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Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative 2015 Workshop Series: Experimenting with Native Plants

The Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative, a multi-partner conservation and stewardship project of 10 partners within Canada's easternmost prairie, is pleased to announce the first workshop of the 2015 workshop series.

"Experimenting with Native Plants" workshop will be facilitated by Amanda Newell of Element Ecological, an organization dedicated to land stewardship work. Newell will explore examples and methods of introducing or increasing native plant species—from grasses and flowers to shrubs—in your outdoor spaces for diversity, conservation, aesthetics, and wildlife.

Organizers of the native plant gardening workshop are thrilled to proclaim that spring will be here before you know it! All are welcome!

"The purpose of this workshop is to provide resources for anyone seeking to restore and beautify their outdoor spaces with native plants" says Janine McLeod, Natural Heritage Coordinator at the Alderville Black Oak Savanna. "Native wildlife, birds, and insects, such as the Rusty Patched Bumblebee, a species at risk of disappearing from Canada, depend on the presence of native plants and by choosing native plants for our gardens, will help to reverse the declining numbers for these species and increase biodiversity in the community" she added.

Experimenting with Native Plants workshop takes place this Sunday, January 25, from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Alderville Black Oak Savanna Ecology Centre, located at 8467 County Road 18, South of Rice Lake, and 1.5kms west of Hwy 45. There is no charge for admission, but please register by calling the Alderville Black Oak Savanna 905-352-1008 or email jmcleod@alderville.ca

More information is available by calling 905 352 1008 or visit www.ricelakeplains.ca This workshop is part of a series of Oak Ridges Moraine education programs supported by the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation and the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative.