

Quinte Field Naturalists

Annual Dinner

May 14, 2025 at Emmanuel United Church, Foxboro

1. **Welcome:** Elizabeth Churcher warmly welcomed 73 diners, including the presenter and his wife.
2. **Land acknowledgement:** Elizabeth Churcher
3. **Housekeeping items:** Directions to washrooms.
Next meeting: September at Maranatha Church with Katie Church from Invasive Species Centre speaking about Water Soldier in the Bay of Quinte.
4. **Explanation of QFN:** Elizabeth explained QFN's affiliation with Ontario Nature and introduced the Board members. She also thanked Danielle Emon for looking after mass e-mails, Jason King for managing QFN website, Eli Drummond for Facebook postings.
5. **Plant Sale reminder:** Elizabeth reminded everyone of the plant sale on May 17 from 8-noon in the parking lot of St Joseph's Church. She thanked Greg Parsons and his team for the many hours spent organizing the event.
6. **Dinner:** George Thomson said grace. Cheryl Mound gave instructions for accessing the buffet which featured vegan meatballs or chicken with mushroom sauce, veggies and a selection of delicious desserts.
7. **Silent Auction:** Many beautiful nature-related items were available for the silent auction which was well organized by Lori Borthwick and John Lowry.
8. **Presentation:** Jonathan Balcombe introduced Steve Burrows who gave an entertaining presentation about his travels and research for his birder murder mystery series. After some interesting questions from the audience, Kyle Blaney thanked Steve.
9. **Closure:** Elizabeth wished everyone a happy summer. "See you in September!"