



Quinte Field Naturalists

The Quinte Field Naturalists Association is affiliated with Ontario Nature, a non-profit organization sponsoring nature education, conservation and research.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Quinte Field Naturalists is highly supportive of the SSJI organizing art workshops led by an artist in residence, for elementary and secondary students, to be implemented at the location of Hudgin House. Such a project is in compliance with the SSJI's vision to protect Prince Edward's County's Shore through education so that biodiversity and people can thrive together.

Art lessons offered to a younger generation who may or may not have spent time in the undeveloped South Shore environment will help them to develop an appreciation of the critical habitat that they can be supportive of preserving both now and into the future. The project will enable young people to enhance their art skills while learning about the work that many people involved in the SSJI have pursued to preserve valuable natural heritage and offer opportunities such as art instruction in a serene setting enhanced by the presence of the restored Hudgin House, a treasured historical log home. Displaying their finished art work at the Milford Fall Fair is an added benefit for the young artists and for the culture of Milford and the surrounding community.

Collaboration between County Arts and the SSJI naturalists is a positive demonstration of working together to achieve a common goal. People of a range of ages and different interests come together ultimately to learn and grow. At least some of that learning will highlight the value of critical habitat that must be protected so that biodiversity can be maintained and people in future generations can enjoy seeing all species of life that currently exist on the South Shore.

Quinte Field Naturalists urges you, the Board of the Huff Family Fund, to support this collaborative artist in residence initiative that offers benefits for many people and for the natural world.

Sincerely,

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