

Welcome to the Marsh Community Newsletter, a monthly publication to keep our valued members and volunteers in the loop about the happenings of the Wye Marsh!



WINTER BREAK CAMP!

Get your nature lovers outside this winter break. Campers aged 6-12 will be given so many opportunities to connect with nature that they will forget all about their devices!

Week 1: Tuesday ~ Friday,
December 27-30, 2022

Week 2: Monday ~ Friday,
January 2-6, 2023

Register by clicking: [winter-break-camp](#)

MARSH BY MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE SERIES!

Crunch along snowy trails bathed in moonlight. Take in the sounds of the night. Warm up by a crackling fire. January 20, 21, 27, 28 and February 3,4, 2023 \$75 per person.

Register by clicking: [Marsh-by-Moonlight](#)



CBC4KIDS

Watch our [Facebook Page](#) for details on the Christmas Bird Count for Kids!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Although outside it looks like things are still and sleeping, there is so much going on at Wye Marsh these days!

We are grateful to those who supported us in our November Silent Auction – with your help we have earned more than \$13,000 which will help us continue to meet our goals of environmental stewardship and education. Thank you.

December brings our Welcome to Winter Open House, always-popular (and now sold-out) wreath-making workshops, Christmas Bird Count, and Winter Camp for Kids over the school holidays. We also look forward to bringing out the snowshoes and assessing what three years of disuse has done to our skis/boots/poles.

We hope to be able to provide ski rentals again this year – stay tuned!

We look forward to seeing you at Wye Marsh in December!

- **Kim Hacker, Executive Director**



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Love the Snow?

Can't wait to strap on your cross-country skis or snowshoes to hit the trails?

Share your passion for frosty fun with our visitors at Wye Marsh.

Snowshoe & Ski Rental Assistants Wanted

- * Assist in sizing and fitting guests with cross-country ski equipment and snowshoes
- * Provide encouragement & tips
- * Track/ organize equipment
- * 4 hours/week on weekends and holidays



Call Heather at
705-526-7809
ext. 217 or email:
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Friends of Wye Marsh are heartbroken to announce the departure of a dear friend, Wodin the Snowy Owl.

Despite outstanding veterinary care and every attempt to improve his declining health condition, Wodin's life ended peacefully on November 27, 2022.

Wodin lived most of his nearly 15 years at Wye Marsh. Due to an early injury to his keel (breast) bone, he was never able to fly and lived his life close to the ground. His bright yellow eyes and snowy white feathers captivated visitors of all ages, and he was a favourite of staff, volunteers and visitors alike.

Wodin will be remembered for his iconic seasonal Holiday selfies, but few knew of his many brushes with fame outside Wye Marsh – among them the chance to play Hedwig at a Harry Potter event in Toronto, and an opportunity to attend Drake's birthday party!

Wye Marsh is grateful to have had the opportunity to provide care for Wodin, and to know how many lives he touched. And now he is free to fly.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We are already starting to experience the first blasts of winter. The trees are bare, the Marsh is silent, and the stiller waters are starting to ice over. But this is merely the overture to the hard months to come. I know that many of us (including me) look forward to the joys of snowshoeing and skiing as a means of alleviating the seasonal downs, but we still have a long way to go before the trails become usable. Until the ground is frozen, and we have a good base of snow on the ski trails to groom, I am afraid that you will have to contain your impatience! As always, the best way to check on current conditions over the next few weeks, is to call the front desk (705-526-7809 ext. 200) at the Wildlife Centre before you visit.

We are only closed completely for three days over the holiday season - Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day - so outside those days, come on in and enjoy the Wye Marsh!

- Alasdair MacLean, President of Friends of
Wye Marsh Inc. Board of Directors



\$150 + HST
UP TO 5 PEOPLE
AGES 8+

Spread your wings and dive deeper into the fascinating world of raptors with a **50 min Close Encounter** with the Hawks, Owls or Falcons at Wye Marsh! Go Behind the Scenes with our Animal Care Specialists. Learn how we feed, train, socialize and enrich the lives of our birds of prey. Take plenty of photos and receive a keepsake to take home!



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For sponsoring our
Annual Wye Marsh
Auction and keeping
our data safe!



THE NATURE OF GIVING:

Looking for that perfect gift for the nature lover in your family? Craving to be creative and give something meaningful?

Give a gift that sparks the spirit to escape, explore, and experience nature at the Wye Marsh!

Shop online or visit our Gift Shop (9 am—5 pm) seven days a week!

Shop Online for Memberships and Adoptions at www.wyemarsh.com

MEMBERSHIPS

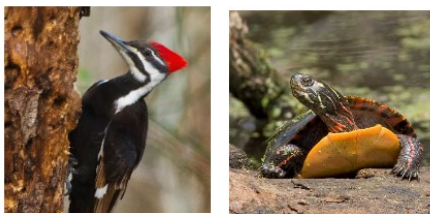
Enjoy an all access pass to forest bathing and wetland discovery, 362 days a year.

Individual, Joint and Family Membership **discounts** include:

- ◇ 10% on most gift shop items
- ◇ 35 % on equipment rentals
- ◇ 35 % on day camp fees

\$35 ADOPTIONS

Symbolically adopt a wild animal or bird at Wye Marsh and you will be supporting our outdoor environmental education programs, trail maintenance and stewardship activities!



GIFT STORE

Come in and browse through our unique collection of fun nature themed items, as well as beautiful offerings by local artisans.

Pick up some Wye Marsh honey, or Windlee Farms maple syrup. Or maybe you need a Cobble Hills puzzle to take home tonight!



ADOPT-A-BENCH



Celebrate one of life's milestones or honour the memory of a loved one by adopting a bench at Wye Marsh.

Choose from a variety Beautiful natural settings. 3" x 6" personalized plaque included.



Wye Marsh's Annual Fundraiser:
CONNECTING FOR CONSERVATION
November 4-20, 2022

WYE MARSH

\$ 13,096

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BOULANGER'S MIDLAND CITY BAKERS

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Mega Mindful LIVING

The Friends of the Wye Marsh have reason to celebrate. Our annual fundraiser was a great success!

Our Online Auction raised **\$13,096** thanks to the generosity of our wonderful auction item donors, bidders, event sponsor Compu-SOLVE, and fundraising partners: **Boulangers Midland City Bakers, Grounded Coffee Company** and **Mega Mindful Living**. Your ongoing support and kindness makes a huge difference at Wye Marsh. Funds raised will support our environmental education programs, trail maintenance and stewardship initiatives.

Wye Marsh is grateful to **Mega Mindful Living** for donating 25% of each gift card sold from November 4 ~ 20 to our Connecting for Conservation fundraiser. Thank you to the team at Mega Mindful for your generous \$100 donation!

Congratulations Shannon Weir

By placing a bid greater than an item's listed value, she qualified for our "HIGH BIDDER" draw ~ and won a Family Membership to Wye Marsh!

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

WYE MARSH

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Royal Botanical Gardens

Children's MUSEUM

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OAK BAY GOLF CLUB

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Wasaga Adventure PARK

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SILVER BIRCH POTTERY

Grounded Coffee Co.

We are so grateful to **Grounded Coffee Company**. They donated \$5 from every bag of "Marsh Mornings" coffee sold during our fundraiser. The coffee was delicious ~ and raised **\$470** for us!

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