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Land Trust Alliance of BC Newsletter



LTABC News

Seminar Series 2011 – Call for Proposals!



Please send in a one page description of your seminar / workshop / site tour idea by November 20th. Please include your name, email, phone, and any other suggestions to make this Seminar Series the best ever! Suggestions for Plenary speakers are also welcome. Contact sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca.

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Holiday Gift Ideas



As the holidays approach, many people are looking for great holiday gift ideas that are also meaningful. Many LTABC members are offering unique gifts this season.

[NALT](#) has calendars and

November 2010

LTABC Supporter,

Welcome to GOMPS, the [Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society](#), the newest members of the Land Trust Alliance of BC!

On October 29th, an announcement was made that removed a long-time barrier to the protection of American-owned land in Canada. Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty (alongside Bonnie Sutherland of [American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts](#)) announced changes to landmark tax regulations.



LTABC was pleased to work with [Nova Scotia Nature Trust](#) and the [American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts](#) on this endeavour and supported it financially. Read more about this exciting announcement in our *Conservation News* below.

Sincerely,
Paul McNair
Executive Director

Conservation News

Save Mary Lake - The Mary Lake Conservancy was formed by a group of concerned District of Highlands residents that want to preserve Mary Lake and the surrounding forest land. With help from the Highlands Stewardship Foundation and the global eco-community, the Conservancy is working to save this carefully conserved and endangered Dry Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem for future generations. To protect and conserve the beautiful Mary Lake property, The Mary Lake Conservancy must raise \$4.5 million – of which \$1 million must be raised by January 2011. Learn more [here](#).



American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts - Is there a significant conservation site in your region that is owned by a U.S. resident? Does your conservation organization receive donations from supporters who live south of the border? If you answered yes to either of these questions, we have BIG news for you and your organization. Until recently, conservation-minded Americans faced significant tax burdens if they wished to donate land or easements to Canadian land trusts. A recent federal tax

fantastic clothing.

NCC is also offering calendars, "Save an Acre" certificates and their new "Anti Tie Campaign" which makes a fantastic stocking stuffer.

TLC has an "Adopt an Animal" or "Acre" program and has teamed up with GardenWorks to provide living Christmas trees that will be donated to the Sooke Potholes after the season.

GOERT has beautiful handcrafted silver jewellery and tote bags.

Contact your local conservancy or land trust to give a donation in honour of someone you care about this holiday season. A list of LTABC members can be found [here](#).

Funding Deadlines

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Proposals, November 22 - NAWCA encourages partnerships to protect North America's wetlands as habitat for waterfowl and other wetland-associated migratory birds, fish and wildlife. It should be noted that the proposals must involve multiple partnerships and support the purposes of the Act. Projects must be coordinated through Tasha Sargent tasha.sargent@ec.gc.ca, Coordinator, Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture and Pacific Coast Joint Venture.

Interdepartmental Recovery Fund, November 22 - To provide funding for

regulation amendment in Canada opens the door for cross-border conservation. On September 23 (as recorded in the Oct 13 Canada Gazette), the Canadian Government has accepted our application to be designated a "prescribed donee" under the Income Tax Act regulations. That means that gifts of land or easement to American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts (American Friends) will now not only provide a U.S. income tax benefit, but will be exempt from Canadian capital gains tax! Our cross-border land conservation is therefore in full gear, and we look forward to working with many of you to protect significant lands across Canada! For more information, visit www.nsnt.ca/af/.

The Nature Trust is working to secure three properties along the Puntledge River in Courtenay on Vancouver Island - This project will



involve an ecogift to The Nature Trust and requires \$145,000 for ongoing stewardship of the properties and developing a 5-year management plan. The Nature Trust is working with the

City of Courtenay to develop a greenway through these properties. Management activities will focus on maintaining the 500 metres of riparian habitat along the river as well as inventorying, monitoring and removing invasive species. More information can be found on their website at www.naturetrust.bc.ca.

Environment Canada releases new water levels indicator -

Water levels vary from year to year, based on location and weather conditions. Some areas of Canada have been drenched in water with prolonged rains this year, while other areas have experienced dry conditions. To shed some light on the state of water in Canada, Environment Canada's (EC) [Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators \(CESI\)](#) initiative has developed a new water levels indicator. This indicator provides a regional, national, and international perspective on how much freshwater Canada has.

CBT and Selkirk College Establish Rural Development

Institute - Columbia Basin Trust and Selkirk College are pleased to announce the establishment of the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI), which will promote and support informed planning and decision-making in the Columbia Basin through region-specific information and applied research. Get the full story [here](#).

Valuing local farmland - It turns out that Metro Vancouver residents value local farmland to the tune of \$58,000/acre. And they value it so much because Metro Vancouverites love locally produced food. Click [here](#) to link to a story on research conducted by Fraser Basin Council and SFU Public Policy Program. A link to the full report is provided on the [website](#).

implementing recovery activities and conducting surveys on species at risk that occur on federal lands or under federal jurisdiction. The program fosters partnerships among federal organizations and other organizations interested in the recovery of species at risk.

Enterprising Non-profits Grant, November 25 - The enp funding program provides matching grants to non-profit organizations in BC that are interested in starting or expanding a business. enp program funding enables organizations to conduct planning activities related to the development or growth of a business venture.

Environment Canada: Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk, November 29 - For the recovery of species at risk on Aboriginal lands, supporting species recovery planning, habitat protection, and conservation and capacity-building-initiatives by Aboriginal people.

Real Estate Foundation, December 3rd - For stage one applications. If your organization is new to the Foundation, or if you have not applied in some time, be sure to read the grant information pages, which provide details about funding criteria and the Foundation's current emphases. If you cannot find what you're looking for online, please contact [us](#).

Recovery of North America's Grizzly Bears Threatened - A BC government decision on the future of North America's transboundary grizzly population is imminent. The Jumbo Glacier Resort, a 6,500 bed glacier resort and real estate development, has been proposed deep in the heart of the Purcell mountain range. Peer reviewed science by renowned grizzly bear researcher Dr. Michael Proctor confirms the Jumbo Glacier Resort would severely fragment the Purcell mountains, one of the continent's most critical trans-boundary grizzly bear corridors. CPAWS would like you to send a letter and tell the government how you feel about the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort development. For more on this story, visit www.keepitwild.ca.



Photo: Jason Puddifoot

What is West Coast Environmental Law saying about last month's cabinet shuffle and the creation of the new Ministry of Natural Resource Operations? Check out their blog [here](#).

The Canada Revenue Agency's practices for ensuring that registered charities comply with the Income Tax Act are thorough and the Agency is keeping the public informed, says Sheila Fraser, the Auditor General of Canada, in her Report tabled today in the House of Commons. "Canadians donate billions of dollars to Canada's 85,000 registered charities each year," said Ms. Fraser. "We are pleased to note that the Agency is doing a good job of administering the Income Tax Act as it relates to these charities." Read the full report [here](#).

Regional District of Nanaimo taxpayers could soon buy the United Church Moorecroft Camp property in Nanoose Bay - The regional board emerged from a closed-door meeting early November to vote unanimously to submit a joint bid with the Nature Trust of B.C. to acquire the property used as summer church camp since the late 1950s. The property is listed at \$7.95 million, but neither RDN staff members nor politicians will say what the bid will be. Read more [here](#).

DFO restructuring emphasizes ecosystem management - Under scrutiny because of a profound decline of sockeye salmon over the past decade, senior officials with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans testified Monday that the agency is undergoing major changes. Claire Dansereau, DFO deputy minister, told the Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River that her department is in the process of restructuring to put more emphasis on ecosystem management. Read more [here](#).

"How much website traffic is normal?" At Groundwire, an organization that delivers technology to engage people,

organizations and communities in building a sustainable society, they hear this question all the time. The answer truly depends on an organization's online strategy and their online goals. Working with 43 Groundwire clients, all small to midsize environmental organizations, who allowed access to their website statistics, they have completed a brief survey about online publishing behaviours. Download the report [here](#).

The Institute for Conservation Leadership (ICL) empowers leaders with training and build volunteer institutions that protect and conserve the Earth's environment. They do this by helping leaders lead better, by building connections between groups with similar goals, and by supporting groups' progress with fundraising, board development, and other activities. They offer a great series of webinars and offer many tools and resources that are useful to your conservation organization. For more information on ICL, visit www.icl.org.

The Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program (BIEAP) and the Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP) are inter-governmental partnerships established to coordinate the environmental management of two significant aquatic ecosystems in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia - Burrard Inlet and the Fraser River Estuary. The BIEAP office has a list of reports, studies and publications that are available to the public at no cost. They have just released Biodiversity Conservation in the Metro Vancouver Region Forum which can be accessed, along with their other publications, at www.bieapfremp.org.

Environment Canada Releases Canadian Biodiversity: Ecosystem Status and Trends 2010 Assessment - It is the first assessment of Canada's biodiversity from an ecosystem perspective. It presents 22 key findings derived from technical background reports. This 2010 assessment is a collaborative project of the Canadian federal, provincial and territorial governments. It forms part of Canada's commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Authors and reviewers include hundreds of experts from across Canada. Visit www.biodivcanada.ca to access key findings of the assessment and background information, including lists of background technical reports, authors and contributors.

Best Management Practices: an annotated bibliography and searchable data base - Launched on the Stewardship Centre web site, the database is an easily accessible and searchable bibliography and database of existing information sources that provide guidance on how to manage for a wide-range of environmental values. Go to www.stewardshipcentre.bc.ca for more information.

Upcoming Events

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 at <http://thecharitiesfile.ca>.

Botany Night Pink Mountain Revisited: The conservation crises that no one is aware of, November 16th 7:30pm, Victoria (UVIC Elliot 167) - Pink Mountain stands apart from its surroundings in the far North of BC. The summit supports an assemblage of arctic/alpine plants that simply does not occur anywhere else. Many of these plants are rare or at least are rarely seen and are never seen in the combination and numbers that are found on Pink Mountain. But now extensive industrial development (over 40 wind mill towers) threatens this unique habitat and it could all be lost within a year. Ron Long was a photographer at Simon Fraser University for thirty-six years. His interest in British Columbia wildflowers goes back forty years. Ron is a Vice-President of the Native Plants Society of British Columbia.

Advanced Covenants for Local Governments, November 18th, Vancouver - Lui Carvello, MCIP, through his new law firm focused on Planning, Development and Environmental Law, presents this new full-day workshop intended for local and provincial government officials, in particular administrators, clerks, planners, approving officers, building and bylaw enforcement officials. The statutory covenant provisions under Section 219 of the Land Title Act will be reviewed in detail, followed by important comments on the appropriate use of covenants and a hands-on drafting and interpretation workshop. Registration fee: \$200 (plus HST \$224) Contact 250-686-9918 or e-mail covenants@carvellolaw.ca.

Land Awards Gala, Real Estate Foundation of BC, November 18th, Vancouver - Please join us to celebrate the outstanding work of several of BC's leaders in the sustainable use and conservation of land. As well as dinner, the awards and keynote speaker Robert Kennedy Jr, there will be a silent auction, and Mr. Kennedy will be signing copies of his book, *The Riverkeepers*, at the end of the evening. All event proceeds will go to the new BC Water Sustainability Endowment Fund. More information can be found [here](#).

The Society for Ecological Restoration - BC Chapter Annual General Meeting, November 20th, 10:00 am, Fisher Building, Camosun College - In addition to the SERBC AGM, SERBC is offering a short course on Grass Identification following the AGM. Send an email RSVP to Moss Giasson at m_giasson@shaw.ca.

Bowen Island Conservancy's Annual General Meeting, November 20 - The AGM will be held at the Bowen Island Community School, Multipurpose Room, on Saturday, 20 November at 10:00 am. After the business meeting, a talk

entitled "Bogs, Fens, and Crazy Boggers: Wetlands—what are they and how to look after them?" by Laurence Brown and Gerry Mignault will be presented.

Stormwater Roundtable: Re-inventing Rainwater Management, November 25, 12pm, Colwood City Hall -
"Lunch and Learn" Reinventing Rainwater Management: A strategy to protect health and restore nature in the Capital Region. Speakers include Calvin Sanborn, Deborah Curran, Scott Murdoch and Craig Barlow. Please RSVP by Friday 19th November to Ryan Noakes, Planning Institute of BC, ryan.noakes@pibc.bc.ca or call 1-866-696-5031.

The Ups and Downs of Fraser River Sockeye, December 6th, 2010 at 7:00 pm, SFU at Harbour Centre (Room 1420 - 515 West Hastings St, Vancouver) - Panellists will discuss their findings from an independent scientists' think tank that will explore the following questions: Why was the return so large in 2010? How can you go from the worst to the best returns in one year? How do you manage for this kind of uncertainty? More information can be found [here](#).

Quarterly Business Meeting, The Islands Trust Council, December 7-9, 2010 at the Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria - The public meeting starts Tuesday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. and is expected to finish by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 9. More information can be found [here](#).

Invasion of the Aliens - 2011 IPCBC Forum, January 18th and 19th, Richmond - An exciting agenda is taking shape with a special focus on invasive species—alien invaders that are threatening our waters, agricultural lands, forests, and quickly crossing boundaries! Regional, provincial, and international speakers will address such topics as species at risk, aquatic invasive species, and cross-border initiatives. Register [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Field Education Co-ordinator, Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm, Vancouver - The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm is running the fourth season of the "Sowing Seeds for the Future" program in March 2011. This is a season-long, part-time practicum program, intended as a beginning point for aspiring agriculturalists. We are seeking an energetic and inspired person to work with the farm team to deliver and further develop this initiative. To learn more, click [here](#).

Development Manager AND Major and Corporate Gifts Steward, Sierra Club of BC, Victoria - For over 40 years Sierra Club BC Foundation has been an active and credible voice for wilderness protection and citizen engagement in British Columbia. Visit <http://www.sierraclub.bc.ca> for the full postings

before November 19th, 2010.

Species at Risk Recovery Planner, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT), Victoria - The GOERT Species at Risk Recovery Planner will bring their species at risk recovery planning skills and expertise to the GOERT Society. Working with other experts in rare plants, animals and invertebrates, the Planner will play a lead role in recovery planning for the many species at risk reliant on Garry oak or associated ecosystems. Responsibilities include: fieldwork to collect data on rare species and habitats, developing recovery planning documents, sharing information with partners and managing species at risk related projects. Visit [here](#) for the full posting before November 23rd, 2010.

Environmental Project Manager, E & E Consulting, Vancouver – E & E Consulting, Inc., an Ecology and Environment, Inc. company, is seeking a Project Manager for our office in Vancouver, British Columbia. E & E is a fully integrated environmental consulting firm whose underlying philosophy is its worldwide commitment to supporting sustainable development through responsible environmental stewardship. View the posting [here](#).

Business opportunities are available at Haliburton Community Organic Farm, Victoria, for January 2011 to December 31st 2014 - Haliburton is a certified organic community farm within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The farm is 4.09 ha (approximately 9.3 acres), and is located on Haliburton Road in Saanich, BC. The Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society leases the land from the District of Saanich. In turn the Society rents the land and facilities to local farm-related businesses, oversees the Farm as a whole, grows produce and runs community education programs. For more information, or to view the RFP, please visit <http://haliburtonfarm.org>.

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