



Earth Day Turns 50 Tomorrow!

It was April 22, 1970: bell bottoms and funk music were all the rage, Pierre Trudeau was Prime Minister, and the Apollo 13 mission had just safely returned from its harrowing voyage. It also marks the first Earth Day, which is now celebrated around the world. I doubt that anyone could have imagined that 50 years later, Earth Day would be more important than ever. This year also marks AWA's 55th year as an organization, and as you know, Earth Day has been an instrumental part of our history.

While we would normally be celebrating Earth Day in person with you - our amazing members and supporters - we hope you will join us in celebrating Alberta's amazing wilderness at home.

Here are some ways you can celebrate Earth Day at home tomorrow:

- Create a portrait of Earth at home using a coffee filter! Our amazing member Heather has created a kid (and adult!) friendly craft with help from her daughter Abigail. The full tutorial is available on Youtube here:

https://youtu.be/wzPc3JBK_5Q



- Put up some art in your window to celebrate Earth Day with your neighbours
- Send us a story of an experience or memory you have while out in Alberta's nature

No matter, what you choose, share it using #EarthDayAB - we'd love to see your amazing projects and stories!

City Nature Challenge - April 24-27



Discover the nature in your own backyard during this year's City Nature Challenge! By posting your observations to iNaturalist, you are contributing scientifically valuable information that is available to researchers and scientists around the world.

Learn more about how to participate here: <http://citynatureyyc.ca/>



Join us as we host our annual student showcase, exploring and celebrating their independent research projects.

Speakers:

- **Lacey Roberts:** Runoff potential of wetlands
- **Joel Van Riper:** The response of cavity-nesting bird communities to wildfire in Waterton Lakes National Park
- **Sasha Bogdanov:** The effects of foot and vehicle traffic on soil, hydrology, and vegetation in Alberta's grasslands
- **Mikayla Donovan:** Ecosystem consequences of traffic emissions in a wilderness area

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