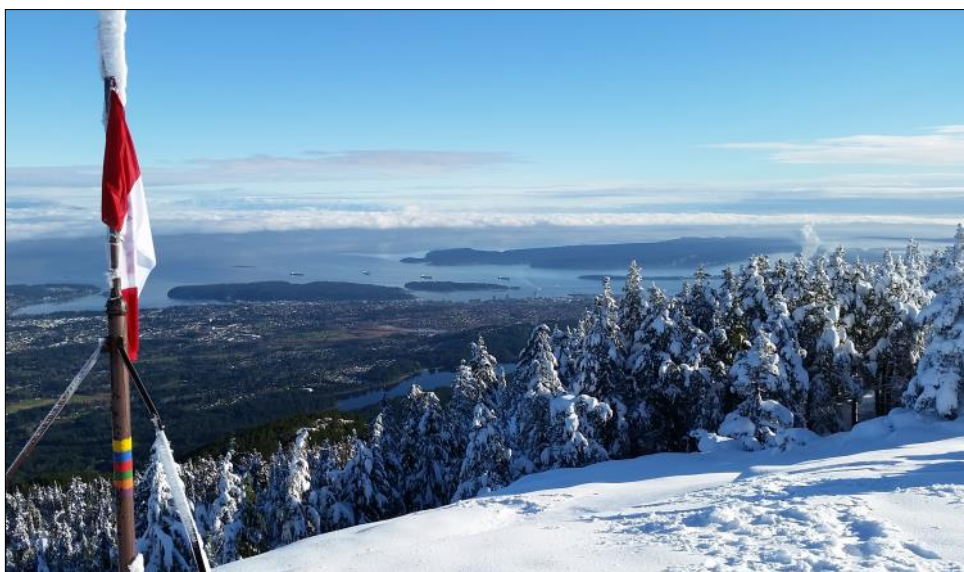


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A rare sunny day provided this picture of Nanaimo from the snowy summit of Mount Benson. With the first snow on Benson we know wintertime is here. Photo: Paul Chapman.

NALT at the Mall

Again this year in the weeks before Christmas, NALT has a presence at Port Place Mall in downtown Nanaimo. With two weekends already under our belt, we will be in the mall again on the weekends of December 9th to 11th and 16th to 18th, and the final weekdays of December 21st to 23rd. You will find the NALT table located near London Drugs.

Merchandise for sale at the table includes new sets of notecards—with some featuring winter scenes that make ideal seasonal cards, and others featuring all seasons that make great year-round gifts—packets of native plant seeds, small potted evergreen trees, signature NALT merchandise, trail maps of Mount Benson and, of course, NALT's 2017 Calendar. Information about the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable, Mount Benson, Linley Valley, the NALT Plant Nursery, and any and all things about NALT will also be available.

NALT volunteers and staff will be happy to help you select seasonal gift items. Drop by to say Hi, and pick up a holiday gift or two – or just help yourself to a NALT Newsletter or any other literature.

See you at the Mall!

NEWS FROM NALT

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the natural values of land
in the Nanaimo area*

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NALT Holiday Season Closure

The NALT Office will be closed for the winter holiday,
beginning on December 24th and
re-opening on January 3rd 2017
—just in time to get ready for
the next bottle drive on January 14th.

*We hope your holiday season will be happy, healthy and restful,
and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!*

Fall Bottle Drive

The forecasts were dire for October 15th—the day we planned to hold our fall bottle drive. The storm of the century would be rolling over us, with biblical rainfall and apocalyptic winds. Picturing the whirlwind scene from the *Wizard of Oz*, we decided to postpone the bottle drive until November 5th—hoping for a calmer day on that date. With this decision, however, we also decided to play it safe and move the venue to the parking lot at the NALT office.

That date turned out to be a typical Nanaimo November day, mild and mostly sunny. Volunteers worked elbow to elbow, sorting a fairly steady stream of refundables. By the end of the day, we raised over \$1,200—and we didn't get rained on!

Thanks to all of our able and enthusiastic volunteers, to folks who dropped their refundables off at the bottle collection site and those who take them to the bottle depot between bottle drives, to Oliver Woods Community Centre for reserving their considerable volume of refundables for us, and to Dave from [Mistaken Identity Vineyards](#) for his generous gift of a case of his fine wines (again!) as his "tip of the hat" in support of our volunteers. Great contributions, everyone!

The next *Bottles for the River* will be held on Saturday, January 14th—again, at the NALT office parking lot. So, store up all the returnable bottles, cans and tetra packs from your holiday cheer, and we will look for you on that day, between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm.

Another Successful Wine & Cheese Soiree

The 4th annual *Wine & Cheese Soiree* happened on the evening of Friday, November 18th on the mezzanine floor of Lucky's Liquor Store, and was a terrific success again this year. People socialized, enjoyed the jazz stylings of the Wellington School Jazz Trio, and bid on a generous array of quality items donated for the silent auction. In addition, there were free door prizes and a raffle for two gift baskets. The snacks and drinks served by the staff of Lucky's were excellent once again.



Folks place bids on an excellent array of goods and services at the silent auction tables.

Photo: Jennifer Davidson.

Of course, the evening would not have been such a success without our generous donors. A special thanks to the following businesses and individuals who donated to the silent auction and raffle prizes: Alberni Outpost, Arrowsmith Bikes, Art Knapp Plantland, Backyard Wild Bird & Nature Store, Diane Bestwick, June Bogle, Cabela's, Carlos O'Bryans, Central Drugs, City of Nanaimo, Coal City Cycles, the Coast Bastion Hotel, Coastal Community Credit Union, Cutting Room Creative, CWM Wealth Management, Dean Gaudry, Dinghy Dock Pub, Flying Fish, Gina's Mexican Cafe, Gold Automotive, the Great Canadian Oil Change, Greenrock Liquor Store, Home Hardware (Brooks Landing), Barb Kerfoot, Kool & Child, Laurie Shaw, the Land Trust Alliance of B.C., Lee's Carpet Cleaning, Ron LePage, Lucky's Liquor Store, Madsen Centre Massage Therapy, Mambo Pizza, McLean's Specialty Foods, Mid Island Co-op, Patty McRory, Patti Mitchell, Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery, Nanaimo Toyota, Nanaimo Yoga Sanctuary, Nesbitt Burns, Ono Work & Safety, Paradise Island Foods, the Port Theatre, Quality Foods, Quarterway Pub, Real Canadian Superstore, Robert Haist Piano Tuning, the Running Room, Saigon Kitchen, Serious Coffee, St. Jean's Cannery, Starbucks, The Bay, Theatre One, Valhalla Pure, Vancouver Island Symphony, Bruce Ward, and Windward Pub. This truly is a generous community that we live in! Altogether, we raised more than \$3,500 to support the programs of the NALT Stewardship Centre.

Thanks also to NALT's dedicated volunteers and staff—with a special tip of the hat to Jennifer Davidson for taking on the lion's share of work, organizing this popular evening.



Smiles all around at the 4th annual *Wine & Cheese Soiree*!

Photo: Jennifer Davidson.

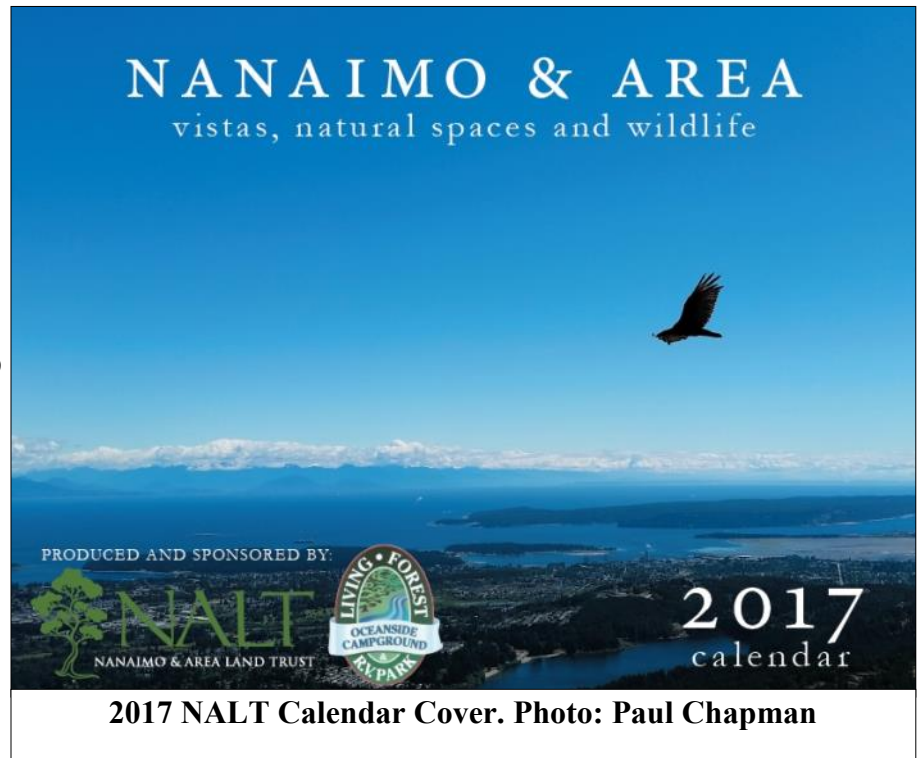


2017 NALT Calendars on Sale

The NALT 2017 Calendars are now on sale—and they look great! You can find them at [Backyard Wildbird & Nature Store](#), [Global Village \(Longwood Station\)](#), [Lucky's Liquor Store](#), [Alberni Outpost](#), [the Running Room](#), [the Tourism Centre at the Northfield Road rest area](#), [FrontRunners](#), [the New Balance Store](#), [the NALT office](#), [the Green Store](#), [the Nanaimo Museum](#), and at the home of our sponsor: [the Living Forest Oceanside Campground & RV Park](#). Calendars are priced at \$10 each.

NALT would like to say a special thank you to the Living Forest Oceanside Campground & RV Park, who is again sponsoring 50% of the calendar publication costs. Thanks to this sponsorship, all proceeds raised by the sale of the 2017 calendars will go towards future land acquisition and protection activities by NALT in the Nanaimo area. In 2017, NALT will continue to work towards an acquisition agreement for a property on the Nanaimo River, and to facilitate the Nanaimo River Roundtable.

For the 11th year, the calendar features scenes and close-ups of natural places and wildlife in the Nanaimo area—and a glimpse of folks enjoying outdoor recreation opportunities. Once again, it highlights a variety of lands that NALT has helped to protect since we began land stewardship programs and projects in 1995.



Thanks also to local photographers who contributed hundreds of quality photos that feature many moods of natural places in the Nanaimo area throughout the four seasons. And NALT would again like to thank Carra Simpson who, for 11 years, has donated her time and skills to coordinate the NALT Calendar Project—undertaking the layout and desktop design work.

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World Rivers Day

Rivers Day has been observed annually on the last Sunday in September for almost 30 years. The celebration was begun by a Burnaby biologist and river-lover named Mark Angelo; and over the years it has expanded from being just a BC event, to become World Rivers Day. In Nanaimo this year, Rivers Day was on Sunday, September 25th with a celebration alongside the Millstone River in Bowen Park hosted by the City of Nanaimo in partnership with NALT.

The celebrations actually began on Friday, September 23rd, as a bus-load of people joined staff from the City of Nanaimo, Island Timberlands and TimberWest on a tour of the Nanaimo River Watershed—including of Nanaimo's drinking water reservoir at Jump Lake and a tour of the new, state-of-the-art water treatment plant on South Forks Road, as well as forestry practices within the greater Nanaimo River watershed. For the third year, this day-long tour was well-attended, and reports afterwards were enthusiastic!

On the morning of actual Rivers Day, more folks took part in a number of half-day tours, including a bird-watching walk at the estuary and a rafting tour of the lower reaches of the river and the estuary. Following these tours, people were encouraged to join the City and NALT at the lower picnic shelter in Bowen Park—to enjoy live local music, a guided walk of the Millstone River, other educational activities about the Importance of rivers to our community, and NALT's signature BBQ salmon burgers. Cooperative weather, a scenic setting, assorted activities for all ages, and great food all contributed to make a successful, family-oriented Rivers Day in Nanaimo. It is impressive to think about similar celebrations all happening on the same day around the world!

2018 Calendar Photos Now Being Collected

We love to receive photos that depict any or all of the four seasons in the Nanaimo area; and we love to fill our file of possible photos for next year's calendar *early*—rather than at the last moment! So why not send us up to 5 of your recent—or not so recent—photos now? Even if your photo doesn't make it into the 2018 calendar, it may be used by NALT, with your permission, in other ways: such as notecards, newsletter photos, posters, or a future calendar. And the credit will always be yours.

Here's what we are looking for:

Feature areas that NALT is or has been involved with—including the Linley Valley, Mount Benson (and views from), Harewood Plains, pretty much all the creeks and rivers (and their watersheds) in and around Nanaimo (with special emphasis right now on the Nanaimo River), Martha's Place in Qualicum Bay (now a NALT property), Hamilton Marsh, Moorecroft Park, the Yellowpoint Lodge property, the Parnassian Woods (Van Kerkoerle property in Cassidy, now gifted to NALT), sites on Lasqueti Island, South Winchelsea Island, Gabriola Island and Mudge Island, plus local area parks where NALT has been involved with invasive species removal and habitat projects over the past 21 years. Also welcome: close-ups of local flora and fauna that are generally found throughout the Nanaimo region. And, although we generally do not use photos that *feature* people or pets, "fauna" may include outdoor hikers, paddlers or other recreation-lovers. A figure in the background can enhance a scene or setting, or add context to the "story". If you have a great photo of some site or feature that we missed on this list, send it to us for consideration.

How to participate:

Please send us up to 5 of your special photos that portray the natural qualities that make this part of the world such a great place to live. For photos to be considered for the calendar, they must be shot in *landscape format* (wide, not tall) and in a *high enough resolution for clarity* when they are enlarged to the calendar size of 8 1/2" x 11" (3+ MB is usually good). Please email your photos to paul@nalt.bc.ca or drop off a digital copy at the NALT office.

What's in it for you?

Photographers whose images are chosen for the calendar will receive 5 free copies of the calendar in which they are used. As you may have noticed, each year we try to select a balance of images and match them to an appropriate calendar month or season; so, if one of your photos is not used the first year that you submit it, don't be discouraged; we keep all un-used submissions on file, and may use yours for a future calendar. If the resolution of a photo is not high enough for use in the calendar, we may still use it in popular notecards that are available for sale all year round.

~ THANK YOU ALL ~

*Many thanks to all the individuals, organizations and businesses who have donated their time and skills as volunteers, contributed items or services, made financial donations, or renewed or started a membership.
September 20th to , December 2nd 2016*

Donations - Moorecroft: Kathryn Goldsmith – *In honour of Michael's birthday*

Financial Donations and In-kind Goods & Services – Natural Abundance Native Plant

Nursery: Dean Gaudry for transporting, salvaging and donating a variety of native plants with other in-kind plants, seeds and pots.

Individual Donations, New & Renewed Memberships – NALT: Bertha Abma, Kathleen Brodie, Armando dos Santos & Virginia Woodward, Janice Dunn, Dawn Dunphy, Clive Hetherington, Ambrose Knobel, Patricia McRory, Courtenay & Darren Nilsson, Linda Nichol, Eric Sifton, Roberta Veenstra, Graham Wallace

Business & Organization Donations – NALT: Regional District of Nanaimo Stewardship Support Grant to Walley Creek Streamkeepers Committee

Wine & Cheese Soiree 2016 recognition: Alberni Outpost, Arrowsmith Bikes, Art Knapp Plantland, Backyard Wild Bird & Nature Store, Barb Kerfoot, Bruce Ward, Cabela's, City of Nanaimo, CWM Wealth Management, Carlos O'Bryan's, Central Drugs, Coal City Cycle, Coast Bastion, Coast Community Credit Union, Cutting Room Creative, Dean Gaudry, Diane Bestwick, Dinghy Dock Pub, Flying Fish, Gina's Mexican Café, Great Canadian Oil Change, Greenrock Liquor Store, Home Hardware, June Bogle, Kool & Child, Gold Automotive, Land Trust Alliance of BC, Laurie Shaw, Lee's Carpet Cleaning, Lucky's Liquor Store, Madsen Centre Massage Therapy, McLean's Specialty Foods, Mambo's Pizza, Mid Island Co-op, NALT Nursery, Nanaimo Toyota, Nanaimo Yoga Sanctuary, Nesbitt Burns, Ono Trading Company, Paradise Island Foods, Patti Mitchell, Patty McRory, Port Theatre, Quality Foods, Quarterway Pub, Real Canadian Superstore, Robert Haist Piano Tuning, Ron LePage, Running Room, Saigon Kitchen, Serious Coffee, Starbuck's, St. Jean's Cannery, The Bay, Theatre One, Valhalla Pure, Vancouver Island Symphony and Windward Pub.

Volunteers since September 20th: Gail Adrienne, Holly Blackburn, Ruth Caspell, Paul Chapman, Deryck Cowling, Dave Cutts, Allan Davidson, Jennifer Davidson, Erica Duguay, Nina Evans-Locke, Susan Fisher, Dean Gaudry, Julius Gergly, Jeff Hawker, Allan Hawryzki, Pat Hogue, Barbara Hourston, Denis Hughes, Trish Jennings, Peter Jeremy, Allison Kennet, Anne Kerr, Clinton King, Lee Masciarelli, Louise Mason, Sarah Messerly, Wayne Morgan, Allan Mou, Linda Nichol, Robin Louise Pile, Cyndi Pitvor, Ellis Richer, Kyle Shepard, Karen Skarpnes, Gary Smart, Beth Stanley, Judy Tencer, Charlee Touchette, Colton Vandermolten, Tracy Vandermolten, Coco Van Zyl, Bruce Ward, Wendy Ward, Jenny Webb, John Wells, Wally Wells, Fraser Wilson, Pat Wilson, Inger Wyat, Linda Yemen, Jim Young

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." —Jane Goodall

Donation/Pledge Form
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\$500 to \$999	Patron of Benson
\$100 to \$499	Friend of Benson
less than \$100	Sponsor of Benson

My donation of \$_____ is enclosed
 cash, cheque or credit card *(check one)* **AND/OR**
 I would like to pledge \$_____ in ____ (#)
 payments made monthly/annually/other_____

Make cheque payable to NALT- Mount Benson Acquisition.

Visa/MC# _____ Exp Date: _____

Tax receipts issued for donations of \$20 or more.

My name is _____
 (for tax receipt)

Please record this contribution in the name of :
 (if different) _____

I would like to remain anonymous (Check Here) ☐

My street address: _____

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Thank you for your continued support!
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Nanaimo River Donation Form

I wish to donate to the Nanaimo River Project,
 to assist with the costs of developing a Nanaimo River
 stewardship strategy

Donation Categories

\$5,000 to \$9,999	Benefactor
\$1,000 to \$4,999	Hero
\$500 to \$999	Champion
\$100 to \$499	Patron
\$25 to \$100	Friend
less than \$25	Supporter

**My donation of \$_____ is enclosed as cash,
 cheque or credit card *(circle one)***

Cheques should be made payable to **NALT – Nanaimo River
 Strategy Project** OR provide credit card info

VISA/ MC# _____

Expiry ____/____ Signature _____

Charitable receipts will be issued for all donations of \$20 or more.
 TO receive your tax receipt and be on our contact list, please fill out
 the section below.

NALT's charitable tax # is 893193771

My Name : _____

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Email Contact: _____

If this donation is being made in the name of someone other
 than yourself, please give their contact information

Their Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

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I would like to remain anonymous on all NALT thank you
 and recognition lists **NO / YES *(circle one)***

NALT Thanks You for Your Support!

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Please send this completed form to:

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#8-140 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B1

I would like to:

a) ☐ **Renew my NALT Membership**

b) ☐ **Begin a NALT Membership**

(Check the category that applies to you)

___ Senior/Low Income/Student - \$10

___ Individual/Family - \$20

___ Business- \$50

c) ☐ **I would like to become a monthly donor:**

(Please see Pre-Authorized Contribution PAC form)

OR

d) ☐ **I would like to make a one time donation of:**

\$ _____

Make cheque payable to: Nanaimo & Area Land Trust

OR

Please charge my Visa or Mastercard:

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date : _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

name _____

mailing address _____

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telephone _____ email address _____

Would you like to remain anonymous? ☐

Tax receipts will be issued for contributions of \$20 or more.

NALT does not sell, trade or loan our database of donors, members or

contacts to individuals or other organizations

Thank you for your continued support!

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Pre-Authorized Contribution (PAC) Includes Annual Membership

Complete this section *ONLY* if you want to become a monthly donor.

Yes, I authorize NALT to automatically withdraw from my bank account on the 1st of each month beginning

This date _____ (yr/month/day):

☐ \$10.00

☐ \$20.00

☐ \$30.00

☐ \$40.00

☐ Other amount: _____

☐ I have enclosed a cheque marked **VOID**.
OR

Yes, I authorize NALT to charge my Visa OR MasterCard the 1st of each month:

☐ \$10.00

☐ \$20.00

☐ \$30.00

☐ \$40.00

☐ Other amount: _____

Visa ☐ M/C ☐

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Signature: _____

Beginning: (Month) _____, 20 _____

You may change or cancel your contribution at any time by sending NALT written notice.

Please note: You will receive one tax receipt for the total amount of monthly gifts after the end of each tax year.

Your membership & monthly contribution are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support!



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