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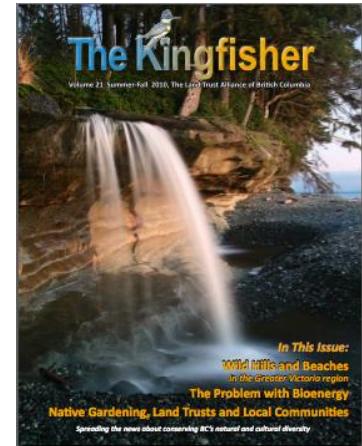
Summer has finally arrived in BC with the newest issue of LTABC's *Kingfisher*. Filled with great BC conservation success stories, resources and articles on important topics to our members, this will be a great summer read for you.

If you are not already a *Kingfisher* subscriber, why not subscribe today using the form at the bottom of this email or by contacting the office at 250-477-4766.

Does your organization have any upcoming events or exciting new? Why not tell us about it and we'll try to feature it in our next enews.

We are always happy to hear from you!

Sincerely,  
Paul McNair  
Executive Director



## News

### Why did the toad cross the road?



Slow down - there are people and toads on the roads! The Fraser Valley Conservancy is monitoring the Western Toad Migration in the Ryder Lake Area. The migration of the juvenile toads includes a trek from the breeding wetlands to the forested upland across a busy intersection. Due to the high mortality rates during the migration, the FVC is overseeing road closures in the area. To see what the toads are doing or to donate a "twoonie to the toads", please visit their [website](#).

**Have your morning coffee fix and protect local ecosystems!** HAT has teamed up with Level Ground coffee to start your day right. Order Level Ground coffee through the HAT office and \$3.00 of each bag will help protect local ecosystems. Orders are placed once a month, and picked up at HAT's downtown Victoria Office. For more information, or to order your coffee, visit HAT's [website](#).

**Canadian Eco-Leader Award**, presented by Bosch Home Appliance, will celebrate and recognize the great work instigated by Canadians communities to create greener, more sustainable lifestyles for themselves, their families, neighbours and for future generations. Bosch is calling for nominations for the Canadian Eco-Leader Award beginning now until September 19th, 2010. Visit [www.bosch-home.ca](http://www.bosch-home.ca) and click on the Canadian Eco-Leader Award tab to nominate an Eco-Leader. The selected Eco-Leader will receive \$5000 to help advance the cause of environmental responsibility within their community.

**The BC Ethics in Action Society partners again with the Better Business Bureau for the 2010 Green Award.** The deadline for Torch Awards applications, including the 2010 Green Award is July 30. If you have an ethical business that has involvement in an action, program or activity which promotes forward-thinking, sustainable business practice and/or involves a social purpose to contribute towards positive social change in your community, then consider applying for a Green Award. More information can be found at <http://mbc.bbb.org/torch/>.

**Tides Canada Appoints Dave Secord as Director of Strategic Programs** - Tides Canada announced the appointment of Dr. Dave Secord as Director of Strategic Programs, a new department established to develop large-scale philanthropic initiatives aimed at creating a healthier planet and more just Canadian society. The Strategic Programs unit will partner with major institutional funders and a wide range of stakeholders to pool ideas and leverage resources to address pressing issues such as habitat protection, marine conservation, water resources, climate and energy, arctic policy, food systems and urban sustainability. To read the fully story, visit [here](#).

**NALT looks to buy Moorecroft Camp** - The Nanaimo and Area Land Trust, in partnership with the Regional District of Nanaimo, is kicking off a major campaign to secure enough money to buy Moorecroft Camp. Gail Adrienne, executive director of NALT, said it is still unknown how much the property will be listed at, but that will be known once it is put on the market in September. Get more details at <http://www.nalt.bc.ca>.

**Patti Willis recognized by the Islands Trust** - Denman Island resident Patti Willis received a Community Stewardship Award

recently from Islands Trust for her work in preserving the Denman Island environment. This year marks the ninth annual Community Stewardship Awards. Willis won one of two individual awards for her personal efforts in protecting the Denman Island environment.

Get the full story [here](#).

**GCC makes tough cuts** - [The Grasslands Conservation Council of BC \(GCC\)](#), a provincial non-profit dedicated to conserving BC's grasslands, has had to address their funding shortfall by cutting their education and outreach program and reducing remaining staff time by 20%. These measures will allow the GCC to stay functional until March 2011. "We've made great strides in grasslands conservation, especially over the past two years," says Bob Moody, Executive Director. "It's such a pity to go backwards now, but in order to stay afloat, difficult decisions had to be made."

**Islands Trust surveys residents** - An [online survey](#) has been launched to help determine what people know about the preservation work carried out by the Islands Trust Fund. The information gathered in this survey will help the Islands Trust Fund develop communications materials and public awareness initiatives over the next two years and improve communication with those living in the Howe Sound and Gulf Island areas.

## Events

**Seeds For Change: Organic Seed Production & Crop Variety Improvement** - July 20th to 23rd at Foxglove Farm, Saltspring Island. This workshop is designed to provide organic farmers with the knowledge required to produce a marketable seed crop. The workshop will focus on maintaining genetic integrity of seed while improving and adapting crops to your environment and particular cultural practices and designed is for organic farmers interested in moving into seed production for their own use or for sale, as well for those who already have basic seed production experience and want to refine their skills. Register at [www.foxglovefarmbc.ca](http://www.foxglovefarmbc.ca).

**Webinars presented by CanadaHelps' MyCharityConnects** - CanadaHelps is a charity helping charities. The MyCharityConnects initiative of CanadaHelps, is aimed at supporting charities and nonprofits learn more about online technology. Visit [mycharityconnects](#) for free resources and webinars for employees, volunteers, and board members of Canadian charities and nonprofits. The next fundraising webinar is July 21: Planning for the Holidays...It's Not Too Early. To register, click [here](#).

## **Birding at Low Tide at Island View Beach Regional Park,**

**July 25** - A morning low tide during the full moon attracts feeding shorebirds, and Island View Beach is one of the best places to see them. Visit the bird of prey demonstration and watch the ScallyWags Dog Agility Group. Observe wild birds through high-powered scopes in the beach and dunes, and



visit the tidal touch tank. Get your free guide to gardening for birds. This special family event is co-hosted by Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) and CRD Parks. For more

information, visit [here](#).

## **Celebrate the season at TLC's Summer Garden Party on Sunday, July 25 from 1-4 pm at Eagles Estate Heritage Garden**

**Garden** - Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of games, refreshments, and fun on the shores of beautiful Deer Lake in Burnaby. There will be guided tours of Eagles Estate and the Arthur Erickson designed Baldwin House, with croquet, bird house building and face painting for old and young alike. Meet TLC staff, members, volunteers, and community partners while learning about the importance of protecting our local heritage. For more information, see [TLC's events calendar](#).

**Vancouver Island Spartina Working Group meeting and workshop in Courtenay on Monday July 26th.** The workshop will provide an update on the current Spartina distribution in British Columbia and across the border, give information about the current and upcoming management activities taking place and provide some hands on experience in Spartina identification, inventorying and removal techniques. Please contact Melissa Noel, CIPC Coordinator at: [info@coastalinvasiveplants.com](mailto:info@coastalinvasiveplants.com) or call 250-857-2472 by Friday July 23rd if you plan on attending.

## **Early Basic Registration ends July 30 for CLTA Annual Conference!**

Registration for the CLTA annual conference held in Banff Sept 29th to Oct 1st, 2010 is now available. The conference promises three days of learning, field trips and social events amongst some of the world's best scenery. Register before the end of the month to receive a reduced rate at <http://www.clta.ca/en/events/>.

**The 10th annual Conservation Connection Forum** - Connect with conservation leaders in our community on September 17 at Royal Roads University, including Elizabeth May, leader of the

Green Party of Canada; Ken Cossey, Tsawout Lands Manager; local MPs and MLAs, many other presenters, and representatives from local conservation organizations and governments. This full day forum is organized by Habitat Acquisition Trust and sponsored by Continuing Studies Royal Roads University. There will be mix of topical, facilitated discussions, and capacity-building workshops. This year will include sessions on fundraising and planned giving, land use planning on First Nations land, linking academic research with conservation initiatives, an Open Space session, and "big picture" politics and local conservation with regional MPs and MLAs. Look for more information [here](#).

**CRA's Charities and Giving Web pages** - have been recently updated including Guidance on Canadian Registered Charities Carrying Out Activities Outside Canada, The Canada Revenue Agency answers questions on the harmonized sales tax (HST) and a revised GST/HST checklist for charities. Check out what's new [here](#).

**Win a digital camera through the Living Ocean Society's 2010 digital photography contest.** The contest runs from July 1 to September 30. Two categories of photos can be entered: Ocean People and Ocean Ecosystems. If you have a great picture related to the ocean LOS would love to add it to our photo library for use on their website and in future publications. For contest rules and more information, click [here](#).

## Job Opportunities

**GOERT Conservation Specialist** will apply their conservation-based skills and expertise to building partnerships and facilitating the protection and recovery of Garry oak and associate ecosystems and species at risk. The position works closely with GOERT's Recovery Implementation Groups (RIGs) to ensure that their efforts are coordinated and working toward the goals and objectives outlined in the umbrella GOERT strategy, in addition to engaging and providing information and support to other partners. For further details, click [here](#).

**Tides Canada's** mission is to provide uncommon solutions for the common good by leading and supporting actions that foster a healthy environment and just Canadian society. They are currently looking for an Office Administrator and a Payroll Professional for their Vancouver/Gastown office. More information can be found [here](#).

**The Fraser Valley Conservancy** is looking for Amphibian

Monitoring and Toad Rescue Staff. This is a temporary position aiding with the Western Toad Migration in the Ryder Lake area. Applications are due July 16 and more information can be found [here](#).

## Funding Deadlines

**Vancouver Foundation Grants for Environmental Projects** - Letters of Intent are due July 23, 2010. See the Vancouver Foundation [website](#) for details.

**Mountain Equipment Co-op Grants** - Applications due September 10, 2010. To learn more about MEC Community Contributions, visit the [MEC website](#).

**The East Kootenay Conservation Program** is working with the Regional District of East Kootenay in the Upper Columbia Valley to manage a Local Conservation Fund for the Upper Columbia Valley. There are 3 themes for the fund: fish and wildlife habitat conservation, watershed conservation, and open space conservation including family ranches and forested land. Click [here](#) to view 8 projects funded in 2010 and [here](#) for more information on how to apply.



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