

Annual Newsletter

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Herbarium Team (left to right): Mel Hart, Harold Weger, and Erin Ennis

WELCOME!

Since 2018, our team, with the help of volunteers and student workers, has been revitalizing the George F. Ledingham Herbarium. After lighting, paint, and pest management upgrades, the space is bright, welcoming, and safe for our specimens. Our main herbarium team, Erin Ennis, Harold Weger, and Mel Hart, welcome questions and visitors who wish to do research, whether that be artistic, historical, scientific, or of another vein.

Our focus now is on digitizing our collection, starting with our Saskatchewan specimens. The work is key to getting important data about these native prairie plants online to support research, and raise awareness of endangered species in our province.



ART IN THE ARCHER

The GFL has many close connections with artists on campus and in the community. To allow more people to experience the fun of making art inspired by herbarium specimens, we're partnering with the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance, and the Archer Library to host a come and go art session October 23 2025. If you're in the neighbourhood, swing by to try your hand at some art.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

We decided to share our experiences with a wider audience, with the hope that we can help other small herbaria in their efforts to digitize their collections and revitalize their spaces. [Read](#) why sharing the collections housed in small herbaria is so important, and get an overview of what we've been doing to bring our collection to the modern era.



WHAT'S NEXT

With over 1700 specimens scanned at a resolution of 1600 dpi, we're getting ready to share the files online. Keep your eyes peeled, because we're hoping to start sharing our data on Canadensys and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) in 2026!