

UPCOMING COURSES, WORKSHOPS and EVENTS

Alberta Native Plant Winter Plant Study Group Webinar Series! Learn all about the native plants of Alberta from local experts!

-February 11th at 12 pm Tentative: Vegetation Identification and Keying 101 Part 1

-February 25th at 12pm Tentative: Vegetation Identification and Keying 101 Part 2

-March 11th at 12pm Tentative: Native Plant Propagation and Edible Gardens

Please register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9188709244432778507>

Grassland Vegetation Inventory: A User's Guide (W21) Blended/Online Course

Registration Opens February 15, 2021:

<https://www.salmtec.com/courses/gvi-course>

Through hands on activities and examples presented in instructional videos, the GVI User's Guide Blended/Online Course provides participants with both an in-depth contextual and practical understanding of Alberta's Grassland Vegetation Inventory (GVI) using various real world management scenarios.

Biophysical Bootcamp Training Series –(S21) Montane Natural Region

Registration Opens February 1, 2021:

<https://www.salmtec.com/courses/biophysical-bootcamp-s21>

SALMTEC has designed a new field training course that provides participants with opportunity to get their hands dirty and ask questions with Subject Matter Experts, hone technical skills, and benefit from cross-learning and networking opportunities. This workshop will be held in the Montane Natural Sub region, at SALMTEC's field station near Bragg Creek, in mid-July (date TBD by Feb. 28/21). Students will visit four learning stations throughout the day: Grassland Vegetation Inventory, Soils &

Terrain, ABWRET-A Wetland Function (Wildlife Habitat), and Plant Identification.

ALBERTA PLANT STUDY GROUPS

Alberta Native Plant Council (ANPC)

Location: Online, More information can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ABNPC/>

WEBSITES AND PUBLICATIONS

Plants of the Western Forest: Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba Boreal and Aspen Parkland has been reprinted. It was sold out previously when it was originally printed, however Lone Pine Printing has reprinted it. It is available at retailers such as chapters.

LINKS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

New Podcast

Regenerative Landscapes is a new podcast that people can now download on Apple, Google and Spotify. Kevyn Yu, Dan Adams and Dawn Watts, tackle subjects relating to native plants and regenerating the land. From news clips on “The Green Scene” to their exploration of local places, plants, and other related goings ons in “The Plant Adventure Guide”, they try to be informative, all inclusive, and engaging, while retaining some humour in their Tree-O to lighten things up. Presently it’s free to subscribe and the first 100 subscribers can get some cool deals!

If anyone has an idea for a topic they can connect with them at @ www.fescue.ca or mmgardens.ca or message them on Facebook @ Fescue Naturalization or Medieval Manor Gardens (or email Dawn @ dawnw@mmgardens.ca) . Anyone that is outgoing and might like to appear as a guest or be interviewed for an episode are welcome to connect with them as well, especially if you have knowledge in the following areas:

- Soils – Erosion, Rebuilding soil health naturally, Soil requirements of specific native species
- Invasives – Natural control methods, Identification
- Water management – Natural filtration, Storm water management, bioswales
- Mycorrhizae
- Green Roofs
- New tech relating to regenerative landscaping

They are also looking for chefs that would be interested in trying out and sharing some native plant recipes, and potential sponsors.

Science and Land Management Training and Education Centre (SALMTEC) Courses

SALMTEC has new courses now available online.

-*Online Course*: Wetland Policy Basics, which provides an overview of the Alberta Wetland Policy Implementation process.

-*Snackable Learning Course*: Understanding ACIMS, which provides guidance on how to use and apply tools provided by the Alberta Conservation Information Management System.

-*Snackable Learning Course*: Soil Information Viewer, which provides guidance on how to use the tool and apply information stored in Alberta's Soil Information Viewer.

-*Online/Blended Course*: ABWRET-A (Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool - Actual) (W21), which provides an in-depth understanding of the ABWRET-A tool through online, offline and interactive live streaming components.

Growing the Next Generation - Caring for our Watersheds Program

Nutrien, Ltd. understands that taking care of the world requires more than simply talking about it. It calls for stewardship and a lighter footprint. Interested in bringing environmental programming to your grade 7 to 12 classroom?

Caring for our Watersheds is an international program dedicated to encouraging students to care about the health of their local watersheds and brainstorm ideas on what they can do to ensure that health, with branches in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan, as well as the United States and Argentina. Open to all grade 7 to 12 students who live in areas where Nutrien, Ltd. has operations, individuals or groups of up to 4 students are asked to research their local watershed, identify an environmental issue, and offer a realistic solution to the question of, "What can you do to improve your Watershed?"

Important dates below: Central Alberta: Southern Alberta: Manitoba: Saskatchewan:

Contest entry deadline is March 23, 2021; Final competition is April 24, 2021

Contest entry deadline is March 19, 2021; Final competition is April 24, 2021

Contest entry deadline is March 12, 2021; Final competition is April 24, 2021

Contest entry deadline is March 12, 2021; Final competition is May 1, 2021

Turning ideas into realistic solutions is the key to improving our local watersheds. For more information on all finalists and how to enter the contest in your area for the upcoming school year, please visit **www.caringforourwatersheds.com** or contact **partners@saskriverbasin.ca**

If you have anything of interest or any events that you think would be suitable for Plant Happenings please email me or respond to this email.

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