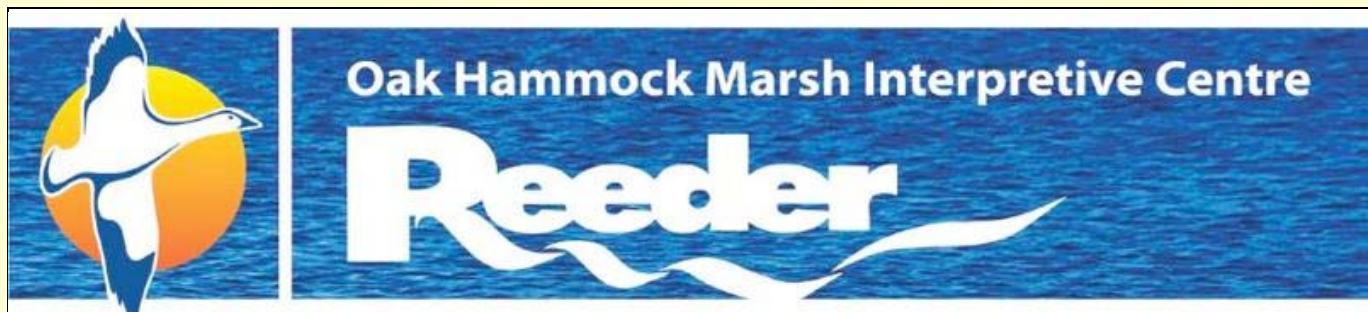


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## Greetings!

Welcome to the new electronic version of The Reeder. This monthly newsletter highlights activities coming up this month at the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre.

## World Wetland Day / Groundhog Day

February 2

Join us on February 2 to learn more about wetlands, as **Oak Hammock Marsh**, designated a Wetland of International Importance, proudly celebrates World Wetlands Day.



A **colouring contest** and **special presentations** will highlight the importance of wetlands for all of us.

Manitobans also mark February 2nd day as the day they find out if spring will arrive early.

While ordinary groundhogs living in Manitoba are still sleeping soundly in early February, **Manitoba Merv**, the weather predicting groundhog, takes on the annual task of coming out of his den to announce the arrival of spring.

If Merv sees his shadow at sunrise, a late spring will follow. But if no shadow is seen, an early spring is on its way!

**FIRST GOOSE CONTEST:** Make sure to enter our First Goose of the Year contest, which marks the official arrival of spring. Guess the date and time of the first Canada Goose at Oak Hammock Marsh and you could win a great prize!.

For more information, call (204) 467- 3300.

[For more information about this event...](#)

## Kiteboarding Workshop

February 12, 10 a.m to 12 p.m.

**Kiteboarding** is an outdoor winter sport combining the power of a large controllable kite with the footgear and gliding surface of a snowboard or skis.



The concept is quite easy. A kiteboarder stands on a snowboard or skis, and uses the kite to propel himself or herself across the snow or ice.

However, this simplicity also makes kiteboarding challenging. Your body is the only connection between the kite and the board and you have to control both at the same time: piloting the kite in the sky, and steering the board on the snow.

The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre**, in partnership with **Boost Kiteboarding**, is offering kiteboarding lessons Saturday, February 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, no experience required! This course is offered at a cost of **\$69.00 per person**.

Reserve your place by calling the Centre at 467- 3300 at least three days before the course.

[For more information about this workshop...](#)

## Valentines's Day Dinner - Candlelight and Stars

Monday February 14 - 6 p.m.

Treat your significant other to a wonderful dinner under the stars this **Valentine's Day**.

Enjoy a three-course candlelight dinner featuring **Triple mushroom fusion soup** and Foccacia roll followed by a **Seafood stuffed chicken breast** with garlic mashed potatoes and rosemary carrots. A delicious **Tiramisu** completes the meal.



After dinner, join us in the Theatre to discover the love stories of the sky, followed by a rooftop observation session of the night sky. Sip on hot chocolate, tea, or coffee and stay close to your sweetheart to keep warm as we explore the starry sky.

**Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.**

Reservations are required for this event, and tickets are available at the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre until February 9.

Members : \$30 (plus tax) Non-members: \$36 (plus tax)  
Call (204) 467-3300 to purchase your tickets.

[For more information about this upcoming event...](#)

## Astronomy Night - Love Stories in the Sky

February 17 - 7 p.m.

Learn about the intimate relationships between the planets and constellations of the night sky. Many of the planets visible to the naked eye such as Mars, Venus and Jupiter have



some very interesting romantic stories. As well, there are many romantic connections between constellations visible at this time of the year.

An educational session in the comfort of the Theatre will be followed by an observation session of the night sky from the rooftop observation deck.

[For more information about the astronomy events...](#)

The Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is located 20 minutes north of Winnipeg on highway 67 between highways #7 and #8. For more information call 467-3300.

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