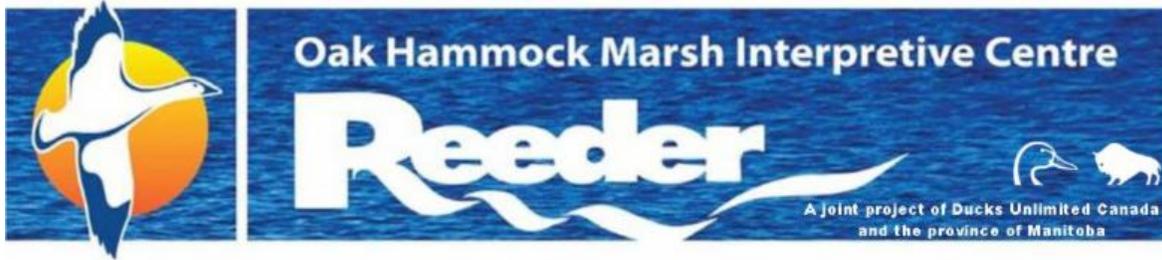


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Greetings!

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

[World Wetland Day / Groundhog Day](#)
February 2



**Manitoba Merv does not see his Shadow!
An early spring is on the way!**

Join us on February 2 to learn more about wetlands as Oak Hammock Marsh, a Wetland of International Importance, proudly celebrates **World Wetlands Day**.

Manitobans also mark February 2 as the day they find out if spring will arrive early.

While ordinary groundhogs living in Manitoba are still sleeping soundly in early February, **Manitoba Merv**, the weather predicting groundhog, takes on the annual task of coming out of his den to announce the arrival of spring.

[For more information about this event](#)

[Valentine's Day Dinner](#)

February 14 - 6 p.m.



The perfect venue for a romantic dinner with that special person.

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is hosting a special pop-up Valentine's Day Dinner featuring the amazing **Chef Kelley Hyatt** from **Tout de Sweet**.

The menu consists of :
Chicken Fricassee-Filled Crepes
Seasonal Vegetables
Meringue in Cream Anglaise

Includes a Glass of Wine (or soft drink/juice)

Coffee/Tea

Members: \$48.00 plus tax Non-members: \$56.00 plus tax

[For more information about this event](#)

Birding Hour Workshop - Bird Love

February 16 - 1 p.m.



How do birds find a partner? Learn about the fascinating courtship rituals of birds with our Resident Naturalist, Paula Grief.

Oak Hammock Marsh members \$6, non-members \$14.

[For more information about this workshop](#)

Voyageur Day

February 18



Bring the whole family out and test your Voyageur skills through activities such as **Voyageur Challenge** and **Bannock Tossing**.

You can also learn how to make your own delicious Bannock at 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Bring your skates and gently glide on **Cattail Pond** or take up sponge hockey in the sheltered bay. Sticks, nets and pucks are available for your use.

Join an interpreter on a snowshoe walk and look for clues of wildlife activity. Jackrabbits, coyotes and winter birds are still present and active in the marsh.

[For more information on this event](#)

Astronomy Night - Astrophotography

February 21 - 7 p.m.



Learn to capture the night sky with your lens.

Join experienced astrophotographer, Sheila Wiwchar, and get some tricks and tips on how to capture the beauty of the night sky.

An outdoor observation session from the rooftop will let you explore the night sky. \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members

An indoor presentation in our theatre will be followed by an outdoor observation session with telescopes from the rooftop.

Members \$5, non-members \$10.

[For more information about this event](#)

Twilight Snowshoe Walk

February 23 - 6:30 p.m.



Embrace winter with an invigorating 1-2 kilometer snowshoe hike on the frozen marsh. Learn basic snowshoeing skills and enjoy hot chocolate by the fire afterwards. No special boots are required. Layering warm clothing and bringing a headlamp is suggested.

Pre-registration is required.

Workshop fee: **\$6 for members, \$14 for non-members**

[For more information](#)

First Goose of the Year Contest

[Until February 28 or the arrival of the first goose.](#)



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 family membership for one year!

Traditionally, the first goose arrives between the end of February and the end of March. Last year, the first goose

was seen on February 21st!

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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