

The Hummingbird



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We built them and now they have come:

MVFN's Peterson Bluebird Houses!

Bluebirds have already arrived at many locations with newly installed bluebird houses. In previous years, tree swallows and chickadees made MVFN Peterson bluebird houses their home at Gloria Opzomer's, but Gloria and many others have reported eggs and baby bluebirds already this year (*photos 3 & 4 by Gloria Opzomer*). Thank you to **Al Potvin** whose efforts made this MVFN habitat creation project possible and to project leader **Mike McPhail**. Special thanks also to the building team of energetic volunteers who, along with Al and Mike, helped in early preparations and creation of 170 bluebird houses during a chilly building blitz in Mississippi Mills in March. They were **Anne Mason, Peggy McPhail, Sheila Edwards, Alison Ball, Allan Stanley, Pauline Donaldson, Bob McClean, Joyce Clinton, Pip Winters, and Noel Noyes-Brown.**



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Upcoming MVFN Events

- **Sunday, June 13: Upper Mississippi River Canoe Trip** from Dalhousie Lake downriver towards Sheridan rapids and back. Canoe outing led by Cliff Bennett. Further details soon or contact Cliff Bennett (613-256-5013; bennett@magma.ca)
- **Saturday June 19: A Field Day-Bugs at Big Creek** Bring your lunch and accompany Dr. Henri Goulet, our insect expert of bioblitz fame, to discover the six-legged fauna of fields to forest at Big Creek, near Lanark. Will you discover the most intriguing insect? Further details soon or contact Cathy Keddy.

Dear members,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Spring Gathering event in Carleton Place. The newly elected MVFN board is looking forward to a productive year of work. We would like to remind you to renew your MVFN membership (for April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011), if you have not already done so. Membership fees sustain MVFN's education and conservation efforts and give us a strong voice for nature locally. Membership renewal forms have been included in your *Whip-poor-will* newsletter and can also be printed out directly from our www.mvfn.ca website. Please contact Janet Fytche or myself if you have any questions regarding your membership status or the organization in general. Thank you for your continued involvement with the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists! **Sincerely, Joyce Clinton, MVFN President**

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