

Echoes From The Rock



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The Newsletter of the Friends of Bon Echo Park

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2013 is a notable year for the Friends of Bon Echo Park. We are celebrating 25 years of service to this great Park and to the millions of visitors. This summer issue of *Echoes from the Rock* highlights some of the productive past by focusing on its history and drawing attention to some of the activities we have planned to commemorate this significant landmark.

The Faithful Friends of Bon Echo Park 1988-2013

Derek Maggs, Executive Director



2013 marks a significant anniversary for the Friends of Bon Echo Provincial Park. 25 years ago a small group of volunteers initiated an organization that has impacted Park visitors ever since. Their commitment to preserve the natural heritage and cultural history of the Park has resulted in innovative programs which hundreds of thousands of Park visitors have enjoyed.

Impetus for the Friends group came from Park Superintendent Ed Buck who approached the Pioneer Club of Cloyne asking them to consider the formation of a support group. The challenge was accepted. The signing of the official agreement between the Friends and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources took place in a ceremony in September 1988 at the Dollywood Visitor Centre.

The Friends recognized the many assets of this beautiful Park. 180,000 visitors are attracted annually to enjoy the pristine beaches and waterfronts, the majestic eastern white pines and the grandeur of Mazinaw Rock with its geological history, 900 year old cedars and pictographs left by earlier inhabitants.

Various approaches aimed at increasing appreciation of the Park and the preservation of its heritage have been utilized by the Friends. Their financial support has enabled the Natural Heritage Education (NHE) program to double its staff each summer. NHE staff offer daily children's programs, guided hikes, interpretive boat tours of Mazinaw Lake and Rock on the



Wanderer, Amphitheatre programs including unique presentations and the publication of trail guides. Together all programs attract and contribute to make Bon Echo Provincial Park one of Ontario's best.

Many enterprising projects have been initiated and carried out by the Friends. Operation of two tour boats has provided an educational and picturesque experience to Park visitors. The Friends took over the Mugwump ferry service in 1989 allowing visitors access to the Cliff Top Trail where the breathtaking panoramic overview beckons. A year later the Friends commenced operation of the Wanderer, providing an interpretive boat tour highlighting the area history, the geology, flora, fauna, and fungi of Mazinaw Rock and a closeup view of the native pictographs. The Wanderer and the Mugwump currently provide interpretive excursions for over 16,000 visitors each summer. For 18 years the rewarding tour boat service was provided by dedicated volunteers serving as captains, deckhands and later as interpreters. The Friends have continued to provide the trained staff to fill these positions as required by government regulations.



Ken Young, Glenn McFadden, Ron Roberts, Blake Lloyd
Bill Monahan, Bill Rowsome, Joe Miller, Les Hird

In the early 1990s the Friends operated the canoe concession partnering with two local businesses to provide another manner to allow visitors to enjoy the lake and approach Mazinaw Rock. This is currently operated by Bon Echo Canoe, owned by Bruce White. For the last ten years Bruce has donated canoes to the Friends for their annual raffle.

The Greystones Gift and Book Shop opened in Dollywood Visitor Centre in 1989 and moved to its present location in 1993. The shop specializes in merchandise chosen to enhance the appreciation of nature. An Art Gallery was added in 1996 to display original art of Canadian nature and wildlife. In 2006 the Friends financed major renovations in Greystones. The structure was strengthened and expanded while maintaining the historic ambience of this classic century cottage. In 2007 the Friends named the gallery the Colin Edwards Memorial Art Gallery in recognition of Colin's longtime service as Director, volunteer and artist.



The Friends engaged their first Executive Director in 1995. The organization was growing and there was a need for structure, coordination and liaison between the Park, the volunteers and the public. The numerous programs

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The Big Three Who Shaped Bon Echo Park

By Julie Druker

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The flavor of Bon Echo Park began to take shape decades before it officially became a provincial park. This was due to the influence of three distinct personalities.

In a presentation entitled "The Dentist, the Feminist and The Writer", local historian Margaret Axford told of the influence these three people had on the park, a park which continues to draw visitors from across the country and from all over the world.

The first was the dentist, **Dr. Weston A. Price**, who was born in Newburgh, Ontario, but who lived and worked in Cleveland, Ohio. Price's wife was from Brampton, Ont. and she taught in Ardoch. In 1898 Price began renting land in what is now Bon Echo in the summer months from a farmer named David Weese. In 1899 the couple acquired land in the area and Price decided to build an inn modeled on the tourist hotels of the Adirondacks. Axford stated, "He [Price] knew that the setting of the Mazinaw Rock would be a natural draw and it was the Prices who gave the name 'Bon Echo' to the area, and who gave birth to tourism in the region."



Price, who was described by one observer at the time as a "wiry man, always rushing somewhere with a hammer in his hand" used local labor to build the inn, which consisted of the main building, five cottages, a separate staff house, a boat house, a laundry house, an ice house, numerous docks and a bridge across the Narrows. By the end of Price's second summer after purchasing the land, the Bon Echo Inn was complete. In 1901 a telephone line that originated at the Kaladar train station and ran along the old Addington Road became the first telephone line in the area.

Price hoped to attract like-minded nature lovers to the area, and because he was a teetotaler and a religious man, the inn was dry until Merrill Denison took it over decades later.



In 1901, **Flora MacDonald Denison** arrived on the scene at Bon Echo with her husband Howard and son Merrill, first as guests in the tower room suite of the inn. Axford said that "she would have bought the place at that time if Price had been selling it" but instead she bought a lot south of the Narrows, where she built a summer cottage. Flora and her family would spend the next nine summers there. Flora MacDonald Denison was born in 1867 in Actinolite, worked as a teacher near Actinolite, and as a dressmaker in Toronto. She later was a writer on women's rights and the suffrage movement.

It was on her annual trip to Bob Echo in 1910 that Flora learned that Dr. Price wanted to sell the inn. Differing explanations are given for Price's reason for selling. One was that his 10-year-old son Donald was ill at the time; he later died either of spinal meningitis or from a diving accident.

Flora paid Dr. Price \$13,000 for the inn, Big Bear Island and numerous acres of land, and Flora's husband Howard ran the Inn from 1911-1913 until the two separated and their marriage ended. Flora then took it over and her intent was to create "a haven for artists and philosophers in an inspiring natural landscape with an incredible view of Mazinaw Rock, where visitors could renew their souls, their energies and their creative instincts." Flora also celebrated the teachings and writings of Walt Whitman, the famed 19th century American poet. According to Axford, Flora "was caught up in his [Whitman's] democratic ideals and she saw Bon Echo as being a symbol of democratic freedom...that would always be enhanced by the spirit of Walt Whitman."

It was Flora who had a large rock face on the lake inscribed with a dedication to "Old Walt". As a practicing spiritualist and part of a group whose members claimed they could communicate with the dead, Flora held numerous séances at Bon Echo. One observer at the time recalled that guests at Bon Echo "often preferred a séance at midnight to a Sunday morning church service." Under Flora's command the inn housed many notable guests, including James Thurber, Morley Callahan, Frank Lloyd Wright and the painters from the Group of Seven; the latter would often be guests when Flora's son Merrill took over ownership. Financially the inn ran at a loss, with "Flora's dreams always outstretching her financial capabilities".

Flora died at 54 years of age on May 23, 1921 and a bronze urn holding her ashes was deposited in Mazinaw Lake just below the Whitman inscription. Her son, **Merrill Denison**, a writer and later a well-known radio personality, inherited the inn and its 10 square miles of property, and began some much-needed repairs. His contacts at Hart House and the Arts and Letters Club in Toronto put him in touch with many famous Canadian artists of the time, many of whom would become regular visitors to Bon Echo. Merrill's partner, Muriel Goggin, whom he would marry in 1926, ran the inn from 1923-1928 "like a general", and it prospered during this time until the stock market crash of 1929. From then until 1934 it was closed to the public at large and became Camp Mazinaw, a boys' camp for Trinity College School in Port Hope.



Bon Echo Provincial Park Special Events 2013

The Friends will cover Park admission charges for some events.
Check www.BonEchoFriends.ca for details.

Saturday June 29 **Sciensational Sssnakes!!**

Staff from Sciensational Sssnakes!! will give two interactive presentations on snakes and other reptiles to help us understand why it is so important to protect them and their habitats.

Times: 11 am and 1 pm

Location: Children's Program Area



Saturday July 6 **Traditional Teachings**

Members of Ardoch First Nation are back again this year to provide insight into their culture and history. Join staff, elders, and people in traditional dress for a night of sharing.

Time: 7 pm **Location:** Children's Program Area

Thursday July 11 **David Archibald - Singer, Entertainer**

Dust off your singing and dancing skills and join children's entertainer David Archibald. Take part in the songs he wrote specifically about Bon Echo! Join David for a one hour energetic and interactive show for the whole family.

Time: 7 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre



Thursday July 18 **Margaret Axford Bon Echo: The Early Years**

Curator of the Cloyne Pioneer Museum, Margaret Axford tells the stories of Weston Price, Flora MacDonald Denison and her son Merrill Denison.

Time: 8 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre



Saturday July 20 **Bill Bickle Wildlife Photographer**

Do you enjoy great nature photography? Join Bill Bickle, named 2012 Canadian Wildlife Photographer of the year by the Canadian Museum of Nature & Canadian Geographic. Bill's subjects include animals of the local area.

Time: 8 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre



July 26, 27, 28 **Bon Echo Art Exhibition and Sale**

45 artists will showcase their original artwork on the theme of Canadian Nature, Wildlife and Countryside. This event has something for everyone with its various art mediums, children's activities and great food. There will be live music daily at 1pm. Sciensational Sssnakes!! will present at 11 am on both Saturday & Sunday.

Time: Daily 10 - 4 **Location:** Children's Program Area

Saturday August 3 **Margaret Hall and Chris Jackson**

Discover things you never knew about Group of Seven painter A.J. Casson from his daughter, Margaret Hall. Ms. Hall accompanied her father on some of his painting trips including to Mazinaw Lake. She will share anecdotes about her famous father, known for his depictions of landscapes, forests and farms of southern Ontario.

Time: 7 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre

Saturday August 10 **Robert McLeman - Climate Change**

Join us for an informative talk and learn how the forests around Bon Echo have changed over the past 1000 years as a result of climate change and human activities. Dr. McLeman is an associate professor in Geography and Environmental Sciences at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University and a highly respected researcher on climate change.

Time: 8 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre



Thursday August 15 **Speaking of Wildlife Live Demonstration**

Do you like birds, turtles, and other wildlife? Join staff from **Speaking of Wildlife** for a close encounter with some animals native to the Bon Echo area. Bring your family and friends to this one hour presentation and learn some amazing things about Ontario wildlife while increasing your appreciation for the wildlife around you.

Time: 1 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre



Thursday August 22 **Margaret Axford Bon Echo: The Early Years**

Curator of the Cloyne Pioneer Museum, Margaret Axford tells the stories of Weston Price, Flora MacDonald Denison and her son Merrill Denison.

Time: 1 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre

Saturday August 24 **Bill White & White Pine**

National award winning White Pine will keep the whole family toe-tapping. Join us for a BBQ and an evening of great bluegrass music.

Time: 4:30-7:00 pm **Location:** Amphitheatre



Kevin Callan Canoeist, Outdoorsman

Attention avid canoeists and campers! The renowned author and blogger will be speaking about adventures in the outdoors. Kevin will share photos and stories about the places he has camped and canoed.

Time: TBA **Location:** Amphitheatre

Every Saturday and Sunday, June 29 to Sept. 1 - Lagoon BBQs

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The Faithful Friends of Bon Echo Park

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and volunteers required a focal person to provide leadership and carry out the decisions of the Board of Directors..

The highlight for many is the annual Bon Echo Art Exhibition and Sale. Initiated in 1995, an active committee meets regularly to orchestrate this event. The art show continues the rich heritage of original art left by the aboriginal people in the Mazinaw pictographs, the Group of Seven who painted in the 1920s - 30s and the many artists who continue



to capture the beauty of the creation through their handiwork. Over 100 volunteers orchestrate this three day event which features food, live musical entertainment, Sciensational Sssnakes!! and children's activities. The quality of the juried original art continues to bring more and more of the public to the show.

A strong component of the Friends' work is composed of education relating to the Park's heritage. The Friends have published two books: *Massanoga: The Art of Bon Echo* (1999) and *The Rock: Bon Echo Provincial Park's Silent Sentinel* (2006). The former captures the rich tradition of the many artists who have painted Bon Echo and the latter serves to alert readers to the importance of this micro geographical area.

In the 1990s researchers discovered that Mazinaw Rock was home to bonsai-like ancient cedars some of which are over 900 years old. With the aim of providing protection for the cliff and its rare species the Friends launched the "Adopt-an-Ancient Cedar" project. Numerous small plaques were installed in Dollywood Visitor Centre in recognition of the gifts, often in memory of a loved one. In excess of \$10,000 was raised over ten years. This enabled the Friends to produce the full-colour edition of *The Rock: Bon Echo Provincial Park's Silent Sentinel*.

Funds have gone into a number of other projects that include producing trail guides and educational resources, the Peregrine Falcon release, the restoration of the Cliff Top Trail, Amphitheatre programming, most displays in the Visitor Centre, new trail head signs, interpretive cairns and kiosks, the restoration of the Greystones Cottage and the provision of educational bursaries for local high school graduates and Park student staff.



Eight years ago the Friends initiated twice-weekly barbecues at Main Beach. As this operation grew it was moved to the Lagoon shelter and it now provides a much anticipated service every Saturday and Sunday. The annual raffle features attractive donated prizes, all of which relate to Park activities. The Friends have applied for selected government grants and corporate assistance to increase their activities and projects.

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Friends of the Future 2013

By Derek Maggs



Directors and Staff

The dead of winter seems an unlikely time to plan for the highlights of summer. On January 9th the full Board of Directors and staff spent a profitable five hours assessing reports and setting direction for a busy season ahead. Topics and motions covered such topics as promotion, on-line donations, ways to increase the revenue stream, unique Group of Seven 2013 poster, social media, new legislation covering not-for-profit corporations, and 25th Anniversary projects.

The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA) sets new standards and expectations for organizations such as ours. An ad hoc committee has been struck to prepare the transition to accommodate the new legislation. Members will be advised and consulted about any structural changes in the Summer 2014 issue of *Echoes from the Rock*.

Increasing revenue enables us to provide on-going and additional support to the Park and NHE programs. Two projects to encourage camper support will include an attractive poster highlighting Friends projects alongside a donation box in the Visitor Centre and the increase of raffle sales at the barbecues. Experience has shown that promotion of our weekly Lagoon BBQs on the front page of the Park Tabloid greatly increases the traffic at the barbecue. A committee is also researching money-generating ideas used by Friends groups in other parks. We are also partnering with the Park on a long term project to establish a memorial centre where plaques will be installed to honour loved ones.

It is our aim to increase communication though the internet and social media. Director Colin Sutherland is managing the Facebook page and providing valuable input. We are working on improving the website and evaluating changes to our organizational logo.

The 25th Anniversary is a significant milestone and we want to make it special. We aim to benefit both the Park and the campers and to highlight our many "Friends" who have served our Park so well over the years. Much of the effort will focus on the Amphitheatre, both in renovating the infrastructure and in continuing to provide choice presenters. Details will be found elsewhere in this copy of *Echoes*.

Silver Anniversary: A Milestone Achieved

The Friends consider this significant year a time to celebrate and to continue to give back. We have several new projects in the works. The Friends have both initiated and sponsored Amphitheatre programs. Realizing that this venue is a central meeting place in the Park we have both increased our Amphitheatre programming and initiated the project of replacing the seating. Working with the Park who have supplied the replacement cedar, Friends volunteers will engineer the retrofitting the seating before the first program this summer. The Friends are also working with the Park to improve the appearance and functionality of the Amphitheatre building and hope to mount a large crest in recognition of the many Friends volunteers who have contributed to the Park over the years.



The Friends are also partnering with the Park on a long term project to establish a memorial centre where plaques will be installed to honour loved ones. Watch for information in later issues of Echoes.

A 25th Anniversary Celebration dinner is planned for Saturday, August 17th. 110 tickets at \$25 each will be available on a first come basis. Tickets will go on sale on May 15th and will be available through the Friends office and Board members. The dinner will take place at the Lion's Hall, Northbrook and will include dinner, dancing with live music and a short romp through the history of the Friends by Betty Pearce. Reserve your ticket early.

The Faithful Friends of Bon Echo

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Recent initiatives include a drive to increase corporate membership. This has seen local business support grow from two members to over thirty. Increased co-operation with corporate partners has enabled the Friends to serve visitors better. The Trail Ambassadors program has encouraged enjoyment of Park trails through improved facilities and signage. A major project this anniversary summer is the renovation of the amphitheatre seating and building/stage.



The greatest asset of the Friends of Bon Echo is its people. The indispensable resource of faithful volunteers and members continues to be fundamental to the many facets of Friends initiatives and accomplishments. New members, both young and older are sought, needed and welcome. Please come and join the team!



25th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance

Saturday August 17th, 2013 5:30 pm

Northbrook Lion's Hall

Tickets \$25.00 each

Only 110 tickets available

Reserve now by contacting Friends Office

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Social Networking

*In 2012 the Friends of Bon Echo opened a Facebook page. Our newest Director, **Colin Sutherland**, a senior member of the Natural Heritage Education Staff, is entering his graduate studies this summer. Colin is developing the Friends venture into social media and serves as our Communications Chair. Colin's report to the Directors follows:*



The Friends of Bon Echo Park has seen an increased presence online over the last few months. Presently the Facebook page has 117 "likes" and our Twitter account has 150 "followers". Considering this audience was courted over a period when the Park is not open, this is a relatively good number and we should see a continuation of this trend.

Traffic to our social media sites is highest when pictures and videos are shared. It would be ideal if over the summer months and into the fall the social media accounts continue to share the word concerning the types of projects the Friends are doing. I would greatly appreciate photos and videos pertaining to projects so I can share this information with our online audience. While other Friends groups have similar approaches to social media, few are taking their social media presence to the next level.

As mentioned at the last meeting I would like to have more historical photos especially pertaining to the history of the Friends organization. Any old photographs could be scanned and emailed to me or alternatively a hard copy could be sent to me by mail and I could have them scanned myself.

Overall the summer will be the test. I'm hoping that through the NHE program, our special guest events etc. we will be able to find people that love Bon Echo and connect with them via social media. If you have any social media suggestions please let me know!

colinrobertsutherland@gmail.com



President's Comments

Dave Deacon



During the summer of 2013, the Friends of Bon Echo will celebrate 25 years of dedicated and determined fundraising aimed at preserving the natural and cultural heritage of Bon Echo Provincial Park. We have made great strides over the years to maintain and improve the beauty of Bon Echo and to make the Bon Echo experience totally unique. We have been successful in this regard mainly because of supportive Park staff and because of a wonderfully creative and energetic group of volunteers and Friend's staff.

The Friends of Bon Echo raise funds each year by means of Greystones Gift and Book Shop, through our tour boats, the Wanderer and the Mugwump, weekend barbecues, yearly raffles and by way of membership fees and generous donations. However, the funds raised would not be possible without the consistent effort and dedication of our volunteers. Our volunteers give of their time freely and repeatedly step up when asked for assistance. Thank you one and all!

As a 25th anniversary initiative the Friends of Bon Echo, working in collaboration with Park staff are refurbishing and updating the amphitheatre, which is an important focal point for Natural Heritage Education events and presentations. This project will take several years to complete, starting with new seating and interior and exterior building modifications to follow.

A 25th anniversary dinner on August 17th will bring together many of the old guard, volunteers and Park staff alike, wishing to share memories and celebrate good times. Tickets are \$25 each and are limited in number so get on the list early.

In conclusion, I eagerly look forward to another positively eventful summer at Bon Echo on the Mazinaw. Don't forget to say hello!

Superintendent's Comments

John Haagsma



Having been away the past two seasons, I am pleased to be returning to Bon Echo during the 25th anniversary of the Friends of Bon Echo.

We are very lucky to have a Friends organization to help support the Park's goals and objectives and especially the Natural Heritage Education program. Many provincial parks are not as fortunate as we are to have a group of dedicated volunteers working diligently

behind the scenes to help promote the natural and cultural heritage in Bon Echo and enhance the experiences of park visitors.

As you read through this newsletter you will learn about some of the projects the Friends have completed and projects they are working on in 2013. Money raised from Mugwump Ferry...

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Samples of the artists' work are on our website.

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Special music will feature

'Highway 41' 'My Brothers and I' 'The Pickled Chicken String Band'

Superintendent's Comments

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and Wanderer ticket sales, sales at Greystones Gift and Book Shop, and at barbecues stays in the park. This provides funding to hire some Natural Heritage Education staff, invite guest speakers to our Amphitheatre, enhance resource materials for staff, help with improvements to our hiking trails, and provide bursaries to two students.

I look forward to this anniversary year and encourage you to continue your support of the Friends of Bon Echo Park.

The Big Three Who Shaped Bon Echo Park

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In 1936 the inn burned down after being struck by lightning. A Toronto woman told of working at the inn when she was 16 years old and sadly recalled watching it burn. Though the inn was never rebuilt, Merrill and Muriel continued to spend summers at Bon Echo after selling off some of the land. They kept less than 100 acres for themselves. Merrill's aim was to preserve the area as "a meeting place as it had been for the Algonquins, a center to which people would come to learn and discuss ideas in an inspiring natural surrounding."

In 1959 he turned over the buildings and land to the provincial government to be used as a provincial park. The official ceremony did not take place until 1965. Merrill died in 1975 at the age of 81.

Axford ended her presentation defining the legacy that these three personalities left behind for all who continue to visit and enjoy Bon Echo Park. "The legacy they left was that the democratic spirit should prevail and the ordinary person must continue to have access to this wonderful place." For those wanting a more detailed account of the history of Bon Echo and the personalities who helped to create it, a number of books on the subject are available at the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Greystones Gift and Book Shop. They include: *"The Oxen and The Axe"* (Brown, Brumell and Snider), *"The Mazinaw Experience: Bon Echo and Beyond"* (John Campbell), *"Sunset of Bon Echo"* (Flora MacDonald Denison) and *Bon Echo: The Denison Years* (Mary Savigny).

Editor's Note: Margaret Axford will present her findings at the Amphitheatre on July 18th and August 22nd.



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"Bon Echo" by Arthur Lismer



In accord with the cultural heritage of Bon Echo, Friends President Dave Deacon has successfully pursued authorization to reprint selected works of the Group of Seven. These are currently being produced in poster format, available for purchase solely in Greystones Gift and Book Shop.

In order to complement the 2011 reproduction of A.Y. Jackson's poster, and the

2012 rendition of Franklin Carmichael's advertising brochure, we are offering Arthur Lismer's famous painting, "Bon Echo". These will be professionally reproduced in three formats. The poster, 18" x 22.5" on archival paper, is prepared for framing and will be available for \$49.95. A much smaller version 8.5" x 11" will sell for \$4.95. It will also be available in a postcard size with envelope.

David's emphasis on reproduction clarity will make it a keepsake in homes and collections for years to come.

Be sure to place your order early as a limited edition of only 50 poster size reproductions is being printed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friends of Bon Echo Park
Saturday Sept. 14, 2013

4:30 AGM
5:30 Potluck Supper
7:00 Speaker: TBA

Pineview Free Methodist Church Hall, Cloyne



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All Directors and Staff may be reached through the Friends of Bon Echo Park Office at the phone number/email address listed below.

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