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Land Trust Alliance of BC Newsletter



Take Action!

Do you have a conservation or restoration project you wish to share or promote with others throughout BC? LTABC is looking for some great stories for our next issue of The Kingfisher. Please send your story idea to info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca by October 15th.



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Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program 2011

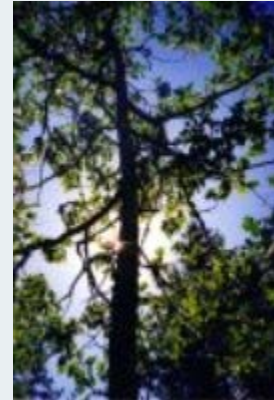
September 2010

Hi LTABC Supporter,

Save the date! The Land Trust Alliance of BC's popular seminar series is scheduled from March 25th to 27th at the Cowichan Lake Education and Conference Centre. More details to follow in upcoming e-news.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or comments by calling 250-477-4766 or emailing info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca.

Sincerely,
Paul McNair
Executive Director



Conservation News

Why are grasslands and the BC Grassland Conservation Council so important? Listen to this interesting podcast recorded at this year's Kamloops Energy fair by clicking [here](#).

Invasion of the Giant Hogweed - Green thumbs may unknowingly be spreading — and contributing to the growth of — poisonous plants in Campbell River. The giant hogweed, a plant that can be extremely harmful to humans, has recently been spotted adorning some residential gardens. Find out what Greenways Land Trust is doing about the problem [here](#).



Cougar Annie's Legendary Garden is for sale - This is the homestead of Ada Annie Arthur, well known on the coast as "Cougar Annie's Garden". Cougar Annie carved out of her 117-acre parcel, 5 acres of garden in the wilderness of Boat Basin, 50 km northwest of Tofino. She raised chickens and goats, fed her family (she had eleven children), and started a mail order garden nursery from her garden. Wily and ingenious she also ran a general store, and post office from her home. She trapped and shot dozens of cougars for their bounty and became known as Cougar Annie. To learn more about the sale, or Cougar Annie's story, click [here](#).

The Government of Canada is investing in community action to preserve local habitat and species at risk in BC's Delta-Richmond Area - LTABC member, Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust will receive \$33,000 to create farm fields as winter and

Request for Proposals - Now Available! The Fraser Salmon & Watershed Program's 2011 Request for Proposals is now available on [ThinkSalmon](#).

Conceptual proposals must be received by 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time on Friday, October 1st, 2010. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Wildlife Habitat Canada - WHC offers grants supporting habitat conservation, restoration and enhancement of wetlands and waterfowl habitat. Applications due November 1. For more information, look [here](#).

EcoAction Community Funding Program - Environment Canada program encouraging action focused projects that will protect, rehabilitate or enhance the natural environment and address either clear air, clean water, climate change or improving natural habitat. Applications due November 1. For more information, look [here](#).

HCTF Enhancement Projects - The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation supports projects that focus on freshwater fish, native wildlife species and their habitats; have the potential to achieve a significant conservation outcome; and maintain or enhance opportunities for fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing and associated outdoor recreational activities. Applications due November 2. For more information, look [here](#).

potential breeding habitats for Barn Owls and Short-eared Owls, and winter foraging grounds for Great Blue Heron. Get the full story [here](#).

Upcoming Events

The Canada Revenue Agency 2010 Charities Information Sessions are offered to all registered charities. These free sessions are an excellent opportunity for your treasurer, new board members, or volunteers to learn about your charity's legal obligations. This year's sessions focus on helping charities understand filing requirements related to the 2010 federal budget announcements. To find a session in your area, click [here](#).

The Allan Brookes Nature Centre in Vernon is having a Mega Garage Sale Sept 18th 8am-3pm and Sept. 19th (Bargain Day) 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. All proceeds go towards educational program at the centre. For more information, check out their events calendar [here](#).

On September 18th from 11:30am to 3:30pm at Pearkes Recreation Centre in Victoria, join two free workshops on organic gardening. Carolyn Herriot, author of "The Zero Mile Diet" will present "**Don't Panic, Grow Organic**" followed by Linda Gilkeson's presentation "**Life after Pesticides – Beautiful Yards and Healthy Gardens**". For more information call 250-475-5579 or email darren.copley@Saanich.ca.

Greenways Land Trust, in Campbell River, is hosting an interpretive walk on Environmental Stewardship September 20 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The walk cost \$5.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for a family, and Greenways Members are FREE! Please meet at the Martin Road Entrance to Willow Creek Nature Trust. For more information, check out their blog [here](#).

On Friday September 24th at 7:30pm, **The Pender Island Conservancy Association is pleased to present Dr. Philip Dearden, Head of the UVIC Geography Department**, presenting "Why Marine Protected Areas are an Urgent Necessity" at the Pender Island Library. Dr. Dearden has a rich worldwide research background in marine conservation and is Co-Chair of Parks Canada's NMCA Marine Science Network.

The Sixth Annual World Rivers Day is fast approaching, planned for Sunday, September 26th, 2010. Activities are being planned in dozens of countries on 6 different continents and, once again, millions are expected to participate. To find an event in your area, visit [here](#).

The Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team invites you on October 6th from 4:30 to 8:30pm to celebrate and connect with other GOERT members and supporters at **its annual AGM**. The event includes appetizers and beverages, a cash bar, silent

auction, and local art on display with artists in attendance. They will present a sneak peek of our upcoming Compendium of Garry Oak Ecosystems Restoration publication and have a panel discussion on the use of prescribed fire as a restoration tool in Garry oak ecosystems. For more information, or to register, please visit [here](#).



Invasive Plant Training Program in Powell River Sept 28-Oct 1 and Oct 4-6 (inclusive). The workshop will broaden options for future job opportunities!! Participants will spend 7 days learning about invasive plants: what they are, how to id them, how to collect important information for resource managers, and how to control them (including pesticide application and an exam for certification). Certificates will also be awarded for those who complete the training. To register or find out more, click [here](#).

Transition Cowichan Signs Up to Plant 120 Food Trees as Part of 350.org Global Work Party on October 10th. Transition Cowichan is being joined by Cowichan Green Community and their Fruit Save Program, the Cowichan Intercultural Society, OUR Ecovillage and other community groups to organize the planting of 120 food trees across 12 communities (10 fruit or nut trees per community) in the Cowichan Region and a part of 350.org's Global Work Party. Expanding our regional food forest will add to our local forest's ability to sequester carbon and contribute to local food security. To find out where the planting parties are, click [here](#).

TLC's Abkhazi Garden is the ideal setting for an autumn celebration. The garden is at its peak with a blaze of autumn color and the dining room is filled with the bounty of the season. Please join us for Thanksgiving Brunch on Sunday, October 10, seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Price: \$27 plus HST and gratuities. Children under 12 years occupying a seat: \$15 plus HST. For more information on the brunch or other upcoming TLC events, please visit [here](#).

The East Kootenay Conservation Program is pleased to present a West Kootenay Workshop on October 14. The agenda includes sessions on the state of the environment in the West Kootenay, examples of organizational models that currently are operating well, potential barriers to forming an EKCP type organization in the West Kootenay, defining the objectives, expectations and membership of a new West Kootenay focussed group, and laying out the next steps to ensure follow-up happens. The workshop is being offered in partnership with the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - Columbia Basin and will be facilitated by Lynne Betts of Imprint Creative Solutions. To

or click [here](#).

Please visit http://www.ivma.com/upcoming_events.htm for information regarding the **IVMA of BC's upcoming biannual conference**, to be held October 19 through 22 in Kelowna, BC at the Manteo Resort. At the IVMA of BC Conference this year, we have a packed agenda of world class speakers covering a wide range of topics. You will also have the chance to renew your Herbicide Applicator's Certificate, and some great networking opportunities, including a day on the links for all you golfers, as well as a wine tasting and presentation!

The Real Estate Foundation is proud to present the 2010 Land Awards to recognize initiatives which demonstrate leadership, innovation, and collaboration related to the sustainable use and conservation of land in British Columbia. The awards will highlight dynamic, forward-thinking people and organizations - leaders in creating sustainable communities and making BC a better place to live. For tickets to the November 18th event, or more information, click [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is seeking a Philanthropy Coordinator and Regional Vice President, British Columbia. For information on either of these exciting job opportunities, click [here](#).

Are you looking for a position in which to use your extensive administrative experience and expand your skills in communications, event planning and governance? **The Recycling Council of BC**, a provincial, non-profit information services organization in the environmental sector, is looking for a self-directed right hand for its [Executive Director](#).

The Sierra Club of BC is seeking a full time Environmental Educators to join our Education Team in Victoria. The mission for this position is to translate our environmental education programs, and pilot dynamic environmental education programs in French-speaking classrooms throughout BC. To learn more, click [here](#).

Dogwood Initiative is a Victoria, BC based non-profit organization that helps British Columbians develop common-ground solutions to forestry and energy challenges. Dogwood Initiative is looking for a Communications Coordinator to join our team and support our innovative work. This work seeks to

address the root causes of environmental and social problems and to unite historically antagonistic sectors. To learn more, click [here](#).

The Young Naturalists' Club – A Very Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity. The Victoria Chapter of the Young Naturalists' Club of British Columbia is looking for a new leader. This is an extremely rewarding volunteer position working with children and their families who have a keen interest in nature. If you are interested in learning more about becoming the Volunteer Leader, please contact Susanna Solecki at victoriaync@hotmail.com.

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