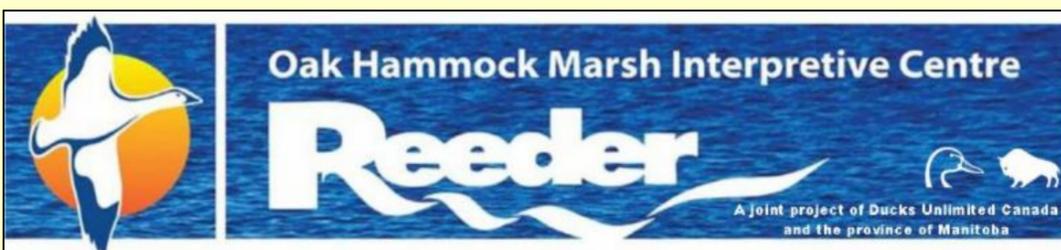


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Greetings!

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

Digital Photography 101

May 7 - 1 to 4 p.m.

This half day workshop by **Ted Muir**, will enable you to take better pictures by helping you understand the workings of your point and shoot or your dSLR digital camera.



The indoor session will cover the basics of exposure and familiarize you with your camera and with the basics of composition for landscapes, family or wildlife.

For the second component of the workshop, you will be using your camera to capture a number of images outdoors. A communal dSLR camera can be made available for this activity. Bring your camera with a charged battery and empty memory card. Each student will receive a handy wallet sized instruction card of photography hints.

The workshop is suitable for photographers of all skill levels.

Workshop fee is \$15 plus admission. Pre-registration is required.

[For more information or to sign up](#)**Mother's Day and Wildflower Sale**

May 8

Your Mom will love the native grasses and wildflowers on sale at our annual **Mother's Day Wildflower Sale!**

These wildflowers are well-adapted to thrive in our climate and will attract butterflies and birds to any backyard.



All the proceeds from the sale will support education programs at the **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre.**

After shopping for flowers, treat Mom to our special **Mother's Day Lunch** in our scenic Café overlooking the Marsh from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Explore the Marsh by canoe or on foot, or take advantage of our **Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** from **12:30 to 3:30 p.m.** to explore some lesser known areas of the marsh. A fee of \$3 for Interpretive Centre members and \$5 for non-members applies for the canoe and wagon rides.

[For more information about this event](#)**International Migratory Bird Day**

May 14

International Migratory Bird Day is a special day dedicated to the celebration of migratory birds and to conservation awareness across the continent. It is celebrated annually on the second Saturday of May in the United States and Canada.



The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** is celebrating **International Migratory Bird Day** with many activities including birding walk, birding by ear workshop (\$5 plus admission) and special presentations by guest speakers **Christian Artuso, Tim Poole, Paula Grief** and **Ricky Ryan.**

The Marsh offers great wildlife viewing opportunities, especially during this time of the year.

International Migratory Bird Day is sponsored by **Zeiss.**

Enter our draw to win a pair of **Zeiss binoculars!**

[For more information about this event](#)**Bird in the Hand**

May 15 - 8 to 10 a.m.

Be part of an important research by participating in a real live songbird banding session at the marsh. Learned why **Oak Hammock Marsh** is such an important stop on the migration path. You might get to



feel the birds feathers flutter in your gently closed palms a second before the moment of release, then unfurl your fingers and let the bird fly free!

The bird banding experience is followed by a canoe excursion or a guided birding walk on the trails. Smell the blooming wildflowers of the wetland and listen to the many songs of the wildlife at the marsh.

\$25 per person.

Please register ahead to secure your place.

[For more information or to reserve](#)

Get Into Wetlands

May 21 to 23

Find out about the incredible biodiversity of wetlands!

Participate in one of our many wildlife surveys this weekend, watch a wildlife movie and join us for a behind the scenes critter feeding session of our live animals.



Try catching aquatic invertebrates from the marsh using a net and a pail and even wear chest-waders to really "get into wetlands"! You can also tune into the sounds of the marsh using a special hand held listening device and discover nature from a whole new perspective.

[For more information about this event](#)

Early Riser - Bird and Breakfast

May 28 - 7 a.m.

The best time of the day to watch and listen to the multitude of birds calling the marsh home is during morning hours, just after sunrise.

Join our **Resident Naturalist** on a morning walk in the marsh to see spring migrants and nesting waterfowl. After the walk, enjoy a delicious hot breakfast in our scenic Café.



Cost is \$12/person plus admission.

[For more information about this event](#)

Archaeology, Rocks and Minerals Weekend

May 28 and 29

The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** presents its annual Archaeology, Rocks and Mineral Show and Sale in conjunction with **Provincial Mining Week**.



Learn the techniques of gold panning and discover the many uses of minerals in everyday life. Dig for fossils and be dazzled by the beauty of minerals from around the world.

Admire the fragile beauty of artifacts, rocks and minerals displayed by the Archaeological Society of Manitoba, the Mineral Society of Manitoba, the Winnipeg Rocks and Minerals Club, and many more from local gem and mineral dealers.

Participate in our Mineral Silent Auction held both days at 1 and 3 p.m. or enjoy a Horse-Drawn Wagon Ride through the marsh on Sunday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. A fee of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members apply to this forty-five minute ride.

[For more information about this event](#)

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