



The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation

September 2019

*Keeping a Great Lake great since 1998!*

**A CLEAN beach is a HAPPY beach!**



We had a fantastic turn out at the 3rd annual Kincardine Coastal Clean-up on August 17th. Over **80 people** came out to help keep their beach happy and healthy.

Volunteers cleaned up just shy of **200lbs of garbage and recycling!** The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation applauds the love and support of the Kincardine community, and we hope to grow this event over the years to come.

**THANK YOU** to our wonderful sponsors who helped us put on this event! We couldn't have done it without the support of all these passionate organizations. The Huron Fringe Field Naturalists sorted and weighed garbage,



recycling, and cigarette butts. The Kincardine Rotary Club, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority helped with set up, registration, distribution of materials, and directing volunteers towards problem areas along the beach. Thank you to Sobey's Kincardine for the generous donation of food, we were able to thank our volunteers by filling their stomachs with some hot dogs prepared and served by the Lion's Club of Kincardine for a job well done! A huge shout out RBC for being a continued sponsor and supporter of our events. Thank you to 7ACRES for sending an enthusiastic team of volunteers to this event, with your support we were able to clean up an amazing amount of litter and keep our community clean! Without this funding, and support from our dedicated volunteers, events like this would not be possible. So thank you!!!



## SPICK AND SPAN SARNIA

It has been a busy, but successful weekend full of beach clean ups! On Sunday, August 18th, The Coastal Centre teamed up with Lake Life Studio, Made Collective, and Flora & Forage for their annual beach clean up in Sarnia. With the help of **36 wonderful**



## volunteers, 24lbs of garbage

was removed from the beach. One of the most interesting finds being a fully intact McDonald's restaurant tray. A large part of the garbage found consisted of cigarette butts and micro-plastics, which are the most important pieces of litter to clean up. Micro-plastics attract toxic pollutants such as DDT, PCB, and dioxins which can lead to development issues, impaction, or even fatality in hungry wildlife. For more information on micro-plastics and what you can do to help, check out our website.



Microplastic Awareness Project

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!

We are looking for hard-working and dedicated volunteers to assist in a **beach restoration** project with the Coastal Centre's Restoration Technician, Samantha.

The Coastal Centre is happy to announce a pilot program, Green Ribbon Champion, in the Township of Huron-Kinloss shoreline started this Summer! **Green Ribbon Champions** are coastal stewards committed to the protection of the Great lakes and are recognized for their efforts to understand coastal ecosystems, and for their actions to preserve, protect and restore them. Participants receive a free beach assessment of their shoreline property and a beach care toolkit. Assessments were started in August, with over 20 property owners signing up for the program. **Thank-You to all of our willing Green Ribbon Champions!** If you are interested in learning more please visit [www.lakehuron.ca/grc](http://www.lakehuron.ca/grc).

The Green Ribbon Champion program is generously supported by:

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We are looking for the next

**GREEN RIBBON  
CHAMPION**



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## JOIN US FOR THE LAST WEBINAR OF THE SERIES!

A hot topic among the world today and really, no surprise to anyone that it is an ever-growing problem in our world is Climate Change. Register for our webinar if you are curious to learn more about what causes it and how we can help.

Our Coastal Stewardship and Science Advisor, Pat Donnelly will be hosting our last webinar regarding **climate change** on Wednesday September 11th from 7pm-8pm

Register for the webinar below

Webinar 6: Climate Change

THE COASTAL CENTRE PRESENTS:

# COAST WATCHERS WEBINAR SERIES

ENHANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OUR  
COASTAL ECOSYSTEM

- Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Plastic Pollution
- Thursday, August 8, 1:00 - 2:00pm  
Coastal Processes
- Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Invasive Species
- Wednesday, August 21, 1:00 - 2:00pm  
Species at Risk
- Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Water Quality
- Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Climate Change

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## FALL IN LOVE WITH BEER ALL OVER AGAIN!



HOP-HEARTED  
Craft Beer Festival



FERMENTED  
*Femmes*

CRAFT BEVY TASTING  
FOR WOMEN



In support of  
The Lake Huron  
Centre for Coastal  
Conservation

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
THE LIVERY 7PM \$25/\$35

TIX ONLINE AT [EVENTBRITE.CA](http://EVENTBRITE.CA)

## Support a great cause while drinking great beer, what could possibly be better than that?!

"Fermented Femmes present the 3rd Annual award-winning Hop-Hearted Craft Beer Festival!

Join us for a night to discover craft beer! Think you're not a beer drinker? Think again - the new flavours in craft beer will surprise you! Know you love beer? Come celebrate your Hop-Hearted nature!

Featuring craft breweries and cideries – some local, some not - with some unique brews on tap. Chat up the brewers and have a taste!

All tickets includes three tasting tickets and tasting glass.  
Additional tasting tickets will be available for purchase.  
Local food truck on site, select vendors, merch - and a whole lot of fun!"

Tickets to this event cost \$35.00, with:

**Proceeds from the event will support  
The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation.**

Some of the staff from LHCCC will be at this event, and would love to meet you, discuss Lake Huron, and enjoy learning more about local businesses! See you there!

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### Go Green!

Through generous funding provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we are working to create a healthy coastline with vibrant communities on Lake Huron. In order to learn and share our learning with coastal communities, the Foundation has requested that the Coastal Centre survey residents to ask what they value most about the environment.

The survey questions and parameters were prepared by Forum Research for the



Ontario Trillium Foundation and therefore were not prepared by the Coastal Centre. If you wish to remain anonymous, do not fill in the final page of the survey, the survey results are not matched with participants in any way. Please note the Pre- and Post-option is not applicable for this survey and a Participant ID is not required. Thank you! To complete the "Green People" Survey, please click the link below:

[Green People Survey](#)

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**Alora Sweeney**  
*Previous Coastal  
Stewardship Assistant*

## Interns leaping into Coastal Conservation

The Coastal Centre has had the pleasure of hosting **5 passionate, and enthusiastic interns** from the Canadian Conservation Corps this year. These young professionals from all over Canada have been able to bring their unique perspectives to projects at the Coastal Centre, and through these experiences, provide mutually beneficial work experiences to help carve their path in the environmental and scientific fields.

We would love to thank our two most recent interns, Alora Sweeney from Saskatchewan and Justin Goodine from New Brunswick for their hard work and dedication to the Coast Watchers program, helping us keep our social media full of interesting articles, putting on webinars and presentations, and completely organizing the Kincardine Coastal Clean-up. You both will be missed for your humor, work ethic, and above all, enthusiasm towards coastal and environmental conservation.

The Coastal Centre will be welcoming two new Interns, Mitch Dunn and Katie Wintersgill for a placement with us during September-November 2019. We are so excited to see what they can bring to our small-but-mighty team. Come in and visit us at the Coastal Centre to meet our amazing interns, and maybe you will see them at some of our events in the next few months!

## Coastal Centre Welcomes New Coastal Restoration Technician

Samantha began with the Coastal Centre in July of this year, and has hit the ground running managing the Green Ribbon Champion Program in Huron-Kinloss. She will be working on **restoring 20 coastal properties** back to healthy beach environments by removing invasive species, planting dune grass, installing dune fencing, and working with land owners to create sustainable, resilient shorelines.

So far through the site assessments



already completed for August, **~10,000 square meters will be restored**, with more to come during her September site visits. This "boots-on-the-ground" work is so important for improving Lake Huron's coastal environments, and the knowledge and expertise Samantha brings to this project is immensely valuable.

**Samantha Ventura**  
Coastal Restoration Technician

We are so excited to have Samantha bring her diverse skill set and knowledge to our team. Please join us in welcoming her to the Coastal Centre!

## FREE Coastal Plant ID Workshop

Do you often walk your shoreline viewing the beautiful vegetation and think to yourself,

*"I wonder what that pretty flower is?"*  
Your desire for knowledge have been answered!

Join the Coastal Centre and very special guest, **Lynn Short**, from Horticulture at Humber College, for an educational walk along the shoreline of Lake Huron.

You will learn about local coastal flora and the history of many coastal ecosystems. Remember to bring shoes for the outdoors, a notebook, camera, and mug to reduce waste.

**When: Saturday September 21, 2019  
10:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Where: Point Clark Beach Pavilion, 531  
Lighthouse Rd.**  
**FREE admission, snacks, and  
refreshments**

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Generously supported by:



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*SEE YOU THERE!*



*The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation supports environmental efforts along the Canadian coastline of Lake Huron. We foster communication and partnerships between environmental agencies and organizations, working towards a sustainable and resilient coast. We provide education, resources, and information on lake-wide issues and our programs reflect the inter-connectivity between land and water.*

**DONATE TODAY!**

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Follow our social media for updates about our upcoming events and some interesting quick facts about Lake Huron and its coastal ecosystems!

