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Newsletter of the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust Society

June 2018

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A summer sunset in July, 2018 NALT Calendar. Photo: Bente Stobbe

Calling All Photographers! NALT Needs 2019 Calendar Photos

The deadline for you to send us your photos is Saturday, June 30th. We need you to take a trip through your photo files, and find up to five of your best photos—they may be recent or not-so-recent. If one of the photos you send is selected for the 2019 NALT calendar, your name will be featured as the photographer, and you will receive 5 free calendars that you can send to family or friends as a perfect gift for the holiday season.

Here's what we are looking for:

Photos that feature the natural areas we all hold dear—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, Hamilton Marsh, Moorecroft Park, sites featuring 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 years. Also welcome are close-ups of flora and fauna generally found throughout the Nanaimo region.

If you have a great photo of some site or feature in the Nanaimo area that we have missed on this list, send it in for consideration. We generally do not use photos that *feature* people or pets, but a figure in the background or an outdoor group enjoying an activity, can add context to the image.

As you may have noticed, each year we try to select a balance of images that match with an appropriate month or season; so, even if your photo doesn't get used for the 2019 calendar, it may be used by NALT in a future calendar, or for the ever-popular NALT notecards, or posters or newsletters. You will be notified if we do use one for any reason, and the photo will be appropriately credited to your name. How to participate?

For photos to be usable for the calendar, they need to be **formatted in landscape (wide, not tall) and in a high enough resolution for clarity when they are enlarged to the calendar size of 8.5" x 11" (3 Megabytes or more)**. Please email your photos to paul@nalt.bc.ca or drop off a digital copy at the NALT office.

Please share with us your special photos depicting the natural beauty that makes this area such a great place to live. **Remember: The deadline for 2019 calendar photo submissions is Saturday, June 30th at midnight.**

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*to promote and protect
the natural values of land
in the Nanaimo area*

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Arrivals and Departures

Welcome to Ava

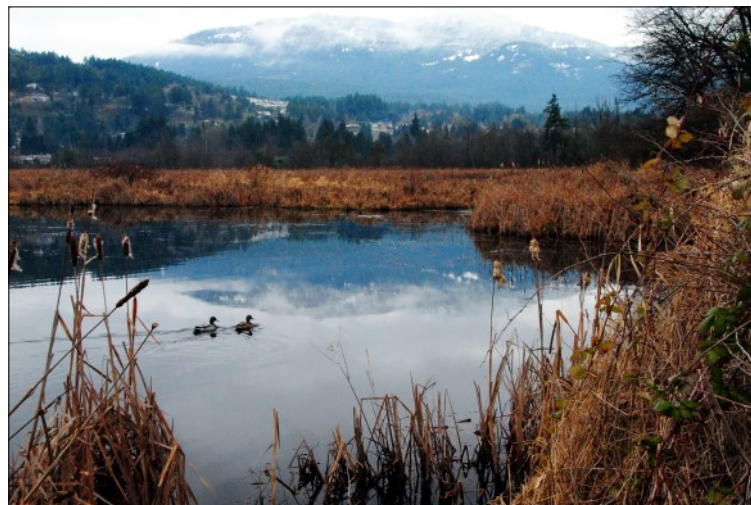
In April NALT was pleased to welcome the newest member of our team – Ava Breakwell. Ava is taking on the dual roles of Volunteer Coordinator and Conservation Covenant Manager. Ava joins NALT just as the annual Conservation Covenant monitoring season gets under way. She has already visited a number of the properties under covenant with NALT and is just now arranging the details for NALT's next bottle drive on July 7th. A quick study, Ava is taking on the challenge with aplomb. Already having participated in the April bottle drive and Water Stewardship Symposium, Ava looks forward to meeting more NALT volunteers and supporters at upcoming events.



Ava perfects her carton stomp technique at the April bottle drive

John Young Moves on From the Board

In early May John Young made the decision to resign from the NALT Board of Directors. Although he enjoyed his time on the Board, John feels he can better engage at the committee level. The NALT Board wishes to extend its appreciation for John's work on the board and his ongoing activities on the Fundraising Committee. Thank you John.



A wintry scene of Mount Benson from Buttertubs Marsh.

This photo by John Young graced the cover of NALT's 2013 Calendar.

Conservation Covenant Map

Conservation Covenants are one of the most effective tools of conservation NALT can use. An agreement between a property owner and a land trust, Conservation Covenants are legal documents, registered on a property title, that clearly state the nature of the conservation values and the allowed and prohibited uses on the land. These agreements reflect the desire of a land owner to protect the natural values of their property and the requirements of the signing land trusts. There are almost always two trusts co-holding the covenant.

Currently, NALT holds 9 covenants and is in the process of negotiating additional agreements. We have launched an interactive map on the Conservation Covenants page of the NALT website (http://nalt.bc.ca/1_11_conservation-covenants.html). The map shows the general location of our Conservation Covenants and links you to information about the properties and our conservation partners. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

Click on the yellow stars to find out more about NALT's Conservation Covenants



Water Stewardship Symposium

On April 11th – 12th, the Nanaimo Water Stewardship Symposium was held at the Coast Bastion Hotel and sites around Nanaimo. The Symposium was presented by a committee including the Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC, the City of Nanaimo, The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT). More than a year in the planning, the symposium included a field trip, a public lecture and a day of presentations and interaction.

Starting on April 11th, the field trip included a visit to Buttertubs Marsh, where participants learned of some of the history and habitat of the Marsh. A feature at this site was a study looking into the ecological asset value of the marsh in relation to storm water management. The Marsh provides services to the City of Nanaimo that would otherwise have to be handled by engineered drainage systems that are expensive to install and maintain. The other site visit was at the last working 5-acre farm in Harewood. A remnant of a plan to provide sustenance and marketable crops to early mining families, the 5-acre farm still supports agricultural values through Growing Opportunities and its partner organizations. As well, the farm offers ecological services similar to those of Buttertubs Marsh as it captures storm water in its permeable field and wetland.



NALT's Acting Executive Director, Paul Chapman, addresses the Symposium attendees.

On the evening of the 11th, a well attended lecture by a leading climate scientist, Bob Sandford, covered some of the known and probable effects of climate change, and some of the actions people can take to deal with increased intensity and duration of weather events. "The hard work of hope" is a call to action in our personal and collective lives.

For the full day symposium, nearly 140 participants, were treated to interesting presentations on restoring the water balance, the role of stewardship groups in watershed conservation, an innovative program of Drinking Water and Watershed Protection at the RDN, valuing eco-assets, and challenges and opportunities in watershed sustainability. A centrepiece of the day was a panel and townhall session about some of the successes and challenges of collaboration on water stewardship in the region. Panellists represented the Mid-Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society, NALT, the RDN, the City of Nanaimo, the Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute and legendary biologist and Streamkeeper – Dave Clough.

All the presentations were captured on video and are available for viewing by following links on the events page on the NALT website (http://nalt.bc.ca/1_13_events.html).

[The cost to attend the symposium was very reasonable thanks to the support of event sponsors: TimberWest, Island Timberlands, the Greenrock Liquor Store, Tectonica, Lanarc, Chatwin Engineering, Hoskins Scientific, Aquaparian Environmental Consulting, and Vancouver Island University.](#)

Planning is already taking place for a follow up event (or events) in 2019.

NALT Strategic Planning Committee Polishes its Crystal Ball

What do we want to accomplish and where do we want to put our focus as an organization over the next five years?

That's the question being contemplated by a newly formed NALT committee tasked to capture the interests and aspirations of NALT and articulate broad answers.

The committee is in the early stages of a strategic planning process which they expect to take to the wider NALT community for input this fall. The resulting plan, a written document, should clearly articulate our goals and objectives and how the things we do align with these. It will also help us communicate out to the community as a whole what we do. And finally, most importantly it will help us prioritize and decide where we want to focus our energy and resources over the next 5 years.

NALT has a great track record and we are well regarded in the community. We want the process to lead us to documenting broadly the choices and direction we want to make. The result should be a 'big picture' strategic plan to help guide us over the next 5 years.

Having a plan like this will help us in virtually everything NALT does – from the types of land we consider for protection and the ways we support other local initiatives to fundraising and how we attract new members.

The committee is beginning its process by looking at what we have been doing – such as land protection, stewardship projects and education – and will touch base with other British Columbia land trusts about how they promote and protect natural land values in their communities.

Committee members Linda Nichol, David Drakeford, Jack Tieleman and Norm Wagenaar will also be reaching out to gather input from other NALT members as a key step. This process could include social media, public meetings, hiring a professional facilitator for a workshop, or some combination of these and other approaches.

We don't have a crystal ball about the future but still we can and should plan. And it will be fun! Watch for further news on the strategic planning process in future issues of the NALT newsletter, on the NALT Facebook page and on the NALT website.

Membership Committee

Why NALT? That's a question people ask me when I tell them I've joined the board. It's simple, I love my city and the nature that surrounds it. As I discover new trails and parks I gain even further appreciation of what we have. Preserving land is important work and will leave a lasting impact. Providing resources and education around our natural habitat is crucial. What about you? The starting point is with our current members. We'd love to know why you joined and what keeps you engaged? Is it stream-keeping? Linley Valley? Native Plant Nursery? Nanaimo River? Mount Benson? The River Symposium? We need your help and ideas. Your answers will help us attract new members. The membership committee is tasked with maintaining and growing its members so we need your help. How do we get youth involved? Any ideas on engaging millennials? Where are the Boomers? Remember Gen X? They are still out there and we need them. Are there things you feel NALT should do? Do you have insights to share?

NALT does a lot of great things! Unfortunately, some residents aren't aware. Increasing membership will help spread the word. We have a committed board and staff, a dedicated membership, a bevy of volunteers and a legacy of important achievements. The time is right to grow our membership and enlist our friends, neighbours and fellow citizens. I'd love to hear from you on this and suggestions to make membership even better! Contact Jack Tieleman at admin@nalt.bc.ca or call 250-714-1990.

Annual General Meeting

On March 21st NALT members gathered for the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust.

Top most in everyone's mind was the absence of NALT's long-time Executive Director, Gail Adrienne. Board Co-Chair, Dean Gaudry, reflected on Gail's remarkable history of community engagement and acknowledged her ongoing recovery from injury.

The business of the meeting included the approval of NALT's Financial Statement from 2017, delivered with good humour by Alex Palmer, C.P.A.; a resolution adopting new Bylaws modified for compliance with the new Societies Act of BC; and the re-election of Nina Evans-Locke, Allan Hawryzki and Wally Wells and the election of new Board members David Drakeford, Jack Tieleman and Norm Wagenaar.

After a light dinner, an informative and inspiring presentation by the Save Linley's Hidden Ridges group outlined the history of community engagement to protect the ridges. Brent Hargreaves, Susan Juby and Yvonne Leduc spoke of the efforts and talents harnessed to make City politicians aware of the important values supported by this land in its natural state. Thanks to Brent, Susan and Yvonne for taking the time to answer the many questions posed by our interested audience and congratulations to the group for ensuring the Hidden Ridges will become City park.

Bottle Drive

When it rains it pours. On April 7th it rained and the donations of refundable beverage containers poured in. After a day of sorting in the wind and rain we raised \$760.

As always, the efforts of the day were made more enjoyable by a great cohort of NALT volunteers who donned their green t-shirts and worked elbow-to-elbow in good humour and harmony. Thanks to our indomitable and inexhaustible volunteers, and to all the loyal supporters who dropped off their refundables at Country Club Centre's parking lot.

Thanks also to Lucky's Liquor Store and the Country Club Centre for hosting us; to Jenny Webb and her home-made sandwiches keeping our volunteers well fed; and to the Running Room and Clinton King for the use of their tents to keep us sheltered from the rain. A special thank you to Jason Salt at www.facebook.com/IBFDS16/ for offering to get the word out for us by delivering information flyers door-to-door in the surrounding neighbourhood, and posting the event on his Facebook.

Our next *NALT Bottle Drive* will happen on Saturday, July 7th (the first Saturday after the Canada Day weekend), from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm—once again in the parking lot beside Lucky's Liquor Store at Country Club Centre. Hope to see you there!

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NALT Native Plant Nursery News

It's spring, and all the plants, including the weeds, know it! Nursery volunteers have put in 893 hours in the first 5 months of the year – that has to be some kind of record.

The propagated and salvaged plants are growing. [Our inventory](#) is now at 99 varieties of native plants, and 33 varieties of seeds. The most popular plants this spring, those we sold most of, include Red flowering currant, Oregon grape, Roses, and Ferns. Of the herbaceous plants, the Bleeding heart stole everybody's heart, Wild ginger, Vanilla leaf, Yellow woodland violets, and Monkey flower. These sold well at the nursery and at the plant sales.

Volunteers attended 3 plant sales this spring. We began with Seedy Sunday, then came Earth Day at Barsby School, followed by Morrell Nature Sanctuary's annual plant sale. These sales are a great opportunity to get acquainted in our community, and many shoppers say they heard of us at these sales.

We were able to donate 9 shrubs to Park Avenue Community School. The Grade 1/2 class is studying happiness. They decided the school courtyard would be happier if it had some new plants and some TLC. We were glad to help.

As in previous spring into fall months, the nursery will supply Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) WaterSmart with plants and seeds for their events. The living plants and seeds attract people to the RDN displays, and every plant and seed packet has the nursery address on the back. It's a fine, continuing cooperative effort, and we appreciate the RDN continuing to purchase the plants and seeds.

Three nursery volunteers have recently been invited to join with three NALT Board members to form a committee aimed at planning stewardship for the VanKerkoerle property. This will build on the management plan for the ecological values of the property. In early June the committee began by walking the property trails, bridges, and board walks to assess needed improvements for safety and accessibility. Peter and Anneke are pleased that their friends are attempting to care for the property they have lovingly tended for many years.



Nursery Volunteers at John Barsby School's Earth Day celebration. Photo: Jenny Webb



Springtime visitors to the nursery, these elk *browsed* but didn't purchase anything.

Photo: Deryck Cowling

**Just to let everyone know,
due to a number of factors, there will not be a
NALT summer picnic this year.**

Streamkeeper Workshop April 21 - 22

Thanks to funding from Thrifty's Smile Card Program, and funds generated by the sales of the 2018 NALT calendar, NALT was able to host a Streamkeeper Workshop where the participants only had to purchase the \$20 Streamkeepers Handbook.

The Workshop focused on the Cat Stream and our local fish hero, Biologist Dave Clough, led the session with his signature style of instruction: energetic, passionate and extremely knowledgeable. Participants learned about the structures and indicators of healthy rivers, how to measure and record the health of creeks, and various restoration and enhancement activities that can improve fish habitat.

A favourite component for many participants is about bugs—finding and identifying the kinds of bugs that live in streams, and what their presence reveals about water quality. With such a resurgence of interest in this training, and an ever present-need for people in our communities who are trained and ready to steward our rivers and streams, NALT will continue to seek funding to provide Streamkeepers Workshops—hopefully one each fall and spring.

A quote from Dave Clough about what each of us can do to create healthy streams, "Plant a tree".

Peter and Diane sort refundable beverage containers at the NALT bottle drive.




Doris Edwards at the NALT table at John Barsby School's Earth Day celebration.
Photo: Jenny Webb

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February 24, 2018 to June 13, 2018***

Donations - Nanaimo River Watershed Round Table: TimberWest

Donations and In-kind Goods – Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery:

Anonymous (1), David Fisher, Harmac Pacific, Wayne Morgan, Morrell Nature Sanctuary, Nanaimo River Fish Hatchery, Peter Bowen-Roberts, Jacqui Toser

Individual Donations & New Memberships – NALT: Anonymous (1), Doris Arndt, Connie Lou Bickford, Kathleen Brodie, Chris Burnley, Iain Colquhoun & Kathy Doyle, Jan Cook, Norah Forrest, Inge Fleet, Dean Gaudry, David Drakeford, Maureen Gourlay, Jo & Don Graham, Margot Herten, Marilyn & Phil Huffman, Dorothee Kieser, Leonard Krog, David MacKenzie, Sandra MacLeod, Christy Thomson, Norman Wagenaar, Dorothy & Don Wallace, Godfrey Watson, Wally Wells

In Honour of: Lynn Barnstead's birthday from Donna Warren

In Honour of: Nancy Vaughan from anonymous

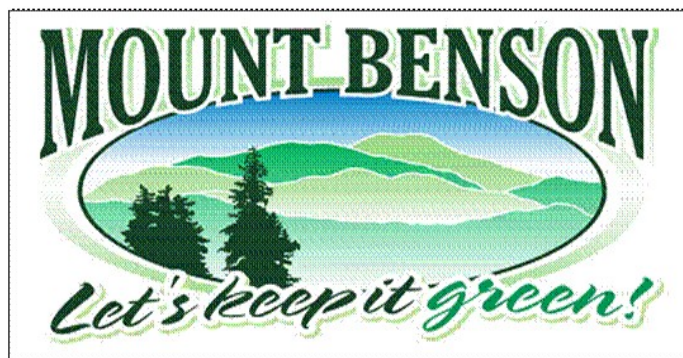
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Business & Organization Donations – NALT: Huong Lan Vietnamese Restaurant, Provincial Employees Community Services Fund, Soap Exchange, United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island

Volunteers since February 23rd to June 2018:

Dianne Bestwick, Holly Blackburn, Ava Breakwell, Ruth Caspell, Paul Chapman, Deryck Cowling, Dalton Corbett, Dave Cutts, Jennifer Davidson, David Drakeford, Doris Edwards, Nina Evans-Locke, Susan Fisher, Dean Gaudry, Jeff Hawker, Allan Hawryzki, Pat Hogue, Peter Jeremy, Anne Kerr, Jennifer Locke, Phillipa Locke, Jerrolyn MacVittie, John Manning, Wayne Morgan, Linda Nichol, Cyndi Pitvor, Ellis Richer, Colleen Rohde, Harriet Rueggeberg, Chris Scoriah, Gary Smart, Beth Stanley, Andre Sullivan, Jack Tieleman, Judy Tencer, Coco Van Zyl, Norm Wagenaar, Bruce Ward, Wendy Ward, Jenny Webb, Wally Wells, Fraser Wilson, Inger Wyat, John Young

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My donation of \$_____ is enclosed
 cash, cheque or credit card *(check one)* **AND/OR**
 I would like to pledge \$_____ in ____ (#)
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Make cheque payable to NALT- Mount Benson Acquisition.

Visa/MC# _____ Exp Date: _____

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**My donation of \$_____ is enclosed as cash,
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Cheques should be made payable to **NALT – Nanaimo River
 Strategy Project** OR provide credit card info

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Expiry ____/____ Signature _____

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NALT's charitable tax # is 893193771

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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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(Check the rate that applies to you)

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

(Please see Pre-Authorized Contribution PAC form)

OR

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Would you like to remain anonymous? ☐

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

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Thank you for your continued support!

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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

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☐ \$10.00

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OR

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

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☐ \$20.00

☐ \$30.00

☐ \$40.00

☐ Other amount: _____

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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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Bottles for NALT

Saturday July 7th, 2018

9:00 am to 2:30 pm



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