A BRIEF HISTORY

In April of 1998 a small group of interested individuals formed Native Orchid Conservation Inc. (NOCI), a non-profit organization whose purpose is to protect unique mini-ecosystems and their plant communities. This primarily involves native orchids, but also extends to other rare and/or endangered plants.

NOCI has six main objectives:

1. To identify areas containing rare native plant species;
2. To work alone or with other conservation bodies, governments and corporations to conserve native plant species;
3. To perform research and field studies and to preserve data on, and specimens of native plants;
4. To foster an awareness and appreciation of rare native plant species in the field, and through educational displays;
5. To provide an association and a voice for those interested in the conservation of native plants and the natural environment;
6. To provide field trips and opportunities for study for students and others interested in learning more about our native plant species.

NOCI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **June 2012:** Manitoba government doubles size of Brokenhead Wetlands Ecological Reserve to 1240 ha.
- **October 2011:** Manitoba government announced $1M for construction of Brokenhead Trail. Eugene Reimer Environmental Fund of $600K donated for maintenance.
- **February 2008:** Produced educational video *EKO* on Brokenhead Wetlands
- **June 2007:** Winner (Silver) Canadian Environment Awards, in the Conservation category for efforts to protect the Brokenhead Wetlands.
- **April 2006:** Winner, Premier Doer’s Volunteer Service Award in the Community category for working to protect Manitoba’s native orchid species and their habitat.
- **August 2005:** Produced educational video *Zoom in on Native Orchids*
- **July 2005:** Publication of field guide *Orchids of Manitoba*.
- **June 2005:** Declaration of Brokenhead Ecological Reserve (563 ha of wetland).
- **April 1999:** Certificate of Recognition by Premier Gary Filmon on behalf of the Manitoba Roundtable for Sustainable Development, for valuable contribution towards sustainable development.
MEMBERSHIP

Benefits of membership in NOCI include:

- Regular newsletters with articles on activities, events, and rare plants;
- Opportunity to participate in field trips to see orchids and other rare plants; to photograph and study them;
- Opportunity to volunteer in a meaningful way to help conserve orchids and their habitat;
- The satisfaction of knowing that membership dues and donations will go towards the conservation of native plant species and the environment.

Membership Dues:

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Note: Juniors are children under 18 years. For field trips children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Donations:

I wish to donate to NOCI conservation projects (make cheque out to NOCI):

[ ] $25.00  [ ] $50.00  [ ] Other

Donation Amount: _______________________

I wish to donate to the Brokenhead Wetland Boardwalk project (Debwendon):

[ ] $25.00  [ ] $50.00  [ ] Other

Donation Amount: _______________________

Make cheque out to Debwendon, Inc.
Receipts will be issued for donations of $10 or more. Tax No. is 86816 7198 RR0001.

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