



Alberta Prairie Conservation Forum

2009 Annual Report



Prairie Conservation Forum Vision

To conserve the biological diversity of native prairie ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations

Guiding Principles

A conservation ethic that will guide all activities and management decisions on the prairies.

All stakeholders will have the opportunity to be involved in the process of achieving the prairie conservation vision. Stakeholders will work cooperatively and form partnerships to achieve prairie conservation objectives.

Stakeholders will be empowered at a local community level to work towards prairie conservation initiatives, drawing on local knowledge and expertise.

Goals-2006-2010

Research Enhance the information base for Alberta's native prairie and parkland landscapes

Stewardship Conserve Alberta's native prairie and parkland landscapes

Education Increase awareness of the values and importance of Alberta's native prairie and parkland ecosystems



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'We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.'

Aldo Leopold

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# Message from the Chair

The PCF has completed another year of operations in which we celebrated our twenty years with a successful gala at our October 2009 meeting in Hanna. The gala was a great review of the role of PCF in prairie conservation and the good food, conversation and entertainment was a fine way to end the day. I would like to extend well deserved thanks to our Coordinators, Sasha Harriott and Katheryn Taylor as well as the many others who helped organize and fund the two days, particularly the Special Areas Board which contributed so generously to our event.



The past year has brought several interesting opportunities for our organization, one of which is to support the Sustainable Resource Development's delivery of the MultiSAR program in the grasslands region. The PCF support for this excellent conservation and outreach program is a natural one in which many of the goals and aims of both MultiSAR and PCF are linked in so many ways. Our Board is committed to the continuation of support for the program in the years ahead.

Our campaign for financial support in 2009 was very successful by any measure and has benefitted from some creative and persistent people on our Board. The effort of those individuals puts the organization in good shape for the balance of our 2009/10 fiscal year. Our 2008 Chair, Brian Laing has decided to move on from active Board participation, at least for the present, and now is a good time to recognize Brian for his leadership as PCF Chair in 2005, 2006 and 2008 and for his role in the development of the PCAP, 2005-2011. Thank you, Brian!

I would invite you all to review the enclosed Committee updates and ask if you can contribute your time to any of these efforts to please contact Sasha or Katheryn and they will put you in touch with the respective committee chair.

It's always gratifying to see many new faces at our meetings and field tours and to work with new Board members; a reminder to me that member organizations are continuing their interest and support for the PCF in spite of the current economic downturn. In these challenging times successful partnerships like ours can be more important than ever and I hope all of your organizations will continue to contribute in whatever manner possible.

I would like to wish you all the best for the coming year and look forward to seeing you all at upcoming meetings.

Don Watson

# Message from the Coordinators

In 2009, the PCF Coordinator position was shared between Katheryn Taylor and Sasha Harriott. Katheryn returned in January and a work plan was developed that allowed us to split the duties of the coordinator. This relationship proved very beneficial throughout the year as not only could we provide more focus on specific projects, but we were able to share the duties involved with meetings, and specifically this year, the 20-year anniversary celebration gala.

We did a little bit of traveling and visited our counterparts in Saskatchewan, participating in the Native Prairie Appreciation Week in June. On their field trip, we saw first-hand how proper management of sheep grazing can effectively control invasive weeds such as leafy spurge while maintaining good grazing conditions. We also had a chance to battle the ticks and test our plant identification skills during their annual plant identification challenge. The highlight of this trip was exploring the Claybank Brick Plant National Historic Site in Claybank Saskatchewan.



Other activities we participated in included attending Lethbridge's Environment Week with the PCF display, attending Lorne Fitch's valuable workshop on "Working with People" (kindly sponsored by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development), attending the Oldman Watershed Council's AGM, and participating in the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Information and Input Session in Pincher Creek.

We would like to congratulate the membership on celebrating 20 years of prairie conservation in 2009. The PCF has shown outstanding leadership and cooperation in their efforts to conserve Alberta's native prairie, and have many accomplishments to be proud of over the last 20 years. 20 years is a big milestone for an organization to maintain such a strong membership base and interest — way to go!

Katheryn Taylor and Sasha Harriott

- The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) was successful in securing 13,000 acres of high conservation value habitat in Alberta in 2009. In addition, stewardship and management activities continued on our 178,000 existing acres of NCC projects, including 16 Conservation Volunteer Events held across Alberta attracting more than 300 volunteers. NCC continues to work closely with landowners and communities in Alberta and across Canada to ensure our Canadian conservation legacy.
- The Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area continued to manage 4800 acres of land for wildlife including using management tools such as cattle grazing, weed management, fencing modifications, and water protection. The Area also offered conservation education programs to over 5000 youth and others, including a new Outreach Education Program in the schools. Hikers were asked to continue to pre-book their visits to the Area and contribute a nominal user fee.
- Antelope Creek Ranch was busy this year hosting three tours on the ranch and a few presentations about the ranch and its operations. We also partnered with Pheasant Habitat Development to plant approximately 1000 shrubs on the ranch to provide winter habitat for wildlife. Five miles of wildlife friendly fence was also installed during the summer in partnership with ACA and AFGA along with support from EnCana to enhance pronghorn movement on the ranch.

### Education & Communication Committee

The education committee continues to look for monetary support for a Grasslands Education Project involving distance education using videoconferencing techniques. The project has exceptional in-kind support from Alberta Parks, Recreation and Tourism, however we are still seeking funds for content development. The goal of this project is to increase understanding of the many values of native grassland ecosystems, the issues facing grasslands, and the personal choices that will benefit grassland biodiversity. This project will allow professionals to connect with more students and teachers than would otherwise be possible given the restrictions (both monetary and distance-related) schools face in regards to field trips, and are the next best thing to getting students out of the classroom to experience the natural world.

The Grasslands Appreciation sub-committee has been awarded funding by Alberta Sustainable

Resource Development to develop a grasslands appreciation event. The sub-committee circulated a survey designed to assess what Albertans know about the prairies at various events in southern Alberta, and will use the results to aid in the development of an appreciation event in 2010.

Three members of the committee (Sasha Harriott, Linda Cerney, and Leta Pezderic) also contributed a quilt square to the upcoming Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference being held in Manitoba in 2010. The quilt will be made up of 30 squares on various themes – the PCF submitted a square under the invasive species theme (see photo).



# Ecological Goods & Services Committee

In 2009, the EGS committee met several times to decide what direction we should move in. It was decided that given the lack of knowledge of EGS by landowners and land managers, that the best way to use our resources at this point is to undertake an educational campaign. Although many landowners do incorporate environmental ideas into their farm plans, they may not know what the full suite of ecological goods and services are and how they all interact with each other. Our ecological goods and services communication project is intended to educate acreage owners (who are often overlooked as being important land managers), municipalities (as land managers), federal and provincial land managers, and ranchers as to the ecological goods and services that can be found in their area, what these goods and services do on their land and for surrounding areas, and how they can maintain and/or increase the value that their own land contributes to the ecosystem.



To this end, the communications strategy will be aimed towards those landowners (i.e. ranchers and small acreage owners) and land-managers that deal with native prairie. The first step of this strategy will involve compiling and translating the technical EGS reports from Alberta Environment into a common, every-day language. From this, educational materials can be developed to give landowners and land-managers a common EGS language that is clear and concise and that ultimately will give these people knowledge about the EGS in their backyard. To fund this project, we have submitted a grant application to the

Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) and will be seeking further funding for this project in 2010 if this application is not successful.

- Operation Grassland Community (OGC) exceeded their new membership recruitment goal, signing up 20 new members who have pledged to protect more than 12,000 ha of native prairie. They worked with numerous OGC members to complete several Species at Risk Conservation Plans, implement burrowing owl habitat enhancement projects, and installed three artificial nesting platforms for ferruginous hawks.
- The Oldman Watershed Council (OWC) has worked hard this past year to complete the State of the Watershed (SOW) report and are planning to release it early in 2010. The OWC is developing a visioning document by interviewing stakeholders throughout the basin gauging their thoughts on the watershed. This document and the SOW report will form the basis of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan.
- TERA has been very busy in 2009 and is excited to announce a new Hanna office, which will focus on providing services to clients in south central Alberta. There are currently five staff based out of Hanna full-time, including wildlife biologists and a vegetation specialist.
- Waterton Lakes National Park helped create the South West Alberta Cooperative Weed Management Area partnership in collaboration with Pincher Creek and Cardston counties, Alberta Parks, Blood Tribe Land Management and Nature Conservancy of Canada. We also completed the first year of repeating our roadside inventory for non-native plants to monitor change in priority species.

# Grassland Vegetation Inventory



The 2009/10 fiscal year has been a productive year for GVI production with some 142 townships to be completed by March 2010 (pink and purple area on the map). GVI production has been in progress for about 4 years and about half of the project area (roughly corresponding to the Grassland Natural Subregion) has been completed. At this rate, and assuming funding is constant, it will take another four years to complete the inventory. One important development this year is that part of the GVI production was funded by the private sector (AltaLink).

Workshops are being held with both the stakeholder community and industry to address impacts of the new GVI enterprise geodatabase model. This will facilitate production and maintenance of the GVI product as we move onwards with production. The workshops are also an opportunity to

explore 'business views' associated with the data. Business views address some component or modeled derivative of the GVI dataset, such that it directly applies to an agency's business.

The GVI data will soon be viewable to the PCF membership via a web map service available through your desktop browser. The GVI can be viewed in context with basic mapping information and also along with the imagery that was used to compile the inventory. The site will also contain some of the older grassland/parkland inventories such as the Native Prairie Inventory and the Central Parkland Inventory.



### MULTISAR

surveys, the results of which were used to develop three Habitat Conservation Strategies in the



MULTISAR is a joint partnership between ASRD Lands and Fish & Wildlife Divisions, the Alberta Conservation Association and now the PCF. MULTISAR collaborates with ranchers to develop management strategies and habitat enhancement projects that mutually contribute to the sustainability of rangelands and the conservation of species at risk and other prairie wildlife. It also works to increase awareness of species at risk and native prairie habitat to all Albertans. In 2009 the PCF volunteered to be the recipient and administrator of a grant from ASRD to specifically maintain the MULTISAR project. This new partnership has allowed MULTISAR to complete extensive ecological

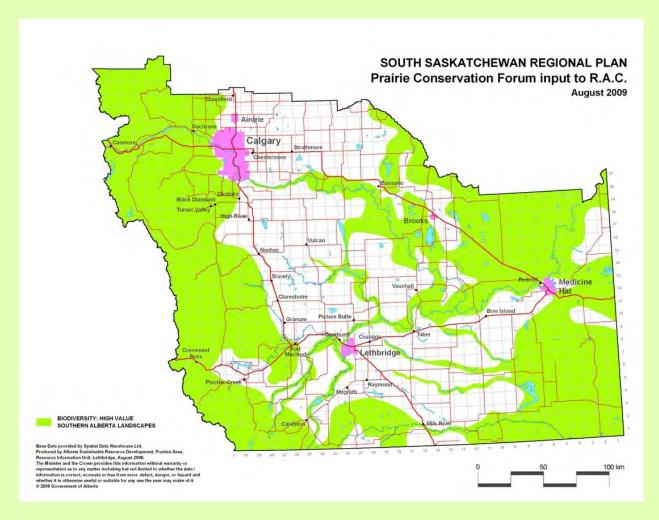
Milk River basin on 40,000 acres of largely native prairie habitat. Fourteen additional properties (30,000 acres) were assessed through a "rapid" process and recommendations were made on beneficial management practices for species at risk in landowner-specific Species At Risk Conservation Plans. The MULTISAR extension and education program has also been busy with a poster presentation at the National Stewardship Conference in Calgary, the development and delivery of a new interactive education program for grade 4-7 students, the writing of several media articles, including production of the second issue of the Grassland Gazette, and participation at organizing the Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women. Additionally MUL-TISAR has been developing a survey of rural landowners on their perceptions of species at risk and their management. After a successful year and a good fit under the 2006-2010 PCAP, it is anticipated that the PCF will continue its involvement with MULTI-SAR.



## PCAP/LUF Committee

The PCAP/LUF committee put together a two-page document for the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) of the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP). The first page of this document detailed our recommendation of 'establishing place-based policy to retain native biological diversity and ecosystem function' by explaining the importance of three of our goals: 1) maintaining large native landscapes, 2) conserving connecting corridors, and 3) sustaining disconnected habitats. The second page of the document showcased some ecologically important maps of southern Alberta (see below). This document was designed to fit into the SSRP RAC's visioning process.

As a result of our submission, on September 10<sup>th</sup> two members of the SSRP RAC attended the PCF board meeting, where a presentation about the history of the PCF and our submission to the SSRP RAC was given. Our submission was well received by the RAC. In 2010, the PCAP/LUF committee will be discussing how we can contribute to the next phase of the SSRP (i.e. the strategy phase), and what the next PCAP (2011- 2015) will look like.



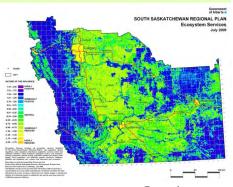
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### **Environmentally Significant Areas**



**Ecosystem Services** 



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- The University of Calgary Faculty of Environmental Design 1) continued to work with ASRD on developing land use standards for sage grouse, facilitating technical workshops on habitat model development and advising on translocation protocol, 2) continued research on pronghorn habitat selection and movement corridors in the transboundary area of Montana, Saskatchewan and Alberta in partnership with ACA, WWF and wildlife agencies, 3) is completing work on reclamation of silver sagebrush, 4) completed work on rattlesnake and bullsnake road mortality risk and rattlesnake movements, 5) completed work on forest encroachment into grasslands in the Cypress Hills, and 6) is beginning work on evaluating the use of umbrella species for conservation design in the mixed-grasslands of the Northern Sagebrush Steppe.
- Alberta Environment (AENV): has been revising the 1995 Reclamation Criteria. The new Criteria will be used on a trial basis this summer, along with the existing criteria and be formally in place by next summer. AENV is transforming to an agency that assures environmental quality by managing cumulative effects, multiple projects are underway. The drive to define watershed and airshed outcomes continues through the work of multiple basin and airshed councils. AENV is heavily involved in supporting the Land Use Framework and is developing riparian policy tools.

# Funding Committee

As the ongoing task of funding support continues, the PCF Funding Committee is always on the lookout for new opportunities to secure core funding for our overall mission, our special projects, and our day-to-day activities. This past year has seen few stand-alone Funding Committee meetings but the Committee membership and the Board are keenly aware of the need and have pursued several promising ideas in the course of the year. While seeking funding for specific projects, like the EG&S project and others, we have applied for funding that would provide a supplement to our Coordinator needs. In November 2009 we mailed our PCF update and requests for support to our core partner agencies for their consideration. We are pleased with the response to date and are cautiously optimistic about the outcome. In addition, the PCF is eligible for a casino and gaming option and will be getting in the queue for an event that will take place in about two years. The Board is also considering not-for-profit charitable status for the PCF, which would allow tax deductible contributions to be made from private sources and would provide other funding options, particularly when seeking funding from Foundations. As always, any fund raising ideas from the members are valuable and we invite you to forward them along to our Coordinators for consideration.

# Other PCF Activities

### 20-year Anniversary Celebration



The Prairie Conservation Forum celebrated its 20 year anniversary in 2009. To celebrate this milestone, we held a gala in Hanna, Alberta in October. The event was kindly sponsored by Special Areas, and guest speakers included Ian Dyson (Alberta Environment), one of the original founders of the PCF and an instrumental player in the success of the PCF over the past 20 years, and Miles Scott-Brown, one of the original participants of the PCF. Appreciation gifts were given to outstanding members who, over the years, have shown exceptional dedication to the PCF through their work on the board and on various committees. These members were: Ian Dyson, Brian Laing, Vern McNeely, Cheryl Dash, Bill Dolan, Dug Major, and Shannon Frank.

Over the years, the PCF has excelled at building relationships, sharing knowledge and resources, and respecting and supporting prairie communities, while in the process fulfilling our prime mandate of protecting and conserving the biological diversity of native prairie ecosystems. We have many accomplishments to be proud of over the last 20 years, and will continue to strive for many more in upcoming years.

### 2010 PCF Calendar

Through the support of some PCF members (Suncor Energy, Government of Alberta, Helen Schuler Nature Centre), the PCF was able to produce a commemorative 20-year anniversary calendar. This calendar features a collection of photographs of Alberta's prairies, many of which were provided by PCF members themselves, and lists some of the major accomplishments of the PCF over the past 20 years.

### Invasive Weeds Education



The PCF received a \$2500 grant from the Alberta Conservation Association to deliver invasive alien plant education at various events in Alberta. Andrew Stiles took the lead on this project, with the objective of increasing awareness of the growing problem by providing information about what invasive weeds are and what a person can do to help prevent the spread of invasive species. To

this end, a display was taken to six events throughout Alberta that were well attended by the general public, landowners, educators and students. Four more events are scheduled for winter 2010.

# Financial Report

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| December 31, 2009                            | is (Deficiency)                    |
| Balance forward                              | \$19,093.22                        |
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| Revenue<br>Grants                            | \$110,492.00                       |
| Donations                                    | \$ 8,032.74                        |
| Meeting Registration Income                  | \$ 775.00                          |
| Silent Auction Income                        | \$ 1,391.00                        |
| Calendar Income                              | \$ 1,391.00<br>\$ 540.00           |
| Interest Income                              | \$ 23.49                           |
| Total                                        | \$140,323.96                       |
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| Expenses                                     | Φ A 266 25                         |
| Meeting Expenses                             | \$ 4,266.35                        |
| Speaker Gifts                                | \$ 346.68                          |
| Coordinator Contract                         | \$ 60,375.00                       |
| Coordinator Expenses                         | \$ 5,120.92<br>\$ 4,973.60         |
| Printing Expenses  Calendar Expenses         | \$ 4,973.60<br>\$ 4,331.25         |
| Registration Expenses                        | \$ 344.00                          |
| Office Expenses                              | \$ 164.29                          |
| WCB Expense                                  | \$ 164.29<br>\$ 517.95<br>\$ 36.75 |
| Professional Fees Expense                    | \$ 36.75                           |
| Insurance Expense                            | \$ 1,601.00                        |
| Bank/Interest Expense                        | \$ 105.90                          |
| Total                                        | \$82,183.69                        |
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| <b>Excess of Revenue over expenses</b>       | \$58,140.27                        |
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| <b>Balance Sheet</b>                         |                                    |
| December 31, 2009                            |                                    |
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| Assets                                       |                                    |
| Cash                                         | \$ 58,163.76                       |
| Liabilities and Net Assets                   |                                    |
| Current liabilities                          | \$ 0                               |
| Net Assets                                   | \$ 58,163.76                       |
| Equity                                       |                                    |
| Balance beginning of year                    | \$ 19,093.22                       |
| Excess of revenue over expenses              | \$ 39,070.54                       |
| Current Balance                              | \$ 58,163.76                       |
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# PCF Board of Directors

**Don Watson** — **Chair.** Don has recently retired from a career with Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and has worked for 28 years in as a field biologist, planner and project manager with non-government and government agencies in Alberta. Don has volunteered his time with Breeding Bird Survey, TD/Canada Trust Friends of Environment advisory board, Lethbridge College Public Advisory Board for Environmental Science and the DUC Lethbridge Chapter. Don is currently working in the private sector and has been a PCF member of the Board for three years.

**Dana Blouin** — **Vice Chair.** Dana Blouin is Conservation Coordinator for the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) in the grasslands of Alberta. Dana is a Professional Biologist and has worked in the prairie grasslands for several years from Manitoba to Alberta, and has been an active member of the Alberta PCF for 7 years. Dana currently works to conserve and steward NCC projects in the southern grasslands of Alberta, and experiences the grasslands first hand with her family whenever possible.

**Stephanie Palecheck** — **Treasurer**. Stephanie is the executive director of the Oldman Watershed Council located in Lethbridge, Alberta. She grew up in central Alberta (Ponoka area) and completed her diploma in Renewable Resources from NAIT in 1998 and her BSc in Environmental Sciences from the University of Lethbridge in 2000. Before working for the OWC, Stephanie worked for Public Lands and Forests out of Rocky Mountain House in Range Management, and for the St. Mary Irrigation District as a Wildlife Habitat Technician.

lan Dyson — Board Member. Ian has been affiliated with the PCF since its inception in 1989. He is currently the director, cumulative effects strategy, with Alberta Environment and is responsible for the strategic approach to support a transition to an environmental management system capable of managing cumulative effects. His professional experience deals with integrated resource management, water management and regional sustainable development plans in Alberta and he has helped build and sustain multi-stakeholder partnerships dealing with approaches to address environmental cumulative effects such as water quality in the Oldman River Basin, trans-boundary collaboration to sustain ecological health in the Rocky Mountains, and the conservation of prairie and parkland biodiversity.

**Bill Dolan — Board Member.** Bill has recently joined the Parks Division of Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation as the Land & Resource Management Coordinator in southern Alberta. In this new position, Bill has a leadership role for a number of programs in parks & protected areas including science, planning, resource management, land use and community engagement. Bill previously worked for Parks Canada at various national parks in western & northern Canada. He has been a member of the Prairie Conservation Forum for 19 years.

**François Blouin** — **Board Member.** François is the MULTISAR coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. He was born and raised on a dairy farm in the Eastern Townships of Québec. He has worked on biodiversity, species at risk, and habitat stewardship on the prairies in both the private and government sectors since he obtained his MSc in Biology in 1996. In partnership with the Alberta Conservation Association, the Alberta Lands Division, and the Prairie Conservation Forum, François is currently involved in finding effective tools and developing strategies to assist land holders in the conservation of species at risk in the Grassland Natural Region.

**Tania Sprong-Hanna – Board Member.** Tania retired after 18 years of service in the Canadian Forces before becoming the Regional Sustainability Coordinator for the Town of Taber, Town of Vauxhall, and the Village of Barnwell. She takes a leadership role in community consultation, stewardship planning, social and cultural organization revitalization, and project planning and implementation. In 2008 Tania authored "Simple As Dirt – A New Model for Small Urban Centre Sustainability". Simple As Dirt was recognized in 2009 by an Award of Recognition for Innovation from SouthGrow Regional Initiative and the Innovator Communities Award from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Alberta Environment for Innovation in Municipal Sustainability Planning. Tania has been a PCF member for one year.

**Dug Major** — **Board Member.** Dug was trained as an Agronomist at Olds College and subsequently studied Public Admin. at the University of Alberta to become a Certified Local Government Manager. He has been with the Special Areas Board for the past 25 years and is currently the Director responsible for Land Administration and Environmental Resources for the Board. Dug has been involved in many local, regional, and provincial land resource issues and has worked with a number of partnerships seeking solutions for economic stability in Alberta's sub-arid grassland. Dug has been a member of the PCF for 20 years and will be better prepared to engage in prairie conservation issues in May 2010, when he plans to retire from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

**Susan Skinner** — **Board Member.** Susan is the current Program Co-Manager with Operation Grassland Community, a non-profit program of the Alberta Fish and Game Association promoting sustainable stewardship activities to benefit prairie species at risk. Susan was born in Whitehorse, Yukon, grew up in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley and currently resides in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan! She received her MSc. in wildlife conservation from the University of Saskatchewan in 2004. Susan's post graduate career includes several years as a wildlife technician with Environment Canada, working on various grassland songbird projects in both SK and AB. Susan joined the PCF in 2009.

Vern McNeely — Board Member. Individual.

### **Staff**

**Sasha Harriott** — **Coordinator.** Sasha started out her career in the environmental field as a forest fire fighter. From there she joined the Cows and Fish Program and traveled across Alberta conducting riparian inventories, engaging landowners and promoting healthy riparian areas. After acting as a Safety and Logistics Coordinator with AMEC Earth and Environmental and taking a few years off to have two beautiful children is now enjoying sharing the role of coordinator for the Prairie Conservation Forum with Katheryn Taylor.

**Katheryn Taylor** — **Coordinator.** Katheryn obtained her MSc in biology from the University of Lethbridge in 2003 and has worked on many wildlife and vegetation research projects on the prairies, including work such as 'the effects of cattle grazing on riparian birds' and 'the effects of river damming on riparian birds and vegetation'. She also did some work with the Cows and Fish Program, conducting riparian inventories across Alberta. She has done some teaching and private consulting in the form of environmental impact assessments.

# Recognition of PCF Supporters

Funding support is very important to the PCF to keep our coordinators working and provide money for printing costs, meetings, projects, etc. We would like to thank our funding partners of 2009 as without them, we wouldn't be the society we are today.

Alberta Environment
Alberta Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
Alberta Native Plant Council
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Parks Canada
Special Areas
Suncor Energy
Alberta Conservation Association
Helen Schuler Nature Centre, City of Lethbridge
Antelope Creek Ranch
Tera Envrionmental
Alberta Wilderness Association

And a special thanks to individuals that make donations to the PCF out of their own pockets:

Don Stiles Stephanie Palechek Livio Fent Vern McNeely

We would also like to thank:

Neil Thrussell, our website manager.

Members who incur expenses, without reimbursement, while attending PCF meetings.

Those individuals who made themselves available to serve as tour guides on PCF field trips.

Chairpersons of PCF committees who provide valued leadership and committee members who assume a heavier workload to fulfill action recommendations contained in the PCAP.

Members who have participated in our silent auctions over the past year.

We will inevitably have failed to identify the generous contributions of some individuals and organizations in this section. We apologize for any oversight on our part.

### PCF Member Organizations Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Alberta Conservation Association Alberta Economic Development Alberta Energy Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Alberta Environment Alberta Fish and Game Association Alberta Native Plant Council Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation Alberta Wilderness Association Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area Antelope Creek Ranch Canadian Forces Base — Suffield (Department of National Defence) Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Calgary/Banff Chapter) Canadian Wildlife Service City of Calgary City of Lethbridge, Helen Schuler Nature Centre Cows and Fish — Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society **Ducks Unlimited Canada Eastern Irrigation District** Edmonton and Area Land Trust **EnCana Corporation** Federation of Alberta Naturalists Foothills Restoration Forum **Grasslands Naturalists** Lethbridge Naturalists Society National Energy Board (Canada) Natural Resources Conservation Board Nature Conservancy of Canada Oldman Watershed Council **Operation Grasslands Community** Pekisko Group Petro-Canada Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance Royal Alberta Museum (Alberta Community Development) Society for Range Management Southern Alberta Applied Research Association Southern Alberta Land Trust Society Special Areas Advisory Council Special Areas Board Suncor Energy Tera Environmental Consultants Town of Taber University of Alberta University of Calgary University of Lethbridge Waterton Lakes National Park (Parks Canada) Western Sky Land Trust Society Wildlife Society



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