



## Congratulations Angela!

It is a great pleasure to introduce the members of the Nipissing Naturalists Club to the newest Director of Ontario Nature.

On April 29th, Angela was elected a Regional Director by the participating presidents and Ontario Nature representatives from the 12 northern Clubs. Formal installation will take place at the Ontario Nature AGM on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Ontario Nature Board has 16 directors; 8 from the general membership and 8 from their Clubs. There are two northern directors; Angela and Dr. Myra McCormick from Thunder Bay. Bonnie Brownstein is our Club's Ontario Nature Representative.

Regional Directors have a general responsibility to maintain good communications between all of the clubs in their region. They also convey information concerning the views of the clubs within their region to the Ontario Natureboard. Specific responsibilities include:

- Attend board meetings, retreats and the AGM,
- Chair regional meetings and assist in establishing the venue and developing the agenda,
- Act as an ambassador of Ontario Nature for the region and vice versa by:
  - Maintaining contact with the clubs,
  - Conveying information to the board concerning the views of clubs on policy and priorities to be considered by the board,
  - Providing liaison between the respective region and the board and staff by consulting with and periodically reporting to the region,
  - Ensure that all clubs are kept informed of board policy matters affecting clubs.

Ontario Nature has been the voice of nature in Ontario since 1931. Their goals are to protect and restore nature in Ontario, connect people with nature, advocate on behalf of nature, and educate the public on the importance of nature in all our lives.

**Angela, we wish you all the best in your quest to protect nature and expand your horizons!**



*Angela Martin, President*

## A Bit About Angela!

Angela was elected to the Nipissing Naturalists Board of Directors in 2001 and became our Ontario Nature Representative and Programs Chair. She also created the Conservation Committee, initiated the website, and directed our strategic planning process. Angela was elected vice president in 2003 and president in 2004. She oversaw the 2005 Ontario Nature/ Canada Nature Conference and AGM. Also in 2005, she orchestrated the \$13,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for our display, laptop computer and multimedia equipment. In 2007, Angela acquired \$10,000 Species at Risk grant to publish a book, set up a webpage and conduct public meetings. The book "Species at Risk in the Lake Nipissing Watershed" has received many flattering comments for our club.

Angela has also lead the development of the Mashkinonje Provincial Park since 1998. The park was 1,000 hectares. It is now over 2,000 hectares with two provincially significant wetlands, a Friends organization, 3 parking lots at various levels of completion, 700' of boardwalks and bridges, 35 km of trails, signage partially complete, trail map, website and a formal agreement with Ontario Parks and a municipality.