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Land Trust Alliance of BC Newsletter



LTABC News

Mark your calendars!
Land Conservation and
Stewardship Seminar Series
2011

Confirmed new dates are
April 1-3rd in Victoria BC



Join us this year for our exciting, educational program on stewardship and conservation!

- Site visits to Sidney Island, Madrona Farm, Matson Conservation Lands and other beautiful Saanich areas
- Full and half day workshops on: Innovative Conservation Financing; Building Sustainable Board and Governance Structures
- Renowned Plenary Speakers: Richard Hebda, Peter Ross and others under discussion
- Plus 15+ Seminars on conserving, sustaining and stewarding BC's natural and cultural diversity

Don't Miss it! – Registration starts January 10th!

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December 2010

Hi LTABC Supporter,

Thank you to all LTABC members and supporters for making 2010 a great year for conservation in British Columbia.

Please note our office will be closed from December 24th to January 3rd for the holidays.



Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and all the best in 2011,

Paul McNair, Sheila Harrington and Cassie Holcomb

Conservation News

Give Salt Spring a Gift : A New 320-Acre Nature Reserve Protected Forever -

Salt Spring's newest nature reserve is close to becoming a reality thanks to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. For over a year SSIC has been working behind the scenes on their largest land acquisition project yet. With over 91% of the funding secured, they are almost there! Help protect this beautifully forested piece of rare Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem, featuring a lake, many streams and wetlands. Learn more about the project and see a map of the location [here](#).



The Galiano Conservancy has taken the lead to acquire land for the Galiano Restorative Learning Centre from which unique multi-day outdoor education will be offered, including programs for disadvantaged and inner-city youth. They have raised more than half of the total 4.1 million required to purchase the land for the Learning Centre. Community members have contributed over \$65,000 so far towards a \$100,000 deposit due January 2, 2011. Learn more [here](#).

NCC and Kicking Horse Coffee have teamed up to raise local funds in order to secure a conservation property in the Columbia Valley - NCC has an opportunity to purchase one of the last unprotected parcels of private land on the western benchland above Columbia Lake, the Marion Creek Benchlands, which is a 204 hectare property that bridges two existing conservation areas. Read more [here](#).



Board Bio

Ben van Drimmelen

is a lawyer, forester and biologist. He was involved in allowing conservation organizations to hold conservation covenants in the early 1990's and attended the first national gathering of land trusts at the Ruiter Valley in Quebec in around 1992.

Ben was an LTABC board member for two terms in the early 2000's and re-joined the LTABC board in 2010. He is a board member for the Canadian Land Trust Alliance as well, as the BC representative.

Thank you to Ben and all of our hardworking board members!

Funding Deadlines

Walmart-Evergreen Green Grants, January 31 - A community greening program sponsored by Walmart and led by Evergreen, provides funds of up to \$10,000 to community groups working on restoration and stewardship of local ecosystems.

Home Depot-Evergreen Rebuilding Nature Grants, February 11 - For community groups to cover the costs of tools, building projects, native plants and trees, and other expenses in support of environmental stewardship projects. Amount: \$1,000, \$3,000 or \$12,000 plus \$2,000 in Home Depot gift cards.

Enterprising non profits, May

Blue-grey Tailedropper: Stewardship for an endangered Slug in Victoria



in Victoria - It is small, slimy, blue, and drops its tail when threatened. Yes, it's a slug. And it is endangered. The Blue-grey Tailedropper may not be the best known endangered species in the Capital region, but a lucky few naturalists may find one of these peaceful slugs in leaf litter on southern

Vancouver Island this autumn. See what Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) is doing to protect the Tailedropper [here](#).

Campaign for legislated tanker ban gathers steam in Ottawa

- Over the past few weeks, the campaign for a legislated tanker ban seems to have taken on a life of its own. On December 14, Vancouver Quadra MP Joyce Murray (Liberal) introduced legislation that, if passed, would ban crude oil tankers from the waters of Hecate Strait, Dixon Entrance, and Queen Charlotte Sound. These are the dangerous and sensitive waters between Haida Gwaii and the mainland, and between the northern tip of Vancouver Island and the marine border with Alaska. Read more on the WCEL blog [here](#).

Idealware helps non-profits make smart software decisions - They have just released a report on Facebook Privacy for Non-Profit Organization. There's a lot of talk these days about privacy issues on Facebook. What does that mean for you as an organization? The issues for an organization are different than those facing an individual—but still absolutely something you should be thinking about. Get the report [here](#).

Land Awards winners - Three outstanding initiatives were celebrated at the Real Estate Foundation's Land Awards Gala on November 18th. Living Forest Communities' Elkington Forest Project won in the private sector category. The Great Bear Rainforest Agreements 2000-2010, led by Coastal First Nations-Great Bear Initiative and Nanwakolas Council, won in the public sector category. Wildsight's Lake Windermere Project took top spot in the non-profit sector category. [Click here](#) for videos, photos, and more.

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 Vancouver (March 15), Squamish (March 17), Victoria (March 22), Campbell River (March 24), Trail (April 11), Cranbrook (April 13), Vernon (April 18), Revelstoke (April 20), Smithers (April 26), Vanderhoof (April 27), Williams Lake (April 29) and Fort St. John (May 3).

Climbing Mt Broadwood - In 1992 the BC Region of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) acquired the towering Mount Broadwood in what was the largest conservation land donation in Canadian history. Yet, until the summer of 2010, no one from NCC had ever scaled the mountain, which sports a snow-capped summit even in the height of summer. This year, however, two intrepid NCC staff members tackled the gruelling ascent of Mt. Broadwood. Read the fully story [here](#).



Islands Trust tackles the issue of abandoned and derelict vessels - Islands Trust Chair Sheila Malcolmson has written to Steve Thomson, Minister of Natural Resource Operations, and Pat Bell, Minister of Forests, Mines and Lands, about the management of derelict vessels, barges and docks. Read the letter [here](#).

BC's Forest Service jeopardized by deep cuts: time for a formal inquiry - A decade of layoffs and budget cuts, combined with the recent radical cabinet reorganization, have so thoroughly gutted BC's Forest Service that the door is wide open to abuses of the province's cherished public forestlands, a new Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' study concludes. Based on analysis of government employment data, the study reveals that in less than a decade one quarter of all Forest Service positions have been cut (1,006 full-time jobs), and calls for an independent commission to determine whether the Service can adequately serve the public. Get the full story [here](#).

Ottawa moves to protect Serengeti of the Arctic - The federal government will begin consultations to determine the boundaries of a new national marine conservation area in the Lancaster Sound at the northern tip of Baffin Island. Those lines will designate an ecologically sensitive body of Arctic water, approximately twice the size of Lake Erie, that is off limits to resource exploration and extraction. Read more [here](#).

BC scientists map out the ocean's destiny - With a \$12-million grant from Japan's Nippon Foundation, scientists at the University of British Columbia will lead a research project that aims to give people a look into the future of the world's oceans, using 3D gaming technology. Led by Daniel Pauly and Villy Christensen, both of UBC's Fisheries Centre, the project will engage a network of 30 marine scientists globally, to predict the future health of the oceans. Get the full story [here](#).

CRD Land Purchase Completes Brooks (Gowlland) Point Regional Park - The Capital Regional District and The Land Conservancy of British Columbia are pleased to announce a land acquisition of 1.17 hectares to complete Brooks Point Regional Park on South Pender Island. "This parcel of land has been high on the CRD Regional Parks' priority list for a decade," said CRD Board Chair Geoff Young. "Not to purchase the parcel would meant a lost opportunity to join two park segments that were separated by private property."

Read more [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Gaia College Organic Master Gardener Course - Be prepared for a major shift in paradigms! This is a gardening course, and so much more. Students have called it "life changing" - because once you truly understand the connection between soil health, plant health, human health and environmental health you will look at the world with different eyes. For dates and locations, click [here](#).

"Invasion of the Aliens!" to be held January 18-19th, 2011, Richmond, BC - You are invited to join over 140 experts, land managers, concerned individuals, a diversity of high calibre speakers, and the Invasive Plant Council of British Columbia (IPCBC) at their highly anticipated public forum, "Invasion of the Aliens!". Click [here](#) for more information.

Through the **Charities File**, the Canada Revenue Agency is offering a variety of training sessions and webinars including sessions on Allocation of Fundraising Expenditures, Prohibited Fundraising Conduct and Best Practices. To sign up for their newsletter, training session or for more information, visit the Charities File [website](#).

Job Opportunities

Request for Proposals Priority Site Record Updates and New Site Record Development, Deadline for submissions: December 21st, 2010 - The Conservation Planning and Site Protection Recovery Implementation Group (CSPS RIG) of the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT) has received funding to update the database of priority Site Records related to Garry Oak and associated ecosystems. Read more [here](#).

Greenboating/Clean Marine BC Program Coordinator Contract Position, Georgia Strait Alliance, Lower Mainland/Vancouver Island - Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA) is

seeking applications from suitable candidates to fill the role of Greenboating/Clean Marine BC Program Coordinator. This position is offered on a contract basis with an initial commitment of 15 hours per week (on average). Location is negotiable but preference given to Nanaimo, Victoria or Vancouver areas. See the posting [here](#).

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