

Waterton Wildflower Festival



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Welcome to the 13th Annual Waterton Wildflower Festival

Local flower guru, Lyndon Penner leads his festival followers around the scenic Linnet Lake. ~ © Justine Scott



THIS YEAR'S FEATURE WILDFLOWER

Our poster flower's name is the Three-Spot Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus apiculatus*). The name of this beautiful flower refers to the three purplish spots at the base of the petals. This elegant flower from the Lily family allows easy access viewing because it can be seen at lower elevations, and abundantly along the Bellevue Prairie and Wishbone trails. Blooming from June through July, it is easily identified by its three broad, pointed petals with coarse yellow hairs on the inside to about 3/4 of the way up, and a dark, purplish spot on inside base of each petal. These flowers' rich source of nectar easily attracts insects which are its main pollinators. Learn more about our feature flower by participating in a guided wildflower walk with one of the many experts.

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WELCOME!



Thank you for coming to the 13th annual Waterton Wildflower Festival! You are in for a treat as you wander the Wildflower Capital of Canada.

The festival celebrates the values of this national park and helps participants to cherish the natural wonders that are here.

Come to the SW corner of the Waterton Community Centre to register just outside the door of the Gym and get more information about each session.

As a program of The Waterton Park Community Association, the festival blooms a little bigger and brighter each year, and we must shout our thanks to wonderful community partners and supporters like Parks Canada, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Chamber of Commerce and other local groups.

Come to the Gym and say hi!

Mariajose Martinez,
Holly Lauscher,
Marie Grant,
Frank Weinschenk

New This Year

The Waterton Community Centre will be the gathering spot for this year's festival. Come by the Gym (entrance is on the SW corner of the building) and see local vendors showcase their art, books and much more. Need a break? Come in, take a seat and mingle with other participants, instructors and volunteers.

We Need Your Help

Stop and smell the flowers, but please don't pick them! We encourage you to get out and explore the park during the festival, but please keep these important principles in mind.

- Leave what you find. It's OK to stop and smell the flowers, but please leave them (along with other natural objects) where you found them for the next visitor to enjoy.
- Please do not trim the vegetation surrounding your floral photo subjects. Take only pictures; leave only footprints.
- Respect the wildlife and give them space. Observe the wildlife from a distance and do not follow, approach or attempt to feed them.

Even the most careful hiking boot placement can crush delicate greenery. Please stay on established trails on your journeys through the park.



A "focused" attendee listens during one of the sessions at last year's festival. ~ © Jarom Scott

WHY IS WATERTON THE WILDFLOWER CAPITAL OF CANADA?

Everyone who attends the Wildflower Festival must ask this question at least once! Every year you can discover the answer a little more fully for yourself, but here's a place to start to understand the reasons we can make this claim.

Geologic events resulted in Waterton Lakes National Park being a mountainous area that directly abutts the prairies. The park is located at a point where prairie plants from the Great Plains to the east overlap with Rocky Mountain plants from the north, and inter-mountain plants from the west. Forty-five different vegetation communities occur in the park including grasslands, shrublands, wetlands, lakes, spruce-fir, pine and aspen forests, and alpine meadows. This diversity provides suitable habitat for over 1,000 species of vascular plants within the park's boundaries. The overall plant community ranges in size from microscopic aquatic diatoms to stately Douglas fir trees.

Take one of John Russell's session, "*Waterton: the Wildflower Capital of Canada*" to learn more about how soil, moisture, wind, and even animals play a role in the immense floral diversity here.

PROTECTING LANDSCAPES

For thousands of years, Aboriginal people visited the Waterton area to hunt, fish, and gather plants. Archaeologists have found evidence of their encampments throughout the park. Fredrick W. Godsal, a Pincher Creek rancher, was the first to recommend the establishment of what is now Waterton Lakes National Park. The original park became Canada's 4th National Park in 1895, protecting an area of 140 km² [54 mi.²]. The intention was to protect the lakes and spectacular scenery of the area. Today, the park is 505 km² [195 mi.²]. Although small, many significant features are protected within its boundaries including some of the oldest mountains in the Rockies, unique geological features, critical wildlife corridors, a rich cultural history, and a diversity of flora and fauna.

Across the border to the south, is Glacier National Park in Montana. Together, the parks form the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which ensures cooperation between jurisdictions. West of Waterton is Akamina-Kishinena Provincial Park and the Flathead Provincial Forest in British Columbia. North and east of the park are ranchlands, provincial forestry lands and the Blackfoot Nation. Landowners, First Nations, municipal, provincial, and state governments as well as many non-profit organizations are working together to develop cooperative land management strategies to protect not only the park, but also the surrounding landscapes.

SUMMER INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS



Starting Sunday, June 26 through Tuesday, August 30.

Info on our daily guided hikes, family activities and evening theatre shows can be found in the Waterton Glacier Guide or on our website at pc.gc.ca/waterton




RARE PLANTS OF WATERTON

Waterton Lakes National Park is home to many provincially, globally and nationally rare plant species.

Watch List Plants

These species are common in WLNP and the immediate region but provincially, nationally, and in some cases, globally are uncommon or rare. These species are sufficiently common in the WLNP area that they are not being tracked in Alberta. However, they have been placed on a Watch List for Alberta to recognize their restricted geographic range:

Pathfinder - *Adenocaulon bicolor*
 Yellow angelica - *Angelica dawsonii*
 Elegant aster - *Aster engelmannii*
 Oregon grape - *Berberis repens*
 Woodland brome - *Bromus vulgaris*
 Thorough-wax - *Bupleurum americanum*
 Mariposa lily - *Calochortus apiculatus*
 Elk sedge - *Carex geyeri*
 Stiff yellow paintbrush - *Castilleja lutescens*
 Snowbrush - *Ceanothus velutinus*
 Alpine spring beauty - *Claytonia megarhiza*
 Douglas hawthorn - *Crataegus douglasii*
 Hooker's fairybells - *Disporum hookeri*
 Mountain gentian - *Gentiana calycosa*
 Woolen breeches - *Hydrophyllum capitatum*
 Sandberg's wild parsley - *Lomatium sandbergii*
 Smooth woodrush - *Luzula hitchcockii*
 Nuttall's sandwort - *Minuartia nuttallii*
 Western sweet cicely - *Osmorhiza occidentalis*
 Mountain-lover - *Pachystima myrsinites*
 Blue beardtongue - *Penstemon albertinus*
 Large-flowered beardtongue - *Penstemon lyallii*
 Bracken fern - *Pteridium aquilinum*
 Sticky currant - *Ribes viscosissimum*
 Merten's saxifrage - *Saxifraga mertensiana*
 Narrow-petaled stonecrop - *Sedum stenopetalum*
 Arctic butterweed - *Senecio conterminus*
 Beargrass - *Xerophyllum tenax*

Globally Rare

[G1 or G2] (based on 1997 data)

Scented Pussytoes - *Antennaria aromatica*
 Peculiar Moonwort - *Botrychium paradoxum*
 Three-lobed Fleabane - *Erigeron trifidus*

Nationally Rare

[N1 or N2] (based on 1997 data)

Gyer's onion - *Allium geyeri*
 Jones' columbine - *Aquilegia jonesii*
 Long-leaved arnica - *Arnica longifolia*
 Ascending moonwort - *Botrychium ascendens*
 Dainty moonwort - *Botrychium crenulatum*
 Western moonwort - *Botrychium hesperium*
 Waterton moonwort - *Botrychium x watertonense*
 Large-flowered brickellia - *Brickellia grandiflora*
 Blackened sedge - *Carex epapillosa*
 Payson's sedge - *Carex paysonis*
 Yellow paintbrush - *Castilleja cusickii*
 Small-flowered hawkbeard - *Crepis occidentalis*
 Rocky Mountain douglasia - *Douglasia montana*
 Dense-leaved draba - *Draba densifolia*
 Willowherb - *Epilobium mirabile*
 Front Range fleabane - *Erigeron lackschewitzii*
 Dwarf fleabane - *Erigeron radicans*
 Gayophytum - *Gayophytum racemosum*
 Mountain hollyhock - *Iliamna rivularis*
 Bolander's quillwort - *Isoetes bolanderi*
 Dwarf lewisia - *Lewisia pygmaea*
 Prairie lupine - *Lupinus lepidus*
 Showy oniongrass - *Melica spectabilis*
 Baby-blue-eyes - *Nemophila breviflora*
 Pygmy poppy - *Papaver pygmaeum*
 Lyall's scorpionweed - *Phacelia lyallii*
 Ninebark - *Physocarpus malvaceus*
 Slender knotweed - *Polygonum engelmannii*
 Purple rattlesnake-root - *Prenanthes sagittata*
 Alpine buttercup - *Ranunculus verecundus*
 Few-leaved ragwort - *Senecio cymbalarioides*
 American chickweed - *Stellaria americana*
 Blunt-sepaed starwort - *Stellaria obtusa*
 Umbellate starwort - *Stellaria umbellata*
 Alpine townsendia - *Townsendia condensata*
 Mountain trisetum - *Trisetum montanum*
 Awnless trisetum - *Trisetum wolfii*
 Canary violet - *Viola praemorsa* var. *linguaeifolia*

Did You Know....*

- There are four different ecoregions in Waterton Lakes National Park (parkland, montane, subalpine, and alpine).
- There are 45 vegetation communities in the park, 16 of which are considered significant because they are rare, or fragile and threatened.
- More than 50% of all wildflower species found in Alberta grow in Waterton Lakes National Park.
- 104 species of plants in Waterton are listed as rare in Alberta? Of those, 28 are found only in the Waterton area. [see list]
- Three of the park's flower species are globally rare. [see list]
- 38 of the park's flower species are nationally rare. [see list]
- A number of species that are common in Waterton and the immediate region, are uncommon or rare elsewhere.

* from www.pc.gc.ca/waterton



While awaiting his next victim, a Crab Spider poses for this rare photo opportunity. ~ © Justine Scott

AUTHORS AT THE FESTIVAL

The Festival is honoured to have several authors as presenters. Come see the books at the Community Centre Gym and possibly get the authors to sign your copy of their books.



Garden columnist and horticulturist, Lyndon Penner is back and bringing a new book that is perfect for the Festival, *Native Plants for the Short Season Yard*. Don't miss out on one of Lyndon's field sessions or perhaps take in his all day session on Friday, The Wonder of Wildflowers, a Day with Lyndon.

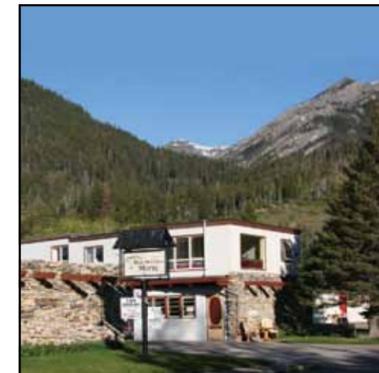


Authors, Jacinthe Lavoie and Ian Wilson also have a new book perfect for Waterton, "Waterton Wild". Come hear their evening presentation on Monday June 20th at the Falls Theatre at 7:30 which is open to all or register to take in one of the several field sessions they lead throughout the week.



Charlie Russell, local naturalist known for his study of grizzlies, has written books including *Grizzly Season*. He has also been the subject of two documentaries, *Walking with Giants* and *Bear Man of Kamchatka*. Come meet Charlie and get a signed copy of one of his books.

John Russell has studied wildlife and wildflowers all his life from Waterton all the way to the arctic where he studied caribou. Come meet John and get a signed copy of his book, *The World of the Caribou*.



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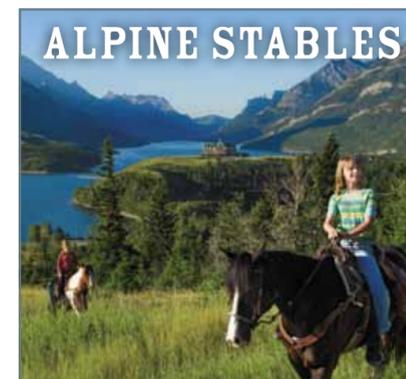
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OPEN VICTORIA DAY TO THANKSGIVING

INVADERS OF THE (LOST) PARK

Non-native plants are those that were brought here from somewhere else. They are a threat to the natural environment as they can quickly invade and out-compete native species. Because they have been introduced and are not growing in their native environment, few natural controls such as insects, disease and predators limit their spread. Some non-native species even secrete poisons from their roots that kill or displace native plants. As native populations are reduced, the quality of wildlife habitat is affected. Prolific seed producers, non-native species have the potential to spread locally, regionally and even across continents. Control of non-native species is one of the most urgent concerns in protecting Waterton's wonderful wildflowers.

Sign up and learn more about invasives in Lyndon Penner's session "Blooming but Unwelcome" on Monday June 20th.

For information about Adopting-a-Patch and other volunteer opportunities in Waterton Lakes National Park, visit www.pc.gc.ca/Waterton and click on 'Activities', or contact Dianne Pachal at 403-859-5107, dianne.pachal@pc.gc.ca.

There are more than 100 non-native plants identified in Waterton Lakes National Park. These 12, the 'dirty dozen' are the most invasive and easily identifiable. Keep a lookout for these species. Report their location to the Festival Headquarters in the Waterton Heritage Centre and we will pass the information on to Parks Canada.

Invasives

 □ Leafy Spurge ~ <i>Euphorbia esula</i>	 □ Yellow Chamomile ~ <i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	 □ Orange Hawkweed ~ <i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
 □ Baby's Breath ~ <i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	 □ Dalmatian toadflax ~ <i>Linaria angustifolia</i>	 □ Yellow Hawkweed ~ <i>Hieracium spp.</i>
 □ Spotted Knapweed ~ <i>Centaurea maculosa</i>	 □ Scentless Chamomile ~ <i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	 □ Wild Caraway ~ <i>Carum carvi</i>
 □ St. John's Wort ~ <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	 □ Blue Weed ~ <i>Echium vulgare</i>	 □ Hound's-Tongue ~ <i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>

Photos courtesy Alberta Sustainable Resource Development unless otherwise noted.

RESTORATION CREW



Restoration Crew ~ © Parks Canada

Every summer, Parks Canada hires a crew whose job it is to scour the meadows, hillsides and roadsides in the park and identify and remove invasive species using a variety of techniques. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, Waterton's wildflower legacy is being restored. The restoration crew and volunteers also gather seeds from native plants, propagate them and replant them into disturbed areas.

REJUVENATING FLAMES



Prescribed fire ~ © Parks Canada

Managing park ecosystems requires wisdom, good science, and lateral thinking. Management strategies change as our understanding of the workings of ecosystems increases. One strategy is the reintroduction of fire into the landscape.

When Waterton Lakes National Park was established in 1895, society viewed fire as destructive and a great deal of effort went into preventing and extinguishing grassland and forest fires. The result was that an estimated 30% of the park's grasslands were lost to the spread of shrubs and trees. The remaining grasslands built up a heavy load of dead and dry material.

Now, science and knowledge of traditional practices have helped us realize that fire is an essential part of the ecosystem. Today, Parks Canada carries out prescribed fires to restore prairie vegetation. The dead and dry material in the grasslands becomes rich ash, which feeds renewed plant growth. Burning the dead grass and branches also reduces the risk of uncontrolled, damaging wildfires, which could threaten people and facilities in the park and on our neighbours' ranchlands.

In April 2015, Parks Canada successfully carried out the 1,200 hectare "Y-Camp" prescribed fire to restore native prairie by reducing aspen and evergreen expansion onto grasslands. In 2016, fire managers are continuing this important work along the Red Rock Parkway in the Blakiston Valley.

Trained specialists carry out the fires only when a set of predetermined conditions is met relating to weather, terrain, soil moisture, fire behaviour, fire control, and smoke management. Parks Canada has 30 years of experience reintroducing fires onto the landscape in national parks. Well-planned prescribed fires help sustain fire-dependent ecosystems.

There are many other fascinating scientific activities taking place in Waterton Lakes National Park. To learn more, visit the website at www.pc.gc.ca/waterton and click on 'Park Management.' You can also attend the Waterton-Glacier Science and History Day, which is a free event featuring short presentations on current and recently completed research projects in the two parks. For more information, go to www.nps.gov/glac/naturescience/ccric-sciencehistoryday.htm

HELP WANTED



Watering seedlings ~ © Parks Canada

Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta Seasonal Volunteer

No experience necessary

Would you like a behind-the-scenes park experience? Do you love the outdoors, wildlife, and/or learning new technology? Would you like to contribute to science and monitoring in the park? If so, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Everyone is welcome to join our team of volunteers who donate their time and energy to help out with species counts, weed pulling, seed collection, and special events. In 2013 alone, 308 volunteers put in a total of 2990 hours of volunteer time!

For more information, visit www.pc.gc.ca/waterton and click on 'Learning Experiences,' then 'Volunteers.' On the website, you can sign up to receive e-mail notifications of events as they are planned throughout the summer.

UPGRADING FACILITIES

Potential Impacts on Visitor Experience for Spring and Summer 2016

Some much-needed infrastructure work in Waterton Lakes National Park is taking place this spring and summer, which will result in improved visitor experiences. This information is subject to change as project details are finalized. Please check our website for updated project details at www.pc.gc.ca/waterton and click "Construction projects" link on the right side.

Projects Resulting in a Closure or Having a Major Impact to Visitors Include:

Cameron Lake Day Use Area: Closed April 30 until November 2016

The Cameron Lake Day Use Area will be closed to replace the existing facilities, and the Lakeshore Trail will not be accessible during construction. Parks Canada will provide a complimentary shuttle service for hikers and bikers only, to access to all trails along the Akamina Parkway, including Carthew-Alderson and Summit Lake.

Akamina Parkway: Closed April 30 until November 2016

Due to the construction at Cameron Lake Day Use Area, the Akamina Parkway will be closed to all traffic – including pedestrians and cyclists. Parks Canada will provide a complimentary shuttle service for hikers and bikers only to safely access trailheads for the duration of the work. Regular updates on work as it progresses will be communicated.

Red Rock Parkway:

The Red Rock Parkway will re-open on from June 17 following the completion of road work and the replacement of culverts. It may be closed for 2-3 weeks after the September long weekend to finalize any road work not completed in the spring.

Projects Resulting in a Minor Impact to Visitors Include:

Chief Mountain Highway

Repairs along Chief Mountain Highway will continue from May 1 until July 31, 2016. Work will resume on the north end of the road and progress south. The highway will remain open for public use, however single lane alternating traffic with up to 20 minute delays may occur throughout the project duration. Please allow extra time for travel when using this highway and consult www.511.alberta.ca for the latest road construction updates.

Blakiston Falls Viewing Platforms

The viewing platforms at Blakiston Falls will be closed for replacement until September 2016, and the Blakiston Falls trail will be temporarily closed for one week to repair a portion of the path. During that time, access to the Tamarack Trail will be available through the Snowshoe Trail. For the remainder of the spring and summer, the Blakiston Valley trail will remain open. Timing for this work is dependent on a number of factors, including weather. Confirmed dates will be communicated once available.

Staff Housing

Construction on the 100-block of Clematis Avenue (between the United Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) will begin in April 2016 to replace Parks Canada staff accommodation.

Waterton Townsite Infrastructure Replacement

Evergreen Avenue: Water and sewer upgrades will continue along Evergreen Avenue (north of Cameron Falls). The street will be closed to the public. Access to Cameron Falls will be available through Fountain Avenue. Leaseholders will continue to have access, to Evergreen Avenue during construction, but not vehicular.

Regular updates will be issued as information is confirmed. Please consult the Waterton Lakes National Park website at www.pc.gc.ca/waterton for the latest updated information and a map of projects that may impact your visit.

FIGHTING FOR FIVE NEEDLE PINES

Whitebark pines are threatened by a variety of factors, including an introduced blister rust, mountain pine beetle, fire suppression, and by rapid global climate change. The species is a five-needle pine that is essential to ecosystem functioning in many subalpine and tree-line forests. Another five-needle, Limber pine, is under federal assessment.

Restoration experts are working to improve the status and trend of whitebark pine and limber pine in the mountain parks while asking for the support of Canadians through species-at-risk related experience, action and education. Recovery strategy goals include increasing the number of trees with genetic resistance to blister rust, conserving and enhancing genetic diversity of whitebark and limber populations through restoration and protection, maintaining ecosystem function and resilience, and improving mapping and inventory data.

With the help of experts and volunteers, seedlings from locally collected trees are not and grown in greenhouses and planted in prescribed fire areas. We monitor recruitment, survivorship and infestation rate by blister rust. This non-native fungus is one of the main reasons that five-needle pine populations are considered to be at risk of extinction in the Canadian Rockies.

SATISFIED SALAMANDERS

THANK YOU to all who added a donation to their registration in 2015; the funds were used to make the fall 'Salamander By-Way' volunteer event possible. THANK YOU to all who volunteered their hours. The road into town cuts through the Long-Toed Salamander migration trail; in the past a series of barriers and tunnels were constructed to ensure their safe passage. These structures breakdown over the seasons and great strides were made in their repair during our fall festival volunteer event. THANKS again!

WHERE THE WILD THINGS GO: WILDLIFE MOVEMENT PROJECT

Waterton Lakes National Park has started a five-year research program to gather information on wildlife movement around the perimeter of the Waterton Park community and between the Waterton and Akamina valleys. The goal of the project is to provide information to help Parks Canada make decisions regarding wildlife (mainly carnivores and ungulates) movement through this area. In order to maintain their populations, it's important for wildlife to find food, flee from predators and interact with each other. Researchers are using a variety of information sources, including remote cameras.

Because the cameras are near the community and trails, there may be some sensitivity regarding privacy. The cameras are primarily used for wildlife conservation purposes, but images that show illegal activities that may have serious impacts on wildlife, or put the safety of visitors at risk may be used for law enforcement purposes. Cameras will not be located within the core of the community. Public notices will be posted at trail heads and other areas where cameras are deployed. All images of people will be classified by number and type of use, then immediately deleted.

We often share images of wildlife from remote camera projects on our website and social media. Check out our "Wild in Waterton" images from remote cameras on our website. They're also the most liked and shared on our social media. We're looking forward to getting some great new photos.



Remote camera - bear family ~ © Parks Canada

Detecting eDNA: The Search for Rare Frogs in Waterton Lakes National Park



Kim Pearson ~ © Parks Canada

Are they really there? A question mark hangs over the existence of two rare frogs in Waterton Lakes National Park. But researchers are using an innovative detection test to change those questions into checkmarks. Now, scientists can accurately determine the presence of individual species without seeing them first hand. The tests analyze the genetic material (Environmental DNA or eDNA) animals leave behind in their habitat.

The northern leopard frog is designated under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) as Special Concern. The frogs started vanishing from western Canada in the 1970s. They had not been seen in Waterton since 1980, until attempts began in 2007 to reintroduce the species. Parks Canada scientists put their conservation skills to the test, transferring 24,000 frog eggs from Grasslands National Park to three sites in Waterton in 2015. Eggs hatched successfully and tadpoles thrived in two locations. But no one could confirm the presence of the northern leopard frog in the third.

Park staff, working alongside the Calgary Zoological Society, are taking the search for the missing frogs to the genetic level. Scientists must find the eDNA quickly as it only lasts for about seven to 21 days in water. They hope filtered water samples sent to a Washington State University laboratory will positively identify the DNA of the northern leopard frog in the third wetland.

Waterton researchers are also hot on the genetic trail of a primitive amphibian, the Rocky Mountain tailed frog [a Species at Risk Act Threatened species]. The unique frogs are known residents of fast-flowing mountain streams in nearby Glacier Park in Montana and the Flathead River Valley in British Columbia. But are they in Waterton too? Parks Canada scientists are investigating using the same eDNA genetic sampling technique, which existed only in the realms of science fiction a few decades ago.

Ecosystem Scientist Kimberly Pearson recalls the thrill of sighting a Rocky Mountain tailed frog near the Waterton Lakes National Park boundary. "It was exciting to see such a unique amphibian so close to our park. It was one of the most marvellous sightings of my career," Pearson said. Combining expertise once again with the Calgary Zoological Society, Pearson and other park researchers are working to determine whether the ancient frog should be added to the list of species that call Waterton home.

Parks Canada is a leader in maintaining and restoring the ecological integrity of national parks by using influential techniques like eDNA sampling. Researchers continue species recovery and protection in the northern leopard frog and Rocky Mountain tailed frog projects in Waterton Lakes National Park.



Northern Leopard Frog ~ © Parks Canada

FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Early Bird Chorus

June is a lovely time to see the wildflowers of Waterton. It is also a good time to listen to and watch the bird life of the park. We invite you to set your alarm for 5:00 am so you can get up and enjoy the glorious sound of the Early Bird Chorus. If you aren't a morning person, this is your chance to find out what you've been missing. Trust us, you won't be disappointed.



Cyndi Smith with Festival bird watchers. ~ © Jarom Scott

Evening Programs

Check out the schedule for our exciting line-up of talks, slide presentations, and theatre presentations.

Lunchtime

Come to the Waterton Community Centre as we will have tables and chairs set up for lunch time. Mingle with other instructors and participants, and take in the Waterton fair, coffee and tea available.

Waterton Fair

Enjoy the fantastic fair of local artists, photographs, books, and other information located in the Gym of the Waterton Community Centre. Peruse the many artist and local vendors and bring home souvenirs as a reminder of the wonderful time spent in session in beautiful Waterton Lakes National Park.

Ethnobotany

Ethnobotany is the study of the traditional knowledge and uses of plants for food, shelter, medicine, poison and ceremony. Brenda Holder is a professional interpretive guide who has learned from research and from listening to her Métis elders about the traditional uses of plants. Sign up for one of Brenda's Traditional Medicine Workshops on Tuesday June 21 or Thursday June 23rd or her traditional beading workshops that celebrate the flowers through traditional handiwork.

All Day Art Workshops

This year we have not one world-renowned teacher, but we have two!!! Join Margaret Best for one of our multi-day sessions. This year Margaret is leading a two-day introductory session as well as a three-day intermediate level workshop for more experienced artists. Brent Laycock will also be leading a "Get Wild" two-day introductory watercolour session.



Margaret Best teaching botanical art painting techniques to workshop students. ~ © Jarom Scott

An Appreciation for Nature

Come and listen to Mary Beth Laviolette talk about the life and art of one of Southern Alberta's renowned and remarkable artist, Annora Brown (1899-1987). Annora Brown was born near Red Deer, Alberta and raised in Fort Macleod. Her father was a member of the North Western Mounted Police and her mother a school teacher. Annora Brown had many accomplishments including publishing the much-beloved book, *Old Man's Garden*. It is a book in which Brown recorded legends and stories of the flora of the Old Man River, Waterton Lakes National Park and areas of Southern Alberta. This sponsored event by the Nature Conservancy of Canada is Sunday June 19th at the Falls Theatre at 7:30 pm. Come join us. It is open to all.

Wildflower Selfies?

Katie Goldie (@goldiehawn_) is a outdoor landscape and lifestyle photographer, international known Instagramer and blogger (wanderhawn.com). She recently discover hiking in the last few years and hasn't been able to stay away from Waterton. With over 168,000 followers around the world and an amazing eye for photo opportunities, we're delighted to welcome her to the festival.

Family Friendly Theatre

The Waterton Teenie Weenie Theatre Company is back! Join them on Thursday June 23rd at the Lions Hall (209 Fountain Avenue) for an amazing family-friendly show "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde has been a theatrical comedic jewel for over a century. John and his friend Algy, obsessed with earnestly pleasing the women in their lives who are in turn obsessed with marrying their own "Ernest", create their own deceptions whilst striving to be ...earnest! Labeled as a "trivial comedy for serious people", this satirical view of Victorian England exposes the length people may go to escape burdensome social obligations. With its high farce and witty dialogue, "The Importance of Being Earnest" has become one of Wilde's most successful plays. Approximately 90 minutes in length. Admission is \$15 at the door and requires no registration.



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SHARED LOCATION

TIME	Sunday, June 19	Monday, June 20	Tuesday, June 21	Wednesday, June 22	Thursday, June 23	Friday, June 24
6:00 am to 8:30 am		20A Early Bird Chorus		22A Blue Bird Sky	23A The Birds of Waterton	
6:00 am to 2:00 pm						
7:00 am to 10:00 am		20B Controlling Light for Wildflower Photography	21B Capturing Wildflowers and Stunning Vistas Photo Workshop		23B Wildflowers in the Landscape	
8:00 am to 11:00 am	19C Wildflower Photography	20C Our Wildflower's Best Friends	21C Official Plants - Wildflowers and Trees as Symbols	22C Give 'Peas' a Chance		
8:00am to 3:00pm						
8:30am to 3:30am						
8:30am to 11:30am	19D Bears and Blossoms - A Walk with Charlie	20D Wildflowers Along the Prince of Wales Trails	21D Bears and Blossoms - A Walk with Charlie	22D Extraordinary Flower in Easy Places	23D In search of Wildflowers - A Hike Up Soft Mountain	24C A day in the Life of... Waterton Photo Workshop
9:00am to 4:00pm	19F Social Media Photography and the Great Outdoors	20F Botanical Illustration - Two Day Introductory Workshop	21E The Art of Photographing Wildflowers	22E The Art of Photographing Wildflowers		
9:00am to 12:00 noon	19H The Wild Lilies of Waterton	20G Getting Wild - Two Day Watercolour Workshop	21F Traditional Medicine Workshop	22G Metis Beadwork and Design Workshop	23F Traditional Medicine Workshop	24E Art in the Park: Drawing & Watercolour Workshop
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2:00pm to 3:00pm		20S Where the Prairies meet the Mountains	21S Wildflowers Along the Prince of Wales Trail	22S Get your Photos Organized		
4:00pm to 7:30pm				22SC The View from the Lake - A Waterton Cruise	The Importance of Being Earnest (at Teenie Weenie Theatre)	
7:30pm to 9:30pm	19T An Appreciation for Nature (Sponsored by Nature Conservancy of Canada)	20T Waterton Wild Presentation	21X Night Sky Photography	22T Star Gazing and Night Sky Presentation	23X Cosmic Reconnect	
9:00pm	19X Night Sky Photography					

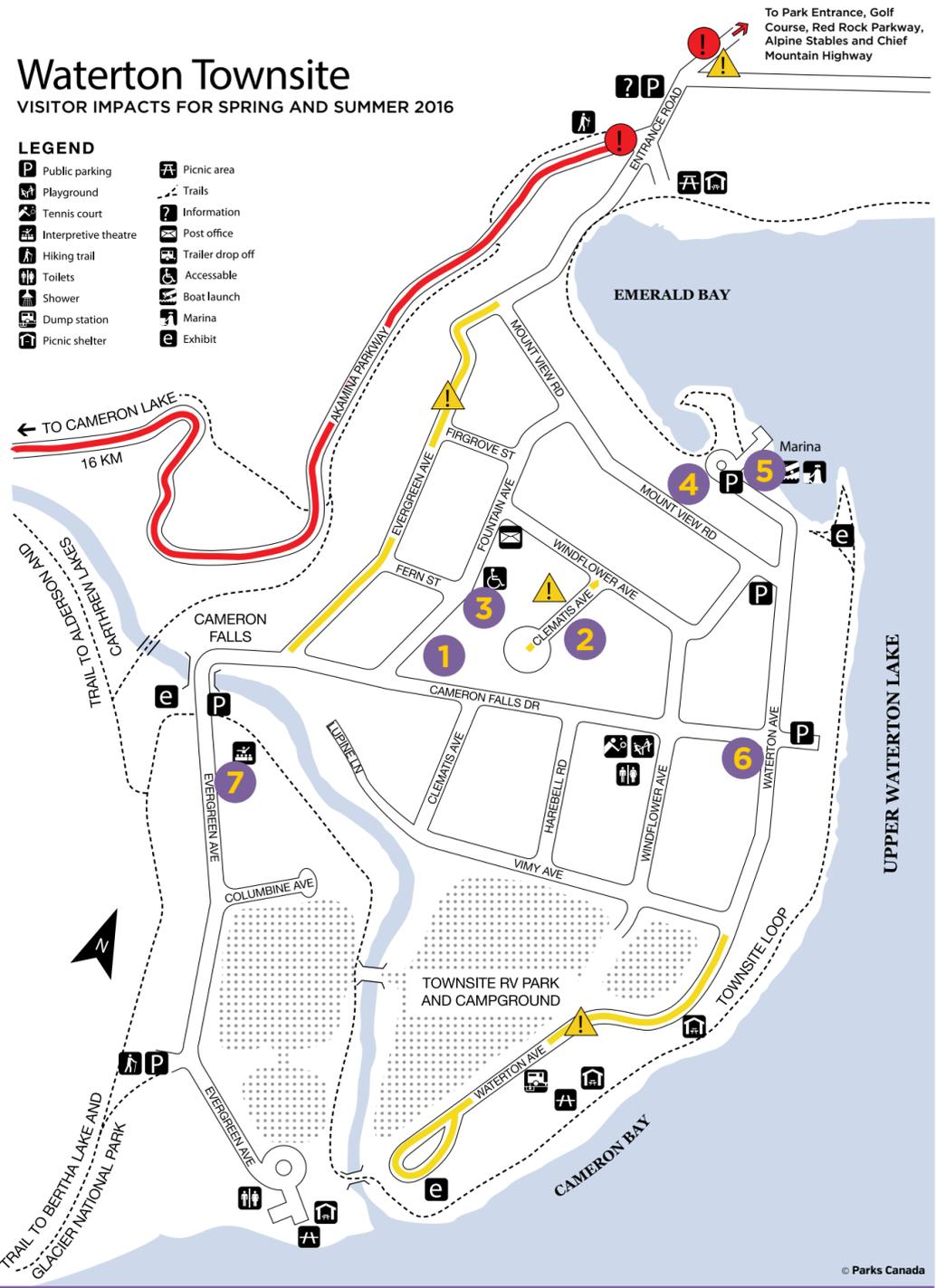
2016 WATERTON WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

Unless otherwise stated, meet your event leader at the Festival Headquarters at the Community Centre 20 minutes prior to the start time.

Waterton Townsite

VISITOR IMPACTS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER 2016

- LEGEND**
- Public parking
 - Playground
 - Tennis court
 - Interpretive theatre
 - Hiking trail
 - Toilets
 - Shower
 - Dump station
 - Picnic shelter
 - Picnic area
 - Trails
 - Information
 - Post office
 - Trailer drop off
 - Accessible
 - Boat launch
 - Marina
 - Exhibit



- 1 Festival Headquarters (Community Centre)
- 2 Waterton Lakes Lodge
- 3 Lions Hall (Teenie Weenie Theatre Company)
- 4 Administrative Building
- 5 Marina
- 6 RCMP
- 7 Falls Theatre

REGISTRATION

Before the Festival: April 1 – June 18, 2016
On-line at: www.watertonwildflowers.com

During the Festival: June 19 – 24, 2016
On-line at: www.watertonwildflowers.com
or IN PERSON: At the Waterton Community Centre - 201 Cameron Falls Drive

REMEMBER: Sessions fill up so it is best to register early.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 48 hours notice. All programs will run rain or shine.

INFORMATION

WHERE TO MEET: Please meet at the South West corner of the Waterton Community Centre - 201 Cameron Fall Drive, 20 minutes prior to the event start time (washrooms available).

CAR POOL EVENTS: The Wildflower Festival is a car pool event. You may ride with someone else or drive your own vehicle.

WHAT TO BRING: A daypack with a water bottle, snack, sunscreen, a hat, bug spray, and a camera.

WHAT TO WEAR: Sturdy walking shoes, a wind-breaker and a hat are necessities. The terrain is uneven. Mountain weather is variable and can change quickly; be prepared for all conditions - sun, wind, rain...even snow!

PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES: digital and/or film cameras, tripod recommended, some walking involved.

PARK FEES: National Park gate fees apply. For information please go to www.pc.gc.ca/waterton

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Activity Level Descriptions

All: Activity may occur indoors; minimal walking is involved; some venues are wheelchair accessible.

Easy: Participants must be able walk the equivalent of 5 city blocks on uneven ground, stand for up to an hour, and get in and out of a motor vehicle easily.

Moderate to Easy: Participants must be able walk the equivalent of five of city blocks on uneven ground and stand for up to 3 hours.

Moderate: Participants must be sure footed, able to ascend a path the equivalent of a few flights of stairs and walk on uneven surfaces up to 3 km (2 miles) at a 3 kmph pace (2 mph).

Moderately Challenging: Participants must be in good health, be mobile, and able to participate in 3 – 5 hours of physical activity per day, the equivalent of walking up to 8 km (5 miles) at a 4kph (2.5 mph) pace over uneven ground.

Sunday, June 19th

19C Wildflower Photography

Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Presenter: Steve Harrington
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: How does one photograph a wildflower? Learn about depth of field settings, composition, coping with variable light and that pesky breeze. Steve is interested in helping those new to capturing wildflower images, as well as those wishing to perfect their techniques.
Cost: \$45.00

19D Bears and Blossoms - a Walk with Charlie

Time: 8:30 am to 11:30 am
Presenter: Charlie Russell
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Discover the role bears play in the health of wildflower populations and hear stories and experiences of world renowned expert Charlie Russell as he shares his knowledge and viewpoint on bears, nature and humans.
Cost: \$55.00

19F Social Media Photography and the Great Outdoors

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Kate Goldie
Activity Level: Moderate/Challenging
Description: Learn how social media Apps like Instagram and Facebook can help inspire creativity within, connect you with like-minded people and become a portal to freelance work. Find out about the benefits of Social Media and how Kate (@goldiehawn_) was able to gain over 150k followers on Instagram doing what she loves. Hiking involved, bring your lunch and water.
Cost: \$99.00

19G Wildflowers from Horseback

Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Location: Alpine Stables
Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds, Alpine Stables
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: What could be more fun than riding a horse and flower watching at the same time? This program will start with some flower basics on the ground followed by a leisurely ride that will take you into different habitats to view dozens of different flower types. No riding experience is necessary.
Cost: \$80.00

19H The Wild Lilies of Waterton

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Presenter: Lyndon Penner
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: The lily family (Lilaceae) has been much split by the botanists in recent years and many plants formerly placed here now comprise other families. Join Lyndon as he helps you to sort out what goes where and you'll inspect a great many plants that either belong here or previously belonged here! This includes the spectacular western red lily, false hellebore, the Queen's cup, smooth camas, and many more...
Cost: \$45.00

19N Photographing Wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Ian Wilson
Activity Level: Easy/Moderate
Description: Join Ian Wilson, Author and photographer of *Wildflowers of Waterton Park* during his hands-on workshop. Learn to capture the fine details of wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail. Camera settings, use of depth of field to highlight your subject, the benefits of a tripod, use of lighting and composition and other

close-up techniques will be discussed while photographing wildflowers. Discover how best to use the settings on your camera for the perfect image, and benefit from Ian's years of photographic experience.
Cost: \$45.00

19P Waterton: the Wildflower Capital of Canada

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Presenter: John Russell
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: It's one thing to read the reasons geology, climate, soil, and even animals combine to make Waterton the wildflower capital of Canada. It's another thing to walk in the midst of these elements as John Russell points out the factors and how they come together to make this the perfect epicentre of wildflower diversity. You may not see each the more than 1000 diferent species as you walk with John, but you will undoubtedly come to appreciate this unique and rare place that provides the habitat for all of them.
Cost: \$45.00

19Q Bison and the Prairie Blossom

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm
Presenter: Lyndon Penner
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Today the bison are few, but historically they were a critical part of the prairie ecosystem. Their hooves turned up and loosened soil to aid germination, their droppings provided fertilizer, and their grazing helped to create balance and harmony between species. Lyndon will take you on a tromp over and through prairie to learn about how the loss of these great herds changed the prairie and what it means for the future.
Cost: \$45.00

19R Health, Hope and Healing in the Wild

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm
Presenter: Bill Hanlon
Activity Level: Easy
Description: The program will explore the physical, emotional and spiritual benefits of connecting with nature including the health benefits of movement within the natural world and highlight the significance of Aboriginal history on Waterton's magical landscape.
Cost: \$45.00



Photograph of Artist Annora Brown ~ Image collection of Patricia Alderson

19T An Appreciation for Nature

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Falls Theatre
Presenter: Mary-Beth Laviolette
Activity Level: All
Description: Join Mary-Beth Laviolette, an independent art curator and writer, for an illustrated talk about the life and art of one of our areas renowned and remarkable artists, Annora Brown, 1899 to 1987. Featured in Mary-Beth's *A Delicate Art: Artists, Wildflowers & Native Plants of the West*, Brown was a resident of Fort Macleod who loved the outdoors and made a serious study of wildflowers and their environment; her explorations lead her deep into Oldman River country and Waterton Lakes National Park where she found some of her most treasured species. She is the author and illustrator of the wildflower classic: *Old Man's Garden*. Sponsored by The Nature Conservancy of Canada.
Cost: By donation

19X Night Sky Photography

Time: 9:00 pm
Presenter: Alan Dyer
Activity Level: Easy
Description: Learn to shoot Waterton by night, for unique images of stars in the sky above moonlit landscapes. Alberta astro-photographer Alan Dyer leads you on a photo trek to shoot under the Moon, stars and summer solstice twilight. Warning, this session may go to midnight.
Cost: \$45.00

Monday, June 20th

20A Early Bird Chorus

Time: 6:00 am to 8:30 am
Presenter: David Musto
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Rise and shine and enjoy the most beautiful and melodic time of the day. Join David Musto at this bright hour to decipher the chorus of bird song. Bring binoculars, warm clothing & caffeine.
Cost: \$40.00

20B Controlling Light for Wildflower Photography

Time: 7:00 am to 10:00 am
Presenter: Ian Wilson
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Join Ian Wilson, author and photographer of *Wildflowers of Waterton Park* during this hands-on workshop. Learn to control light for wildflower photography! Participants will have an opportunity to use reflectors, diffusers, LED lights, on-camera flash, and off-camera flash while photographing flowers. We will also review the benefits of a tripod, the use of depth of field to highlight your subject, composition and other close-up techniques.
Cost: \$45.00

20C Our Wildflowers Best Friends

Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Presenter: Lyndon Penner
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: A great many small creatures that live in Waterton play a critical role in the pollination and distribution of our wildflowers. This includes many kinds of bees, butterflies, moths, flies, and even hummingbirds. Join Lyndon for a tromp through field and forest to locate as many kinds of pollinators as possible.
Cost: \$45.00

20D Wildflowers Along the Prince of Wales Trails

Time: 8:30 am to 11:30 am
Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds
Activity Level: Easy/Moderate
Description: Discover the variety of wildflowers that inhabit the various habitats surrounding this landmark; hear a bit of the history, and relish in the walk and view
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20F Botanical Illustration - Two Day Introductory Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Margaret Best
Activity Level: All
Description: June 20 and 21: If you are newcomer to botanical art or would like to rekindle or explore an interest in art, this is for you. You will start at the beginning - the detailed drawing of a plant subject and learn from Margaret what it takes to move forward in this popular art form. Margaret Best is internationally renowned for her art and teaching. www.bestbotanical.com
 Workshop: Monday & Tuesday. Lunch not included. Participants will receive a supply list.
Cost: \$199.00

20G Getting Wild - Two Day Watercolour Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Brent Laycock
Activity Level: All
Description: All June 20 and 21: Watercolourist, Brent Laycock, will lead the participants through various explorations of the watercolour medium that will help them "loosen up" and paint with energy and intensity. Through various demonstrations and close-up studies of the interesting forms of local wild flowers, he will help students create exciting floral images with strong composition, colour harmony, new techniques and expressive brushwork. Instruction will be tailored to the needs of students at any level. Participants will receive a supply list.
Cost: \$199.00

20H Métis Beadwork and Design Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Brenda Holder
Activity Level: All
Description: Learn about the history of the Flower Bead Work People, Métis Design and history and the significance of the 5 petals in this stunning artwork. You will have hands-on instructions on creating your own keepsake flower beadwork pouch; all supplies included. Lunch not included.
Cost: \$99.00

20J Wildflowers 101

Time: 9:15 am to 12:15 pm
Presenter: Jacinthe Lavoie
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: From Agoseris to Yarrow this workshop will help you learn how to identify flowers using flower stem and leaf features. You will also learn about flower families and how to use guidebooks to identify flowers. Discover the diversity of plants you never noticed before.
Cost: \$45.00

20K Extraordinary Flowers in Easy Places

Time: 9:15 am to 12:15 pm
Presenter: Patricia Wagenaar
Activity Level: Easy
Description: Get to know Waterton's beautiful wildflowers by venturing only a few steps from your car. View many different species in various areas.
Cost: \$45.00

20N Blooming but Unwelcome

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Lyndon Penner
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: What is a "native" wildflower? There are many plants that grow in Waterton that are actually not native here and can cause great problems for indigenous species. Learn to identify knapweed, ox-eye daisies, and hound's tongue as well as others, and what you can do to help minimize their impact on these fragile ecosystems.
Cost: \$45.00

20Q Vistas and Landscape Stories

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm
Presenter: Ron McNeil
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Join soils scientist Ron McNeil as he travels the Bertha Trail. Come understand how the landscape, the soil and the flowers are connected in a deeper way.
Cost: \$45.00

20R Camera Basics

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm
Presenter: Steve Harrington
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: How does your camera work? What do all of these settings mean? How do I capture this wildflower AND that distant mountain.
Cost: \$45.00

20S Where the Prairies Meet the Mountains

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Presenter: John Russell
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Wander where the Prairies meet the Mountains. Become acquainted with the wildflowers and grasses that abound and burst in the early summer in Waterton.
Cost: \$45.00

20T Waterton Wild Presentation

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: Falls Theatre
Presenter: Ian Wilson & Jacinthe Lavoie
Activity Level: All
Description: Join Ian and Jacinthe for a multimedia presentation featuring their wonderful photographs of the wildflowers and wildlife found in Waterton's landscape of sparkling lakes, impressive mountains, and wide-open vistas. Waterton Wild is an intimate portrait of the park, from the first crocus and colours of spring to the last pika and vibrant hues of late autumn. At the Falls Theatre.
Cost: By Donation

❄️ FESTIVAL SCHEDULE *Tuesday, June 21st – Wednesday, June 22nd*

Tuesday, June 21st

21B Capturing Wildflowers and Stunning Vistas - Photo Workshop

Time: 7:00 am to 10:00 am

Presenter: Ian Wilson

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Learn to improve your landscape photography and discover use of natural light, composition, leading lines and other techniques to create stunning photographs. Creative use of depth of field, filters and slow shutter speeds will also be discussed while taking landscape photographs. Bring a tripod if you have one.

Cost: \$45.00

21C Official Plants - Wildflowers and Trees as Symbols

Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Presenter: Lyndon Penner

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Most people are aware that every province and territory in Canada has an official floral emblem, but did you know we also have official trees? Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are also the only provinces that have an official grass! Many of the flowers we have chosen as symbols grow in Waterton, as do many of the trees. Join Lyndon on an informative journey through the plants we've marked as official representatives for our provinces and places.

Cost: \$45.00

21D Bears and Blossoms - a Walk with Charlie

Time: 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Presenter: Charlie Russell

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Discover the role bears play in the health of wildflower populations and hear stories and experiences of world renowned expert Charlie Russell as he shares his knowledge and viewpoint on bears and humans.

Cost: \$55.00

21F Traditional Medicine Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Presenter: Brenda Holder

Activity Level: Easy

Description: With a focus on Traditional use of plant medicines and how they fit in our world today, this workshop will offer practical information for everyday use including some edibles (teas, syrups) as well as medicine (salves, poultices, liniments) with plenty of hands on. We will discuss the ethics of harvesting and plant

respect. All plant material will be gathered before the festival and provided for the participants. Lunch not included.

Cost: \$99.00

21G Wildflowers from Horseback

Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Alpine Stables

Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds, Alpine Stables

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: What could be more fun than riding a horse and flower watching at the same time? This program will start with some flower basics on the ground followed by a leisurely ride that will take you into different habitats to view dozens of different flower types. No riding experience is necessary.

Cost: \$80.00

21N Waterton: the Wildflower Capital of Canada

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Presenter: John Russell

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Cost: \$45.00

21Q 100 Species Walk on the Bertha Trail

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Presenter: Valorie Webber

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: The trail to Bertha Falls is rich with the diversity of wildflower species. On this walk, come search for the at least 100 species with Valorie.

Cost: \$45.00

21R Walk with the Authors

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Presenter: Ian Wilson & Jacinthe Lavoie

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Join authors and photographer of *Wildflowers of Waterton Park* and catch their contagious passion for the beauty of Waterton Park and their feelings about wild places in general. Participants will have an opportunity to

glean more knowledge about flowers from Jacinthe and pick up tips about photographing the flowering gems they see along the way.

Cost: \$45.00

21S Wildflowers along the Prince of Wales Trail

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds

Activity Level: Easy/Moderate

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Cost: \$45.00

Wednesday, June 22nd

22A Blue Bird Sky

Time: 6:00 am to 8:30 am

Presenter: Kim Pearson

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Come find out more about bluebirds and other species of the region with an expert bird guide.

Cost: \$45.00

22C Give 'Peas' a Chance...

Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Presenter: Lyndon Penner

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Many people are unaware that the pea family (Fabaceae) represents the third largest family of plants on earth. Formerly known as legumes, many members of the pea family (such as beans, clover and caragana) are well known to us, but did you know that many of our native plants also belong in this family? This includes the wonderful lupines, showy locoweed, vetches (Hedysarum), buffalobean, and many others. Join Lyndon for a fun look at the world of peas and beans...

Cost: \$45.00

22D Extraordinary Flowers in Easy Places

Time: 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Presenter: Patricia Wagenaar

Activity Level: Easy

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Cost: \$45.00

22F Botanical Illustration - Three Day Advanced Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Presenter: Margaret Best

Activity Level: All

Description: Join renowned artist Margaret Best for a three day in-depth workshop on drawing with watercolours or coloured pencils. Margaret Best is internationally renowned for her art and teaching. www.bestbotanical.com Workshop: Tuesday, Wednesday & Tuesday. Lunch not included. Participants will receive a supply list.

Cost: \$299.00

22G Métis Beadwork and Design Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Presenter: Brenda Holder

Activity Level: All

Description: Learn about the history of the Flower Bead Work People, Métis Design and history and the significance of the 5 petals in this stunning artwork. You will have hands-on instructions on creating your own keepsake flower beadwork pouch; all supplies included. Lunch not included.

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Wednesday, June 22nd – Thursday, June 23rd FESTIVAL SCHEDULE ❄️

22H Wildflowers from Horseback

Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Alpine Stables

Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds, Alpine Stables

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: What could be more fun than riding a horse and flower watching at the same time? This program will start with some flower basics on the ground followed by a leisurely ride that will take you into different habitats to view dozens of different flower types. No riding experience is necessary.

Cost: \$80.00

22J Discover a Delightful part of the Park

Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Presenter: John Russell

Activity Level: Moderate/Challenging

Description: Come discover a lesser known part of Waterton Park. The wildflowers and John's knowledge of them are abundant. The view is spectacular. Bring your lunch and extra water.

Cost: \$80.00

22K Bears and Blossoms - a Walk with Charlie

Time: 9:15 am to 12:15 pm

Presenter: Charlie Russell

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Discover the role bears play in the health of wildflower populations and hear stories and experiences of world renowned expert Charlie Russell as he shares his knowledge and viewpoint on bears, nature and humans.

Cost: \$55.00

22N The Art of Photographing Wildflowers

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Presenter: Ian Wilson

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Join Ian Wilson, Author and photographer of *Wildflowers of Waterton Park* during his hands-on workshop. Learn to capture the fine details of wildflowers: camera settings, use of depth of field to highlight your subject, the benefits of a tripod, use of lighting and composition and other close-up techniques will be discussed while photographing wildflowers. Discover how best to use the settings on your camera for the perfect image, and benefit from Ian's years of photographic experience.

Cost: \$45.00

22Q The Wild Lilies of Waterton

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Presenter: Lyndon Penner

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: The lily family (Lilaceae) has been much split by the botanists in recent years and many plants formerly placed here now comprise other families. Join Lyndon as he helps you to sort out what goes where and you'll inspect a great many plants that either belong here or previously belonged here! This includes the spectacular western red lily, false hellebore, the Queen's cup, smooth camas, and many more...

Cost: \$45.00

22R Wild Edibles

Time: 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Presenter: Valorie Webber

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Come seek out the things you COULD eat if you had to under Valorie's knowledgeable guidance; and those you should NOT!

Cost: \$45.00

22S Get Your Photos Organized!

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Presenter: Frank Weinschenk

Activity Level: All

Description: This session will give you the skills to manage your photos easily - no mater how many you have. See how Adobe Lightroom will help you to import, organize, tag and develop your pictures in a very effective way.

Cost: \$45.00

22SC The View from the Lake - a Waterton Cruise

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Presenter: James Goulet

Activity Level: All

Description: Enjoy, relax, listen and learn about some of the oldest exposed sedimentary rock on the planet; delight in the plants and wildflowers that make their home on these rocky shores. This 1-hr cruise around Upper Waterton Lake will make special photographic stops as James Goulet explores the geology that makes Waterton Park so unique.

Cost: \$45.00

22T Star Gazing and Night Sky Presentation

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: Falls Theatre

Presenter: Alan Dyer

Activity Level: All

Description: Come enjoy a slide show and presentation by Alan Dyer, www.amazingsky.net and then participate in star gazing using the telescope outside the Falls Theatre with Alan's guidance and knowledge.

Cost: By Donation

Thursday, June 23rd

23A The Birds of Waterton

Time: 6:00 am to 2:00 pm

Presenter: Cyndi Smith with Kim Pearson

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Rise and shine, and immerse yourself in the birds of Waterton for an early but full day. Learn about Waterton's wide variety of songbirds, waterfowl and predator birds; hardy year-round residents, seasonal visitors and those just passing through. Bring your binoculars, your lunch and extra water.

Cost: \$99.00

23B Wildflowers in the Landscape

Time: 7:00 am to 10:00 am

Presenter: Ian Wilson

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Whether it be wildflowers in the foreground with the spectacular Waterton landscape in the background, brooding light on snow-capped mountains or an endless prairie vista; whether it be composition or camera setting, a professional photographer will help you with your landscape photography. Tripod recommended.

Cost: \$45.00

23D In Search of Wildflowers - A Hike Up Sofa Mountain

Time: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds

Activity Level: Moderate /Challenging

Description: Waterton Park contains several different ecozones, each with its own characteristic vegetation. On this hike, we will travel through the grassland and aspen parkland and into the montane zone, so we will see an amazing variety of flowers! Bring lunch & extra water.

Cost: \$80.00

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Activity Level: Moderate

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Cost: \$55.00

23F Traditional Medicine Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Presenter: Brenda Holder

Activity Level: Easy

Description: With a focus on traditional use of plant medicines and how they fit in our world today, this workshop will offer practical information for everyday use including some edibles (teas, syrups) as well as medicine (salves, poultices, liniments) with plenty of hands on. We will discuss the ethics of harvesting and plant respect. All plant material will be gathered before the festival and provided for the participants. Lunch not included.

Cost: \$99.00

23G The Bison and the Prairie Blossom

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Presenter: Lyndon Penner

Activity Level: Moderate

Description: Today the bison are few, but historically they were a critical part of the prairie ecosystem. Their hooves turned up and loosened soil to aid germination, Their droppings provided fertilizer, and Their grazing helped to create balance and harmony between species. Lyndon will take you on a tromp over and through prairie to learn about how the loss of these great herds changed the prairie and what it means for the future.

Cost: \$45.00

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE *Thursday, June 23rd – Friday, June 24th*

23J Watercolour Workshop for All - Introduction to Art in Nature

Time: 9:15 am to 2:00 pm
Presenter: Jordan Brame
Activity Level: Easy
Description: Come unlock the artistic abilities that you never knew you had. This all-day class will explore the artistic expression of what we see, what we should be seeing and various techniques to portray what we are seeing. We will examine the effects of light and shadow, contrast and colour, value and blending. After a morning of unlocking your artistic potential we will explore the beauty of Waterton and participate in a plein air watercolor experience. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who has ever had a desire to paint and would like to have guided practice and instruction. Materials are included, all you will need is a desire to learn! Lunch not included.
Cost: \$85.00

23K The Geology of Waterton - What Makes Waterton Unique

Time: 9:15 am to 12:15 pm
Presenter: James Goulet
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Waterton is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part due to its unique landscape, climate and watershed. James will explain some of the events over the past 2 billion years that have formed the Waterton of today.
Cost: \$45.00

23M 100 Species Walk on the Bertha Trail

Time: 9:15 am to 12:15 pm
Presenter: Valorie Webber
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: The trail to Bertha Falls is rich with the diversity of wildflower species. On this walk, come search for the at least 100 species with Valorie.
Cost: \$45.00

23N Improving Your Photographic Eye

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Ian Wilson & Frank Weinschenk
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Two experienced photographers will show you how you can easily improve your photos. Provide up to 3 of your own photos you like but you think something could be better, and you will see what easy steps will help to improve your photo. This session will change the way you look at your pictures!
Cost: \$25.00

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Cost: \$45.00

23S Hawk's Nest Tea with Lyndon Penner

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Presenter: John Russell & Lyndon Penner
Activity Level: Easy
Description: Be hosted to pie and tea or coffee by John Russell with guest speaker Lyndon Penner at the historic original outfitters cabin of Bert Riggall. Learning to identify wildflowers is a lot of fun and certainly makes a hike more interesting, but have you ever thought about growing native plants in your garden? Maybe you've even dug up a plant in the ditch and tried taking it home, or thought about how lovely it would be to have lady's slippers right outside your door. The fact is that many native plants are easy to grow and easy to keep in the garden, and they have the added benefit of feeding local pollinators and wildlife, they require far less maintenance and care than most plants from a garden center, and they are ideally suited to our climate! For his third book, best-selling garden author and wildflower guide Lyndon Penner has written the definitive volume on growing, propagating, and enjoying native plants right in your own back yard! Join Lyndon for a fun afternoon tea at the Hawk's Nest where he will talk about what led him to write such a book and why native plants are worth considering as garden specimens!
Cost: \$50.00

23X Cosmic Reconnect

Time: 9:00 pm
Presenter: James Van Leeuwen
Activity Level: Easy
Description: We have marvelled for millennia at the wonders of the night sky, pondering their nature and our connections to them. Urbanization and streetlights have now disconnected most of us from darkness, and from our deepest origins. Join us in this opportunity to reconnect with the cosmos, in the company of astrophysicist James Van Leeuwen.
Cost: \$45.00

Friday, June 24th

24C A day in the Life of...Waterton! - Photo Workshop

Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Presenter: Kyle Marquardt
Activity Level: Moderate
Description: Bring your camera and tripod and experience the life of a photographer in Waterton for the day. Spend time photographing the plants, animals and scenery of the area and Kyle will take you to some of the best sites Waterton has to offer; answer your camera related questions and help you capture the perfect image. Bring your lunch and water.
Cost: \$99.00

24D The Wonder of Wildflowers - A Day with Lyndon

Time: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Presenter: Lyndon Penner
Activity Level: Easy
Description: Waterton is a magical place full of mystery, wonder, and FLOWERS! From tiny orchids no bigger than a fly to the enormous flowers of the cow parsnip (they look like giant snowflakes!), you never know what you're going to find here! Waterton is blessed with diverse habitat, and different flowers have chosen to grow in different kinds of terrain. Join Lyndon for an exploratory journey of different places each with a different feel, and of course, different FLOWERS! Bring your camera along and prepare for the unexpected.
Cost: \$99.00

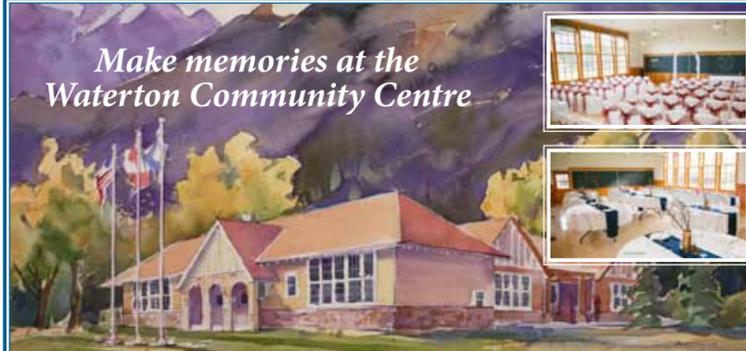
24E Art in The Park: Drawing & Watercolour Workshop

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Presenter: Jordan Brame
Activity Level: Easy
Description: Come experience Waterton in a new and exciting way. Anyone that has had any experience drawing or painting understands that to represent something takes careful examination. This all-day class will give you the opportunity to slow down and examine the beauty of Waterton. Weather permitting we will take a morning and afternoon hike, taking in the beauty of wildflower-filled meadows as we draw and paint in outdoor settings. Materials are included; lunch not included.
Cost: \$99.00



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ALAN DYER is an author of several books, and associate editor of *SkyNews*, Canada's magazine of stargazing, and a contributing editor to *Sky & Telescope* magazine.

His photos and videos have appeared on Spaceweather.com, National Geographic, CBSNews and more. The main belt asteroid #78434 is named in his honor. www.amazingsky.com



BRENDA HOLDER is a Professional Interpretive Guide, Interpretive Guide Group Management Instructor, First Aid instructor, and Keeper of her Medicine Lineage. She takes great pleasure in sharing the knowledge that she has researched and gained through talking to elders about the rich Métis traditions of her heritage. Brenda offers Native Medicine classes in Canmore, Alberta.

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BRENT LAYCOCK was born in Lethbridge, Alberta in 1947, and received an MFA at Brigham Young University in Utah. The subject matter for much of his work comes from the variety of mountain, foothill, prairie and parkland landscapes that are accessible from his home in Calgary. Much of his landscape painting expresses his love of the panoramic expanse of earth and sky which he develops into lyrical compositions. His work is represented in many important corporate collections, in the university collections of Brigham Young University, the University of Alberta, and in public collections such as Calgary's Civic Collection, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, the Glenbow-Alberta Institute, and the Royal Collection at Windsor Castle. The book *Waterton: Brush & Pen* features over one hundred Laycock paintings of Waterton Lakes National Park accompanied by essays by renowned author, Fred Stenson. Other articles and reproductions of his work have appeared in many Canadian and international art magazines, books and on two Canada Post stamps. WhitePine Productions has produced two instructional DVDs featuring Laycock's acrylic and watercolour techniques.

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CYNDI SMITH worked for Parks Canada from 1980 until her retirement in 2012. During her long career she worked in one national historic site and five national parks in western

and northern Canada, in roles as diverse as interpretation, law enforcement, backcountry patrol and resource management. Cyndi studied wildlife biology at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, the University of Waterloo, and Simon Fraser University. Cyndi has been banding birds since she started studying harlequin ducks in 1995 in Banff National Park. Cyndi is a vice-president of the Calgary Bird Banding Society, and has volunteered on various monitoring projects in Alberta, as well as in Montana, Costa Rica, Mexico and Belize.



DAVID MUSTO is originally from Calgary and has been living in Waterton since 2010. He has worked in roles to protect mountain and parkland ecosystems in the Rocky Mountains and northern Alberta. He enjoys all kinds of outdoor activities including bird watching and learning about plants and wildlife.

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DR. BILL HANLON is a family physician, pharmacist, expedition medicine consultant, travel and tropical medicine consultant. He is founder and director of Basic Health International Foundation. Dr. Bill has summited the highest peak on all 7 continents including Everest in 2007. He has skied across Greenland and skied 1200 km from Hercules Inlet to the South Pole. His travel and adventure experience matches his love of the health, culture and spirituality of people living in remote, high altitude areas.

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FRANK WEINSCHENK was born and raised in Germany. Before he immigrated to Canada in 2011 he lived in Spain for 10 years, where he had a computer service and training business. He published a book for computer beginners. Frank has the ability to explain complicated technical procedures in a way, which is easy to comprehend. He uses the computer as a tool to make life easier and loves to share his knowledge.

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IAN WILSON has spent many years exploring and photographing northern Canada. His photographs have appeared in many books and magazine across the country. His most recent books are *Waterton Wild*, *Wildflowers of Waterton Park*, and *Wildflowers of Banff Park*.

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lan has also written five bestselling outdoor adventure books. He is now pursuing his passion of photographing wildflowers and wildlife. When he's not wandering in the mountains, Ian lives in Canmore, Alberta.



JACINTHE LAVOIE has been a flower-bug since her childhood days. With training as a researcher, she has observed and enjoyed nature through each season. Her most recent books are *Waterton Wild*, *Wildflowers of Waterton Park*, and *Wildflowers of Banff Park*.

Jacinthe has also written twelve educational books. She is now fulfilling her dream of writing about wildflowers and painting their beauty in watercolour. During the seasons when flowers are dormant, Jacinthe lives in Canmore, Alberta.



JAMES GOULET has a B.Sc. Honors in Geology and lives in Saskatoon, but has travelled all over Western Canada, Nunavut and Australia with geological exploration work. He lives a very active lifestyle visible through his prominent involvement in officiating and coaching gymnastics.

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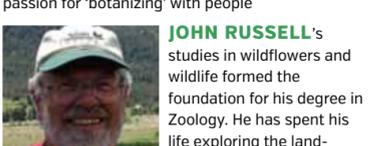


JAMES VAN LEEUWEN is an astrophysicist by education. James lives in Pincher Creek and works via the Internet as a technology consultant for rural businesses and communities.

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JO-ANNE REYNOLDS lives on the prairie but loves to play in the mountains. She teaches at Medicine Hat College, in the Environmental Science and Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership programs. She enjoys interpreting nature, facilitating outdoor activities, and has a passion for 'botanizing' with people



JOHN RUSSELL'S studies in wildflowers and wildlife formed the foundation for his degree in Zoology. He has spent his life exploring the landscapes of Canada from

Waterton to the high arctic where he studied caribou and muskox for 25 years. He has also prospected in BC, AB and SK and commercial fished on the Pacific. He is retired and continues his studies of nature and works on the family ranch.



JORDAN BRAME is a practicing artist and an educator. He teaches at Magrath High School and works out of his studio. Jordan has a passion for the arts and a love of the outdoors. He works primarily with landscapes and wildlife scenes. He loves to unpack the mystery of craftsmanship and help students develop the confidence and abilities to live a creative and artistic life.

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KATIE GOLDIE, or @goldiehawn_ on Instagram grew up spending her summers in the mountains of British Columbia. She recently discovered hiking in the last few years and hasn't been able to stay away from Waterton.

Photography was a side affect of always being around so much beauty. Katie loves to inspire people through her adventures and has always had one rule when it came to photography and the mountains, "keep it fun."



KIM PEARSON works as an Ecosystem Scientist for Parks Canada coordinating grassland restoration, wildlife movement and species at risk projects, among others. She collaborated for ten years on the Nature Conservancy of Canada's neighbouring Waterton Park Front Project and has consulted on various projects for organizations such as the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society, Alberta Fish and Wildlife and Canadian Wildlife Service. Kim has been identifying birds by ear for nearly twenty years; it is a practice she honed while conducting point counts for Parks Canada prior to the advent of digitized surveys. She and her family are proud to call the Waterton area home.

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KYLE MARQUARDT has been hooked on photography ever since experimenting with his first digital camera in high school. After attending Ryerson University in Toronto and learning more traditional darkroom processes, Kyle returned to the prairies and mountains he loves in Calgary, Alberta.

Kyle's photography became a passport to new places when he took on the role of photography guide; escorting artists, enthusiasts and photographers alike to the Arctic and Antarctic where some of the most stunning landscapes and wildlife exist. Logging over 30 polar expeditions, Kyle isn't averse to teaching his techniques to others; there are no secrets and Kyle enjoys nurturing a photographers talent.

Having a fervid taste for diversity and new challenges, Kyle can be seen from culinary to commercial photography, anything creative and new to keep his photographic eye fresh. His work is printed on a myriad of materials and media; from videos and slideshows to canvas gallery wraps.



LYNDON PENNER grew up in rural Saskatchewan and has spent all of his time and energy on gardening since he was very young. He started working in the horticulture industry at the age of 16, and now writes, lectures, and teaches all over western Canada. When he is not pulling weeds in the garden or tromping all over the mountains in search of some obscure wildflower, Lyndon likes to spend time with his nephews or sitting quietly somewhere with a good book to read and a cup of coffee. His passion for Canada's native plants is what first brought him to Waterton and he is thrilled to be your guide to some of the country's most beautiful flowers.

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MARY-BETH LAVIOLETTE is an independent art curator and writer with a specialty in the art of western Canada and Alberta. Canmore's Mary-Beth Lavolette - like painter Annora Brown - is an avid hiker and lover of the outdoors. In her research, some of Mary-Beth's work has entailed tracking the lives and art of those who made a serious study of wildflowers and their environment. At the top of that list is the story of Brown, a Fort Macleod artist who lived from 1899 to 1987 and is the author of the wildflower classic: *Old Man's Garden*.

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Featured in Mary-Beth's *A Delicate Art: Artists, Wildflowers & Native Plants of the West*, Annora Brown is now the subject of a summer-long exhibition at Lethbridge's Galt Museum. Organized by the Canmore-based curator, join Mary-Beth in an illustrated talk about this remarkable artist who ventured not only deep into the country of the Oldman river but Waterton National Park where she found some of her most treasured species.



PATRICIA WAGENAAR is a local rancher, nurse and naturalist who, after 40 years of observation, knows the landscape intimately.



RON MCNEIL is a soil and land resource scientist who specializes in natural resource inventories, ecological land classification, soil survey and interpretative products from inventories. Ron was instrumental in developing the link of soils and ecological range sites to native plant communities, which has been valuable for habitat management and species at risk. Ron also helped develop the 2010 reclamation criteria for native grasslands and cultivated lands in Alberta.



STEPHEN HARRINGTON is a Canadian born photographer dedicated to the appreciation and preservation of Canada's wildlife and wilderness areas. His main body of work focuses on the natural beauty of Southern Alberta, in particular, Waterton Lakes National Park and the surrounding foothills and prairies.



VALORIE WEBBER is a studied lover of everything floral with a repertoire of over 500 wildflower species. Valorie is also a gardener for hire and is involved with invasive species control.



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Learning about wildflowers is a wonderful what to connect with nature. Once you start you'll begin to notice the insects, birds, and mammals associated with them. We invite you to return this fall to take part in the Waterton Wildlife Weekend September 23rd - 25th. See you at next year's Wildflower festival in mid-June 2017.

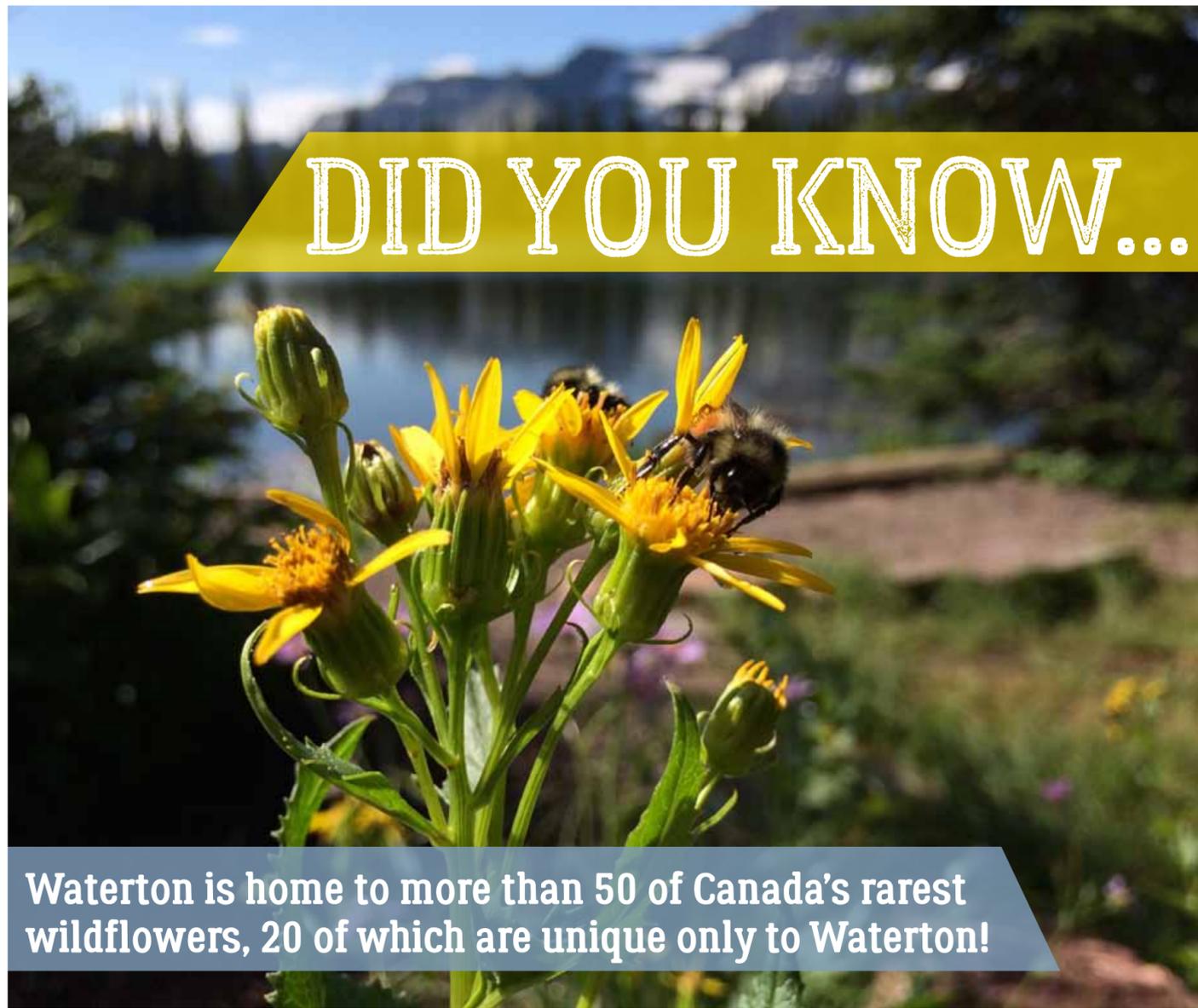
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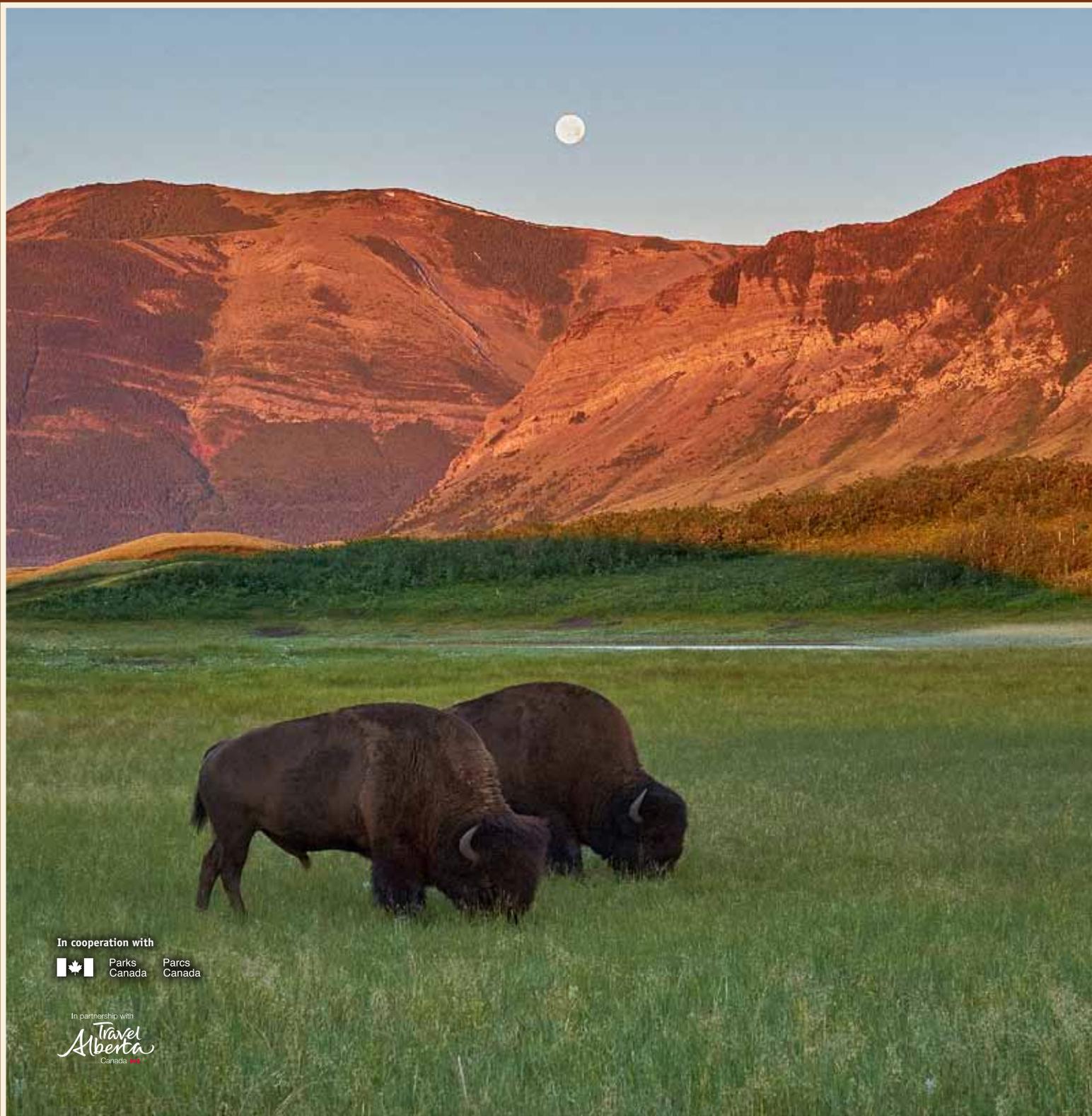
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