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Welcome to the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre Newsletter. Here are some upcoming and noteworthy events happening this month.

Decoy Carving Workshop - Canvasback

January 11, 18 and 25 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn to carve your very own Canvasback decoy from award winning carvers. This three-day course will teach you the classic North American art of decoy carving.



Pre-registration is required.

Workshop fee is **\$80 for Oak Hammock members, \$95 for non-members.**

[For more information about this workshop](#)**Birding Hour Workshop - Shorebirds**

January 11 - 1 p.m.

Shorebirds are among the most difficult birds to identify. Some species are quite similar to others and their calls are often the best way to distinguish one from another.



To make things even more challenging, most of these birds will change from a colourful plumage in their breeding season to dull greys and browns in the fall and winter months.

Let our **Resident Naturalist, Paula Grief**, give you some tips and tricks on how to distinguish these little brown peeps!

Workshop fee is **\$5 plus admission.** Pre-registration required.

[For more information about this workshop](#)**World Wetlands Day Colouring Contest**

January 5 to February 2

February 2nd is **World Wetlands Day**. It marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

World Wetlands Day

Monday, 2 February 2015



Wetlands for our Future

Each year since 1997 the **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** has been celebrating this event with many activities including a colouring contest.

To participate in the colouring contest, click on the link below to print the colouring sheet. Colour the page and drop it off or mail it to **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** before February 2nd; judging will take place on that day.

[Download colouring sheet](#)**Astronomy Night - Exploring the Night Sky**

January 15 - 7 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of stories and explore the winter night sky with us.

Learn about the upcoming celestial events of 2015 and find out when eclipses, meteor showers and other astronomical events will take place this year.



Special theatre presentation and stargazing session from the rooftop observation deck will help you gain an appreciation for this heavenly hobby.

[For more information on this event](#)**Snowshoe Workshop**

January 24 - 1 p.m.

It is believed that snowshoes were likely invented 6000 to 8000 years ago by mimicking some wildlife adaptations. Many animals, such as the snowshoe hare, jackrabbit and lynx have oversized feet enabling them to move quickly through deep snow.



Snowshoes were essential for aboriginal peoples, fur traders, trappers and anyone whose life or living depended on the ability to get around in areas of deep and frequent snowfall.

Join experienced snowshoer, **Dusty Molinski**, and learn about the different styles of snowshoes and their history. A snowshoe walk in the marsh and hot chocolate will follow.

Pre-registration is required. Workshop fee is **\$5 plus admission.**

[For more information about this workshop](#)**First Goose of the Year Contest**

Starting January 26

Make sure to enter our **First Goose of the Year** contest, which for us marks the official arrival of spring.



Guess the date and time of the arrival of first Canada Goose at **Oak Hammock Marsh** and you could win a great prize!

Traditionally, the first goose arrives between the end of February and the end of March. Last year, the first goose was seen on March 15th.

To enter the contest, fill out a ballot at the **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre**.

The contest will close on March 1st or when the first goose is seen.

[For more information about the contest](#)**Premier Healthy Living Sponsors***Premier Healthy Living Sponsors*

The Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is located 30 minutes North of Winnipeg on highway 67 between highways #7 and #8. For more information call (204) 467-3300.

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