

should be open and running by the time you read this. In Charlottetown, Lindsay's Bottle Exchange is now operating at the foot of Prince St., and NHS members reported that that were recycling bottles. The Environmental Coalition of Prince Edward Island is also forming a Recycling Committee to look at ways of encouraging such action. You can contact Gertrude Partridge, 838-4687, for more information.

Natural History news

The Feb. 7 meeting of the Natural History Society was well-attended and featured a talk and slide show by Professor Earl Wonnacott of UPEI on the winter night sky. Dan McAskill announced that the Piping Plover videotape is now completed and available for use. The Society donated \$25 to the Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas, and heard about the two Environment Week projects that have now been accepted. One is a continuation of last year's project, hiring someone to go to schools and help get teachers used to using the Operation Lifeline kits. The second is to develop a slide collection of about 200 birds, mammals, insects, amphibians, etc. for use by teachers, speakers at meetings, community schools, etc. It fits in nicely with the Operation Lifeline project too. The March 7 meeting was unfortunately poorly attended (myself included) due to bad weather and Dr. Noam Chomsky speaking the same evening at UPEI. Debbie Hearn of the Department of forestry showed slides and talked about the various demonstration woodlots on PEI.

COMING EVENTS

- Field trips - Jean Ouellette has agreed to lead the Owl Prowl this year, tentatively in the National Park area. Date has not been set, but call Jean for more details, 892-5276.
Dan McAskill will lead an Amphibian Night, if and when the weather and schedule is suitable. Call Dan at 569-4351 for more on that one.
- April 4: David Cairns will speak on the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea at the April meeting of the NHS. The meeting will be held at the Farm Centre, University Ave., Ch'town, at 7:30 p.m.
- early April - The Environmental Coalition of Prince Edward Island will continue it's monthly meetings. The meetings are both educational and a chance to work towards solving some of our environmental problems. Call Gary Schneider, 838-2678 or Cynthia Dunsford, 569-4925 for date and time of meeting.
- May 2: The May meeting of the NHS is always one of the most popular. This is where members get to show off there talents in the annual slide competition, and if previous years are any indication, it will prove to be a most entertaining evening. Get your slides ready now. The meeting will be held at the Farm Centre at 7:30 p.m.
- June 11-14: Canadian Nature Federation annual meeting at UPEI, Ch'town. The theme is "A Century of Change - The Island Way". Co-hosted by the Natural History Society and the Island Nature Trust. For registration kits, write to P.O. Box 265, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 7K4.
- Oops! May 18: The annual meeting of the Island Nature Trust, 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre, Ch'town.
- and one more - April 14: Fifth annual Island Nature Trust fundraising dinner and auction at the CP Prince Edward Hotel. Tickets available at \$35/person and \$60/couple from the Trust office, 2 Kent St., Ch'town or call 566-9150 or 892-7513.