



A Festival to End the Summer

Thanks to the exhibitors and volunteers, and everyone else who came out to the Watershed Festival.

- Alberta Community Bat Program
- Alberta Parks
- Alberta Lake Management Society
- Canadian Wildlife Federation
- Cows and Fish
- Diplomat Mine Historical Society
- Educator & Geology Enthusiast
- Plant Expert
- Strathcona Raptor Centre

Scroll to the end of the newsletter for more photos from the day.



Big Thank You to the Summer Team!



What a pair! BRWA was fortunate to have Belle Dodds and Morgan Lievers as summer staff this year. Together with the rest of the BRWA staff, their work spanned 400 kilometres across the watershed. They went on 17 field trips and shared their knowledge of the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems of the region. These two engaged more than 500 kids and adults from across the watershed. Their love of science shone through! We wish Belle all the best as she goes back to school and we welcome Morgan for an extended term at BRWA.

Summer, Science, Camps and Kids



Fostering the curiosity of our future watershed stewards: In July, the summer team worked with local community groups to bring hands-on learning to local children and youth. The team led science programs, including pond dipping and bird walks, for the City of Camrose summer camps and the Camrose Children's Centre.

That's a Wrap - Summer Stats



Spring and summer are one of our favourite times to get outside, connect with community stewards, and experience the land and wildlife in the watershed. Thanks to all the folks who are caring for our watershed.

In the Classroom

Education Programs Available - Sign up on our Scheduling Calendar

BRWA is committed to the education and engagement of youth. We offer the following programs:

- Waste in our Watershed Tour in Camrose and Wetaskiwin (Grade 4) - FULLY BOOKED
- Discover Your Wetlands (Grade 5)
- Habitat Tour (Grade 6)
- X-Stream Science (Grade 7-12)

[Learn more](#)

Fall program spots are already fully booked!

[Spring Program Booking](#)

The Alliance

In Memory of Midge Lambert

Midge lived along the Ferry Point reach of the Battle River for many years, and had a deep personal connection to the watershed. She was an enthusiastic member of the BRWA Board of Directors



for 15 years, a member of the State of the Watershed and Watershed Management Plan Committees for a decade, and a participant at countless BRWA events and programs. Midge was passionate about preserving the integrity of the river and its greater watershed. She helped initiate the Ferry Point Reach Riparian Restoration Program. To orient people with place, she was a strong advocate for labelling the watershed location on photos used in BRWA publications and including the Saskatchewan portion of the watershed in maps. Her donation of books and house plants continues to bring life to the BRWA office. Midge is fondly remembered for bringing smiles and laughter to all her work at BRWA, including the time she and Maggie (her puppy) were the support crew providing snacks along the road for cyclists on the Rolling Down the River Bike Tour. Her legacy in the watershed is threaded into our day to day operation, the watershed management plan, and conservation efforts.

[Link to Obituary](#)

In Other News

- [Cargill Release of a Fire Fighting Foam including PFAS](#)
- [Investing in Alberta's wetlands and watersheds](#)
- [Help for Alberta farmers impacted by wildfire and drought - Deadline September 29](#)
- [Putting Indigenous knowledge at the forefront of water research in Canada](#)
- [Low water and high temperatures threaten fish and other wetland species](#)
- [The Good, the Bad, and the Algae](#)

*Many of the articles we feature have been shared through the [Alberta Water Portal Society](#). If you are interested in water-related issues in Alberta, we encourage you to subscribe.

Partner Events

Stories Of Regeneration: Event At Peony Farms, at Peony Farms, Lacombe AB, hosted by Regeneration Canada, Sept 23, 2023 2:00-7:00 pm. [Learn more](#)

Indigenous Voices in Environment Monitoring, webinar hosted by Alberta Citizen Science Community of Practice, Sept 27, 2023 12:00-1:30 pm. [Learn More](#)



Grasslands conserved



BRWA is pleased to share the announcement of a new conservation agreement between the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Terry and Faith Gabert, which will see 129 hectares of grassland surrounding Meeting Creek conserved in the Battle River watershed. Thank you to all involved for this significant conservation achievement!

Photos from the Watershed Festival





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