

2026 ANPC Workshop
Grassroots Grow Deep: Local Action, Global Impact
May 2, 2026, The Barracks, Wild Rose Brewery, Calgary, AB

8:30-9:00	REGISTRATION
	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks
9:00-9:10	Opening Remarks
	Session 1 - Seeds of Action
9:10-10:30	Victoria Bohm - Plant Rescue: Preservation Through Action
	Emma Stroud - Working with the Alberta Native Plant Rescue Foundation to Improve Biodiversity in Fish Creek Provincial Park
	Andi Antal and Flora Giesbrecht - An Overview of Local Actions Supporting Native Plants in the Elbow River Watershed
	Francine Forrest - Mapping for Strategic Restoration and Conservation in RDRWA
10:30-11:00	BREAK - Check out vendors, auction items and posters
	Session 2 - Growing Connections
11:00-12:20	Jenna Cross and Jenna Watson - Leaf it to Nature: Calgary's Road to Naturalization
	Tory Blanchard - Connecting the Co-occurrence Patterns and Pollination Facilitation of Rare Plants on Niitsitapi Ksááhko (Blackfoot Land)
	Jenna LeBlanc - Can't See the Grasses for the Grassland? Rethinking Native Grassland Restoration Through an Autecological Lens
	Heather Addy and Jared Blustein - Mini Native Forests that Boost Urban Biodiversity, Promote Climate Adaptation and Build Community
12:20-1:30	LUNCH
	Session 3 - Supporting Native Landscapes
1:30-2:50	Joelyn Kozar - Clyde Fen: Three Decades of Stewardship
	Ryan James - Nisku Prairie Reserve: Challenges and Opportunities
	Trevor Floreani - From Woodlots to Wildflowers: Updates on the Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society and May Plant Count
	Tim Kruchkowski - Native Plant Living Lab
2:50-3:20	BREAK - Check out vendors, auction items and posters (auction closed to bids at 3:20)
	Session 4 - Sowing the Future
3:20-4:40	Api'soomaahka (Running Coyote) - l'nssimáá (Planting the Seeds)
	Cody Roberts - Seed Collection and Stewardship through Métis Community Involvement
	Ruiping Luo - Biodiversity in Cypress Hills: Results of the 2025 Bioblitz
	Chris Villacorta-Lopez - CPAWS and the People who Make It
	Closing Remarks
4:40-4:50	Closing Remarks
	Auction item payment and pickup
6:00-9:00	Evening Banquet