

Society of Grasslands Naturalists

2020 Year-end report for Indoor Programming

The Indoor Program Committee has a sole member – Linda Fisher

The 2 speakers who spoke before the COVID shutdown were both 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 and a Police Point insulated mug.

The 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.

Indoor gathering restrictions mandated by Alberta Health Services prevented any further Indoor Business Meetings and Speakers for the rest of 2020.

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

September 13, 2020 we held an outdoor Annual General Meeting around the back patio of the Police Point Nature Centre, socially distanced and with mandatory masking.

Prior to the Business Meeting, Jan Scott was presented with a Lifetime Member designation for her valued contribution to GN, Alberta and beyond, in regards to her incredible life-long dedication to and important data gathering for local Butterflies and Moths.

Valerie Martins provided us with a wonderful history of Jan with a beautiful speech and presented Jan Scott with the Lifetime Member recognition.

The Executive Board of Grasslands Naturalists is looking forward to returning to our Indoor Speaker programs as soon as it is safe to do so following AHS guidelines.