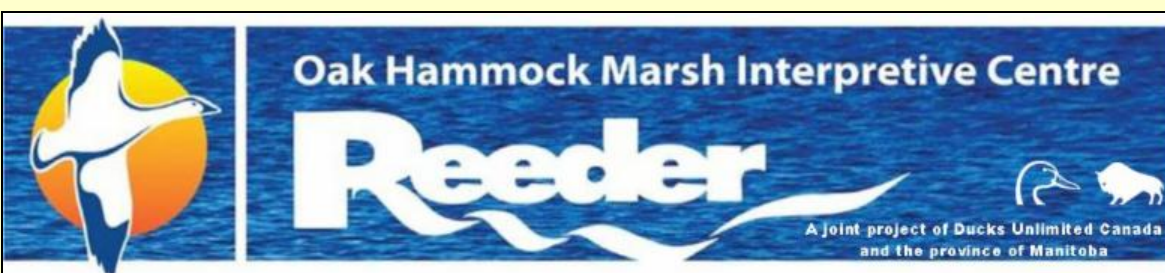


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Greetings!

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

Migration Festival

October 1 & 2

The fall migration at **Oak Hammock Marsh** is truly unforgettable with hundreds of thousands of birds using the marsh as a staging area in preparation for their long journey south.



Participate in the Migration Challenge on **Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.** and meet **Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries' IMPACT Ambassador and Olympic Medallist Janine Stephens**. We will be giving away beautiful cedar bird feeders supplied by **Wild Birds Unlimited** to the first 100 families who complete the **Migration Challenge**.

On Sunday, meet dozens of colourful parrots from the **Parrot Club of Manitoba** from 12 to 4 p.m. and **Koko**, the live burrowing owl from the **Manitoba Burrowing Owl Recovery Program** also from 12 to 4 p.m.

Learn all about songbird banding with our Resident Naturalist, **Paula Grief**. Watch how the small songbirds are caught in mistnets, carefully retrieved and banded with expert hands on both Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Capture the marsh with your lens on Saturday at 2 p.m. and join our Migration Edition of our **Photo Walk Workshop**. Bring your camera (SLR, point and shoot or even your smartphone) and explore the many photogenic areas of the marsh. The fall migration offers many great photo opportunities! Pre-registration required, \$10 per person.

Explore the marsh by **horse-drawn wagon rides** this weekend from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The wagon ride is available for \$5 per person (\$3 for members of the Interpretive Centre).

Make sure to stay for the nightly fly-in of the geese from the rooftop observation deck!

[For more information about this event](#)

Thanksgiving Birdseed Sale

October 8 to 10

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre invites you to join us for our **Annual Birdseed Sale**.

Stock up on birdseed, supplied by **Pick Of The Birds**, on all three days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or make your very own pine cone bird-feeder to help out our feathered friends this winter.



This weekend is also your last chance of the season to enjoy the horse-drawn wagon ride experience with **Allan Webb** on **Sunday and Monday** from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Listen to his many stories and watch the birds as you explore some lesser known areas of the marsh. A fee of \$3 for members of the Interpretive Centre and \$5 for non-members apply to this forty-five minute ride.

With tens of thousands of waterfowl at the marsh, this is a great time to come see the geese and ducks before they all leave for the winter.

[For more information about this event](#)

Astronomy Night - Migration

October 20 - 7 p.m.

Fall is a great time to observe the night sky. The sun goes down earlier and the nights are still relatively warm. It is also a great time of the year to observe many interesting constellations and deep space objects such as galaxies and nebulae.



Explore the fall night sky above **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre**, learn more about bird migration, and see how they use stars to navigate.

[For more information about this event](#)

Gene Walz Book Signing

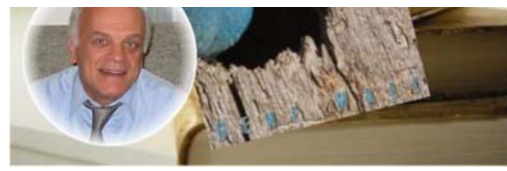
October 15 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Join us for a special reading of **Gene Walz's** new book : **Happiness is a Rare Bird**.

His book affords an



insider's look into the hobbyist's passionate drive and quirky lingo. Learn of vagabonds, endemics, fall-out, jinx birds, and lifers. Just as colorful as the birds they seek, Walz sketches endearing and hilarious portraits of the many birders he meets out in the field.



Signed copies will be available for purchase!

[For more information about this event](#)

Migration Farewell Concert

October 23 - 7:30 p.m.

Experience a memorable musical experience as we say goodbye to the geese for the season.

Join us for our **Migration Magic Farewell Concert** on Sunday, October 23 to be charmed by the music of the **Manitoba Chamber Orchestra**.



Wine and cheese will be served during intermission as well as a Silent Auction featuring prizes from many hotels and entertainment venues.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are **\$25.00 for members** of the Interpretive Centre or **\$30.00 for non-members**. All proceeds support the Interpretive Centre's wetland education programs.

Call (204) 467- 3300 to reserve your seat today!

[For more information about this event](#)

Pumpkin Decorating Workshop

October 30 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Take part in the pumpkin decorating workshop. Carve or decorate your own pumpkin and make fabulous designs without all the mess! Pumpkins and all supplies included.



The workshop fee is **\$10 per person** and pre-registration required.

[For more information about this workshop](#)

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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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