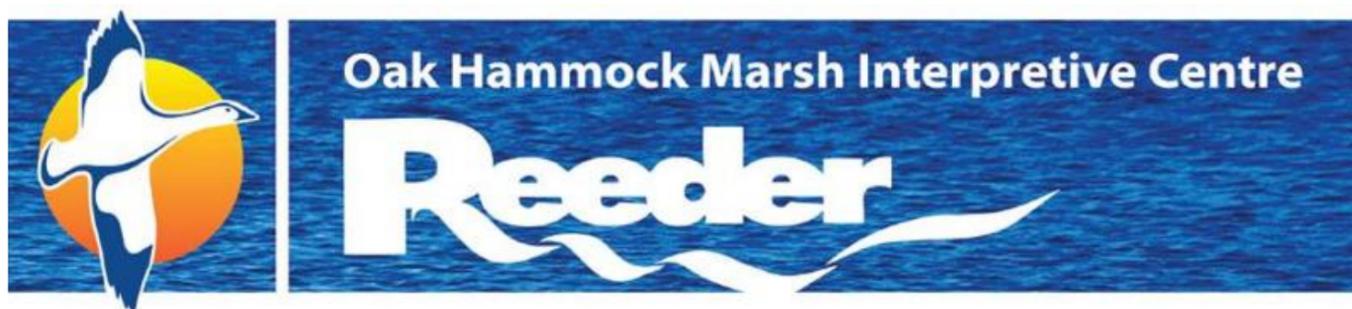


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Join our mailing list! **Greetings!**

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

Seed Starting Workshop
Saturday, March 8 - 1 p.m.

Seeds are a way for plants to survive dry or cold seasons. Many plants have seeds that can survive for months or even years. Some seeds can remain in the soil for more than 50 years before germination. The oldest documented germinating seed was nearly 2000 years old!



Collecting seeds for future use played a major role in the transition of human culture from a lifestyle of hunting and gathering to one of agriculture and settlement.

Planting tiny seeds and watching them grow and develop into a full size plants is an amazing thing as well as a great way to save money.

Learn how to grow native plants, vegetables and herbs with **Patricia Garrod** in this hands-on workshop.

Workshop fee is \$10 plus admission.[For more information about this workshop...](#)**Ruddy Duck Carving Workshop**
March 9, 16 and 23

Learn to carve your very own Ruddy Duck decoy from award winning carvers **Harry Williams**, **John Frye** and **Ross Gage**. This three-day course will teach you the classic North American art of decoy carving.



The head and tail will be carved from white pine while the body, from a special watertight bonded cork. The decoy will be fitted with glass eyes, ballasted keel and painted with oil colours to represent a drake Ruddy Duck.

Cost is **\$70 for Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre members** and \$85 for non-members. Sign up early as space is limited.

For more information about this workshop call (204) 467-3300.

Maple Syrup Workshop
Saturday, March 15 - 1 p.m.

Indigenous peoples living in the northeastern part of North America were the first groups known to have produced maple syrup and maple sugar.

Production methods have been streamlined since those days but yet remain basically unchanged. Sap must first be collected and boiled down to obtain maple syrup.

Sugar Maple tree is primarily used to produce maple syrup, the sap of the **Manitoba Maple**, found here in our province, can also be harvested and use to produce syrup.

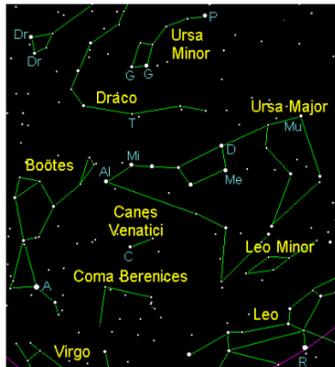
Join maple syrup enthusiast, **Jacques Bourgeois**, whose family has had a sugar shack for many generations. Learn how to recognize the different maple trees, how to harvest and how to transform the sap into delicious product.

Pre-registration is required.
Workshop fee is **\$10 plus admission**.

[For more information about this workshop...](#)**Astronomy Night - Spring Constellations**
Thursday, March 20 - 7 p.m.

Spring is a time of renewal. The days are getting longer and warmer, the birds are returning from their wintering sites and the night sky is filled with new constellations!

Enjoy an evening of stargazing while exploring the night sky as we learn



about the upcoming spring constellations.



A special theatre presentation followed by an observation session from the rooftop will help you gain an appreciation of our night sky.

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

World Water Day
Saturday, March 22

World Water Day is held annually on **March 22** as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.



Each year, **World Water Day** highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. The United Nations declared 2014 as the **International Year of Water and Energy**.

What better place to celebrate World Water Day than **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre**? Take in fun water activities from **Project WET** such as H2Olympics and learn the amazing properties of water.

Snowbird Beach Day
Sunday, March 23

The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** celebrates the arrival of spring with a **Tropical Beach Party!**



Marvel at dozens of live parrots from the **Parrot Club of Manitoba** and discover the amazing diversity and beauty of the avian world.

Listen to enchanting tropical music of **Clyde Heerah** and his steel drums and participate in our limbo contest.

Don't forget to enjoy a tropical lunch in our Café and purchase baked goods made by our volunteers to take home.

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

Birding Hour - Raptor Workshop
Sunday - March 30 - 1 p.m.

Learn about the fascinating world of the raptors.



Join **Paula Grief**, our **Resident Naturalist**, as she teaches how to identify the birds of prey that migrate through Manitoba.

All workshops are 1 hour long and start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus admission to the Interpretive Centre.

[For more information about the Birding Hour...](#)

Wild, Weird and Wonderful Week
March 31 to April 4

Visit the **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** during spring break and meet the **Wild, Weird and Wonderful** creatures of the Marsh.



See just how fascinating the creatures of the marsh can be with different crafts, games, movies and presentations daily.

Camp for Kids

The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** offers day camps for kids (age 6 to 9) during the school break.

Each day is unique with fun-filled indoor & outdoor dynamic programs, crafts and other activities.

The spring camps will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Early drop-off and later pick-up can be arranged.

Day camps are **\$24 for Interpretive Centre members**, **\$30 for non-members**.

[For more information or to sign up...](#)

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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