario.

Cobourg, ON – The third and last in this winter’s series of free presentations hosted by the Northumberland Land Trust will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The Northumberland Land Trust Speaker Series takes place at the Cobourg Community Centre, 750 D’Arcy St, Cobourg.

This exceptional presentation will feature Susan Chan, who will introduce some of the native bees of Ontario through photographs and describe their fascinating behaviour and importance. She will describe how to create habitat for these bees in a variety of contexts and will discuss the role of neonicotinoid pesticides in the decline of bees and other pollinators.

The title of Susan’s presentation is
“An Introduction to the Native Bees of Ontario”

Susan Chan is an advocate for native pollinators and is the author of “A Landowner’s Guide to Conserving Native Pollinators in Ontario”. She has made many presentations across Ontario to a wide variety of audiences on the subject of pollinator conservation. Susan has an academic background in Agriculture (McGill University), education (U.W.O.) and a Master of Science degree in pollination biology from Guelph University. Susan manages the Native Pollinators Program at the regional not-for-profit organization, Farms at Work. She is also an active beekeeper, an executive member of Central Ontario Beekeepers Association, a lecturer at Fleming College and Trent University, the co-founder of the Lakefield Farmers’ Market and the owner of Ten for Joy Farm. She and her family live near Lakefield.

The doors open at 7:00 p.m. for light refreshments. Susan Chan will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.



Female Squash Bee
returning to her nest with a
load of pumpkin pollen



NLT President, John Geale, notes “We are grateful to the Town of Cobourg for allowing the Northumberland Land Trust to use the well-equipped Cobourg Community Centre at 750 D’Arcy Street for our Speaker Series. A warm welcome waits for all who wish to join us at 7 p.m. for refreshments and the presentation.”

The Northumberland Land Trust (NLT) is a non-profit, non-government charity dedicated to preserving the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County. The NLT is committed to working with landowners to help ensure that these cherished landscapes will also be there for future generations. Since 2004, the NLT has helped protect over 400 acres of special natural lands in the Oak Ridges Moraine and other areas of Northumberland County. Properties and conservation easements have been donated to us by individuals with a great love for nature. More can be learned about the Northumberland Land Trust at our web site: www.northumberlandlandtrust.ca. Our goal is to protect natural lands by:

- accepting donations of significant lands to manage as nature reserves
- entering into conservation easements with willing owners to legally protect natural areas from future development
- working cooperatively with other organizations to acquire or manage ecologically significant lands
- engaging private landowners and volunteers in positive conservation actions
- increasing local knowledge and awareness about natural heritage conservation

Land trusts are not for profit, charitable organizations which have as one of their core activities the acquisition of land or interests in land (such as conservation easements) for the purpose of conservation. Most land trusts focus on conserving the biological values of land but across the continent, land trusts have also been established to protect scenic, historical, agricultural and recreation lands.

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