

Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve



Winter/Spring 2011

1st Place Winner 2010 RMBR Photo Contest – Cherie Storzinski

Management and Direction

Board of Directors – 2010

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Three Functions of a Biosphere Reserve

Conservation of biological diversity so all the animals, plants, insects, trees, and fungi remain there for generations to come to see.

Development of better ways to live and work in the environment so that we do not destroy nature's resources or the traditional and cultural ways of the people who live in these areas.

Support scientific research by being "open air" laboratories and classrooms for research and for teaching people how to find solutions to some man-made problems in the environment.

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Our Mandate:

To foster and encourage a sustainable community-based regional economy with high biodiversity, landscape and social values.

Buying Local with New RMBR Initiative: At the Farm Gate – Fall Market



On Saturday September 25th "At the Farm Gate" held its first ever Fall Harvest Market in Onanole at the Onanole Recreation Centre as part of the Sonics and Sojourns Festival. This regional market had fourteen vendors with a variety of products from Alpaca winter woolly mittens, scarves, and toques (as well as, the cutest alpaca wool teddy bears that were way too hard to resist once you felt how soft these furry creatures were) to handmade soaps and lotions that smelled heavenly and helped with an assortment of

maladies, to garden fresh veggies including carrots, beets and buttercup squash. All the products were made, created, grown, raised, or produced locally within or very close to the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve.

"At the Farm Gate" is a regional virtual farmers and artisan market whereby small farm families and artisans in the Biosphere Reserve can link to folks who would like to purchase locally made and grown products. We've been working on this project for the last year in order to promote and highlight products that are made locally and to encourage our neighbours and visitors alike to buy local and support their local farm



families and artisans. "Made in Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve" means that fewer miles and less gas are needed to get the corn from the garden to your soup pot or the vivid pink crocheted hat from the artist's needles to your child's curl tousled head. This not only means less CO2 emissions and cleaner air but also real, honest, fresh from the farm goodness in every forkful of

locally grown apple pie, or spoonful of locally picked high bush cranberry jelly, as well as pastured pork and chicken and grass fed beef grown and raised right here in the Biosphere Reserve.

Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve is an internationally designated, grass-roots, not-for-profit organization.

Get Involved!

Become a Member of the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve

Student/Senior, Individual, Business and Not-for-Profit Rates

Be a Hero – Support your Biosphere Reserve – Save the World

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Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve Celebrates its 25th Anniversary In 2011!!

At the Farm Gate Workshops and Spring Market

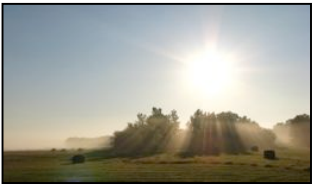


Thanks to the overwhelming success of last Fall's "At the Farm Gate" Market, Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve will be hosting a Spring "At the Farm Gate" Market **on Saturday May 21st, 2011 in Onanole, Manitoba from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Watch for information on our upcoming At the Farm Gate workshop series that will assist with preparing for the 2011 season, highlighting the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve's At the Farm Gate project and how you can become involved; about Buying Local and what it means to our region; and current Buying Local market trends. Workshops will also focus on creating an image of quality in our products and illustrate how we become ambassadors for the products, services and farms in the Biosphere Reserve region. Information will be provided on ensuring that our farms are ready and safe for visitors, as well as food safety rules and regulations. Panellists of local entrepreneurs will talk about what has worked for them, what people are looking for and how to advertise to get folks through your farm gate.

This is an excellent opportunity for established producers and artisans who are already selling "at the farm gate" and those just starting out. Help us make the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve region more sustainable and known for its unique local flavour.

Workshops will be held April 26, 2011 in McCreary and Rossburn. Call for more details.

2011 Photo Contest



Our annual photo contest encourages photographers to enter their favourite photograph or digital image from the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve (including the 15 rural municipalities surrounding Riding Mountain National Park). The 6th Annual RMBR Photo Contest submission deadline is July 1st, 2011 and winners will be announced July 22, 2011. There are five categories to enter including landscape, wildlife, my town, people and junior photographer (under the age of 16 as of July 1st 2011).

Check out our website for more details.

Biosphere Reserve Receives Award

Award of Excellence –On Thursday August 19th, RMBR was presented the Riding Mountain Award of Excellence by Riding Mountain National Park Superintendent Cheryl Penny. The award recognized RMBR for fostering a culture of conservation in the Riding Mountain Region, for working with residents and schools around the park, delivering various programs workshops & international tours, and chairing the TB Stakeholder Advisory Committee.



Caching Riding Mountain GPS Adventure Quest

Geocaching is a high tech treasure hunt using a GPS unit that makes for great fun for both young and old. Set for June 11th and 12th this year's GPS Adventure Quest will celebrate the Biosphere Reserves 25th Anniversary with some pretty unique geocaches throughout the entire Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve! Watch for more details on our website at <http://www.rnbr.ca/2011/02/adventure-quest-2011/>

Students and adults from within the Biosphere Reserve and throughout the Province as well as folks from all over the world have participated in Caching Riding Mountain GPS education and event programming including groups from Italy, Great Britain, Australia, Mexico and the United States.

Show your support for Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve

and the earth by purchasing a RMBR "Be A Hero – Save the World" T-Shirt. 100% Organic Cotton and only \$24.00 with all profits going toward RMBR educational programming!



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