



## SNOWSHOE TOURS

In early February, an enthusiastic group from the Multicultural Association of Carleton County visited the Preserve for a guided snowshoe tour of the Red Trail. A first time on the preserve and a first time for many on snowshoes made this visit extra special. Due to school being closed and COVID-19 restrictions, schools were unable to attend snowshoe tours on the Preserve in January. With restrictions now lifted, we have recommenced our educational programs and had 11 classes attend tours in late February and early March.



## HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

We are looking forward to what we anticipate will be a busy Spring season of guided tours and workshops on the preserve. We are happy to announce that starting this spring, we will be offering a new educational opportunity for students and teachers. MRA staff have been busy developing a new workshop for high school students over the winter months. Thanks to funding from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and support from the New Brunswick Invasive Species Council, we have been able to create a workshop to teach high school students about aquatic invasive species found in the Meduxnekeag River and their impacts. Like our other education programs, this workshop will be held outside where students can learn through first-hand experience. Check our Facebook page for updates and to see pictures of students learning and spending time in nature!

## ICE MONITORING



Each spring, the MRA assists with ice observation and monitoring of the Meduxnekeag and Saint John Rivers. We provide information regarding the location and extent of river ice. The information collected is used to assess the level of threat that ice-jams pose and facilitate early warning and risk mitigation measures. At the request of the Department, we carried out an ice observation run in early February. The regular season of ice runs began on March 1 and we do two runs a week until either the end of the second week of April or until the ice goes out.



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2022

The MRA is passionate about protecting natural areas and we can't do this alone. Land conservation is a shared effort and we need support. One of the ways you can show your support is by purchasing an Annual Membership. Annual Memberships for the Supporters of the MRA are still available for 2022. Memberships cost \$25, and can be purchased from our website [www.meduxnekeag.org](http://www.meduxnekeag.org). Each member will receive an attractive Member Supporter 2022 Bumper sticker. We currently have 128 paid up members.



# DONATION FROM WOODSTOCK ROTARY CLUB

Over 3000 students participated in guided tours and workshops on the Meduxnekeag Valley Nature Preserve in the 2020-2021 school year and we are expecting another busy year. In the past, the MRA has paid for busing costs to get the students to the preserve and thanks to a very generous donation of \$10 000 from the Rotary Club of Woodstock, we will be able to continue to do so. Huge thanks for your support Woodstock Rotary Club!



## SUMMER STUDENTS

The MRA has applied to SEED and Canada Summer Jobs for funding for summer students to help on the Preserve. We are expecting to hear back from them by late April/Mid March. The positions will be advertised on our social media sites. Any students interested in working for the MRA for the summer, please send a resume to [meduxnekeag@nb.aibn.com](mailto:meduxnekeag@nb.aibn.com)

## 50/50 WEEKLY LOTTERY

The Meduxnekeag River Association 50/50 weekly lottery, operated by The Lotto Factory, is ongoing. Tickets are \$2 each. Single tickets can be bought or you can pay for up to 52 weeks in advance. Proceeds from this 50/50 draw support our extensive outdoor environmental education programs and help us to acquire ecologically sensitive properties. It's easy to play. Just click the following link [MRA.goplay5050.com](http://MRA.goplay5050.com).