

## **Bert Miller Nature Club Fall 2021 Programs**

### **Monday, September 13, 2021.**

Liz Benneian - THE TRUMPETER SWAN STORY

Trumpeter Swans, the largest swan in the world, native only to North America, were once on the verge of extinction. How the species was brought back from the edge by the dedicated work of volunteers is an amazing story of conservation success. Learn more about these beautiful birds and hear stories of the triumphs and tragedies of individual Trumpeters as the species made a remarkable recovery in Ontario.

Liz Benneian is a former journalist who has been leading environmental advocacy groups for 17 years. She is: the president of A Better Niagara; a founder of Biodiversity and Climate Action Collective, Niagara; executive director of the environmental education charity Ontariogreen and the spokesperson for the Trumpeter Swan Coalition.

### **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Adam Shoalts - WHISPER ON THE NIGHT WIND: THE TRUE HISTORY OF A WILDERNESS LEGEND

Adam relates the story of a century-old wilderness legend from the Labrador wilds and his attempt to unravel it in his newest book of the same title.

Adam Shoalts has a Ph.D. from McMaster University in History, is a National Champion of the Trans-Canada Trail, and is the Westaway Explorer-in-Residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. A regular guest on television and radio, his books include *Alone Against the North*, *A History of Canada in 10 Maps*, and *Beyond the Trees*, all of them national bestsellers.

### **Monday, November 8, 2021**

Bruce Mackenzie - HAMILTON'S UNIQUE WETLANDS

Greater Hamilton is rich in diverse wetlands. The four main types of wetlands, fen, bog, swamp and marsh, remain today. Bruce will walk us through the differences and the life that abounds in them. Simply by luck sometimes, there are still pristine examples of these wetlands in Hamilton today.

Bruce MacKenzie is a well-known naturalist from Grimsby who was instrumental in the conversion of the former Biggar Sewage Lagoons into a fantastic wetland area abounding with wildlife. He was appointed by the Grimsby Town Council as their representative on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board. He is also an active member of the Hamilton Field Naturalists.

### **Monday, December 13, 2021**

Peter Ferguson – POSTCARDS FROM THE PARK

Peter will share a collection of images from Algonquin Provincial Park and tell us the stories that surround their creation.

Peter Ferguson is a well-known Niagara naturalist and photographer who has spent much time in Algonquin Park photographing the natural beauty of this special place. Many of his photos have been used by the Park in their publications. Peter is also a member of the Welland Camera Club.