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FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

There's a lot going on at SER-Western Canada this fall. Read on to learn more about our AGM, journal club, a new staff position availability, our Indigenous Student Scholarship winner, an update on our bylaw vote, and much more!

Restoration Resource Center

Browse our collection of projects and resources and submit your own:

www.ser-rrc.org

Restoration Tips



AGM and Call for New Board Members

SER Western Canada is pleased to announce our 2021 AGM will be occurring **November 28**. If you're interested in becoming part of our Board, please plan to attend this event!

Keep an eye out for updates through email and on our social media!

If you'd like to attend, or would like to join the board but are unable to attend the AGM, please contact restorewc@gmail.com



Career Recognition: Dave Polster

Dave Polster has been leading restoration projects, methods, and education for over 30 years. In the past year, he has faced health trials that have forced him to step back into retirement from the work he loves. Our community are coming together to honor his legacy and offer support in this time.

To send Dave off with a small reflection of the support he's offered to his community, an honorarium is being raised through "Go Fund Me" – to donate, please go to www.gofund.me/7afb7735.

There is also some Dave Polster-inspired merchandise for sale to support this honorarium: <https://polstermerch.secure-decoration.com/>.

To make sure you don't miss out on any Restoration Tips throughout the year, follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), or visit this page regularly for updates. If you have your own tips you'd like to share, tag these #ERestorationTips.

Tip #83

Check out the publication "Ecosystem Services Assessment Pollination Services Report". Ecosystem services are the benefits provided by nature that contribute to our health and wellbeing. Despite the essential role that ecosystem services play in our lives, they're often ignored in decision-making because we don't recognize their value. This project aims to change that by measuring and valuing these services.

Tip #153

Following the theme of wetlands, check out these [practical ways](#) cities can manage and preserve urban wetlands.

Tip #199

Restoring native grasslands can be aided by reintroducing grazing and fire to these landscapes or by mechanically removing invading woody vegetation. See this guide for [best management practices](#) from the Manitoba Forage Council.



Bylaw Vote

Bylaws, bylaws, bylaws! We're getting close to the 70% of members that we need to be able to get our bylaws and constitution in line with requirements under the BC Societies Act.

If you have yet to do so, please vote now; it only takes a minute!

Vote now: <http://ow.ly/99rs50GsLVg>

Key changes to the updated bylaws and constitution:

1. Updating language to be compliant with the new Societies Act (2016) by using the model bylaws template provided by the province of BC,
2. Clearly identifying the relationship of SER-WC with SER,
3. Ensuring consistency with SER's bylaws and governing documents, and
4. Providing specific details on the responsibilities of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors-at-Large.



Invasive Species

Common Comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*)

Herbaceous perennial native to Europe with white or purple flowers that droop and hang like bluebells.. This plant is quite tall with large, pointed fuzzy oval leaves. It ranges in height from 0.6 to 1 m tall.

Common comfrey is a known problem in the Peace River region. It is very difficult to remove due to its tendency to sprout whole plants from small root fragments.

Prevention is the best approach. If you have an infestation of comfrey in your area, repeated mowing prior to flowering can help minimize the spread of this plant. Herbicides are also an option.

A few non-invasive alternatives to plant instead of Common Comfrey include:

Anise-Scented Sage (*Salvia guarantica*)

Berggarten Sage (*Salvia officinalis* 'Berggarten')

Common Harebell
(*Campanula rotundifolia*)

Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*)

Lungwort (*Pulmonaria officinalis*)

[Learn more](#)



SER-WC 2021 Indigenous Student Scholarship winner

SER-WC would like to extend our congratulations to Brendon Eshom for his successful application for the 2021 Indigenous Student Scholarship!

[Learn More](#)

Member Benefits

SER members receive a newsletter subscription, event discounts, access to the online community and more!

[Learn how you can become a member today!](#)

Journal Club: Spooky Edition



Building a wetland? Reclaiming a mine site?

Let's talk about soil stockpiling!

Your hosts will provide an overview of resources and guide a discussion period.

Costumes and coffee encouraged 😊

Thursday, October 28, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PDT
Google Meet: meet.google.com/zni-zm jy-gfd
More info on SER-WC's Facebook Page

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