



**South Okanagan
Similkameen**

CONSERVATION
PROGRAM

Protecting our Natural Assets Water and Landscapes along our Shores



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Everyone is welcome. Workshop is of special interest to waterfront property owners.

Join three experts and learn about protecting our shoreline habitats.

This free workshop will show you how to maintain healthy habitats along our shorelines and riparian areas.

Participants will gain an understanding of:

- **Function** of riparian areas and how they contribute to ecosystem health and water quality
- **Regulations** of riparian areas for homeowners along waterways, shorelines and beach fronts, as they protect both the land value and biological value of waterfront properties
- **Landscaping** with easy-care, hardy native plants, shrubs and trees suitable to plant along the shoreline to act as buffers and to protect banks from erosion
- **Invasive species**, aquatic/ terrestrial species information and control



Don Gayton PAg, MSc, is the Wetlands Coordinator for the Okanagan Basin Water Board. Don's specialties are grassland vegetation monitoring, fire ecology, ecosystem restoration and science extension. Gayton's recent technical publications include: *Impacts of Climate Change on British Columbia's Biodiversity*; *Basic Concepts in Ecological Restoration*, and *BC Grasslands*. More on Don at www.dongayton.ca

Alison Peatt RPBio, is a Registered Professional Biologist with 30 yrs. experience. Alison works with various local governments to provide advice on development planning consistent with environmental regulations and values. Alison is particularly interested in supporting improved protection of lakes, wetlands, streams, and habitat for wildlife.



Eva Antonijevic RPBio, is the Community Programs Director for the Friends of Summerland Ornamental Gardens where big strides are being made in water conservation initiatives, transforming high water use gardens into attractive water-wise landscapes. As a biologist and a keen gardener Eva uses her love of the Okanagan's magnificent landscapes as inspiration in creating gardens which incorporate drought tolerant and native plant materials that emulate our natural ecosystem.

Your choice of 3 free workshops:

Wed, Oct 21st 7 - 9 pm at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen - 101 Martin St., Penticton.

Thurs, Oct 22nd 7 - 9 pm in Rm 1 at the Oliver Recreation Centre - 6359 Park Dr., Oliver

Sat, Oct 24th 10am - 12 noon at the Superintendent's House at the Summerland Ornamental Gardens - 4200 Hwy 97 S., Summerland

For more information and to register contact:

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