

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

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SPRING Birding COURSE

12 WEEK COURSE RUNS MONDAY, APRIL 1 - SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019

During the spring, hundreds of bird species pass through or reside in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Through the Spring Birding Course you can see, hear and learn about fascinating bird species, view them as they return from their wintering grounds and enjoy watching new spring arrivals. Whether you are new to birding or are an experienced birder, these outdoor sessions will enhance your knowledge about birds and provide an opportunity to meet others who enjoy birds and nature. This course is also great for families who would like to spend time together in nature, explore Fish Creek and other natural areas, and learn about birds and conservation. Lifelong naturalist Gus Yaki, and other experienced birding instructors, conduct these outings as a fundraiser for the Friends of Fish Creek.

Each outing is approx. 2.5 hours. Choose to come 1 or 2 days / week. Course times: Monday – Thursday at 9:15 am, Saturday at 9:00 am, or Sunday at 7:30 am, 9:00 am or 1:15 pm

Fee for 12 outings: \$60 for Friends members and \$100 for non-members. Twice a week outings, Friends Members: \$100.00, non-members: \$150.00. \$5 for a youth 16 or younger with a registered adult.

Registration Required. For more information or to register please visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/birding-course

Photo courtesy of Sheila Watson



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FISH CREEK SPEAKER SERIES

Starting in January 2019, the Fish Creek Speaker Series admission fee has increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Friends of Fish Creek members will continue to receive free admission. Youth 16 years of age or younger can attend free of charge, but must be accompanied by a registered adult. These fascinating and informative presentations take place from January - June and September - November. Fish Creek Speaker 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.) Registration is required. Refreshments are available on a first come, first served basis. **Please park near washroom facility**.

Calgary Captured - Urban Wildlife on Film

Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Presented by Vanessa Carney, Calgary Parks, The City of Calgary



Vanessa Carney is a landscape ecologist with Calgary Parks, investigating questions around how we can improve our approach to planning and management of urban parks to protect biodiversity. Calgary Captured, developed as part of The City's 2015 BiodiverCity strategy, is helping to fill gaps in The City of Calgary's collective knowledge around which wild species are successfully making a living in Calgary's natural spaces and how well The City is doing in terms of planning for and maintaining healthy, connected ecosystems

to support habitats and the species that rely on them. Camera images of wildlife found across the city in 13 municipal parks and Fish Creek Provincial Park provide data for this program. Vanessa will share the results and insights from Calgary Captured, highlighting findings from cameras placed in Fish Creek Provincial Park. This presentation will also examine how Calgary Captured data from Fish Creek Provincial Park compares with citywide patterns of bobcat, coyote, moose and others species detections. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Carney

For more info on upcoming presentations stay tuned to www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/speaker-series



FRIENDS OF FISH CREEK ONLINE STORE

New for 2019 - Original paintings of Fish Creek Provincial Park, and book of artwork *Canadian Western Landscapes Through the Years*, by local artist Carole Cowan. For more info see page 11.

Also available

- Keating Family Portraits Certificate for Portrait Capture Session and 12" painted portrait with local artist Keating
- Friends Travel Mugs 14 oz, Stainless Steel with foam insulation and swivel lid, \$20 each

And much more! For more information drop by our office or visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/store

QUIZ QUESTION

The first Creekfest took place on June 4, 2011 at Glennfield. Can you name 2 performers or presenters? *The correct answer will be announced in the next issue of Voice of the Friends.*

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

ANGEL SPASOFF - ONE OF OUR NEWEST AND MOST DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

Part of the reason 2018 was such an amazing year for the Friends was because of volunteers like Angel Spasoff. She started volunteering in the spring, and by the end of the year she had helped with park tours, Wellness programs, Parks Day & Creekfest and Riparian Restoration. The Friends were pleased to recognize Angel with the New and Noteworthy

Volunteer Award (pictured here with Shana at the Volunteer Dinner). She first found out about Friends of Fish Creek programs, events and volunteer opportunities after participating in the yoga program. Angel recently took the time to share some of her experiences with the readers of this newsletter.

Among her volunteer efforts, Angel said that the painting program was her favourite. "I really enjoyed volunteering through the painting in the park program. It was great to have an art lesson and have a creative outlet while volunteering," she said, "To have the art lesson here in the park was an added bonus. It is wonderful that so many different programs are offered by the Friends."

When asked why she originally got involved, Angel replied, "I love the park and I think it's great to preserve it. I also really like the people who volunteer with the yoga classes." When she is not volunteering, Angel enjoys yoga and travelling the world. "My goal is to travel to all of the continents," she said. "So far I've been to five and I still have to travel to South America and Antarctica."

Originally from Calgary, Angel grew up in Lake Bonavista and Deer Ridge and became familiar with the eastern end of the park. "I have fond memories of going to Sikome and Hull's Wood, however I really like the area around Bebo Grove. I only discovered the western end



of the park in the last 5 years or so but I like how wild it is."

"I often see deer at the Bow Valley Ranch, and I loved to see an owl watching us from a tree during one of our haunted Halloween tours last October. It really added to the atmosphere of the tour," she said, "I would also love to see a lynx or a bobcat in the park."

In addition to its diverse wildlife populations, Fish Creek also has a rich history, and since volunteering Angel has increased her knowledge about the park. "I did not know that the Bow Valley Ranch area was used as a buffalo pound by First Nations people. I would also like to learn more about the archaeological findings in this area and the area around the caves," she said "I am extremely pleased that the Friends are focusing on renovating and repurposing the Jobber's House. I encourage people to keep up with what is happening with this project and to help in any way they can."

"It's great to see people enjoying the park but there can be a down side. Through volunteering, I was surprised to learn that most people do not realize the significant impact of going off trail," she said, "preventing erosion caused by over-use and park users going off trail is an ongoing challenge. When park users go off trail, and especially when they go near the creek and riverbanks, they compact the soil and it does not effectively soak up water. Erosion and soil compaction can make the park more susceptible to flooding."

To the readers of this newsletter Angel would like to share, "The Friends of Fish Creek is a fantastic organization, and it has been very rewarding to volunteer with them. It is super easy, there is no minimum requirement or time commitment, and all volunteers are greatly appreciated."

MEMBERSHIP MEET UPS

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!

One of the most heartening ideas that came out of the Friends of Fish Creek's 25th Anniversary Community Survey was the repeated request for more opportunities for Friends Members to get to know one another. The Friends considered many options to meet this request and we will now be launching a

monthly Fish Creek Meet-up group. We hope you are able to join in, and connect with others who love Fish Creek!

Fish Creek Meet-Ups will be informal group walks with no registration, no fees, no facilitators. Just Friends getting to know Friends while walking through this beautiful park. All are welcome.



Meet-Ups will take place at 2:00 pm on the second Sunday of each month at a different location each time. Dates and meeting locations will be posted on the Friends of Fish Creek events calendar. Please note that participants take part at their own risk, and must assess the weather forecast before deciding whether to attend or not. Participants

are advised to wear clothing and footwear suitable for the weather and to dress in layers in case the weather changes.

We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other folks who enjoy Fish Creek as much as you do, and we welcome feedback along the way to improve this activity and to better meet the community's needs! Photo courtesy of Stan Kwasniowski

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

We are thrilled to announce that a successful proposal submitted to the Alberta Ecotrust Foundation late in 2018 will provide funds allowing the Friends to hire a summer student this year! This is an amazing opportunity for us to engage someone in the important work we do in Fish Creek Provincial Park, and the added capacity will allow our full-time staff more time to focus on much needed planning and development of ongoing and new programs.

The new Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator will work in a supportive capacity to our Program and Communications Coordinators, taking on various tasks related to stewardship fieldwork, volunteer supervision, community outreach, event coordination and general programming and administrative duties. Some outdoor fieldwork, evening and weekend work will be required.

This position is available as part-time only (May to September) however additional grant proposals currently in review may allow it to become a full-time position, extended to the end of October.

The Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator <u>job description</u> can be found on our website. We are grateful to the Alberta Ecotrust Foundation making this position possible, helping us to further expand our reach in the community!

IN MEMORY

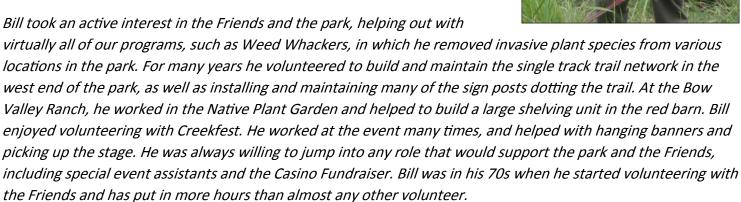


BILL HIEBERT, A TRUE INSPIRATION

As the year began, the Friends had to say goodbye to Bill Hiebert, one of our most cherished and dedicated volunteers. Bill passed away on January 27 at the age of 83. Those within the community who knew Bill would agree that he was very kind, generous and pleasant to work with, and Fish Creek Provincial Park has benefited immeasurably from his tireless efforts.

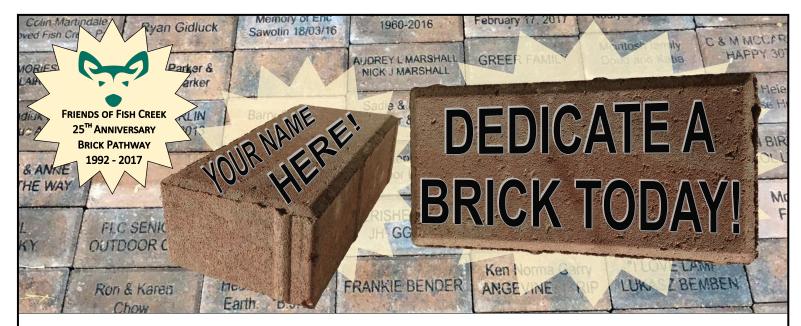
He received several volunteer appreciation awards from the Friends over the years, including the Weed Whackers and Creekfest award. Four years ago, the Volunteer of the Year award was renamed the Bill Hiebert Inspiration Award, in Bill's honour. This award is given annually to the Friends volunteer whose efforts were truly remarkable, exceptional and inspiring.

As a young man, he served as paratrooper in the Canadian Military, worked in mines in Ontario, Manitoba and BC, then installed commercial sprinkler systems. Bill and his wife Helen moved to the southeast neighbourhood of Queensland in the early 1970s, before Fish Creek was a park, and saw the city and the area develop over the years. After retiring, he enjoyed woodworking and gardening at home. Being outside was an important part of his life, and after volunteering in Native Gardens with the Ranche at Fish Creek Restoration Society, he discovered the Friends of Fish Creek.



Bill was hard working, dedicated, reliable, pleasant, active and had a hands-on approach to volunteering. He used to drop by the office to say hi and ask about upcoming volunteer opportunities. We will always remember Bill as a dear friend and a true inspiration.





SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR FISH CREEK!

The Friends launched the 25th Anniversary Brick Pathway and is considered a tax deductible donation. While the project in 2017 and over 175 members of the Fish Creek Community have dedicated a brick. A brick is a great way (2 lines of text, 16 characters each) to express warm support this cherished natural area and leave a permanent imprint on the park landscape. We would like The brick pathway in front of the Cookhosue here at the to express our gratitude to those who dedicated a brick.

Launching the 25th Anniversary Dedication Brick project in January 2017, we have sold almost 180 of the spots along the pathway in front of our office at the Cookhouse here at the Bow Valley Ranch in Fish Creek. The interest and support from the community for the Brick Pathway project has shown how supportive people are of the park.

Bricks in the Third Phase of the pathway are selling out quickly. At the time of this writing there were fewer than 60 spaces available. It costs only \$250 to dedicate a brick brick itself is a small canvas, there is adequate space sentiment for this park or as a dedication to a loved one. Bow Valley Ranch is an everlasting reminder that this park is truly loved, and that so many people care greatly about its sustainability. Bricks have been dedicated as gifts to friends and family members, in celebration of an anniversary or the birth of a child, as a memorial to a loved one who passed, and for many other reasons.

We are administering the third and final phase of the pathway now and we invite you dedicate a brick today if you have not yet done so. To dedicate your brick or for more information please contact the Friends of Fish Creek at 403-238-3841 or visit

www.friendsfoffishcreek.org/brick

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 www.naturecalgary.com

Magpie Dispersal, Weaselhead Natural Area, Fish Creek Provincial Park, Saturday, March 2, 6:45 am - 10:00 am. We will be standing for 30+ minutes, so please dress warmly. Leader, Bernie Diebolt, 403 210-2446

2019 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you've been thinking about volunteering, perhaps some of these volunteer opportunities might inspire you to jump in! We hope that something here piques your interest and inspires you to join the volunteer community. Click on the position title and visit the related page on our website where you can learn more and find a link to create an account on our online volunteer system, **MyVolunteerPage** and check off your program interests so we can get in touch with you when opportunities arise. If you've already created an account and see an opportunity that interests you, login to your MyVolunteerPage account and update your volunteer interests by clicking on "Additional Info" under the "Profile" menu.

T – training/orientation provided

F – flexible, once trained you can tailor shifts to fit your schedule

S – sign up for pre-scheduled shifts that work for you

WD – weekday shifts only

E&W – mostly evening and weekend shifts

PIC – Police Information Check required PIC/VSC – Police Information Check and Vulnerable Sector Check required

Creekfest Volunteers Needed! T, S

Mark your calendar! Creekfest 2019 is set for Saturday, July 20 and we'll need lots of volunteers to bring this outdoor celebration of parks and healthy watersheds to life. *Pictured here.*

<u>Stewardship Crew Leader</u> T, S, PIC

Want to gain some leadership

experience? Learn to lead small groups of adult volunteers on various stewardship outings, such as tree wrapping, weed pulling and clean ups.

Park Watch Steward T, F, PIC

Take an active role in helping to maintain a safe and beautiful park for all to enjoy. Walk or bike the trails with a partner volunteer to record issues, answer visitor questions and more.

Volunteer Administrators T, F, WD

Help with volunteer shift coordination, hours logging and record-keeping using online *MyVolunteerPage* system. Shifts take place at the Friends office with staff supervision.

<u>Community Outreach Volunteer</u> T, S, E&W

Help to promote our upcoming events and programs by representing the Friends of Fish Creek at various community events. Meet new people and have fun outdoors.

<u>Wellness Program Assistant</u> T, S, E&W, PIC Work with other volunteers to set up for wellness



programs, greet and register participants. Enjoy outdoor yoga, meditation, Qi-Gong and other Wellness activities in the park!

Youth Nature Program Educator

T, S, E&W, PIC/VSC

Co-host outdoor environmental education programs for youth groups

with fellow volunteers. Greet groups, and deliver pre-designed interactive educational experiences in Fish Creek.

Tour Guides & Assistants T

Share the wonders of the park with visitors by guiding walking and minibus tours on various topics such as archaeology, beavers, history and more. Tour Assistants greet and register participants and provide general tour support.

Beaver Digital App Tree Monitoring T, F

Contribute to our effort to monitor the trees in the park that have been wrapped to deter beaver activity. Bring your own digital device and collect data while walking through the park with a trained partner.

Riparian Monitoring Steward T, F

Learn to assess riparian health with a small team of volunteers, using a simple and effective Riparian Health Assessment scoring tool. The data gathered informs our ReWilding efforts along Fish Creek.

BOW VALLEY RANCH HISTORY



HAVE YOU SEEN THE COOKHOUSE TABLE?

Nic Blanchet Friends of Fish Creek Executive Director

Lee and Bud Edgar contacted us after seeing the feature on CTV about our proposed project to renovate and repurpose the Jobber's House. On January 18, they visited the Friends at the Cookhouse and took a tour of the Jobber's House and the surrounding area, where the brothers lived with their family from 1949 to 1951. Their father, Freeman Edgar, was the head herdsman for the ranch so at the time the house was known as the Head Herdsman's House! Bud was just one year old when the family arrived so he did not recall that time, but his brother Lee was 14 and had many fond memories of the ranch and working with his father here.

Bud and Edgar had not stepped into the house for 67 years and when we toured the 100 year old building, we were surprised by the emotional impact it had on them. The entire visit was recorded and the fascinating video will soon be posted to our YouTube channel.

One of Lee's memories was of coming to the Cookhouse for breakfast at 4:00 am with his father before heading out to round up and inoculate cows. He described a big round table in the centre of the cookhouse that had a Lazy Susan on top of it made from a wagon wheel.

This table was also described by Linda McKevitt when she visited and described her memories of the ranch when she lived here with her father, also a ranch foreman. In a phone conversation I had with Ray Lisell, whose family were the next occupants of the Jobber's House after the Edgar family left, Ray also described this large round table. I had previously read about the table in an interview with Maude Bannister from 1997, in which she states that the table was built by her father Billy Bannister and Charlie Yuen - the housekeeper for Patrick Burns. It seems the table had been moved from the Ranche House to the Cookhouse sometime after the ranch was taken over by Richard Burns. This got me thinking about what happened to this table, I'm sure it has to be out there somewhere, perhaps one of our many readers knows where it is. It would be really spectacular if we could retrieve this table.

If you have seen this table or have any idea where it might be, please contact the Friends. Special thanks to Bud and Lee for visiting and sharing stories and photos with us (including the photo above, taken in the 1950s showing the Cookhouse on the far right). Stay tuned to our website for updates on the exciting Jobber's House project.

SPONSOR A PROGRAM OR EVENT IN 2019!

To run a successful organization or business of any kind, sustainable and diversified funding is essential. In the non-profit sector, this is a bit of a challenge, but fortunately, individuals in this sector enjoy rising to a challenge! Contributions ranging from membership fees, donations, program fees and grants are all part of the funding puzzle, and help groups like the Friends plan for a stable, long-term future.

Support for programs or special events is always needed as many grants and sponsorships do not cover events. While they are enjoyable, meaningful and appreciated by the community, large-scale events like Creekfest and A Taste of Autumn require a significant amount of staff time and resources to plan and deliver. The long-term growth and development of our organization would be more adequately supported if we had dedicated and stable event sponsorship.

A few opportunities that are available for sponsorship this year:

CREEKFEST



Creekfest: Your local Parks Day event! (Saturday, July 20 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm) – At this free, family event over 2000 people come together to celebrate water, healthy watersheds and Provincial Parks here at the Bow Valley Ranch!



A Taste of Autumn (Friday, September 20) – Celebrate the transition from summer to autumn by enjoying a showcase of local craft beverages, amazing food, silent auction, door prizes and a fascinating presentation from an exciting Key Note Speaker!

NEW! - Sponsor the Fish Creek Speaker Series - 9 lectures held at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre each year; you can sponsor one lecture or all nine!



Sponsorship opportunities range from Title Sponsor for a program or event, Stage Sponsor for an event like Creekfest, or simply contribute to general program or event expenses, such as food and drink costs, volunteer appreciation, or speaker or performer fees. We would be pleased to provide recognition for your support in a variety of ways depending on the amount support provided. For more information about these or other sponsorship opportunities, please contact Nic Blanchet, Friends of Fish Creek Executive Director, nic@friendsoffishcreek.org or 403-238-3841, ex 4.



Nutrition Students Teachers Exercising with Parents

THE AMAZING STEP UP 4 CALGARY KIDS RACE



PRESENTED BY CIBC, NSTEP (NUTRITION STUDENTS TEACHERS EXERCISING WITH PARENTS) AND THE FRIENDS OF FISH CREEK



Get outdoors, get active, and become a Healthy Super Hero!

1 km kids race starts at 9:00 am 5 mile race starts at 9:15 am 5 km race starts at 9:30 am

Registration is only \$25.00 per family (1 adult and 1 child) or \$10.00 per child

This spring, NSTEP and the Friends of Fish Creek are teaming up in support of children's health and invite you and your family to take part in the Amazing Step Up 4 Calgary Kids Race! Both NSTEP and Friends of Fish Creek donations will be leveraged through Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink to provide up to 50% in matching dollars on all donations raised. Friends of Fish Creek BFK donations will support the TD Learning Naturally Program in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

To register stay tuned to http://www.events.runningroom.com

For more info about NSTEP visit http://nstep.ca For more info about the TD Learning Naturally program visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/td-learning-naturally-program Photo courtesy of NSTEP





NEW FOR 2019 - COOKHOUSE ART EXHIBITS

THE FISH CREEK COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

The Friends are constantly on the lookout for new and creative programming ideas that allow us to engage the public and provide opportunities to partner in their delivery (because working with partners is one of our favourite things to do!) Our newest initiative does just that!



The Fish Creek
Community
Showcase is a
social enterprise
endeavour that
allows artists,
photographers
and other
members of the
community to

exhibit their artwork, photography, or various other products - such as books they have written - in the main meeting room of the Cookhouse. Both parties benefit from this initiative; the artists receive exposure of their work through our extensive network of members, supporters and volunteers and are able to make sales in this Provincial Park (which is only allowed through association with a group like the Friends), while the Friends benefit from receiving a percentage of the sale.

Four 3-month exhibits will be held each year that will be open to the public during our regular office hours (Monday to Friday, generally 9:00 am to 5:00 pm). A "Meet the Artist" event will be held on the first day of each exhibit to officially open it to the public. On January 13, we launched our Showcase initiative with our first exhibit, with work from local artist, Carol

Cowan.
Carol has
studied
painting
for many
years and
has found
her
inspiration
in the
beauty of
southern
Alberta
and in Fish



Local artist Carol Cowan on January 13. Paintings by Carol - William Roper Hull Ranch House and Fish Creek Log

Creek Provincial Park. 20 people popped in to meet Carol, who talked about her artistic journey and read poetry from her book, *Canadian Western Landscapes*. Thank you to the staff and management of COBS Bread in Willow Park who donated delicious pastries for this inaugural event!

Six of Carol's beautiful, impressionist-style paintings of Fish Creek Provincial Park - along with her book - are on sale until the end of March. You can also see images of her artwork on our website. The next time

you find yourself at the Bow Valley Ranch, we hope you'll stop by to view our exhibit and have a visit with us!



Fish Creek Community Showcase Meet the Artist - Local Photographer Robin Read
Friday, April 5 6:30-8:00 pm

Thank You Supporters!

Bobcat Level:

Deer Level:



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation



QUIZ ANSWER - OCT / NOV ISSUE

Which area of Fish Creek Provincial Park has a parking lot but does not have a washroom facility?

Marshall Springs is located on the south side of the creek adjacent to Evergreen. It is one of the most unique and beautiful areas of Fish Creek Provincial Park because of its steep and dramatic valley walls, diverse vegetation and extensive pathway system. The area was named after ET Marshall, who lived on top of the escarpment from 1945-'70, while the Parkinson family lived at the bottom of the hill. In the 1970s the Parkinson House was demolished, but the chimney and fireplace remained intact and were incorporated into the park's washroom building, which was removed years later. In 2008, construction began on the engineered wetlands in the area, a joint project between the park and The City of Calgary. Various settling ponds at Marshall filter storm water before it enters the creek. Many wetlands were constructed in Fish Creek but Marshall Springs contains the largest of these. Anna Robertson, Fish Creek Provincial Park

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