



# Hamilton Branch Meeting

Wednesday, 15 September, 2010

## Speaker: Tys Theysmeyer

Tys was originally born in Hamilton, living in the Westdale region until the age of five, and as a result visited the RBG many times as a young child. Tys obtained a B.Sc. from the University of Guelph (1994) and a M.Sc. from McMaster University (1999). After working for a period at the Great Lakes Lab for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences in Burlington, he returned to the RBG in 1997 as a staff ecologist. Much of his work has focused on the restoration of the RBG's 300 ha. of coastal marshes, particularly Cootes Paradise, the environmental center piece of the region. As a result he has authored numerous reports and papers on the subject, and more importantly made substantial progress towards the recovery and sustainability of these properties. Since 2008 he has been the Head of Conservation and Natural lands at the Garden's.

Initiated in 1992 under the auspices of Project Paradise, restoration of the marshlands contained with the Royal Botanical Gardens Nature Sanctuaries are a critical element for the delisting of the Hamilton Harbour Area of Concern. A variety of projects involving a range of partners have been identified to address the main stressors that led to the decline of the marshes. Many of these are in progress or completed. Actions include things like the remediation of combined sewer overflows, urban storm water management, on site exclusion of carp, and the reconnection of isolated habitats. Overall the long term goal is to restore water quality to facilitated the nature regeneration of the ecosystems and ensure long term sustainability.

**Time:** 6:15 pm gather                      7:00 p.m. Dinner \$25 cash; cash bar.  
8:00 pm speaker

**Location:** King's Court Banquet Centre , 1159 King Rd., Burlington.  
Phone 905 632 0125

### **DIRECTIONS to King's Court:**

**From the West:** On #403 going East down the long hill past the Hamilton exit , or down #6 and joining #403 toward Toronto, proceed to take exit 78 Waterdown Rd. Turn Left toward Waterdown, and cross over #403 to the North Service Rd. Turn right and go to the next bridge over #403, King

Road. Turn right (S) over #403, and drive .6 km. to King's Court on your left. (also Maitre d' Catering)

**From Toronto:** On QEW travelling toward Hamilton, pass Guelph line to exit 101, Brant St. Turn right on to Brant St. (N) then only 30 m. up the hill get into the left lane and turn left on to the North service Rd. Proceed beside 403 to the next bridge over 403, King Rd. At that light turn left (S) over 403 and proceed .6 km. down the hill and find King's Court on your left. (also Maitre d' Catering)

**From Niagara:** On QEW toward Toronto over the Skyway, take exit 99 on to Plains Rd. Turn left on to Plains Rd. E. and drive 1 km. toward Hamilton and find King Rd. on your right. Turn right and drive about 2 blocks and find King's Court on your right. (also Maitre d' Catering)

We hope that **spouses, guest, and friends** will accompany members to hear the address, and discuss it afterwards.

As always, Central, Niagara, and Guelph members are encouraged to join us. Please call Doug Walters P. Ag. at 905 637 8843 or email at [dwalters@iprimus.ca](mailto:dwalters@iprimus.ca) to give us a head count for dinner. The venue has been selected to provide easy access for members from other branches.