

VOCAL Annual General Meeting

The Voice of Community and Land Society

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7:30 PM

Bardo Hall

(Hwy 834 & Twp Road 500)

**Guest
Speaker:
John
Pattison**

Stories from the Wilderness

Across the planet, wilderness is diminishing in the face of human development. In regions with high population densities the value of conserving natural areas is clearly evident, but in places with abundant space and natural resources action seems less pressing. Yet this is not the case. At all stages of development “people-keeping” and “earth-keeping” must be balanced for current and future generations. This presentation will use personal examples from travels across the globe to illustrate this point: from Beijing to the Gobi Desert, London to the Okavango, New York to Round Hill.

John Pattison was raised on a farm near Kingman, Alberta. He has worked for the Canadian International Development Agency in Eastern and Southern Africa and is currently a Sessional lecturer in economics as well as an independent research consultant, specializing in environmental services, agriculture and food security issues. John remains active in the family farm, and during his spare time enjoys adventure travel and wilderness expeditions.



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