

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LTD.
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MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except June, July, August, and September) at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown. Members and non-members are welcome. Please bring your coffee cup so that we will contribute as little as possible to the waste stream.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the natural history of Prince Edward Island. Membership is available at any meeting or by contacting the Treasurer at P.O. Box 2346, Charlottetown C1A 8C1 (phone 566-1289). Annual membership is \$16 and renewals are due in January. Membership expiry dates are shown in the top right hand corner of the mailing label.

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This month's cover illustration by Em LaChance depicts sea-blite *Suaeda maritima*. This plant often occurs with the samphire or glasswort. Both are plants adapted to the salt environments of bare areas of the upper tidal zone of salt marshes and bays. The adaptations include protective covering to minimize cellular water loss.