

# ***RIDEAU VALLEY FIELD NATURALISTS***

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Perth, ON, K7H 2B7*



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## **RVFN Update on Amalgamation**

Dear RVFN members:

At the September 2010 meeting of the Rideau Valley Field Naturalists Club, your Board was tasked to discuss amalgamation with the Mississippi Field Naturalists Club.

Past-President, Judy Buehler, recently met with MVFN President, Joyce Clinton. As MVFN has a number of initiatives they are currently undertaking, they are not in the position to take on responsibility for our area as well. As mentioned at our September meeting, RVFN members are welcome to attend any of the MVFN lectures and outings, either as a guest or by joining their club.

Other RVFN matters:

1. We no longer have our post office box. Organizations that send us notices and information by mail have been notified that our mail is now to be sent c/o 83 Cockburn St. Perth, ON K7H 2B7.
2. Our insurance with Aviva has not been renewed. It cost \$626 last year and as we are no longer having meetings or official club outings it is not necessary to renew. From time to time some people may decide to go birding or on a hike and will send a notice out. This will not be under the auspices of the RVFN... just friends getting together to enjoy nature.
3. Jean continues to kindly keep us updated on bird sightings, outings and monitoring programs. If you don't want to receive these notices please let her know at [birder13@bell.net](mailto:birder13@bell.net).
4. We are still enthusiastically maintaining our Butterfly Garden at the Perth Wildlife Reserve. Spring is fast approaching and we're always looking for eager volunteers to help. If you can spare a couple of hours, from time to time, please call the garden co-ordinator, Eric Wilson – 613-267-4581 – to get on the volunteer list.

We hope that our members will continue to get together in informal groups to share their enjoyment of birding and nature outings. A formal club structure is not essential to this pleasure. Should community participation in these activities grow to the point of needing a more formal structure, those interested could step forward and readily organize a new Board to resume the formal operation of the Rideau Valley Field Naturalists.

Our Perth/Smiths Falls/Rideau Lakes area is blessed with an abundance of natural wonders and we should try to get out there and experience them. Make nature a priority!

Regards,

Judy Buehler and the Board  
Rideau Valley Field Naturalists