



In The News



On Thin Ice The Art Show

A multi-media installation featuring Ontario's Polar Bears February 26 - March 4, 2009

Wildlands League's new campaign, On Thin

<u>Ice</u>, focuses on carbon preservation in the forests and bogs of Ontario's northern Boreal Region. Protecting carbon in the boreal will help save Ontario's polar bears. Following a chilly but highly successful campaign launch with our Polar Bear Swim last December, we are embarking on a new outreach effort with our upcoming multimedia installation.

> **On Thin Ice @ *Hotshot Gallery** 181 Augusta Avenue, Toronto February 26 to March 4, 2009 11am - 7pm daily free admission

An art exhibit with a conscience, created by Sheridan College Design students for Wildlands League's new *On Thin Ice* campaign, featuring Ontario's majestic Polar Bear, with original photos by artist Robert R. Taylor.

Special events during this exhibit include:

40th Anniversary and Opening Gala Friday, February 27 6-9pm

Wildlands League Annual General Meeting Sunday, March 1 1-3pm

View our full event listing here.

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40 Wild Years!

League celebrates 40 years of protecting nature and wild spaces in Ontario

Wildlands League has a rich and storied history. 40 years ago we successfully called for the Quetico and Killarney Provincial Parks to be protected from logging. We also succeeded in increasing the amount of protected lands in

Algonquin Park. Since then we have gone on to become one of the country's leaders in advocating for wild spaces and wild species.

In the last 5 years we have seen through new Parks and Protected areas legislation that ensures long term ecological integrity for all 631 parks. And last summer, after years of campaigning, the Premier announced he would protect more than half of the northern Boreal Forest, over 22.5 million hectares.



Our work however does not finish there. Announcing protection as a goal is not the same as delivering it. We now turn out sights to protecting the carbon rich ecosystems of the Boreal Forest that are vital in the fight against climate change. We are now working on new mining legislation, a Far North planning act and how biomass should be included as a potential energy source for the new Green Energy Act.

With our new campaign, *On Thin Ice*, we aim to raise awareness of keeping carbon stored in Ontario's Boreal Forest as one way to shield us from the effects of global warming. The goal is to save Polar Bears too. Learn more about *On Thin Ice* at <u>polarbearontario.ca</u>.



Polar Bear Park Expeditions

Wildlife guide to share his adventures Feb 27, Mar 1

Sam Hunter, fishing and wildlife viewing guide on the Hudson Bay Lowland's Sutton River, will share experiences -- including an up-close encounter with polar bear -- during two presentations at *Hotshot Gallery.

Wildlands League is pleased to welcome Sam to our 40th Anniversary Gala and Annual General Meeting as a special guest speaker. You can catch his presentation at 6:30pm on Friday, February 27 or at 1:30pm on Sunday March 1, both at *Hotshot Gallery, 181 Augusta Avenue, Toronto.

Learn more about Polar Bear Park Expeditions and Sam Hunter here.

Did You Know?



The polar bear is the largest terrestrial carnivore in the world?