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Land Trust Alliance of BC Newsletter



LTABC News



The Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia is pleased to announce the first recipients of the provincial Land Trust Awards.

LTABC believes the strength of land trusts in our province lies in the work volunteers, donors, staff, and others do to protect and conserve BC and the new awards program is designed to showcase the exemplary achievements land trusts – large and small – in BC.

Land Trust Award recipients for 2011 include:
Ashley Peters & Suzie MacMillan
Fraser Valley Conservancy Outstanding Programs (non-land)

Rocky Mountain Trench Restoration Program Outstanding Land Program / Campaign

Ross Bay Villa Volunteers,
The Land Conservancy of BC
Outstanding Volunteer

April 2011

Hi LTABC Supporter,

We would like to welcome back to the Nature Trust as an LTABC Member. We are looking forward to working with them, and all our members to conserve BC's future.

Earlier this month, LTABC hosted its annual Seminar Series in Victoria. Over 60 people joined us for three days of a wide variety of educational speakers and workshops. Congratulations to Ben van Drimmelen who won our draw for 2012 registration. Participants should watch their inbox for an evaluation in the next week. Make sure to fill out your evaluation to receive a copy of the presentations given at the Seminar Series.



During the Seminar Series, LTABC ran a full page ad in the Times Colonist to promote Land Trusts throughout BC as well as our upcoming publication "[Conservation Options for Land Owners](#)". You can read the story [here](#).

Thank you to all who made this year's Seminar Series a great success.

Sincerely,
Paul McNair
Executive Director

Gail Adrienne
Nanaimo & Area Land Trust
Outstanding Staff

Environment Canada
Friend of Land Trust Award

Vancouver Foundation
Outstanding Donor



Congratulations to
all our winners!

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Training Grants, April
29th - This program aims to enhance the organizational capacity of local Canadian charities by providing funding for education and training opportunities for core staff. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

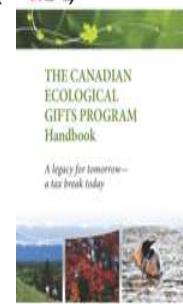
- Be employed by a registered Canadian charity with an environmental focus
- Covers fees for courses from recognized training institutions, workshops, conferences, etc.
- \$1,000 maximum grant per individual and organization
- Applicants must be from organizations that have received past project funding from TD or TD FEF

Conservation News

Save Sansum Point - Amongst the rain shadows of the Vancouver Island and Olympic Mountains near Duncan, lays a coastal bluff so incredible its moss and lichen-covered rocks create a new shade of vibrant green. Everywhere you look Arbutus and Garry oak trees frame breathtaking views of Salt Spring Island, Sansum Narrows, and south to Satellite Channel. This special place is called Sansum Point and it needs your help. In order to save Sansum Point, TLC has secured an option to purchase the site, valued at \$1.85 Million. Thanks to partnerships with the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and the Cowichan Land Trust, in addition to a generous pledge from an anonymous donor, there is only \$595,000 left to raise by June 30, 2011 to cover the overall acquisition cost. To donate and learn more, click [here](#).



New Edition! The Canadian Ecological Gifts Program Handbook: A legacy for tomorrow - a tax break today - The Canadian Ecological Gifts Program Handbook is intended for use by donors, recipients and others interested in the Ecological Gifts Program (EGP). The handbook describes the general requirements and



responsibilities of both donors and recipients, as well as the steps involved in successfully making an ecological gift donation, from arranging the donation to determining its fair market value. A glossary of terms and additional resources are found in the appendices. To download the news version, click [here](#) or contact David Cunningham at David.Cunnington@ec.gc.ca to order your hard copies.

The Canadian Land Trust Alliance is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Lynn McIntyre as the new Executive Director - Lynn has extensive experience in the conservation and stewardship fields in Canada. From a background of geomorphology, geology and remote sensing, Lynn has worked in progressively responsible positions for the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, the Ontario Woodlot Association, and more recently Wildlife Habitat Canada. As Vice-President for the Centre for Stewardship and Conservation, Lynn was involved in the development of an Ecological Recovery Plan for Canada, as well as assessing the economic impact of stewardship activities across Canada. Check out their website [here](#).



How does mobile giving work? Is it likely to be useful for your organization? This diagram, originally published in NTEN's Change Journal, walks you through the steps to get started, a mini case-study, and helps you think through whether mobile giving is likely to be a useful part of your fundraising mix. Learn more [here](#).

Carbon credits could be a billion-dollar export industry:

[enterprising non-profits, May 26](#) - The next grant deadline is May 26, 2011, so if you haven't attended a workshop, which is required before applying, sign up for one of our spring social enterprise orientation sessions. Workshops are in Vanderhoof (April 27), Williams Lake (April 29) and Fort St. John (May 3).

[Vancouver Foundation letters of intent, July 22nd](#) - For Environment, Health, and Social Development grants. The final deadlines for approved projects is September 16, 2011.

Most of the B.C. projects identified are forestry related, says a sustainability expert - British Columbia has a bank of carbon credits already approved for sale that adds up to more than \$1 billion once a promised cap-and-trade system is established by the Western Climate Initiative, says the Sauder School of Business ISIS research centre. The \$1-billion credit has essentially created a new export industry for the province, ISIS executive director James Tansey said in an interview Monday. ISIS came up with its billion-dollar figure by tracking the total value of carbon offsets in six proposals that have already been validated by the Pacific Carbon Trust, the Crown corporation set up to deliver greenhouse gas offsets once a trading system is in place. Get the full story [here](#).

[Kettle River tops BC's Most Endangered Rivers List for 2011](#) - Each year, the Outdoor Recreation Council solicits and reviews nominations for BC's Most Endangered Rivers from its member groups, which total close to 100,000 members, as well as from the general public and resource managers from across BC. This year, they have named the Kettle River in the southern interior as the most endangered river. "Sacred headwaters" in second spot - list highlights issues such as the need for water policy reform and improved protection of northern rivers. For more detailed information, please visit <http://www.orcbc.ca/>.

[Stop the Grasslands War: Co-operation is the Key](#) - Collaboration was the message of a forum discussion about the ecosystems of the Boundary region. In bringing together people on opposing sides of environmental issues in the area to talk and listen, Granby Wilderness Society (GWS) is setting the tone for the work they hope to accomplish in the future. Speakers from B.C. Parks, Conservation Northwest and FORREX presented information about the ecosystems of the Boundary and provided an alternative way to move forward to resolve continual battles that crop up between users of the backcountry. "We made some great connections at the meeting," said Jenny Coleshill, co-ordinator for the society who wants more people to come forward to develop a working group perhaps similar to the model from Republic area in nearby Washington State. Get the full story [here](#).

[Nature Trust of BC set to acquire property at Twin Lakes](#) - The Nature Trust of BC has the rare opportunity to acquire one of the largest intact private grassland properties in the South Okanagan. Twin Lakes consists of 2,000 acres near Penticton. Predominantly grasslands, this property also features significant riparian and wetland habitats. Adjacent to The Nature Trust White Lake Biodiversity Ranch, this acquisition will help minimize habitat fragmentation while establishing a protected migratory corridor for species movement. As a top ranked property for acquisition by the SOSCP, this property will effectively double conservation holdings in the White Lake Basin area. The Nature Trust of BC needs to raise \$1.4 million to complete this \$3.2 million project. To make a donation or for more information, click [here](#).

[Metchosin rolls out community green map](#) - After two years of compiling details about every nook and cranny in the district, the Metchosin community green map is complete. The project was spearheaded by the West Shore Arts Council and guided by Elaine Limbrick, who also worked on the Highlands community map. Limbrick is the president of the West Shore Arts Council and a co-ordinator and co-editor of the project. About 30 residents volunteered their time and contributed to the map's creation. "When you start community green mapping you meet the most wonderful, talented people," Limbrick said. "The community spirit is incredible." Get the full story [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Islands Trust Stewardship Award Nominations - The Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards recognize individuals and groups for programs or actions that have made a significant contribution towards the object of the Islands Trust. The nomination deadline for the 2011 Community Stewardship Awards is April 29, 2011. The Islands Trust will announce the award recipients in June and will make presentations to the winners in the fall. The Islands Trust recognizes the recipients with a small plaque that commemorates their award. For more information, or to make a nomination, click [here](#).

Sustainability and Change: Studies in BC's Past, Present & Future Communities, May 5th to 7th, Kelowna - BC Studies invites scholars in all disciplines to UBC Okanagan to explore themes on cultural and environmental sustainability and change. We welcome panels, sessions and individual papers in arts and sciences, First Nations, fine arts, professional and community associations, and government agencies and representatives in water quality, agriculture, forestry, tourism, ecology, immigration, and land use. Click [here](#) for details or contact info@bcstudies2011.ok.ubc.ca.

Low Tide Day, May 7th, Kil-Pah-Las Beach, Cowichan – Meet at the beach 11am for the shoreline cleanup, 12:30 for lunch and music, 1:00 for the hands-on science: beach seine and quadrat study. For more information, email cvns@naturecowichan.net or contact John at 250-746-6141.

Denman Island's 19th Home and Garden Tour, May 7th - 8th, Denman Island - Start planning now so you don't miss this enchanting Tour, long considered one of BC's top horticultural events. Every two years this tranquil island throws open its garden gates, inviting the public for a rare up-close look at the creativity, skill and passion Denman residents pour into their properties. The gardens are lush, magnificent and imaginative; the houses offer exquisite craftsmanship, inspiring design and unique island touches. Wander through profusions of blooms, stroll past tranquil ponds and waterfalls, and marvel at mature production gardens. Chat with homeowners about the process of building, house design and self-sufficiency. Be inspired by the creative ways Island builders use locally-sourced, handcrafted materials. Learn more [here](#).

Pender Island Conservancy Association Annual General Meeting, May 13, 7:30 pm, Pender Island Library - Following the AGM, stay for a very special presentation by Hans Tammemagi bringing us "Eagles on an Island". Inspired by PICa's "Project Eagle Watch", Hans has photographed our Pender eagles through several nesting seasons, and now has a collection of wonderful "up-close and intimate" photos and stories that he will share. He has also recently published a book, "Eagles on an Island" – a perfect Pender gift!

Planning Your Fundraising Future: The Next Generation of Canadian Giving, A complimentary seminar for fundraisers, May 25th, Vancouver - You can't ignore it: donor acquisition rates have fallen and may never recover. Direct mail alone just isn't cutting it anymore. And donor communication preferences are becoming much more complex and demanding. Join hjc and Convio to find out how your organization can tap into the next generation of giving. Using groundbreaking data from a study of over 1,500 Canadian donors, and riveting case studies, we'll talk you through the new do's and don'ts of fundraising. Get more information [here](#).

Lecture: "Herring bring new life to Howe Sound", May 26th 7pm, Bowen Island - At Collins Hall, Dr. John Matsen will present a lecture and slide show entitled "Herring bring new life to Howe Sound". Please join us for what promises to be an interesting and lively session: admission is free, but we would appreciate it if you would bring a donation to the Bowen Island Food Bank. This event is co-sponsored by the Bowen Island Conservancy, Bowen Island Fish & Wildlife Club, and the Squamish Streamkeepers. Get more information [here](#).

Carbon Management in British Columbia Ecosystems, June 15-16, 2011 Prestige Lakeside Resort & Convention Centre, Nelson BC - Climate change is one of the most important environmental challenges facing civilization. Managing how carbon is taken in, stored, and released from natural systems has the potential to mitigate the rate and extent of future climate change. This conference will focus on how moving towards a low carbon economy may alter management strategies, economics, plans, and on-the-ground practices of natural resource managers. This event will include two days of presentations, a poster session, a keynote speaker, and opportunities for informal dialogue among participants and presenters. A conference summary will ensure the conference information is widely available. Click [here](#) for more details.

UVIC's Conserving Historic Structures, July 5 – 9, Victoria - The conservation of historic places is governed by well-established principles and standards. This intensive course will enhance your understanding of the practice of heritage conservation. It addresses the central topics of the discipline, focusing on the preparation of a historic structure report. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Call for nominations: The Real Estate Foundation of BC is proud to present the 2011 Land Awards - The awards will recognize initiatives which demonstrate leadership, innovation, and collaboration related to the sustainable use and conservation of land in British Columbia. They will highlight dynamic, forward-thinking people and organizations--leaders in creating more sustainable communities and making BC a better place to live. Award categories: non-profit, public sector, private sector, individual "Land Champion". Deadline: September 8, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Compost Education Centre, Site and Program Assistant, Victoria - Do you know any students under age 30 who are passionate about urban food security and looking for summer employment? We are looking for someone to join our compost education centre team as a Site and Program Assistant. Details on the position can be found [here](#) and applications are due by May 14th.

Program Operations Manager, BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation - Our non-profit Foundation has successfully developed and offered a variety of provincially focused programs including the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program, Take a Bite of BC, Spuds in Tubs and other innovative, award winning programs. BCAITC partners with the provincial government to deliver the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Program to 1,200 schools across the province of BC. We are recruiting for a full-time Program Operations Manager, a pivotal role reporting to the Executive Director and overseeing the effective and efficient implementation of all BCAITC programs. Refer to www.aitc.ca/bc for more information.

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