

Our mission is: To engage the community through education and awareness to conserve a truly unique naturalized urban park.

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WINTER BIRDING COURSE

12 Week Winter Birding Course Starts Monday, January 8, 2018

Learn about the variety of bird species in Fish Creek Provincial Park and other natural areas within Calgary through the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society's Winter Birding Course. In the winter months, birds are much easier to see since the deciduous trees have shed their leaves, there are fewer species present and they often occur in flocks. "In fact, there may well be more individual birds within Calgary during the winter than in the summer months," said lifelong naturalist Gus Yaki, who, along with other experienced birding instructors, conducts these outings as a fundraiser for the Friends of Fish Creek.

Registration Required. \$60 for Friends members and \$100 for non-members. \$5 for a youth 16 or younger with a registered adult. To register or for course times, please visit

www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/birding-course

Photos: Varied Thrush, Debbie Simonds; Boreal Chickadee, Dan Arndt



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Fish Creek Speaker Series

The Friends of Fish Creek Speaker Series program has been combined with the Alberta Parks and Protected Areas Slideshow series. Presentations will take place at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre at Shannon Terrace in Fish Creek Provincial Park (13931 Woodpath Rd. SW, access via 130 Ave. SW and 37 St. SW.) Refreshments are available on a first come, first served basis. Presentations are free to Friends members and \$5 for non-members. **Please park near washroom facility.**

Kananaskis Public Safety: Who We Are and What We Do

Presented by Kananaskis Public Safety Specialists

Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Kananaskis Public Safety is a division of Alberta Parks that provides emergency mountain rescue services to the Kananaskis Region. We specialize in avalanche, high angle, water, and high mountain emergency response, and regularly team up with Conservation Officers to offer a complete rescue service. Kananaskis Public Safety Specialists are professionally trained guides who have devoted our lives to mountain travel. We have combined the guiding skills and experiences with rescue skills to become experts in Mountain Rescue. Learn more about this exciting career field on October 26. *Water rescue exercise, photo courtesy of Matt Mueller.*



Snakes of Alberta - Why Everyone Should Love Snakes

Presented by Sandi Robertson,
Wildlife Biologist Alberta Environment and Parks

Thursday, November 23, 2017 7:00 – 8:00 pm

You may have seen red-sided or wandering garter snakes here in Fish Creek Provincial Park, sun bathing on the pathway, or heard them rustling through the underbrush, but did you know that four other snake species live in this province? Alberta's other snake species include the bullsnake, the western hog-nosed snake, the plains garter snake and the iconic prairie rattlesnake. The protected snake hibernaculaum at Shannon Terrace provides a place for snakes to breed and live throughout the winter. Although many people dislike snakes and are scared of them, only one species in Alberta has venom that is poisonous to humans, the prairie rattler. Join Sandi Robertson, wildlife Biologist with Alberta Environment and Parks, on November 23 to learn about this province's fascinating snakes, where in the province these snakes live, which ones are at risk and why everyone should love snakes. Sandi focuses on snake Species at Risk and she monitors snake populations and implements recovery actions. *Bullsnake, photo courtesy of Sandi Robertson.*

No presentation in December, see you in 2018!

For more information about Fish Creek Speaker Series presentations stay tuned to www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/speaker-series



Quiz Question

Which breed of Woodpecker is the smallest and most common during the winter months?

The correct answer will be announced in the next issue of Voice of the Friends.

FAREWELL TO SUMMER PROGRAMS

The transition into fall sees many changes in the park and signals the end to many of our programs; our Minibus and walking tours, Wellness programs and Weed Whackers have finished for 2017, and it's exciting to look back and see what we've accomplished!



Plein-Air Painting with Jim Pescott, Aug 15

Our Wellness Program took a very short break after last fall as our amazing

instructors – Diane Smith, Naomi Parker and Gwen Draude – forged through the winter with our new Yo-Qi workshops and a Snow-Qi snowshoe class in February. Our regular season of yoga, Qi-Gong and Full Moon Meditation sessions were complemented with a first ever Forest Bathing Workshop, facilitated by Ronna Schneberger from Canmore. An active partnership with Mount Royal University and Alberta Parks also helped to launch our new *Good Grief: Nature Walking Through Grief and Loss* program. Finally, three plein-air painting workshops were facilitated by artists Jim Pescott, Yasmin Irani and Gerry Mulhall in August. All of this activity resulted in engaging over 300 people in activities designed to promote overall wellness of mind, body and spirit, and generated over \$3100 to support our education and stewardship work in the park. \$228 was also raised at a special Wellness session and donated to the Red Cross

to support those impacted by the BC forest fires.

Our Weed Whackers were also busy this year, completing 14 weed pulls throughout the park to address invasive species such as common tansy, yellow clematis, dame's rocket, common burdock and spotted knapweed. We also worked in partnership with Calgary Drop-In Center volunteers to tackle the Canada thistle in our new ATCO Heritage Grassland. Financial support for our weed pulls was provided through grants from the Land Stewardship Centre (LSC) and Alberta Conservation Association (ACA), and these stewardship opportunities resulted in almost 1226 kg of invasive plant material being removed from the park and 460 hours of volunteer stewardship!

Friends' educational tours also expanded this year with the development of two new tours; volunteer Marshall Vokey launched *Leave It To Beaver*, a tour adapted for both walking and the minibus that focuses on beaver ecology and activity in the park. We also hired Drew McKibbin and Diane Bailey through ACA funds to research and write a brand new walking tour to showcase our riparian restoration work along Fish Creek. This new *ReWilding Through Restoration* guided walk addresses how human activity can negatively impact the watershed and how our focus on planting poplars and other native species will contribute to bringing a healthy balance back to the watershed.

As we take a breath after such a busy season, we feel excitement at the prospect of planning and continuing to expand our programs next year!

GIVING TUESDAY™

After the excitement of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, celebrate the spirit of giving with Giving Tuesday on November 28! In recent years the international movement known as Giving Tuesday has been gaining momentum and has the potential to be especially powerful in this city. The Friends of Fish Creek have partnered with Canada Helps once again this year to make donating easier than ever! This year we are focusing our Giving Tuesday program on the ReWilding Through Restoration program (see below.) The ReWilding Through Restoration program will help to bring certain areas of the park back to a more natural and wild state. We encourage you to donate on or before Giving Tuesday to help support our conservation efforts in Fish Creek Provincial Park. For more info or to donate visit <http://givingtuesday.ca/partners/friends-of-fish-creek1>

REWILDING THROUGH RESTORATION



Photo courtesy of Anne Elliott

ReWilding Through Restoration is a program that encourages the regeneration of natural ecosystems within Fish Creek Provincial Park, allowing current and future generations of Albertans to reconnect with, and wonder at, Alberta's natural beauty.

- ReWilding Through Restoration involves actions like the planting of poplars and other native vegetation along the banks of Fish Creek in areas that have become degraded by human activity.
- ReWilding Through Restoration serves to accelerate the natural processes along the creek, positively influencing the overall watershed health as vegetation quickly begins to grow and balance the system.
- Friends of Fish Creek volunteers take part in the planting, maintenance and monitoring of the ReWilding Through Restoration sites until the sites are fully established.

• ReWilding Through Restoration is only possible with the hands on support of volunteers and through donations that allow us to purchase the necessary supplies and equipment to make it happen.

Together, ReWilding is possible!

**For more information and to support ReWilding Through Restoration,
visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/rewild**

GHOSTS OF FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 6:30 - 7:30 PM

The fascinating history of Fish Creek Provincial Park lends itself to a myriad of mysterious happenings! Tour guide Wayne Meikle has had his own share of scary encounters in the park during his time as an Alberta Parks employee, and he'll share this and more during this fun and freaky walking tour of the Bow Valley Ranch. Back by popular demand, this event sells out quickly every year – don't wait too long to register!

To register visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/event/the-ghosts-of-fish-creek-provincial-park>

A Taste of Autumn

FRIENDS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER BREAKS RECORDS

Close to 90 people attended the fourth annual *A Taste of Autumn – Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser* on Friday, Sep 15 and welcomed this magical season of change in Fish



Attendees bidding on the selection of 50 silent auction items on September 15.

Creek. At *A Taste of Autumn*, we celebrated our 25th anniversary and raised over \$8000 to support Friends of Fish Creek programs through the sale of tickets, auction items and raffle tickets.

Thank you to the following groups and individuals for donating silent auction items or otherwise contributing to the success of this event: Alberta Parks, Boston Pizza, Fred and Marie Bowen, Calgary Co-op, Canmore Nordic Centre, Canyon Meadows Cinemas, Capture Nature Winners: Sheila Watson, Tony LePrieur and Don Hladiuk, Color Me Mine Pottery Studio, Field Stone Fruit Wines, Friends Minibus Drivers and Birding Course Instructors, Richard Gotfried MLA, Great Events Catering and the Bow Valley Rancho Restaurant, Kari Horn, Yasmin Irani, Jayman Built, Carl Johnson, Julie Marwood Photography, Kensington Art Supply, Last Best Brewing Company, Kelsey McCay, Wayne Meikle, Bob Morrin, Miko Photography, Helen Newel, Jim Pescott, Sylvia Prochownik, Robin Read, Dave Rodney MLA, Sheila Schaetzle, Stuart Scott, Jennifer Solem, Peter Spear, Strides Running Store, Trail Sports, The Venturers Society, Vistek and Paul Schofield, Graham Sucha MLA, and Wild Rose Brewery.

Local beverage producers Chinook Honey Meadery, Six Corners Brew Works, and Tool Shed Brewery returned to *A Taste of Autumn* and provided samples to guests. Jennell Rempel, Friends of Fish Creek Liaison and

Community and Partner Relations Team Lead for Alberta Parks East Kananaskis returned as MC. Special guest and long time supporter of the Friends of Fish Creek Graham Sucha

MLA for Calgary-Shaw addressed the audience and introduced Keynote Speaker, Kevin Van Tighem. Kevin is a local naturalist, conservation advocate, ecologist, biologist and author of over 14 books. He read from his newest book *Our Place/Changing the Nature of Alberta*, and sold autographed copies. We are truly grateful that he donated funds from the book sale to the Friends!

Special thanks to WestJet for donating the Gift of Flight prize of a round trip flight for two to anywhere WestJet flies. The raffle ran in the months leading up to *A Taste of Autumn* and the lucky name was drawn at the end of the evening. Congratulations to Erika Fredette for winning the WestJet raffle prize! Thank you to the volunteers who sold raffle tickets and helped to make this a successful fundraising effort.

Volunteers helped in a variety of positions to help the event run smoothly, including minibus shuttle drivers, registration and pay station assistants, and many others. Thank you to volunteers Bob Bakker, John Bradley, Doreen Fulton, Bruce Mitchell, Bill Quayle, Will and Rose Ratliffe, Dave Read, Bryan Simpson, and Tony and Lesley Turner.

The Friends of Fish extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended the fourth annual *A Taste of Autumn Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser*!



Anniversary Bricks are Going Fast!

25TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY BRICK PATHWAY

2017 sees us celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Fish Creek, and we will be replacing the pathway to the front door of the Cookhouse with a special brick pathway consisting of bricks bearing dedications or messages from donors.

This is a great opportunity to leave a legacy in the park for a loved one or to show support for the work the Friends do toward the sustainability and enjoyment of Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Only 160 bricks available. Get yours today!

\$250.00 / brick and you will receive a tax receipt.

For more information contact the Friends or visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/brick

PARK PROTECTORS NEEDED!

As a Fish Creek Provincial Park Protector you can make monthly donations to the Friends of Fish Creek, you never have to worry about keeping your donations up to date, and you will receive a valuable tax receipt.

Why become a Park Protector?

- Because monthly donations are one of the best ways to support the Friends of Fish Creek!
- It's flexible! You can increase or decrease your support, put it on hold for a few months or cancel at any time!
- You will receive monthly updates on Friends activities so you know how your donations are being used!

For more info visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/park-protector-signup

RIPARIAN RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP IN FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

Since 2014, the Friends have actively worked with various community partners and volunteers to plan and implement successful riparian restoration projects along the banks of Fish Creek. Direction from other watershed stewardship groups such as Cows and Fish and Trout Unlimited Canada helped us learn how to approach these projects, and hands on support from partners like the Venturers Society, various corporate groups and our own unwavering volunteers ensured that we were able to get the work done. Our partnership with Alberta Environment and Parks is also key, as they provide the necessary permits to work in the park, along with consultation and staff support, and the provision of tools and equipment to which we wouldn't normally have access. What started out as an experiment has now become one of our core programs that will continue to grow in the coming years as we work to engage more volunteers in lead roles for the planning, assessment, monitoring and maintenance of future restoration sites. The scope of these projects is significant, and while we could not do them without the support of our volunteers and partners, they would also not be possible without the financial support of a few key funders. Since 2014, both the Alberta Conservation Association and the Land Stewardship Centre have



Friends' volunteer and staff trying out our new water pump at the Hull's Wood site on May 31.

supported our work in the Fish Creek Watershed by providing funds directly related to hands on stewardship and restoration projects, including funds allocated to the purchase of equipment, native plants, professional consultation services and volunteer support and appreciation. Alberta Environment and Parks has also supported our restoration work since 2015 through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program. Without this ongoing financial support, these projects would not be possible.

On October 4 and 5, we brought our program season to a close with this year's riparian restoration work. Our focus this year is on planting balsam and narrow leaf poplars as we begin to address the lack of age diversity in the existing population of poplars; native dogwood and wild rose bushes will also be planted as we model our work after a healthy riparian system. Some of these species will be planted within our existing restoration sites at Bridge 11 and in Hull's Wood, in addition to concentrating on a new stretch of streambank that will be fenced off and protected for the next several years.

Working together, we have the capacity to accomplish great things in the watershed, and we are thankful to our funders and all others who help to make a positive impact in the Fish Creek watershed.

AUTUMN COLOUR, FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK



Friends of Fish Creek
Limited Edition
25th Anniversary
Signature Painting by
Jim Pescott
On Sale Now!

As a part of our 25th Anniversary celebrations local artist, Master Pointillist, and long-time Friends supporter Jim Pescott, created this beautiful original painting. There are only 25 limited edition prints available and each one is numbered and signed by Jim, and come with a certificate of authenticity, making each print truly one of a kind! We also have smaller "open edition" prints (not numbered or signed by the artist) for sale.



For more information or to purchase *Autumn Colour, Fish Creek Provincial Park* please drop by the office or visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/store

Nature Calgary Outings



These free Birding seminars will take you to various natural areas in and around Calgary where you can explore the bird species found in these diverse environments, increase your bird knowledge and have fun. Willing to share your knowledge with others? Call the Calgary Field Naturalists' Society - 403-243-2248 to specify a date and location. For a complete list of upcoming outings, visit naturecalgary.com

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - Annual Fall Banquet with Guest Speaker is Chic Scott, speaking on "*The Bow Valley, Our Home – Celebrating the communities of Lake Louise, Banff, Canmore, Exshaw and Morley.*"

CAPTURE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND THE WINNERS ARE...



The 3rd annual
Capture Nature
Photography
contest ran from April

**Prize-Winning
Photos, clockwise
from top left:**

Ken Pride: Adult
Wildlife and 2nd Place

Tony LePrieur:
1st Place and
Black and White

Sheila Watson:
Adult Macro

William Pagie: Adult
Black and White

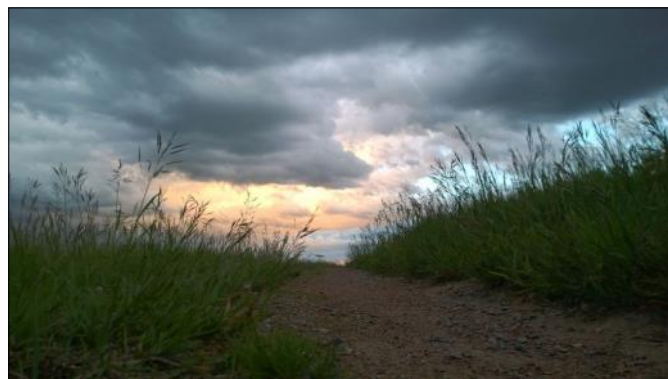
1 – July 31 and we are truly thankful to everyone who participated. 33 professional, amateur adult and youth photographers submitted over 150 photos in the categories of wildlife, macro, landscape and black and white. Captured forever from within the expansive borders of this amazing park were many breathtaking images, including the expression of a squirrel, vast open landscapes, birds, sunsets, flora and much more. We will utilize many of these photos in a variety of ways to help raise awareness about park conservation, programs, and events here in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Thank you to Capture Nature volunteer judges and administrators Bob Bakker, Robert Bell, Jean Channon-Simpson, Bill Quayle, Stuart Simpson, and Phillip Taylor-Smith, and special thanks to MEC and Vistek for providing prizes.



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CAPTURE NATURE

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Prize-Winning Photos, clockwise from top left:

Maddy Misfeldt: Youth Wildlife

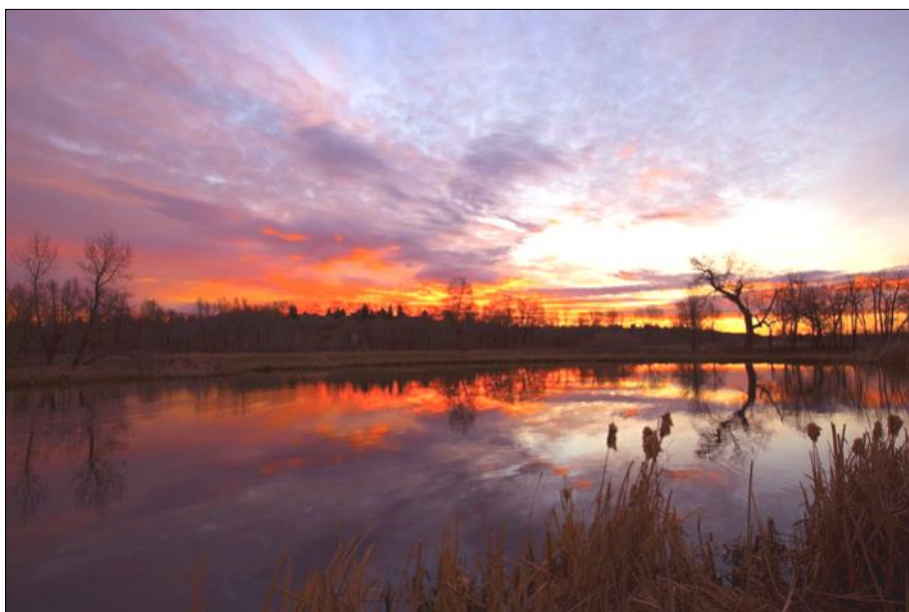
Mia Sparrow: Youth Landscape

Melina Vasquez: Professional Macro

Karen Ratliffe: Youth Macro

Don Hladiuk: Adult Landscape and 3rd Place

Karen Ratliffe: Youth Black and White



Flood Recovery Update

FLOOD, FLIP-FLOPS, FRIENDS, AND A VERY BUSY SUMMER!

Julia Millen,

Flood Recovery Volunteer and Partner Coordinator, Kananaskis Region, Alberta Parks

June 2013... The Bow River overtops its banks. Calgary experiences catastrophic flooding. The dirty brown surge of water and debris wreaks havoc on homes and businesses. Normal June flow rates are 200 to 300 cubic metres per second. With a whopping flow rate of 1,458 m³/sec, the roaring river irrevocably alters the landscape, especially along the east end of Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Fast forward to June 2016... Progress is made on repairing and replacing trails, day use areas, and bridges - the list gets shorter, but when I wander off the main trails in Fish Creek Provincial Park, I realize the situation is different from elsewhere in the Kananaskis Region. No other provincial park in Kananaskis was on the receiving end of man-made materials swept into the waters from a flood through a city of over a million people. There's a need to remove mountains of debris. I take on the challenge, knowing I can harness an amazing network of volunteers and partner organizations.

September 2016... Volunteers from the Bow Waters Canoe Club help scout out non-natural debris on Poplar



Poplar Island flood debris clean-up volunteers, August 28, 2017.

Island (a FCPP preservation zone in the Bow River). A huge amount of debris is going to need attention, and we need a systematic way to map the debris, not just on the island, but all along the Bow River through the park in order to

coordinate removal efforts.

November 2016... Students from St. Mary's University undertake a project in conjunction with the Friends of Fish Creek to map debris at Mallard Point and facilitate a volunteer clean-up day for their families, classmates, faculty members and Friends volunteers. They remove 2.5 pick-up-truck loads of debris (lumber, wire, landscaping cloth, and more). This is **just** the beginning.

April through June 2017... Friends of Fish Creek volunteers harvest 1,000 willow stakes and help plant them during a number of Friends' and corporate volunteer events along the west bank of the Bow River as a form of bioengineering. Willows will stabilize the river bank and help slow down water during future floods. The willows are all growing well. Check them out just east of the Hull's Wood parking lot!

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Flood Recovery Update *cont'd from prev page*



Summer 2017... Over the summer, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Friends of Fish Creek volunteers, augmented by help from members of the general public, corporate volunteers, and other organized groups, we map the **entire** park along the river using a mobile device app designed especially for the job. The highlight? A weekend at the end of August when Friends and general public volunteers raft and wade over to Poplar Island (with permission, of course!) to map everything over there, and begin to remove the smaller debris we can carry in garbage bags. Trout Unlimited volunteers are fantastic raft-wrangers! A special shout out to the volunteers from the Friends of Fish Creek who came out on multiple days, braving the hot, smoky weather, mosquitoes, thistles, logs, and holes hiding underneath a jungle of tansy and people-high grass to find and map the debris. We are now using the data to plan for debris removal. Overwhelming? Yes, but do-able with a combination of volunteers and contractors.

The collection thus far... Two full dumpsters of debris

(the contents of one weighed in at 3,470 kg, the other is yet to be weighed) - endless pallets and concrete forms, lumber of all descriptions, power poles, picnic tables, 800 pound compressor with motor attached, geocache from Riverbend, letterbox from Carburn Park, golf course signs, recycling carts, tractor tire with rim, landscaping cloth, plastics, fencing, golf balls (no day was complete without finding at least one or five,) flip-flops (mostly left ones), mystery objects, and two and three-quarter coconuts (you can't make stuff like this up!). You name it, we found it.



Flood waters are powerful and dramatic, but in Fish Creek Provincial Park, the changes brought on by the flood are no match for the power of an incredible group of volunteers, made up of Friends of Fish Creek

volunteers, the general public, army cadets in training, university alumni, school groups, corporate groups, and volunteers from all walks of life, who are dedicated and passionate about their favourite parks and protected areas. Thanks very much to all of you!

Pictured here, top to bottom: Bankside in June 2013, volunteers rafting to Poplar Island on Aug 26, 2017, Large-scale debris on Poplar Island



More events are planned. Watch MyVolunteerPage or albertaparks.ca/floodvolunteer for details of clean-up dates, this fall and next spring.

RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS CHERISHED NATURAL AREA

The Friends would like to thank you for your role in helping us reach our 25th year of bringing the park and community together! As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to renew your commitment to Fish Creek for the 2017 – 18 year.



Membership fees provide essential funding for us to develop programs, courses, events and activities to engage community members, strengthen our message of environmental stewardship and help conserve Fish Creek Provincial Park. Members receive admission to educational talks, a discount on the popular birding courses, discounts at local businesses and this newsletter.

Because you share our vision of a sustainable Fish Creek Provincial Park that improves the quality of life for present and future generations, you may be

interested in joining us as a Park Protector. The Park Protector monthly donor program is a wonderful alternative to annual membership renewals. As a Park Protector monthly donor you can have a specific amount withdrawn from a bank account or

credit card. It's easy, affordable, and comes with benefits such as an annual tax receipt and a subscription to the exclusive monthly e-publication the *Park Protector Update*. Please contact us if you would like more information on becoming a Park Protector or visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/park-protector-signup

We invite you to renew your commitment online at www.friendsoffishcreek.org/membership, in person at the Cookhouse at the Bow Valley Ranch or by mailing in this form. Thank you again for your support.

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☐ Membership Renewal ☐ New Member ☐ I would like to make a donation

☐ Please send me information about leaving a gift in my will

☐ Park Protector Monthly Donor Plan:

Monthly Contribution ☐ \$10.00 ☐ \$30.00 ☐ \$50.00

Membership: Individual ☐ \$35.00 Family ☐ \$45.00

Senior (+60 years of age) Individual ☐ \$25.00 Family ☐ \$30.00

Donation: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other: \$ _____

Please Fill out: Membership \$ _____ Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

To pay online: www.friendsoffishcreek.org/membership or donate on CanadaHelps.org

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NEWSLETTER: ☐ email ☐ send paper copy

Signature of donor or member: _____

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10.00 or more or if requested.



This issue is dedicated to the memory of Kyle Grabham, and to those whose lives he touched. The Friends would like to extend our thanks to his family and to everyone who donated in his honour.

Thank You Supporters!

Bobcat Level:

Beaver Level:



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QUIZ ANSWER - OCT / NOV ISSUE

When did the Friends begin the Riparian Restoration program and what was involved in the first Restoration project?

In 2013, the Friends worked with Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society (Cows and Fish) to complete a Riparian Health Inventory of both banks of Fish Creek between Bridge 11 and the confluence of the Bow River. In October 2014, three separate restoration events were executed; the first required volunteers to erect posts for the signage necessary to deter human use in the area; the second consisted of volunteers harvesting willow, dogwood and poplar cuttings from other areas of Fish Creek; and the final restoration event involved the planting of seedlings and willow cuttings and placing woody debris to discourage off-trail use. Fifty-three volunteers contributed over 300 hours, and transplanted approximately 400 cuttings and 30 native poplar seedlings. This successful Riparian Restoration program takes place each October as we work with volunteers to help preserve and protect sensitive and heavily impacted areas of Fish Creek.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ROCK?

Graeme Smith
Friends of Fish Creek Member



My wife and I have been living in Calgary for 37 years now, and ever since arriving, I have enjoyed biking in our parks. Fish Creek is closest to home, and is my favorite park. In most cases users of the park are respectful of the surroundings. However, there is one point of interest that I always look forward to - a "special rock with a natural face image on it." You could not miss this natural marvel along the path near Bridge 10. Unfortunately, someone else liked this rock so much, that they cut it out of the tree, from where it was affixed by nature a hundred years ago. It's a shame that someone would remove this rock from the tree in our park. If anyone finds the rock or knows where it is,

please bring it to the Friends' Office at the Cookhouse.

