



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:

November 10, 2018

Open House

Format: Displays/presentations about Wagner Natural Area: history, plant research, bird studies, and other themes

Time and Place: afternoon at Pioneer Centre, Spruce Grove.

Further details to come.

Visit our website:

www.wagnerfen.ca

for more information on upcoming events at Wagner Natural Area.

EDUCATION:

Public Outreach Important for Wagner... Tri-community Information Fair and Facebook



Twice a year, the Tri-Municipal Region of Parkland County, Spruce Grove, and Stony Plain holds registration/information fairs. Wagner Natural Area Society brings its display (see above) to these fairs to spread the word about how special the WNA is. As you can see from a recent fair (below and next page) a wide diversity of people and organizations take advantage of this opportunity to see or to promote what's happening within the Tri-Municipal Region.

It's a great way to network and to encourage people to visit and to get ideas about how to engage with Wagner's neighbours.



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 us at:
info@wagnerfen.ca

DONATIONS

All donations to Wagner Natural Area Society are enormously helpful in maintaining the integrity of the Natural Area and its surroundings, providing education material, enhancements to visitor's experiences at Wagner, on-going research studies and surveys.

Please see page 4 for the donation/volunteer form.



Some groups, like Scouts Canada (under the red awning) and Junior Forest Wardens, have programs for which the Wagner Natural Area can provide a great resource. We've also made connections with different schools and with French environmental education groups as a result of staffing a display at Tri-Municipal Region events.

Facebook administrators recently helped Wagner Natural Area Society obtain ownership of a Facebook page for the Wagner Natural Area... <https://www.facebook.com/Wagner-Natural-Area-616323208426471/> .

We have already set up our first event—the Fall Clean-up (see story on page 4)—through the Facebook page and hope to reach potential new visitors using this social medium. We'll be adding new material to Facebook as we learn how to develop such content. We encourage all members, volunteers and associates to visit our Facebook page and let us know what works for you, and if there is material you can “like” on the site. And we also hope to link people to our main web page at www.wagnerfen.ca .



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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 Supporters and \$15 for Voting Members. The Society's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31.

Annual fee (Supporter \$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): _____

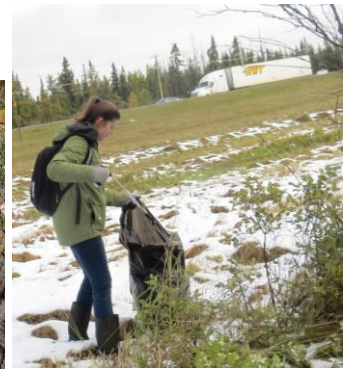
Mailing Address: _____

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

SITE MANAGEMENT: Fall Clean-up Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on Sunday, September 23rd, 2018, for our annual fall cleaning. Although we had earlier indicated likely doing a fall clean-up in late October, an opportunity came up to schedule it for the September 22nd / 23rd weekend. Six keen workers (Mark, Beth, Mike, Shibi, Britney and Dave) showed up to collect debris along the service road and to clear sweet clover from the succession field.



A letter from the WNAS President: Dave Ealey

In our last newsletter, I thanked a number of people and organizations for their support this past year. I left **Nature Alberta** off that list because I wanted to highlight its tremendous efforts separately.

As we started planning for hiring a summer student and for engaging a communications intern, we realized we would need some office space to enable our students to put together displays, prepare reports, and complete administrative projects, especially if the weather made it difficult to work on site at WNA. Thanks to **Brian Ilnicki, Executive Director of Nature Alberta**, our students were accommodated within the Nature Alberta office complex at the Percy Page Centre. As a small, volunteer-run group, the WNAS could not hope to provide such support, but thanks to the cooperation of **Nature Alberta**, we made our summer projects more like meaningful jobs. Thanks once again.