

UPCOMING COURSES, WORKSHOPS and EVENTS

Webinar #5 Ontario Invasive Plant Council

February 22nd, 2017 at noon

OIPC presents Successful Management of Phragmites in Georgian Bay. Georgian Bay Forever (GBF) has successfully managed this plant without herbicides, and in this webinar will discuss the technique, success stories and the resources required.

Facilitated by Allison Marinich, OIPC and presented by David Sweetnam, Georgian Bay Forever. More information at

www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

2017 Sage Awards

The Sage awards celebrate the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of people after reaching the age of 60 in Greater Edmonton. The deadline for nominations is Feb 20th and the celebration will be held on May 10th. Any questions or nominations can be sent to

jlparenteau@MySage.ca.

Introduction to Plant Identification Webinar

Feb 23rd, 2017 at 2pm

Science & Technology Training Library is hosting an introduction to plant identification webinar. It will include major plant groups, traits and characteristics of plants and how to use them to distinguish plant groups, as well as how to collect and preserve plant samples. More information:

[here](#).

The Native Invasive Species Forum 2017

Feb 28th to Mar 2nd, 2017

The Canadian Council on Invasive Species with support from Environment & Climate Change Canada is hosting the Native Invasive Species Forum. This Forum shares important information, research, and networking opportunities and highlights the importance of invasive species prevention and management nationally. More information: [here](#).

Webinar #6 Ontario Invasive Plant Council

March 8th, 2017 at noon

OIPC presents Watch List- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's

Invasive Plant Prevention

Facilitated by Allison Marinich, OIPC and presented by Kristina Pauk, Canada Food Inspection. More information at www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

Stoney Plain Seedy Saturday

March 11th, 2017 from 10-3pm

Seedy Saturday will be held in the PERC building gym, Stoney Plain. They will have seed vendors, garden accessory vendors, and a seed swap table. They will also have speakers on seed starting, bucket gardening and zero till gardening. You can find more information [here](#).

Alberta Invasive Species Council 4th Annual Conference

Mar 23rd, 2017 9am – 4pm

Lacombe Memorial Center

The fourth Annual Conference will discuss how Alberta is affected by invasive species, how AISC maps and reports invasive species. As well as biocontrol agents used and researched and aquatic invasive species.

More information and to register: [here](#).

Mixed Grass Forum- Restoration of the Native Prairie

April 6th, 2017, Medicine Hat College

For more information contact Cathy at clinowski@meplane.com

ANPC Workshop and AGM

April 29th-30th 2017

Ponoka Community Center

Biodiversity in Alberta's Changing Landscape

Registration is now open at www.anpc.ab.ca

Still being planned and organized but if you would like to be part of the awesome team to help execute this workshop please contact

kozar.j@gmail.com with ANPC WORKSHOP as the subject.

More information to come.

Botany Alberta

Date and Location TBD

Botany Alberta is an annual weekend field trip that includes hikes and camping in a specific area and a hunt for rare plants in the area. More

information to follow.

Isle Royal & Keweenaw Parks Association (IKRAA) Sponsored workshops.

1. Isle Royale National Park, June 5th-10th
2. Keweenaw Peninsula, July 25th-27th

Registration is now open for these 2017 Plant Identification workshops, both of which will be held in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula near the shores of scenic Lake Superior. Both workshop locations feature rugged bedrock shorelines, ridges, forests and wetlands. More information can be found [here](#).

ALBERTA PLANT STUDY GROUPS

Medicine Hat Rare Plant Study Group

Location: Medicine Hat College Herbarium (L155)

Date: FOURTH Saturday of the month (except December and February)

Time: noon to 3:00 PM

For more details: Clinowski@mhc.ab.ca

Southern Alberta Plant Study Group (Calgary)

Location: University of Calgary Herbarium, Biological Sciences Basement

Date: FIRST Saturday of the month; October to April inclusive

Time: noon to 4:00 PM

Facilitator: Leslie Monteleone lesliemonteleone@hotmail.com

Central Alberta Rare Plant Study Group

Where: University of Alberta Herbarium

Date: Last Wednesday of every month, with the exception of February (Held on the 15th)

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Varina vcrisfield@gmail.com

March's topic will include new key testing (TBA)

WEBSITES AND PUBLICATIONS

2017 Native Plant Study Photo Contest Voting.

You can vote for your favourite photos and help choose which photos will be printed for thank you cards. Voting ends March 12th and 3 top winners will be announced at the NPSG meeting March 16th. Even if you choose not to vote there are some amazing photos to look at. Check out the photo album [2017 Native Plant Study Group Photo Contest](#).

Alberta Environment and Parks has a new brochure aimed at the Prairie Plants at Risk in Southern Alberta. The brochure and information can be found [here](#).

Native Orchid Conservation Inc (NOCI) has just published the second edition of their book, *Orchids of Manitoba*. Their emphasis is on conservation and protection of Manitoba's native orchids. If you are interested in the book please contact Peggy at NOCIpresident@gmail.com or www.nativeorchid.org

[Nature Saskatchewan](#) has released its fifth book, *Conifers and Catkin-Bearing Trees and Shrubs of Saskatchewan*. The book is now available for purchase through their website and should be available in stores.

LINKS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Alberta Conservation and Information Management Systems (ACIMS) Data Base App: An ACIMS app has been made and is now available for free on android play store. Here is the link to the [app](#). A special thanks goes out to Cam Johnston for his work on this.

Alberta Native Plant Council Volunteer Opportunities

Nisku Prairie is a remnant of aspen parkland protected as a municipal reserve. ANPC is a steward of this area and each summer there are a variety of activities including monitoring of sample plots and pulling weeds. Contact info@anpc.com with the subject of ANPC Volunteers for more information.

American Penstemon Society applications for 2017 special grants are

now being accepted and reviewed. The Society is looking for projects that promote knowledge and appreciation of Penstemons. More information can be found [here](#).

Impacts and adaption to climate changes: A website that has news, projects, workbooks and information about climate change and the effects it has on different focuses, such as crops, forests and agriculture. <http://www.climatehubs.oce.usda.gov/>

2017 Organic Master Gardener Program is being offered through the Stony Plain Heritage Agricultural Society. The program is offered in cooperation with Gaia College and the Society of Organic Urban Landcare. There will also be a native plant ID class held at the George Pegg Botanic Garden. More information can be found [here](#).

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