

# PROGRAM: Earth•ALIVE \* May 14, 12-4 p.m. at City Hall

## An Edmonton Celebration of International Biodiversity Day

<b>Main Stage Area</b>	
12:00 – 1:00	Formal Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor's Proclamation of Edmonton Biodiversity Week</li> <li>• Presentation of Biodiversity: Together Art Contest Awards</li> <li>• Grant Pearsell: Edmonton in a Global Context of Biodiversity Protection</li> <li>• Presentation of Wild Lily of the Valley Stewardship Award</li> </ul>
1:30 – 2:00	"Treat it Right" Puppet Show – Joel Kafka
2:30 – 3:00	Live Music: Back Porch Swing
<b>Heritage Room</b>	
1:30 – 2:30	Twelve Common Mushrooms of the Edmonton Area – Martin Osis
3:00 – 4:00	The Best of Nature's Biodiversity – Dr. Jim Butler
<b>Workshop Areas</b>	
1:00 – 4:00	Attracting Beneficial Insects – Markus Eymann, Naturalist Worm Composting – Christine Werk, Master Composter/Recycler Tree Identification – Megan Rogers, City of Edmonton Forester Native Plants for the Garden – Cherry Dodd, Edmonton Naturalization Group
<b>Display Area</b>	
1:00 – 4:00	Alberta Mycological Society Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society Bike-Powered Smoothies (River Valley Programs) Biodiversity from the Provincial Museum Biodiversity Treasure Hunt City of Edmonton Offices of Natural Areas and Environment Community Supported Agriculture Devonian Botanic Garden Edmonton and Area Land Trust Evergreen Land Stewardship Centre of Canada Master Composter/Recycler Program North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Up Close Wetland Biodiversity AND Beneficial Insects Wild Bird General Store



## Presentation and Workshop Details

### Presentations

*45 minute presentations will take place in the Heritage Room (seats 30), with 15 minutes for questions and discussion, at the following times:*

**1:30 – 2:30 pm**

Twelve Common Mushrooms of the Edmonton Area

by Martin Osis, Alberta Mycological Society

**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

My Favourite Wild Places in the World: The Best of Nature's Biodiversity

by Professor Jim Butler, Canadian naturalist and conservation biologist

### Workshops

*30 minute workshops will take place amongst the displays and surrounding area in the main City Room at the noted times:*

**1:00 – 1:30 pm and repeating from 1:30 – 2:00 pm at Workshop Space A:**

#### **Attracting Beneficial Insects to Your Garden**

Learn from naturalist **Markus Eymann** how to create artificial nest sites to attract beneficial insects to your yard. This insect biodiversity includes solitary bees that will improve pollination of your garden plants and special aphid predators that help to maintain the balance of nature by controlling nuisance plant pests.

**1:00 – 1:30 pm and repeating from 1:30 – 2:00 pm at Workshop Space B:**

#### **Growing Native Plants in Your Garden**

Learn about the wonderful biodiversity of native wildflowers and grasses in Edmonton from author and co-founder of the Edmonton Naturalization Group, **Cherry Dodd**. Take home some wildflower seeds and watch them bloom and attract butterflies to your yard.

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**2:00 – 2:30 pm and repeating from 3:00 – 3:30 pm at Workshop Space C:**

#### **Tree Identification**

Knowing how to recognize the species of trees in your yard and neighbourhood is important to understanding some of the fundamentals of urban forest ecology. Learn from City of Edmonton Urban Forester **Megan Rogers** how to identify the different tree species in Edmonton.

**2:00 – 2:30 pm and repeating from 3:00 – 3:30 pm at Workshop Space D:**

#### **Vermi-composting**

Learn from Master Composter/Recycler **Christine Werk** how to make a perfect habitat for red wiggler worms from simple, readily available materials. Then take home your own under-the-sink organic recycling system for kitchen waste, including peelings and other vegetable matter, coffee grounds, etc. – and start making your own compost!