



The BGSS Bulletin



Upcoming Events

December 1st @ 10:30 - 1:
Cuisine Internationale - a cooking class in French! Find it in the UBCO Events Calendar to sign up. At PICNIC.

December 5th @ 10:30-2:00: UBCO Farmer's Market.

December 12th @ 1-4:
BGSS Social with hot chocolate and cookies. Location TBD.

December 15th @ 6pm:
Biology Department Wine and Cheese. UNC 200 (Ballroom).

Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 4:30 - 5:30: Food Skills Workshop. Free food and cooking skills at PICNIC. Find it in the UBCO Events Calendar to sign up (registration opens on Wednesdays for the following week's workshops)



BGSS Bob Ross Paint Night 2023

Department Updates

- The new graduate program coordinator is Sheila Williamson!
- The biology department is stressing that graduate students should NOT be expected to work more than 40 hours a week TOTAL (TAing, benchwork, classes, reading etc...).
- There are now strict deadlines for scheduling defences: 4 weeks' notice for an MSc defense, 6 weeks' notice for a PhD defense, and 10 weeks' notice for external examiner.
- Progress reports will be given a "not-satisfactory" ranking if graduate milestones are not being met. This may affect future funding. Talk to your supervisor if you aren't following the milestone structure in the graduate student handbook.

Progress Reports

- The hotdesk rollout in ASC should cause minimal changes to existing desk assignments - contact us if you have any questions
- We are looking for a Student-Faculty Liaison and an Event Coordinator! Get involved!
- There was an overwhelming grad student turnout at the SUO AGM - thank you to everyone who attended! Real progress is being made on grad student representation

Reminders

- **December 7th:** End of Term
- **December 7th - 22nd:** Finals
- **January 4th:** Last date to hold a Doctoral or Master's defence to be eligible for February Degree Conferral
- **January 8th:** Beginning of Winter Term 2

On **December 20th** at **9am** in **UNC 334**, Olivia Rianhard will be defending her Thesis, entitled: Edge influences and effects of fragmentation on ectomycorrhizal fungal communities in and surrounding 27-year-old openings in an Engelmann spruce – Subalpine fir forest. Come support and celebrate Olivia at this milestone!

