

2026 AGM PROGRAM REPORT

As mentioned in the 2026 President's Report, this year was an exercise in flexibility and adaptability. Between the weather, the Martinique Beach Closure, a speaker scheduling foul-up and the Dalhousie University Labour strike/lockout, it was a very challenging year. Despite all these factors we had excellent attendance at the events we held.

TALKS

We hosted 10 events at the monthly museum meetings, the AGM included. There were some very memorable presenters who graced us with their knowledge, expertise and ease of presenting. The 10 talks completed were; Leach's Storm Petrels, Tree Identification, AGM Members Photo Night, Walking Across Scotland, Website Instruction (short notice substitution due to scheduling foul-up), Beavers, Mollusks, Environmental Action Committee, Nova Scotia Nature Trust and the Year End Review.

Walks

We had 12 walks scheduled, of which only 10 were completed, the conditions and circumstances of the day often dictate whether the walk takes place and the actual walk attendance. Unfortunately, I do not have an accurate count of total attendance. We were doing well with 158 already counted before the MacCormack's Beach Anniversary Event in October. However, we quit counting at 94 at the beach with more people coming even as things were wrapping-up. A reasonable year's count would very easily be 250 plus. Completed walks were; The Annual HFN Bird Walk, the HRM Dartmouth Greenhouse tour, the Halifax Organics Management Facility, the Halifax Tree Identification Walk, the Drumlin Trail, the Shaw Wilderness Trail, the Musquodoboit River Run, the Tudor Trail, MacCormack's Beach Anniversary Walk and the Bell Park Loop. The 2 walks that we received the most feedback from were the MacCormack's Beach Walk and the Halifax Organics Management Facility tour. Both had excellent attendance and wide appeal.

Along with the walks we had 3 public display information events. One each at the Ivany and Institute of Technology NSCC campuses. The third display was held at the Dalhousie University Killam Library Atrium. These were arranged in an attempt to increase our visibility and bring new people out to our events.

Fortunately, we have a number of members who suggest different topics and locations for events, however, due to any number of reasons not all end up being used. This welcome sharing of possible topics and events is so very helpful and allows for the wide variety of events we are able to set up.

Respectfully submitted
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