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Plant Happenings

Compiled by Lorna Allen

Plant Happenings is an email listing of native plant related events, publications etc. that I send out whenever I have enough information gathered to make it worthwhile. I keep things short, with a contact or a web address if you want additional information.

If you do not wish to receive Plant Happenings, just let me know.

And of course, if you have appropriate information that you would like posted, email me the details.

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Upcoming events that have been on previous Plant Happenings are listed at the end, under Review Items, for those who are new to Plant Happenings, and as reminders to those who have seen them before.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

City of Calgary Parks - Weeding Projects

Volunteers needed for Weeding Project Initiative

Environment and Education Initiatives is currently looking for individuals who would be interested in serving as a group leader in their communities or at an appointed park in the city, to help facilitate weeding projects.

Ideally, we would be looking for those of you who have existing knowledge on invasive weeds and natural habitats. However, if there are volunteers interested in learning about these topics and teaching others then this may be a wonderful stewardship opportunity for you.

Please Note: facilitators/group leaders have the choice of:

A) Facilitating a project (Getting volunteers signed-in, equipped with supplies and educated on habitat and target weed treatment/s)

B) Being an active participant (pulling weeds or other hands-on strategies)

A & B) Doing both

Please RSVP your interest by Thursday, February 4th, 2010 for this worthwhile stewardship initiative.

sgonsalves@calgary.ca www.calgary.ca/parks

Excerpt from ASPB Feb 2010 bulletin

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cows and Fish; Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society

Riparian Resource Technician –

1 position [Application Deadline: February 12, 2010]

We welcome applicants to submit applications by February 12, 2010.

Riparian Resource Technician – Seasonal (full time), 4 month term position

A self directed and motivated individual is required to assist with riparian inventory and health assessments in Alberta for Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society – known as Cows and Fish.

- a four month full time position (starting approx. May 17, 2010) with a possibility of extension.
 - field-oriented and requires individuals to live in a camp setting during most work days.
- Refer to our web site for more details about the position

[\[www.cowsandfish.org/whatsnew/jobs.html\]](http://www.cowsandfish.org/whatsnew/jobs.html)

Submit applications by February 12, 2010 to: Norine Ambrose, Program Manager, Cows and Fish, nambrose@cowsandfish.org (**email is the preferred method**). If submitting electronically, **please submit all items as one file**. Applications must include a cover letter, resume, and references

Nature Saskatchewan positions

Rare Plant Rescue Coordinator

Application Deadline: February 15, 2010

Location: Regina, Saskatchewan

Start date: Early May 2010

Position: ~11 months full time (ending March 31, 2011)

Wages: \$2,500 – 3,000/month (plus benefits & expenses)

Nature Saskatchewan (NS) requires an enthusiastic Coordinator to develop and deliver our Rare Plant Rescue (RPR) program.

- Extensive field work is involved May through August
- Visit www.naturesask.ca for more information on NS and Rare Plant Rescue.

Qualifications: Post-secondary degree in biology, agriculture, natural resource management or other related environmental studies. Experience in stewardship work and plant identification is an asset.

Please email a résumé and a covering letter to Sarah Vinge at rpr@naturesask.ca. include in the subject line “RPR Coordinator” and your name.

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Summer Student Job Opportunities

Rare Plant Search and Monitoring Staff

Application Deadline: February 15, 2010

Location: Regina (with extensive travel in south Sask)

Start date: Early to mid May, 2010

Position: 4 full-time positions for up to 16 weeks @ \$16-18/hr

- 4 staff will work together under the supervision and mentorship of the project leader.

Qualifications: Basic plant identification skills (training in rare plant identification will be provided)

Preference will be given to applicants with a strong interest in habitat conservation and engaging people in conservation, and whose field of study includes botany, plant science, biology, ecology, geography, agriculture, or other related studies.

-send a resume and covering letter to Sarah Vinge, Habitat Stewardship Coordinator (rpr@naturesask.ca) by February 15, 2010. Include in the subject line "Rare Plant Search and Monitoring Staff" and your name.

Visit us online at www.naturesask.ca.

Habitat Stewardship Summer Assistant

Application Deadline: February 15, 2010

Location: Regina (with extensive travel in south Sask)

Start date: Early to mid May, 2010

Position: 2 full-time positions for up to 16 weeks @ \$16-18/hr

Nature Saskatchewan is hiring 2 **post-secondary students or recent graduates** to assist in the delivery of our *Stewards of Saskatchewan (SOS)* habitat stewardship programs: *Operation Burrowing Owl, Shrubs For Shrikes, Plovers On Shore and Rare Plant Rescue*

Qualifications: 9

Preference will be given to students with a strong interest in habitat conservation and engaging people in conservation, and whose studies include the fields of biology, ecology, geography, agriculture, or other related studies.

We prefer to receive applications by email.

Please send a resume and covering letter to Sarah Vinge, Habitat Stewardship Coordinator (rpr@naturesask.ca) by February 15, 2010. Include in the subject line "Summer Assistant Application" and your name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Announcing the 2010 Patrick Colgan Lecture

Gardening for Resilience: Climate Change and Horticulture Through Mid Century

Thomas Homer-Dixon

7 PM, Wednesday 17 February 2010

Main Auditorium, RBG Centre

680 Plains Road West

Burlington, Ontario

Register on-line at: <http://www.rbg.ca/cisb/2010symp>

or call toll free 1-800-694-4769, ext.270

Alberta Native Plant Council Workshop and AGM

Fragments of the Foothills

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010

Location: Walking Eagle Inn (Clearwater Room), Rocky Mountain House, AB

What's the current state of Alberta's Foothills? Please join us to explore this amazing and botanically diverse portion of the Alberta landscape.

Visit www.anpc.ab.ca for updates and registration forms.

Early registration is up to and including April 1, 2010. After that a late registration fee will be applied. Deadline for banquet tickets is April 26th, 2010.

LINKS OF INTEREST

BEN is the Botanical Electronic Newsletter

General information about the mailing list is at:

<http://victoria.tc.ca/mailman/listinfo/ben-l>

For seminars and events at the UofA, Biological Sciences Dept, see

http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/news_events/events/

For information about Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN), go to their website <http://www.fanweb.ca>

REVIEW ITEMS

Edmonton Plant Study Group

(Sponsored by the Edmonton Nature Club and the Alberta Native Plant Council)

Winter-Spring Schedule, 2009-2010

All presentations will take place at the **J. Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road**, Edmonton, **Room # 8, at 7:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be available after the presentation. The meetings are free and open to all interested parties.

Monday, February 8

Desert Plants of the American Southwest

Join Edmonton Naturalization Group members **Diana Baragar, Cherry Dodd** and **Judith Golub** as they show off their plant discoveries in the deserts of Nevada and California in March 2009;

Monday, March 8

***Terra Incognita Australis: A Boreal Botanist Gets Lost Down Under* ”**

Patsy Cotterill

Monday, April 12

Alberta wetlands at a crossroads: from classification to policy

Dr. Markus N. Thormann, Aquilon Environmental Consulting Ltd.,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2010

The Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan, 15th Annual General Meeting and Conference “Going Wild in Town –Native Plants in Urban Areas”

February 5-6,2010

Conexus Centre of the Arts

200 A Lakeshore Drive

Regina,SK

NPSS registration info -(306)668-3940

Conexus venue info -(306)525-9999

also on our website under the “news” tab. Go to www.npss.sk.ca

Submitted by C. Neufeld

Living Plants, Liveable Communities: Exploring Sustainable Horticulture for the 21st Century

February 16-19, 2010

Special Symposium at Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton & Burlington, Ontario

Join us for an exciting interactive exploration of the potentials and issues surrounding sustainability, landscapes and horticulture. Hands-on workshops, keynote presentations, plenaries, on plant selection, climate change, urban water management, the Sustainable Sites Initiative and more. Featuring evening keynote by economist Thomas Homer-Dixon. Early-bird and membership discounts, special accommodations rates available.

For more information or to register on-line, visit us at <http://rbg.ca/cisb/2010symp> or call Queenie Yee, Symposium Coordinator, at 1-800-694-4769 (local: 905-527-1158), ext. 527

Submitted by D. Galbraith

9th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference

February 25-27, 2010

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada!

www.pcesc.ca for the most complete and up-to-date conference information

MARCH 2010

Announcement and Call for Papers

Reclamation and Restoration of Boreal Peatland and Forest Ecosystems: Toward a Sustainable Future

March 25-27, 2010

Matrix Hotel, Edmonton, AB, Canada

For further information and updates go to www.PEATNET.siu.edu

<<http://www.PEATNET.siu.edu>>

Submitted by L. Hamilton

MAY 2010

2010 Restoration Institute on Coastal Ecosystems - University of Victoria

May 26-30, 2010

to share knowledge on areas of emerging importance in the field of ecological restoration. In addition to workshops, field trips and courses, the Institute will feature a 1 day forum with invited speakers, panel discussions, and poster papers.

February 28, 2010 Deadline Call for Abstracts: Poster Papers
For more program information visit <http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/eco>

JUNE 2010

ISLE ROYALE BOTANY WORKSHOP THIS COMING JUNE 14-19

Experience four days in Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park and learn to identify the diverse plants that live on this incredible island.

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS. Last years botany workshop filled up very quickly jburkland@irnha.org for more information or to register for the workshop

ISLE ROYALE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP:

A four-day long photography workshop immediately precedes the botany workshop. Contact jburkland@irnha.org for more information on the photography workshop.

For information about Isle Royale National Park, see their home page at <http://www.nps.gov/isro/> or call 906-482-0984.

Submitted by E. Beaubien

JULY 2010

24th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB 2010)

July 3-7, 2010, [Edmonton](#), Alberta, Canada.

to *sign up for the congress newsletter follow this link*

<http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/iccb2010>

Call for abstracts is open

Submission deadline: 20 January 2010

For more complete information, go to

<http://www.conbio.org/activities/meetings/2010/register/abstracts.cfm>.

Submitted by J. Gould

AUGUST 2010

17th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species

August 29 to September 2, 2010

Westin San Diego, San Diego, USA

The Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts at http://www.icais.org/pdf/1st_annnc_17th.pdf

Submitted by E. Beaubien