

## *Native Prairie Speaker Series*

**Title:** Droughtproofing

**Speaker:** Rob Gardner, Medicine Hat, Alberta

**Summary:**

Landowners and urban conservationists share many values. ROB GARDNER has come to this realization while exploring many sites across the Northern Great Plains, on foot and by canoe. He has visited ranchers (and their lands) from the Nebraska Sandhills to Alberta's parkland. He and his wife have lived in Medicine Hat for more than 35 years, where they enjoy vegetable gardening and canoeing.

**About the Speaker:**

The ecological turmoil of the nineteenth century meant that our earliest settlers found the grassland ecosystem in a damaged state. In particular, the riparian areas along the many streams were in poor condition. This situation can be reversed by taking action. A few simple but effective solutions will get your streams on the path to productivity.

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