

Extended Practices 4660-70

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

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AMATEUR NATURALIST PRESENTATION

Due for presentation in class: Wednesday October 21st, 2015.

Blog post with 10 images and descriptions. 5-minute in-class presentation

“(Environmental) artists producing these works do so in collaboration with others, undertaking complex projects with specialists from other disciplines, such as botanists, zoologists, ecologists, geologists, meteorologists, oceanographers, architects, engineers, and urban planners, as well as with community members and environmental activists. The artists...rarely work in isolation.”

Andrew Brown, Art and Ecology Now, 2014.

Artists working in environmental/nature related themes often have a multiplicity of skills across disciplines. They participate in a wider related field – not just of art – but in the communities and organizations that engage their subjects of interest. And as Andrew Brown notes in Art and Ecology Now, they collaborate with experts and amateurs, and their works are not made in isolation.

As part of the work in our course, students will join a local/campus club or organization and participate in work and activities that take place throughout the term. This will be a way to expand knowledge of a specific field of inquiry, get hands-on experience in the field, and develop relationships with experts and amateurs engaged in the subject from across disciplines.

Ultimately this experiential research - these sites, materials and relationships - will contribute to the development of your final project.

You will document one instance of participation in your club or organization to post on the class blog and present to the class. The post must have at least 10 images in it, and the presentation should describe the general activities of the group, information about the subject of interest, and describe the activity featured. Presentations in class should be 5 minutes in length.

See the listing of relevant clubs and organizations on our class blog:

www.guelphoutdoorschool.wordpress.com