

PLANT HAPPENINGS – DECEMBER 2016 **UPCOMING COURSES, WORKSHOPS and EVENTS**

Webinar #2 Ontario Invasive Plant Council

OIPC presents Status of Invasive Aquatic Water Soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*) in Ontario
Jan 11th at 12 noon.

This is the second webinar in a series of 8 being put on by OIPC. This particular webinar, will be presented by Rob McGowan, Invading Species Awareness Program (OFAH) and Facilitated by Allison Marinich, OIPC. Water soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*) is an invasive aquatic plant first discovered in Trent River in 2008, the presentation will highlight control efforts up to date.

More information at www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

Webinar #3 Ontario Invasive Plant Council

OIPC presents Phragmites in St. Thomas –The Team Partnership Plan to make St. Thomas Phag Free by 2020
Jan 18th at 12 noon.

This is the third webinar in a series of 8 being put on by OIPC. This particular webinar, will be presented by David Collins, Committee of Adjustment and Phragmites Control and Facilitated by Allison Marinich, OIPC. More information at www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

The Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting

Jan 27th-29th, 2017 at Wanuskewin Heritage Park in Saskatchewan.

This years theme will be “Native Plants in a Working Landscape” and will be looking at the roles and interactions native plants have in our modern landscapes. Their Keynote speaker will be Colorado State University PhD Candidate Andrea Borkenhagen. Andrea will be talking about her research with a presentation called “Lessons in establishing plant communities on constructed fens for oil sands mine reclamation.” More information can be found

at <http://www.npss.sk.ca/news-and-events/events/251>

2017 Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop

Reclaiming Space- Restoring Species

Feb 8th-9th, 2017 in Regina

The workshop will include many themes, including range health, soil remediation, and restoration of wildlife and plant species at risk, hands-on restoration and reclamation case studies, and the power of partnerships. Registration will be available in the fall.

For more information please visit the website for the [Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan](#) (SK PCAP).

ANPC Workshop

April 29th-30th 2017

Ponoka Community Center

Emerging Land Use Regulations and Policies Affecting Vegetation & Wetland Conservation

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 come.

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

January's topic will be "Danthonia" by Ryan James

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

January's topic will be "A Road Runs Through it, or when the "dam" road gets in the way" by Caitlin Willier and "Yukon rarity and the Beringium Refugium" by Lori Shroeder.

WEBSITES AND PUBLICATIONS

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

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/>

ABMI Summer Field Technologists: ABMI is looking for Summer Field Technologists for collecting field data as well as sorting and identifying collected specimens. More information at <https://goo.gl/acZw59> and apply to Competition #INAB-001 by Jan 31st, 2017.