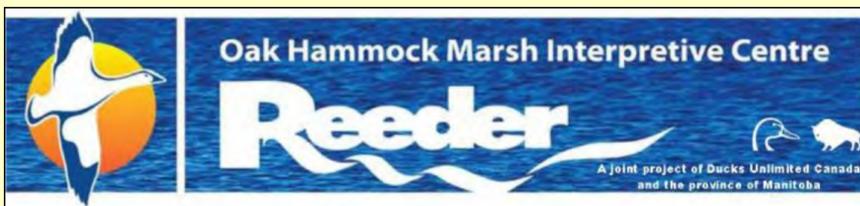


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## Greetings!

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

**Decoy Carving Workshop - Canvasback**

January 8, 15 and 22 - 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 \$100 for members, \$120 for non-members.**

[For more information about this workshop](#)

**Birding Hour Workshop - Buying Binoculars**

January 15 - 1 p.m.

Are you interested in buying binoculars?

Binoculars are often specified by a set of numbers such as 8 x 42 or 10 x 50. Which is better? What do these numbers mean?



Find all the answers and learn the unique advantages and disadvantages of binoculars to narrow down your specific needs and preferences.

During this workshop, our Resident Naturalist, Paula Grief, will go through these and explain their main features and shortcomings and what they are best used for.

Pre-registration is required.

**Workshop fee is \$6 plus admission**

[For more information about this workshop](#)

**Astronomy Night - Exploring the Night Sky**

January 19 - 7 p.m.

Find out what 2017 will bring us in terms of astronomical events.

Learn when to expect eclipses, meteor showers, planetary alignments and other celestial events.

The first half of this event takes place in the comfort of our 120-seat theatre and is followed by an observation session from the rooftop if we have a clear sky.



**Workshop fee is \$6 plus admission**

[For more information on this event](#)

**Introduction to Ageing by Plumage Workshop**

January 21 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Determining a bird's plumage and moult is an identification challenge that will add new fun and skills to your birding experience.

Join our Resident Naturalist, **Paula Grief**, and learn how a basic knowledge of moult patterns can assist in identifying the age of a bird.



Pre-registration is required.

**Workshop fee is \$12 plus admission**

[For more information about this workshop](#)

**Snowshoe Workshop**

January 28 - 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 fur traders, trappers and anyone whose life or living depended on the ability to get around in areas of deep and frequent snowfall.

Join us 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 \$12 plus admission.**

[For more information about this workshop](#)

**First Goose of the Year Contest**

Starting January 30

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 the first Canada Goose at **Oak Hammock Marsh** and you could win a one-year family membership.



Traditionally, the first goose arrives between the end of February and the end of March. Last year, the first goose was seen on March 6.

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

The contest will close on February 28 or when the first goose is seen.

[For more information about the contest](#)

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