

NATURE REGINA 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



President's Report

Thanks to the board members Gary Seib (past president), Margaret Skeel (treasurer), Donna Holmes (secretary), and directors Jim Elliott, Linda Langenbacher, Tannis Marks, Lynn McCaslin, Wayne Pepper, and Daralyn Sheffield for their hard work and committed support of our society. I'd like to give a special shoutout to Wayne Pepper who is leaving the board after more than twenty years. Wayne has served as president, past president, and most recently as the director responsible for conservation and advocacy. I really appreciated Wayne's passion and expertise.

Thanks also to our native plant garden and Hidden Valley volunteers, our fieldtrip and bird count leaders, those of you who keep track of our membership, phoning, mailing, and social sustenance, and those who step up whenever asked. Each and every one of you makes Nature Regina the great organization that it is.

2019-20 Programs

September: We began the meeting with a garden party social to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the native plant garden.

Jenn Smith Nelson led an interactive presentation on her book "100 Nature Hot Spots in Manitoba and Saskatchewan – The Best Parks, Conservation Areas and Wild Places", which she co-wrote with Doug O'Neill.

October: John Patterson, Nature Saskatoon, presented "Hidden Bird Song". John shared his interest in recording and analyzing bird song using spectrograms (also known as sonograms).

November: Dr. Cory Sheffield, Royal Saskatchewan Museum Curator of Invertebrate Zoology, presented "The Diversity of Canada's Bees – Life in the Northern

Temperate Zone”. The RSM provided enrichment activities including a discovery table and trivia game for the talk.

December: We hosted a screening of The Nature of Things documentary “Grasslands: A Hidden Wilderness”. The screening and panel discussion following were a partnership between Nature Regina, Nature Saskatchewan, Nature Canada, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (SK Region), the RSM, and the Friends of the RSM. Displays and activities were set up in the lobby and following the viewing, members were encouraged to sign the “Protect our Prairie Grasslands” petition. This was Nature Regina’s most attended event of the year.

We also had our Christmas social with a presentation of members’ photos facilitated by Fran Kerbs (thanks Fran for stepping in at the last minute). This year we tried a silent auction which received a positive review.

January: Jenya Kinstinov presented “Paleoenvironmental and Paleolimnological Reconstruction of Big Quill Lake, SK”. Jenya is a University of Regina geology undergraduate student researching the Big Quill Lake drainage basin.

February: Noah Johnson presented “Studying Saskatchewan’s Largest Snake”. Noah is a master’s student studying the bull snake with the University of Regina and the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

We scheduled the following presentations but had to cancel them in accordance with the public health directive:

March: Fran Kerbs will introduce a 12-minute Public Pastures – Public Interest (PPPI) documentary “Guardians of the Grasslands”, followed by an update by LeeAnn Latremouille on the SK Breeding Bird Atlas (Birds Canada).

April: As part of the RSM’s Earth Day events, Joanna Lilley (author of Endlings) will present "Hearing voices: poems of extinction - a talk and conversation".

At our regular meeting, we will hear about the Claybank Brick Plant National Historical Site, including the clay pits and adjacent wildlife area within the 256-acre site.

May: The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation by Michele Chupik, Nature Regina’s 2019 Conservation Grant recipient. Michelle is examining population trends for colonial fish-eating birds such as cormorants, pelicans, and western grebes in Saskatchewan.

This past year, Nature Regina continued its organizational review process facilitated by Nature Canada. We revitalized our website and newsletter (you’ll hear more on those activities later in the annual report). Members of the board participated in Community of Practice webinars where we learned about best practices and shared successes with other societies and agencies. Nature Canada has extended our yearlong project and we have just begun our final undertaking

which is our Youth Engagement Initiative. We have signed a contract with Shannon Chernick who will be responsible for building capacity within the organization for youth initiatives. Shannon will design programs and activities for incorporating youth in current Nature Regina activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Ehman

Field Trip Report

Nature Regina did not have a field trip coordinator for the 2019 – 2020 year so our number of field trips has been significantly reduced. However, we did have individuals who organized field trips and other events.

Dale Hjertaas organized and led “Wildflowers of Hidden Valley” in July.

Members attended a field trip to the Ft Qu’Appelle fish hatchery called “Fishes of Saskatchewan”, organized and led by Shona Derlukewich in August.

Gail Fennell organized a field trip to the Kalium Observatory in February.

Gail also organized another trip to the Fish Hatchery at Ft. Qu’Appelle for May 31st, which has been cancelled due to the public health directive.

Thank you to Dale and Paule Hjertaas for organizing “Hidden Valley, Crocuses and Bluebirds” for April, “Birding at Les Sherman Park” Saturday for May, and a trip to the Grasslands National Park June 12, to 15. Unfortunately, all three events have been cancelled due to the public health directive on meeting size and social distancing.

As per the recommendation of the previous field trip coordinator, Nature Regina divided the work of field trips into several team roles: field trip leaders, field trip assistants, publicity and coordinator. Under the direction of the Director of Field Trips, volunteers would assist with planning and leading nature outings such as birdwatching and exploring our natural environment.

To date, publicity is the only position filled, and our thanks to Ingrid Alesich for continuing in this role.

Members continue to participate in Christmas Bird Counts and the Saskatchewan Breeding Bird Atlas.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Ehman

Publicity and Facebook Report

Publicity consisted of 3 parts: utilizing our own member and interested people email list, our Facebook page, and accessing as many other connections as possible. This year, I realized I could broaden our nature centered activities by placing our promotions on several ‘cousin’ Facebook sites: Sask Birders, Gardeners of Sask (interested in plants for attracting butterflies, bees, and birds), Royal Saskatchewan Museum, and Nature Saskatchewan. When broadening the Facebook promos, I do believe we had over 100 people last fall at the educational focusing upon bees. This was enhanced by the connections of the museum too. Last spring, we had over 40 people coming out to our Hidden Valley field trip. Promotion through traditional media like T.V. and hard copy news, seem to have little response. We used to get interviews. Now any interviews have been with CBC radio, particularly Sask Weekend. In early March, 2020, a small group of us met to learn how to utilize mail chimp. Unfortunately, most of our events immediately after that had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 safety precautions. We are hoping we can return to some interesting and fun filled events within the next months.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Alesich

Membership Report

We currently have 115 memberships and 152 members (a membership is one address, which, in the case of a family membership, may have several members). The number of members in each category is shown in Table 1. All non-renewed memberships have been lapsed. Compared with 2019 the number of memberships is down by 5 and the number of members by 9. I have a small problem with the data base that causes it to overshadow memberships by 6 memberships and 8 members. I have corrected for that, which I have not done before. We have added 13 new memberships (14 members) since the last AGM, which has helped to offset the non-renewals.

Table 1: Memberships and Members By Category

Category	Memberships	Members
Family	28	64
Complimentary	3	3
Honourary	2	3
Junior	2	2
Senior	52	52
Single	28	28
Total	115	152

Submitted by

Dale Hjertaas

Website Report

I carried on with the role of webmaster for Nature Regina. It was a different kind of year, with lots of new and different things to figure out!

The big news is that we received the *IBA Public Engagement Fund* with Nature Canada, and budgeted a portion of it to renew and update the website. We contracted Betta Shum to design a template for Nature Regina using a new website builder - Wix.com. She and I worked together to come up with a site that will work well for Nature Regina, while looking professional and being user-friendly. We continue to host the website through Ethical Host.

Along with switching everything over from the old website, I've been spending a lot of time trying to make sure the website continues to have up to date information that is easily accessible to visitors.

As we had no field trip coordinator this year, with few field trips, there weren't photos or updates to post. Dale volunteered to lead some field trips that were unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19. I've been keeping our members up to date on any events and cancellations through the website.

I have added information about work being done in the Native Plant Garden and will update that once we are (hopefully) able to continue work in it over the summer. There is also information about the Photo Contest for the annual calendar posted on the website.

I updated the Student Conservation Grant for 2020, adding information about the 2020 recipient, Rebecca Dunkleberger.

There are now links on the website for people to be able to donate to and become a member of Nature Regina through Canada Helps online. The website also prompts visitors to sign up for our mailing list from the home page, which is growing our engagement - one of the goals in receiving the fund from Nature Canada!

I continue to work on the new website and hope to make it into something that really works for Nature Regina to engage with our community and members.

Submitted by,

Daralyn Sheffield

Bird Count Report

Nature Regina again hosted three Christmas Bird Count this year in Regina, Craven, and Balgonie areas. We had 73 people participate on at least one count this year which is an above average turnout. All three counts had a bit above average number of species seen with Craven finding 29, Regina 40, and Balgonie 27. It was another good year for wintering raptors with the unusual Goshawks seen on all three counts, Rough-legged Hawks found on two and a very rare Northern Harrier showing up during Craven for the first time. The Regina count, the longest running Saskatchewan count, added two species never seen before on a count – a Pileated Woodpecker and Cackling Goose. Other rare birds seen on the Regina count were Black-backed Woodpecker, Wood Duck and White-crowned Sparrow.

Submitted by,

Brett Quiring

Hidden Valley Report

Last year I reported that we were creating a committee. The Hidden Valley Committee now consists of Dale Hjertaas (Chair), Brent Rosbrud, Brian Armstrong, Keith Hay, Norman Henderson and Elaine Ehman.

We focused on three main activities over the past year: leafy spurge, trail development and protection of the rehabilitation area. Those will continue to be our priorities through the coming summer.

Rehabilitation Area

Quite a few years ago a society work crew tackled the eroding gulley that was forming on the east facing steep slope not far south of our parking area. This erosion was started by human activity creating a trail, I was told it was from motor cycles riding up the hill, that then began to erode. The work crew created a series of small dams all along the gulley to catch eroding material and stabilize it. It has been very successful. Eroded material is no longer accumulating at the base of the hill. The gulley is slowly revegetating, which will help stabilize it. However, it would revegetate faster and be more stable if visitors didn't think the little dams made a great staircase to get up the hill. We even became aware of a website that referred to this as a "Stairway to Heaven" and encouraged people to hike up it.



Small Dam and Re-establishing Vegetation in Gulley

To protect the hillside, we have taken four actions. At my request that reference has been deleted from the offending website. I am preparing an article for the newsletter to educate our members. Brent Rosbrud prepared a sign telling people this is a rehabilitation area and to stay off. Finally, we created an alternate trail.



Newly Installed Sign and Barrier at base of Rehab Area

Trail development

The committee wants to encourage people to visit and appreciate Hidden Valley. We know many people are more comfortable if there is a marked trail. Also, we wanted an alternative trail so people would not walk up the rehabilitation area. In July 2019 the committee cut a new trail which heads west from the parking area and follows the ridge up to the top of the valley. This is a much easier pathway to reach the top than the steep climb beside the rehab area and is an excellent trail for wildflowers. We still need to build a gate at the fence and signage to mark the trail. Our intent is to mark this trail and do more cutting and mowing so there is a clear path up one ridge and then down the ridge east of the parking area. This will provide an attractive loop for people, with an option of going up or down the centre valley.



New Trail Leaving Parking Area and Heading through Shrubs and up the Ridge

Leafy Spurge

There are three small patches of leafy spurge on the property. While pulling will not kill it, to at least slow its spread we have visited several times each summer to pull the plants. This at least prevents any going to seed. For example, on June 2, 2019 I pulled 14 stems near the entrance gate, 2 on the lower hill patch and 248 near the top of the hill.

Submitted by

Dale Hjertaas, Chairperson

Director's Report

Again, this fiscal year, May 2019 to April 2020, I write to praise and thank the tireless, professional, competent executive and board volunteers, for a great productive, in-the-black, eventful year, which unfortunately was interrupted in March amid the covid-19 restrictions and cancellations.

I was happy to support Nature Regina's native plant garden at the RSM and calendar. At the December Members' night, I was excited to show my pictures from my one great field trip to Echo Lake provincial fish hatchery and fish workshop that I carpooled to in August.

I was happy to attend and read minutes of board meetings on the fourth Mondays of months September through February, and by phone April 27. I have found the general meetings on the third Mondays of the months to be very informative.

I am happy to receive so many Facebook and email posts from our members (especially pictures from Kim Mann, and Paule Hjertaas), Sask Birders, South Saskatchewan Lily Society, Dr. Suzuki, SK Science Centre, permaculture, organic growers, Prairie Conservation Action Plan, Regina Horticultural Society, and now, Ontario Native Plant Gardening. I attended the Seedy Saturday event and want to thank the native plant garden for the free seeds, and the September tea party. I also appreciate the ecological, conservation and nature news!

With the recent additional of a good pair of binoculars, I practice our mission statement daily from my own urban yard. I find the newsletters and website to be first class.

I help, promote, and support whenever I can. Stay safe, all! Thanks Nature Regina!

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda Hoyer Langenbacher
Director

Newsletter/MailChimp Editor Report

This year has been a large transition. Beginning the year was the usual production of the bimonthly newsletter that over the years has been transitioning to being sent via email. We have always committed to and will continue to commit to send a paper copy of the newsletter to those members that wish to have something tangible in front of them that they can read. Special shout out to Dale Hjertaas for keeping our membership list and for printing the envelopes with your addresses. Then it is up to our trusty folder of the newsletter Inez Benesh and her mailing of those said envelopes to our members every two months. She also dropped off a few to a number of centres across the city to give the public a chance to read what we are doing.

Beginning this fall and ending this spring, we have transitioned the regular emailed newsletter to the new MailChimp newsletter. This has allowed us to get it out to more people and to add additional features to the newsletter that we did not do regularly. We now have a hot link to Canada Helps that process our donations and memberships. It also allows us to link to more details on our website.

And finally, thanks to those individuals and partners in nature that have provided us with queries, comments, articles, photographs and links to important events, webinars and source of information. A thanks to our board members providing valuable advice and information that went into this transition.

All the best,

Jim Elliott

Conservation Report

Conservation Grant

The 2019 Conservation Grant of \$1500 was awarded to Rebecca Dunkleberger who is investigating the use of remote sensing to study the effects of climate change on tree growth. Her lab focuses on remote sensing in forest ecology and she will be the first in her lab to use thermal imaging in this environment. Rebecca is a first-year master's student at the University of Regina pursuing a MSc in Biology.

Resolution regarding Commercial Building in Wascana Park

Nature Regina submitted a position paper to the Regina Capital Commission, alerting them to our opposition to further commercial development in Wascana Park and imploring them to adhere to the intentions and terms of the existing long-range plan.

Native Plant Garden

Recognition and congratulations are extended to Gail Fennell and her industrious team of gardeners for their work in the Native Plant Garden at the RSM. This group has toiled tirelessly toward recovery of the garden from over twenty years of increasing invasion of quack grass and other persistent weeds and have upgraded the pathways through the garden. New native plant seed has been collected and is being germinated at the homes of several of the workers for planting in the garden this spring, 2020. Gail has also opened new windows of opportunity in conservation and extension – education with various individuals and organizations around the city around the use of the native prairie plants.

See additional detail in Gail's comprehensive report, enclosed.

Submitted by,

Wayne Pepper, Conservation Director

Native Plant Garden Report

2019

By the numbers: 1 garden 8 beds 23 volunteers 38 days 530 hours



2019 marked the 25th anniversary of Nature Regina and the Royal Saskatchewan Museum joining resources to create a Native Plant Garden.

We began our celebration with a tea party and garden tours before our September members' meeting. Great delight and interest were shown at the viewing of the slides of the original garden and crew. Many comments of "I remember..." were heard as people sampled Giant Hyssop tea or Wild Bergamot tea from leaves and flowers grown in our garden.

We continued our celebration by publishing a calendar of some of the beautiful native plants and pollinators that live in our garden. On several occasions, we gave away seeds from some of our favorite plants to help promote the joy of growing native plant species in people's own gardens.

Garden Volunteers and Behind the Scenes Support

I am incredibly privileged to be in a group of such willing, cheerful volunteers. People who enthusiastically work together to make the museum garden a joy to be in.

Wayne Pepper, Elaine Ehman, Wayne Koenig, Vera Raschke, Kim Mann, Margaret Skeel, and Dale Douglas, thank you for coming back for a second year, especially when you knew how labour intensive the work could be some days. Newcomers we welcomed this year are Maureen Lee, Donna Holmes, Jim Holmes, Debbie Peever, Shannon Chernick and her sons Damen and Graham, Jolene Shepherd, Al Bodnarchuk (an original garden volunteer), Yuko Kawamata, Donna Wilde, Patricia Corner, and Pat Lawson.

Thank you to each of the garden volunteers for sharing their valuable time, skills and resources to rejuvenate the garden. These are twenty-four busy people; some have full-time jobs or also volunteer elsewhere, some have family of all ages they help look after, some have their own gardens. Together they volunteered 530 hours in the garden on 38 days between April 09 and Oct 22 and at least another 200 hours of planning, meetings, community liaison and propagating plants at home for the garden from January to December. What a wonderful group of people they are, brimming with great ideas for creating a beautiful garden space and ways to invite people to share it.

Paule and Dale Hjertaas, and Chet Neufeld from the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan helped in a different way by donating plants they had grown and seeds. Three couples: Ken and Deanna Chernick, Elaine and Darcy Ehman and their friends were taking down trees and donated large slices of tree trunks for seats and stepping "stones" in the path ways.

Other volunteers work behind the scenes to keep our garden visible on line via the website. Thank you to each of you, too, who make it possible for many more people to learn about growing native plants.

In 2019, we were very fortunate to have Colleen Bakke and Derek Barr from Wascana Park Forestry Department provide us with 10 cu yd of mulch for weed control and some soil for potting up plants grown from seed that weren't quite ready for life in the garden. The mulch has made a huge difference for saving us from endlessly having to dig the same patch of quack grass. Thank you to John Snell, RS Museum Manager for Programming and Exhibits for his support in communications between the garden group and people working at Wascana Park offices.

The 2019 Gardening Season:

Some 66 native plant species originally planted 25 years ago are still growing in the garden. These plants can handle any tricks that Mom Nature throws at them. Several volunteers are growing more species for the garden from seed at home, starting them both outside last Fall and inside this Winter.

We are striving to have an earlier bloom season for the earliest pollinators that hibernated over the winter, like Milbert's Tortoiseshell Butterflies do, or migrated from the southern US like Painted Lady and Mourning Cloak Butterflies do. Then they don't have to rely on dandelions, stinkweed and tree pollen.

Year two of the Great Garden Rejuvenation at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum garden was a resounding success. All the volunteers' efforts the year before gave us a leap forward right from the start of the season.

In April volunteers were busy reshaping the pathways making them more inviting for the expected record number of museum visitors coming to see Scotty to wander through the garden. We even discovered some of the original 2' aggregate stepping stones under the crusher rock while we were

laying the tree trunk "cookies" for people to walk on. We continued the very effective "lasagna" gardening newspaper and bark mulching technique to control where plants grow in the garden.

By the May long weekend and opening of the Scotty museum exhibit, we had all the hundreds of sunflowers moved out of the beds along the sidewalk and a fresh clean look to the front bed. Some of the sunflowers went into the back bed which was where they started out 25 years ago. They had slowly migrated year by year across the entire garden. They were only stopped from going any further by the sidewalk. Some sunflowers were also put into pots to be transplanted later.

In mid-June, the beautiful new signs John Snell and his staff had designed and ordered were installed in the garden. They are a very welcome addition to the garden.

Over the summer, our volunteers continued to make time for regular garden work: de-quack grassing more beds, transplanting, and watering through the long dry spell. Yes, we watered. The garden has native plants but they are in a park setting. Nothing about where they are growing that is actually "prairie". It is an urban garden representing as closely as possible the species that would be seen on a prairie or the edge of a woodland. The volunteers were very creative about how to bring water to a garden that had no outdoor water taps. The janitors at the Museum also helped out by very generously allowing us to use their wheeled buckets to bring water from the janitor room to the garden. I arranged with the Wascana parks crew to make the sprinkler system operational again. This helped immensely to keep the garden in good shape until the rains came again in August.

Two of our volunteers were inspired by friends to create a small bed of native plants in a boulevard of grass near their home. It took several meetings with neighbours, patient consideration of all neighbours' opinions and long discussions with City of Regina officials to come to an agreement on what would be allowed. They persevered and now have an excellent example of an element in a pollinator corridor.

September and October were spent pulling Elm, Ash and Maple seedlings and saplings, gathering and cleaning seeds and tidying up the garden for its winter sleep.

Two volunteers built raised beds in their yards to plant seeds for even more new plants to go in our garden. Several other people also planted seeds for garden plants.

By the third week of October, the weather was turning too chilly to do much in the garden. Several volunteers had donated some plants that would not have time to settle in before winter due to the change in weather so we dug trenches to hold the pots until Spring.

November and December, we met for coffee to plan what we would like to see in the garden in 2020. Instead of meeting at a coffee shop in January and February, we held "seedy teas" at a volunteer's home. Sorting, cleaning and labeling seeds while chatting about gardening is a great way to ignore the winter outside for a while and get ready for Spring. This year we added a tray cleaning coffee party

because one of our volunteers decided to start some plants indoors for the garden. He has raised 800 seedlings for the garden between February and April. It is an excellent start to the next season.

On March 07, 2020, just a couple of weeks before life changed for everyone, volunteers again brought Nature Regina to the Regina Seedy Saturday gardening event at St Paul's Church. We had a very successful day chatting with the many people who stopped by to say hello and find out who we are.

Community Initiative - Prince of Wales Library

In a new community collaboration venture, from May through to July, 2 volunteers began working once a week with the children's programming librarian at Prince of Wales Library. She has a small garden at the library where children are encouraged to plant, grow and harvest vegetables in an out-of-school program. The librarian was enthusiastic about adding native plant species, especially ones that were used traditionally by First Nations people.

Community Initiative - Pilot Butte Storm Water Pond

In mid-October I followed up on an earlier discussion between a few volunteers and a property manager who maintains a property along Pilot Butte Creek behind the old Sears store. Earlier in the summer my curiosity had been aroused when I noticed a patch of bright orange flowers while bird watching. The flowers turned out to be Scarlet Mallow, a plant we were looking to bring to the garden. During a quick walk around in July, the volunteers and manager found 13 native species and only 6 invasives. The manager was enthusiastic using native plants to control the number of invasive species that were moving in to the area because he was not using chemicals, only mowing for weed control. I planted some of the excess plants that there was no room for in the garden and some seeds; a total of 23 species. In exchange, we now have Scarlet Mallow plants and seeds.

Community Initiative - Wascana Park

Two volunteers had a very successful meeting in December with Sarah Romuld, Wascana Park ecologist. We identified several areas of collaboration between Nature Regina and Wascana Park. In 2020 we plan to supply seeds and possibly plants for a project to establish prairie forbs and grasses in specific areas of the park. We may also be able to supply seeds / plants for children's programming when the park programs resume.

Community Initiative - Seed Sharing

This season we were able to gather enough seeds to again share seeds with Chet Neufeld of the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan.

Community Initiative - Increasing the Number of People Growing Native Plants in Their Garden.

A new project this year was to inspire people to try growing native plants in their garden from seeds we supplied. A volunteer from Moose Jaw responded to the request on the Nature Regina website to grow plants for the garden. She came to town to pick up a variety of seeds in February. In exchange for the seeds, she will send us some of the plants that grow and share some of the seeds with us and her friends.

Many, many thanks go to all the people who volunteered their time and shared their enthusiasm, labour and ideas so willingly to make our garden and other urban spaces a haven for plants, insects and animals and a space of nature in the city for the humans to enjoy.

Submitted by, Gail Fennell, volunteer

Royal Saskatchewan Museum Native Plant Species Garden, April 14, 2020

Treasurer's Report

Nature Regina remains in a good financial position, with current assets of \$34,578 in addition to our Hidden Valley Nature Reserve. We received a grant from Nature Canada of \$8,000 to increase our public engagement through social media; of this \$2,824 was spent on the new format for our newsletter and website, and \$5,176 is being deferred to 2020-21. We are now able to take memberships and renewals, as well as donations, online through our website and MailChimp using CanadaHelps.org.

Our 2019-20 fiscal year ended with a surplus of \$1,943. This surplus is higher than usual due to generous donations and successful fundraising, as well as lower costs for our meeting space (the March and April meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19) and promotion than anticipated. In our fundraising, we sold 86 calendars for a profit of \$872. We are grateful to our donors for their generosity.

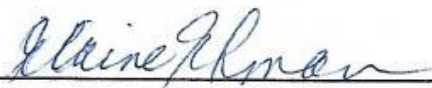
Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Skeel, Treasurer

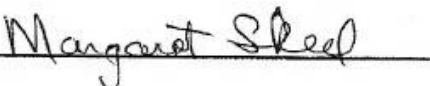
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 For the Fiscal Period Ended April 30, 2020

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Chequing Bank Account	\$ 14,430	
GIC Term Deposit		
General Savings	\$ 17,027	
Conservation Fund	\$ 2,973	
	\$ 20,000	
Social Fund	\$ 102	
Total Cash	\$ 34,532	\$ 27,376
Accounts Receivable (GST Rebate)	\$ 46	\$ 83
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 34,578	\$ 27,459
CAPITAL ASSETS:		
Land (Hidden Valley)	\$ 327	
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 327	\$ 327
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 34,905	\$ 27,786
 <u>LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Deferred revenue	\$ 5,176	\$ -
NET ASSETS:		
General Surplus, Opening Balance	\$ 27,459	
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 1,943	
General Surplus, Closing Balance	\$ 29,402	\$ 27,459
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 327	\$ 327
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 34,905	\$ 27,786

Approved on behalf of the Directors of Nature Regina

Director 

Director 

REGINA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For Year Ended April 30, 2020

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2018-19</u>
RNHS Memberships	\$ 2,222	\$ 2,320
Donations - General	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,050
Donations - Conservation Fund*	\$ 1,420	\$ 1,460
Bank Interest	\$ 29	\$ 55
GST Rebate	\$ 44	\$ 82
Fundraising	\$ 1,862	\$ 500
Social	\$ 166	\$ 190
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,044	\$ -
Prairie Garden	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 11,094	\$ 6,657
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$ 623	\$ 474
Conservation Fund* Grants	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Environmental Education	\$ 500	\$ 500
Hidden Valley	\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Space	\$ 1,732	\$ 1,925
Social	\$ 169	\$ 214
Miscellaneous	\$ 849	\$ 100
Newsletter	\$ 2,215	\$ 603
Prairie Garden	\$ 15	\$ -
Promotion / Website	\$ 1,423	\$ 781
Resource People	\$ 125	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,151	\$ 6,097
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 1,943	\$ 560

*See NOTE 1.

NOTE 1:

CONSERVATION FUND FINANCIAL REPORT
For Year Ended April 30, 2020

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2018-19</u>
Donations - Conservation	1,410	1,460
Transferred from Conserv. Fund	-	-
Transferred from General Fund	90	40
TOTAL REVENUE	1,500	1,500
EXPENSES		
Graduate Student Grant	1,500	1,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,500	1,500
SURPLUS (LOSS)	-	-

Amount in Conservation Fund on 30 Apr 2019: \$2,972.33
Amount in Conservation Fund on 30 Apr 2020: \$2,972.33

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2019-20 Donors

Thank You for Your Support!

Friends (<\$25)	Supporter (\$25-49)	Patron (\$50-99)	Benefactor (\$100+)
Mary Aird	Inez Benesh	Brian Brunskill	Ruth Englund
Kay Antrobus	Karin Boehler	David Cawood	Ken Feltin
Hiroyuki Aoki	Lionel & Joanne	Dale Douglas & Susan	Gail Headington-Mitchell
Murray Cain	Bonneville	Yanosik	Elnora Jackson
Jean Coleman	Shannon Chernick	Donna & Jim Holmes	Helen & Lynn McCaslin
Roberta Cox	Katherine Fellner	Phyllis Ilsley	Lorne Scott
Ken Dickson	Terry Ford	Pat & Dennis Lawson	Margaret Skeel &
Pat & Don Fairbairn	Keith Hay	MaryRose Stang	David Donald
Keith Hay	Marie James	Karen Steadman	
Philip Holloway	Karen McIvor	Ingrid Thiessen &	
Gary Seib	Claire Thorseth	Lawrence Baschak	
Gordon Smith	Lorraine Weidner		
Doreen Yurkoski			

List of 2019 – 2020 Board of Directors

Nature Regina’s Board of Directors is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting in May. Executive positions are elected directly (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer); other directors are elected in-general. Chairs and Coordinators are appointed by the board.

The board of directors meets once a month (September-April) in the week after the monthly meeting. If you wish to bring an item to the attention of the board, please contact the president at natureregina@gmail.com. You may also contact one of the others through this email with attention to their name in the subject line.

Board of Directors

President	Elaine Ehman
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Secretary	Donna Holmes
Treasurer	Margaret Skeel
Past President	Gary Seib
Director	Jim Elliott
Director	Linda Langenbacher
Director	Tannis Marks
Director	Lynn McCaslin
Director	Wayne Pepper
Director	Daralyn Sheffield

Chairs and Coordinators

Bird Counts	Brett Quiring
Conservation	Wayne Pepper
Events	VACANT
Facebook Editor	Brett Quiring
Field Trips	VACANT
Hidden Valley Sanctuary	Dale Hjertaas
Membership	Dale Hjertaas
Native Prairie Garden	Wayne Pepper
News & Notes	Phyllis Ilsley & Helen McCaslin
Newsletter/MailChimp	Jim Elliott
Phoning	Ruth Englund
Program (General Meetings)	Elaine Ehman
Publicity	Ingrid Alesich
Social	Dorothy Rhead
Student Grant	Wayne Pepper
Webmaster	Daralyn Sheffield