



Our Mission -

"TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF THE CHARACTER AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF WAGNER NATURAL AREA FOR EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH PURPOSES."

Friends of the Fen

WAGNER NATURAL AREA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



Upcoming events:

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Spring Clean-up

Where: Meet at Wagner Natural Area parking lot; volunteers will be given assignments suitable to their abilities.

When: Sat. May 11 --- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Who: Anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome; let us know you'll be there by emailing info@wagnerfen.ca and we can be prepared for everyone.

Format: Be sure to wear your rubber boots. A little elbow grease from all, while you enjoy snacks and refreshment, and we'll get Wagner spic-and-span for our visitors!!

2019 Activities

Frog/Toad Walk: Likely late May now (TBD); Mother Nature has not been cooperating this spring.

May Species Counts: May 25 (birds—6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m.); May 26 (flowering plants 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Weed Pull: June 8 – 10 a.m.

Bat Walk: June 14 – 9:30 p.m.

Orchid Walk: June 16 -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Father's Day)

For every activity, plan to meet at the Wagner parking lot.

Visit our website:
www.wagnerfen.ca

for more
information on
upcoming events at
Wagner Natural
Area.

FUN:

Wagner Activities in 2018

Wagner Natural Area Society depends on its members, volunteers, cooperative neighbours, and visitors for sustaining this environmental gem in Parkland County. Highlights for 2018 and details on volunteer and staff hours follow to demonstrate some of the effort it takes to accomplish effective conservation of this special area. And fun was had by all!

Quick Calendar of WNAS activities 2018

Jan. 16—board mtg
 Feb. 13—board mtg
 Feb. 22—display at Tri-Region Info Fair
 Mar. 18—display at Seedy Sunday, Edmonton
 Mar. 20—AGM ---Percy Page Centre
 Apr. 6-8 ---display at St. Albert Orchid Show
 Apr. 24—board mtg
 May 1—June 14: MacEwan communications intern summer student
 May 4—July 26: U of A summer student as Natural Area Specialist
 May 5—spring clean-up
 May 17—field tour; Prescott Learning Centre classes
 May 27—29—May species count (birds)(plants)
 May 29—board mtg
 June 2—Pale Yellow Iris weed pull, Morgan Creek #1
 June 10—St. Albert camera club field trip
 June 17—Orchid Walk
 July 10—Edmonton Nature Club field trip
 July 23—Bat walk with Alberta Community Bat Program
 July 26—Pale Yellow Iris weed pull, Morgan Creek #2
 Aug. 21—board mtg
 Aug. 23—display at Tri-Region information fair
 Sept. 23—fall clean-up
 Sept. 25—board mtg
 Sept. 29—display at Spruce Grove Heritage Grove Park anniversary
 Oct. 14—Stony Plain Junior Forest Wardens field trip
 Nov. 10—Open House -- presentation by summer students and display of historical and recent WNAS activities
 Nov. 17—display at St. Albert volunteer fair
 Nov. 21—provincial curriculum workshop Alberta Council for Environmental Education
 Nov. 27—board mtg
 Dec. 4—orchid booklet planning meeting with Nature Alberta
 Dec. 5—Parkland County outdoor programmers' networking session
 Dec. 8—attended Nature Alberta Annual General Meeting

Support us!



The **Wagner Natural Area Society** welcomes new supporters, volunteers, and all people interested in natural history and the preservation of the ecological integrity of this delightful natural area.

VOLUNTEERS / MEMBERS

People of all talents and interests are desired and welcomed to become more closely involved with the Natural Area and the Society.

Email: info@wagnerfen.ca

DONATIONS

All donations to Wagner Natural Area Society help maintain the integrity of the Natural Area and its surroundings, provide education material, enhance visitors' experiences, and support ongoing research studies and surveys.

Please see page 4 for the donation/volunteer form.

Volunteer Hours by Wagner Natural Area Society

- Society meetings (incl. AGM)— 275 person-hours
 - Liaison meetings (Alberta Parks, Parkland County, etc.)—30 person-hours
 - *Admin./governance - 305 person-hours*

 - Clean-ups and monthly monitors— 200 person-hours
 - Weed clearing— 150 person-hours
 - *Site Management - 350 person-hours*

 - Research—
 - nest boxes and banding (tree swallows)—50 person-hours
 - Vegetation plot surveying 50 person-hours
 - Orchid scouting 20 person-hours
 - May Species counts 50 person-hours
 - *Research - 170 person-hours*

 - Open House— 30 person-hours
 - Talks/Booths— 75 person-hours
 - Public Tours— 50 person-hours
 - Website and e-newsletter— 80 person-hours
 - *Public Outreach - 235 person-hours*
- Total** **1060 person-hours (from volunteers)**



In addition, considerable time committed by summer staff:

- Natural Area Specialist—Public Education and Outreach: 137 hrs
- Research and Monitoring: 231 hrs
- Site Management: 46 hrs
- Communications and Outreach Specialist— 50 hrs
- Total** **464 person-hours (from staff)**



MEMBERSHIP --- WAGNER NATURAL AREA SOCIETY

Support / Donate / Volunteer

For information about Wagner Natural Area and the Society, and about field trips and other activities organized from time to time for the benefit of all friends of Wagner, go to www.wagnerfen.ca.

Wagner Natural Area Society is a Registered Charity. Donations to the Society will help maintain this very special area. Donations of \$20 or more will be receipted for Income Tax purposes.
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The Society's annual fee is \$10 for Supporting Members and \$15 for Voting Members. The Society's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31.

Annual fee (Supporting \$10/Voting \$15): \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

May the Society CONTACT you by: EMAIL: Yes / No

PHONE: Yes / No

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

If you can VOLUNTEER to help the Society with maintenance of the Natural Area (circle): Yes

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

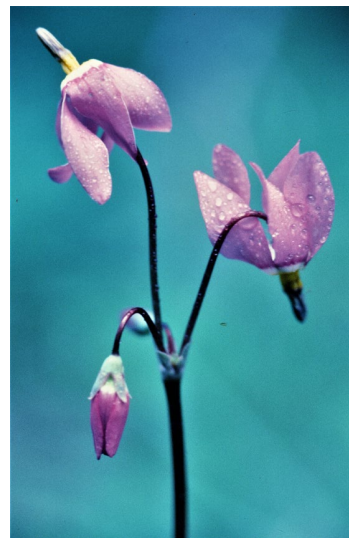
Mail this form with cheque/money order, payable to Wagner Natural Area Society, to:

Treasurer, Wagner Natural Area Society,
30531-118 Ave., Acheson, AB T7X 6M5

FAVOURITE STORIES

Do you have a favourite story about a visit to Wagner Natural Area?

Tell us about a favourite visit to Wagner and we'll include highlights in a newsletter. Even better if you have pictures of critters or blossoms that you saw. Send your stories/pics to the Wagner email - info@wagnerfen.ca



A letter from the WNAS President: Dave Ealey

Once again, we have been able to secure funding for a summer student to help with ongoing site management, monitoring, research and public education for Wagner Natural Area. We are grateful for the support of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association, so we could hire Robert Underschultz from the University of Alberta. Bob will be on site throughout the summer, as well as making presentations to various audiences and staffing displays in the Capital Region and contributing to the production of this newsletter. Please welcome him to the Wagner Natural Area family.

I want to encourage all readers of this newsletter to let us know of any questions or comments about our stories, and to provide ideas of what you might like to read about. info@wagnerfen.ca