

Society of Grasslands Naturalists
2019 Year-end report for Indoor Programming

The Indoor Program Committee has a sole member – Linda Fisher

The past year of speakers have been very well received by GN members.

Attendance for each speaker ranged around 25-35 members.

All speakers were presented with a copy of Birding Trails of Southeastern Alberta, a complimentary one year membership to Grasslands Naturalists, a Police Point insulated mug, compensated for mileage at our suggested rate and some received an honorarium.

Renovations to the Nature Centre theatre were great and didn't prove to difficult to work around.

We started the new year off in April 2019 with GN members Wendy Blackwell and Ian Wallis' talk on "The Wild and Not So Wild Life of Rajasthan, India".

May 2019 speaker was local Provincial Wildlife Biologist Sandi Robertson speaking on the Ord's Kangaroo Rat.

June 2019 was the Potluck Supper held at the Nature Centre.

September 2019 we had Lethbridge residents Mark and Joan Wierzba speaking on their travels to 3 Mexican Monarch Butterfly Reserves.

October 2019 we had local Priority Species at Risk Biologist Mecah Klem updating us on the Greater Sage Grouse Recovery in Alberta.

November 2019 speaker was Biologist Alyssa Friesen from the Calgary Zoo giving an overview of their various breeding programs of Canadian Species at Risk.

December 2019 was the Potluck Supper at the Nature Centre, following the Christmas Bird Count.

January 2020 speaker was local Biologist and Medicine Hat College professor Brent Smith discussing his Agroecology Program at the Medicine Hat College.

February 2020 we had local entrepreneur Roxanne Doerksen discussing her Red Wiggler worm composting business.

March 2020 will see GN members Rob and Corlaine Gardner sharing their travel to Mauritius and discussing the new parks for the endangered species on Mauritius.

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak the March 2020 AGM and presentation were both canceled.

Submitted by Linda Fisher