

10th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop

February 7-8, 2024 at the Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, SK

Theme: Building Bridges to Tomorrow: Restoration and Reclamation for the Future

February 7th, 2024

7:30-8:30	Registration on Mezzanine Light Breakfast available on Mezzanine		
Rooms >>	Saskatchewan Ballroom B		
8:30 -8:50	Welcome - Sponsor Greetings		
8:50-9:20	Plenary 1: Navigating the Prairie Horizon: Reflecting on Three Decades of Restoration and Anticipating Future Opportunities Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority		
Rooms >>	SK Ballroom A Session 1: Ecological Restoration for Beginners	SK Ballroom B Session 2: Invasive Species	SK Ballroom C Session 3: Habitat for Species at Risk
9:30-10:00	Ecological Restoration for Beginners: an introduction to the techniques used in creating native prairie habitat Michael Skinner, Skinner Native Seeds	Using Grazing to Eliminate Crested Wheat Grass for Native Grassland Restoration Mindy Hockley, SK Stock Growers Foundation	Creating habitat for greater sage-grouse, black-tailed prairie dogs, and other prairie species at risk in Grasslands National Park Heather Facette, Grasslands National Park
10:00-10:30	Ecological Restoration for Beginners: an introduction to the techniques used in creating native prairie habitat continued Michael Skinner, Skinner Native Seeds	Combining the Effects of Herbicides and Fertilizers for Enhanced Control of Leafy Spurge (Euphorbia esula) Sheila Taillon, University of Saskatchewan	The Leafy Spurge Purge - A battle to protect species at risk habitat for over a decade Amber Kapchinske, Grasslands National Park
10:30-11:00	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
Rooms >>	SK Ballroom A Session 4: Biocrusts	SK Ballroom B Session 5: Urban Projects	SK Ballroom C Session 6: Seeds
11:00-11:30	Rangeland biological soil crusts: their ecological functions in the Northern Great Plains and industrial disturbance response Lysandra Pyle and Edward Bork, University of Alberta	Calgary Roadside Vegetation Naturalization Pilot Project Outcomes Amber Flamand, Earthmaster Environmental Strategies Inc	Need for Seed, but how long can you store it before you need it? Sarah Rheubottom, Grasslands National Park
11:30-12:00	Life, death and resurrection at the boundary layer: an introduction to the diversity, sensitivity and resilience of biological soil crusts Diane Haughland, Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute and University of Alberta	Utilizing non-profit and professional sustainability frames to increase native prairie restoration installations in urban residential landscapes William Dowie, University of Manitoba	Growing the Native Seed Industry and the Need for a Native Plant Seedbank in the Prairies Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority
12:00-1:00	Lunch - Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show		
Rooms>>	SK Ballroom B		
1:00-1:30	Plenary 2: Bridge to Land, Water, Sky Harry Lafond, Muskeg Lake First Nation and Michelle Watson, Mistawasis Nêhiyawak <i>Introduction by Melanie Failer, BHP</i>		
Rooms >>	SK Ballroom A Session 7: New and Existing Threats	SK Ballroom B Session 8: Speed Dating Case Studies	SK Ballroom C Session 9: Bridging Gaps
1:30-2:00	Emerging Issues in Prairie Restoration Darin Sherritt, Tannas Conservation Services and Renny Grilz, Meewasin Valley Authority	“Speed Dating” CASE STUDIES	Making Prescribed Fire an Accessible Ecological Management Tool Dinyar Minocher, Canadian Prairies Prescribed Fire Exchange
2:00-2:30	Investigating environmental facilitators of woody plant encroachment in southern Alberta prairie Elise Denning, University of Saskatchewan		Embracing Indigenous Tradition within Reclamation: Insights and Challenges from the Perspective of a Young Practitioner Mathew Webster, Trace Associates

2:30-3:00	Guardians of SK's Ecosystems: Battling Invasive Species Through Vigilant Assessment and Eradication Efforts Hilary Pinchbeck, Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan	Elevating Indigenous Voices, Braiding Ecological Knowledge, and Bridging Nations Cheyenne Ironman, Indigenous Kinship Circle
3:00-3:30	Coffee / Poster Session / Trade Show	
Rooms >>	SK Ballroom B	
3:30-5:00	Panel Discussion: Building Bridges Darlene Brender, Wanuskewin, Cheyenne Ironman, Indigenous Kinship Circle and Jordie Gagnon, kihci-okâwîmâw askiy Knowledge Centre	
5:00-6:30	Designated Poster Session / Trade Show	
6:30-8:00	Banquet & Silent Auction	
7:15-8:00	Award Ceremony and Evening Speaker The "Sweet City" Challenge by Candace Savage, author, <i>Introduced by Trace Associates Inc., Banquet Sponsor</i>	

The 10th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop is Sponsored By:

Platinum Sponsor:



Gold Sponsor:



Silver Sponsors:

**BHP
Cenovus Energy
Eastern Irrigation District
Orano Canada**

**Canadian Wildlife Service
Crescent Point Energy
Enbridge**

Bronze Sponsors:

Alberta Prairie Conservation Forum

Good Lands Environmental Inc.

Kingston Midstream Saskatchewan Limited

Banquet Sponsor: Trace Associates Inc

Participant Sponsors: Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., SIGA - Corporate Office, ISC

Poster Session Sponsor: TerraLogix Solutions Inc

Friends: BrettYoung and Tannas Conservation Services Ltd.