



# CELEBRATING PARKS DAY 2018



**F**or thirty five years, the Friends of Jasper National Park have been helping to create memorable experiences and lasting connections to Jasper National Park. Through innovative programming, volunteer opportunities and partnerships with the community, the organization provides valuable opportunities that promote involvement and inspire stewardship.

Join us in celebrating the importance of Canada's parks and national historic sites on Canada's Parks Day. Since its inception in 1990, we have increased the scale of our local event from a small tent at a local trailhead to now hosting one of the biggest and best Parks Day events across the country.

We've got lots of great things happening all weekend-long but Saturday, July 21st is the official celebration. Get a behind-the-scenes look at life in Jasper National Park and check out the many ways that people enjoy, connect with or get inspired by this special place. Join a guided hike, try a new park experience, take part in a traditional dance, enjoy local entertainment, have your face painted or visit with local artists, researchers and community groups.

If you're here for the full weekend, you can also join us for a voyageur canoe ride, tipi teachings, culinary adventures and a whole host of other opportunities.

With so much to see and do, there are opportunities for all interests and abilities so come out and enjoy the fun. Check out the next few pages for all of the weekend's exciting details and join us for the celebration.

## PARKS DAY

### Paint Night

HABITAT FOR THE ARTS • 7PM  
Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22  
Special Parks Day Price: \$15  
*Inspired. Creative. Fun.*  
No artistic background necessary.

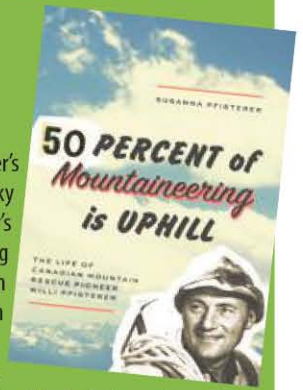
Sign up at the Friends office on **Friday, July 20** or at the Registration Booth on **Saturday, July 21** (10am to 4pm). *Space is limited.*

## INSPIRATION: JASPER

Jasper is the inspiration behind the writings of two local authors that we'll be featuring this year at Parks Day. Join the authors for a guided hike and/or pick up their books at the Friends store in the Information Centre.

### FIFTY PERCENT OF MOUNTAINEERING IS UPHILL

*Winner of the 2017 Alberta Readers' Choice Award*  
*Fifty Percent of Mountaineering Is Uphill* is the enthralling true story of Jasper's Willi Pfisterer, a legend in the field of mountaineering and safety in the Rocky Mountains. For more than thirty years, Willi was an integral part of Jasper's alpine landscape, guiding climbers up to the highest peaks, and rescuing them from perilous situations. Originally from Austria, this mountain man came to Canada in the 1950s to assail the Rockies, and stayed to become an integral part of mountain safety in Western Canada and the Yukon.



His daughter, Susanna Pfisterer, has shaped his stories and lectures as an engaging and educational adventure story that features over 100 archival photographs, including avalanches in the National Parks, highlights from climbing 1,600 peaks and participating in over 700 rescues, and guiding adventures with prime ministers. Accompanied by the humorous wisdom of the "Sidehillgouger," readers will traverse an historical and spectacular terrain.

Join author Susanna Pfisterer for a guided hike on Saturday, July 21 at 1pm. She'll share stories and read excerpts from her book along the way. See sidebar inside for sign-up details.

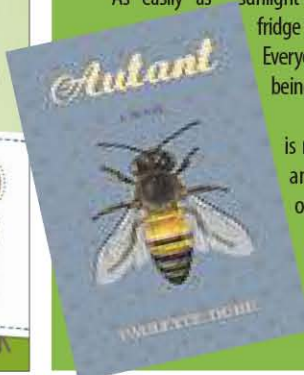
### AUTANT

"If heaven is full of angels like me, hell must be empty." So begins, *Autant*, a tale woven over the course of four days and fifty-four years, based on the relationship between bees and one Franco-Albertan family, the Morasses, of Autant, Alberta. Tension emerges in the balance of power between siblings, between seen and unseen forces of good and evil, between perception and reality, between loyalty and traitors, and between what we are taught and what we actually learn.

Poised between the ever-practical God and quixotically old Coyote, it is a tale told to explain the disappearance of bees in northern Alberta and becomes a sometimes not-so-subtle exploration of how old and young, male and female, humans and non-humans perceive love.

As easily as sunlight bends through a jar of clear golden honey mead, we witness an angel sitting atop the fridge in the kitchen, watching his favourite set of lights twirl about in their respective orbits. Everyone oblivious to his presence except for six-year-old Bella, whose gift it is to see such beings, and Lily, the "other angel", sent by Coyote to mix things up a bit.

*Autant* reminds us that life can be more exciting when you believe that magic is real and Dubé's expansion of this idea in the story through characters and plot, and her lively and controlled blending of fantastical elements with the everyday occurrences of the Morasses family help keep this magic alive.



Join author Paulette Blanchette-Dubé for a guided hike on Saturday, July 21 at 11am. She'll share stories and some of her mountain poetry from her (earlier) book *First Mountain* along the way. See sidebar inside for sign-up details.



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OPEN DAILY IN THE INFORMATION CENTRE

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT PROGRAMS & PROJECTS IN JASPER NATIONAL PARK

