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The Waters of March—John Young

Building a Culture of Stewardship

What does it mean to build a culture of stewardship? It means working to move the behavior of our community to return to balance with ecology. This means finding ways to live and work that not only don't harm the connections that make for a healthy ecosystem but finding ways to actively support these connections. It also means forging connections between people to achieve a return to balance.

NALT works with stewardship groups and champions to do this. On Beck Creek, Cat Stream, Departure Creek, Walley Creek, the Nanaimo River and many of the waterways that make up our home landscape, we work with water stewards to restore the health of these waterways. We have an active project seeking to connect schools and school communities to their watersheds. Our *Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery* provides plants for restoration projects and restoring our yards to support nature. Through the promotion of native plants in gardening and landscaping we work to connect the parks and protected areas of our community by building corridors of connections for endemic pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds (*Pollinator Paradise* project coming soon, stay tuned for details).

NALT works with local and provincial level organizations to share and support stories of stewardship through the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable, the Mid-Island Stewardship Caucus, support of stewardship groups and initiatives and the Watershed Moments symposia series. You may have seen the 2020 symposium online or on Shaw TV. The 2021 symposium promises to add perspectives to the conversation toward making lasting change.

NALT has been blessed with a strong and growing membership and a cohort of active volunteers. We've done a lot together, there is still much to do. There is a saying in backpacking that is apt for the journey of building a culture of stewardship – If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. We want to go far together.

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*to support, promote and protect
the natural values of land and
water in our area*

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Workshops Are Us

The COVID enforced pent-up demand for connection and action has lead to NALT offering a bevy of workshops and presentations this late winter and early spring.

- On March 6th – 7th NALT hosted a Streamkeeper workshop presented by David Clough about the indicators of creek health for stream stewards. Once again Dave shared his wealth of knowledge, experience and humour to train up a new cohort of Streamkeepers.
- On March 20th – 21st, NALT is hosting a fully-subscribed bioengineering workshop presented by renown expert in the field – David Polster. The weekend course consists of lessons delivered online and hands on participation doing restoration work on the Millstone River.
- March 31st, NALT will host an online evening presentation on identifying and monitoring western painted turtles in our local lakes (see page 6).
- April 10th – 11th NALT will host a fully-subscribed Wetland Keepers workshop on the mapping and monitoring of wetlands for the stewardship sector.

All of our workshops and presentations will be carried out with health and safety as a top priority. In some cases, the number of participants is limited to ensure safe physical distancing can be maintained.

More workshops coming soon!

Contact stewardship@nalt.bc.ca or call 250-714-1990 for more Information.

Bottle Drive – April 10th

It has been a long time since our last bottle drive. We've received a lot of calls from folks wondering when our next *Bottles for NALT* event will be. Well, the wait is almost over. The next bottle drive will be on **Saturday, April 10th, 9 am – 2 pm** in the parking lot beside **Lucky's Liquor Store** at the **Country Club Centre**.

This spring, funds raised from previous bottle drives are supporting NALT's presentation of a Streamkeepers workshop, a bioengineering course and school engagement on Walley Creek, Northfield Marsh and the Cat Stream.

As with our bottle drive in the fall of 2020, the way we do things has changed. We will have smaller crews of volunteers for shorter shifts. We won't be able to stop and chat and exchange information about initiatives and concerns. We will be practicing contactless drop-off. We ask you to stay in your vehicle while our volunteers retrieve your refundables for sorting. We are committed to carrying out this event with the health and safety of our volunteers and donors top of mind. If the situation changes and health authority directives prevent us from holding events, we will let you know.

We would like to express our gratitude for all who support NALT through these fundraising events and those that donate directly to the Regional Recycling Depots year-round at 2375 Hayes Road and 839 Old Victoria Road in Nanaimo. We encourage you to utilize these recycling locations when possible. Simply tell the cashiers to "put it on the NALT account". We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the next bottle drive.

Drawing Members to NALT

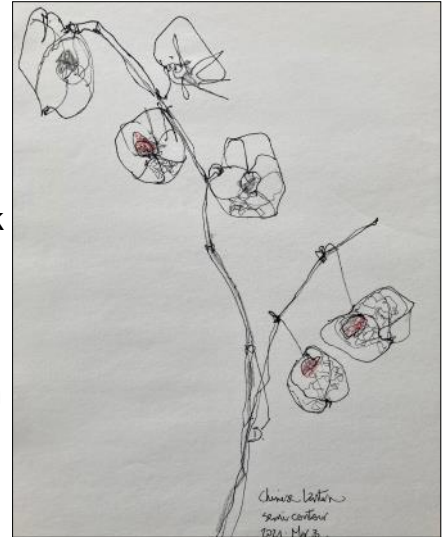
The offer by Alison Watt, to provide lessons in Drawing Nature to NALT members has become one of NALT's most successful membership drives outside of an acquisition campaign.



Drawing by Lea Allen

Thanks to Alison encouraging non-members who wished to take part in her art lessons to sign up for a NALT membership, we have over 70 new members in our stewardship community.

Alison is a well-known local naturalist, artist, and writer. Her course, *The Joy of Drawing Nature*, teaches quick and accurate ways to draw, as well as introduce materials that make it fun and easy to get started on your own nature journal.



Brenda Grice

Thank you Alison.

Take a look at Alison's website for more information about this amazing artist, <https://www.alisonwatt.ca/>



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NALT's School Water Stewards Project

The School Water Stewards project is getting students out of the classroom and into their boots, muddybuddies and rainpants to explore their local watershed!

No matter the weather we have been out with students at their neighbourhood creeks, marshes and puddles to measure, observe, and explore where their water comes from, where it goes, and how it connects with plants, animals and the landscape along the way. Students have been evaluating the impacts we have on our watersheds, and learning ways to assess if their local creeks and wetlands are healthy or sick. Our goal is to teach students the many ways they can actively steward their watersheds.

Activities and lessons include Jr. Streamkeepers lessons, habitat enhancement through building and monitoring nest boxes for songbirds and waterfowl, invasive plant mapping and removal, riparian planting and native plant propagation, amphibian monitoring, water quality and hydrology lessons, storm drain marking, plant identification and sketching, and soundscape ecology lessons.

NALT is currently piloting this project with Coal Tyee and Nisaika Kumtuks elementary schools. Our hope is to offer this as a program across school district 68 & 69 (and beyond!).



This program is funded by the Government of Canada
and the Province of British Columbia.

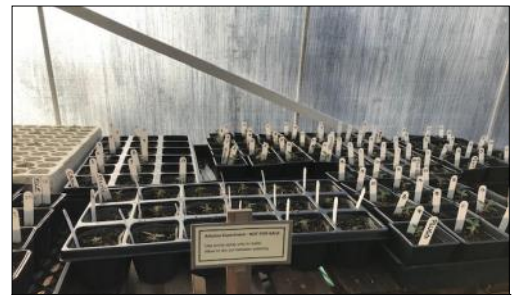
Nursery News

Winter found the nursery busy digging and selling potted Christmas trees, a successful sale and rental project once again. Due to COVID, this year we were not able to sell seeds at the mall. Now it's early spring and the seed stock has returned to the nursery. We have over 50 varieties of local native seeds, all harvested, cleaned, and packaged by nursery volunteers. You can check out the list of seeds on our inventory at nalt.bc.ca or come to the nursery for a look.

In winter months we propagate seeds and cuttings and dig "volunteer" native plants. The greenhouse is full of growing babies that will soon be put out on sales tables for spring planting. Our hours remain 10 am – 3 pm on Wednesdays and 11 am – 3 pm on Saturdays.

NALT, including the nursery, adheres to public health COVID guidelines. The nursery updates our COVID protocol as needed to keep volunteers and customers safe. It may mean waiting a bit in the memorial garden across the driveway until there is plenty of space to shop safely. Guidelines are posted near the parking area, at the head of the path to the nursery.

The nursery loves interesting projects and community opportunities. One of our nursery volunteers is a recent graduate of the VIU Horticulture program. She is involved in an Arbutus project that considers types of growing media and containers. The nursery greenhouse has housed her project over the winter months, and volunteers and customers have enjoyed watching the tiny Arbutus flourish. See the photo of some of the wee Arbutus.



Arbutus Seedlings
Photo: Susan Fisher



Wellington Food Forest
Photo: Dawn Holdon

Each year the nursery committee allots resources for six in-kind donations of plants and seeds for community projects. So far this year, we have assisted the Wellington Action Committee and the Wellington Secondary School student Food Forest.

We also are happy to be involved in assisting and selling plants for other community projects. Featured are pictures of two recent activities. The Green Faith Circle global climate action activity met at Maffeo Sutton on March 11th. A coalition of local churches worked

together to purchase 72 trees to be planted around the city. Every tree helps preserve clean air and add beauty, and will leave a legacy. Thank you!

The Nanaimo Canadian Federation of University Women's (CFUW) organization celebrated its 75th anniversary on March 8th. They procured a Coastal Douglas-fir from the nursery to plant on the long-standing site of their meetings at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This tree may live to be hundreds of years old, a living legacy of maintaining green space and clean air, as well as a symbol of collaborative work.

The nursery welcomes visitors, customers, and new volunteers, and we are grateful for the generous community support. We hope you'll join us for a visit.



CFUW Nanaimo
Photo: Karen Skarpnes

Western Painted Turtle in the Nanaimo Area

Free Public Presentation: March 31 @ 7:00pm

Join us on March 31st at 7pm for an online presentation by Connie Miller Retzer on the Western Painted Turtle population in the Nanaimo Area.

The Western Painted Turtle's Pacific Coast population was designated in 2006 as Endangered by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and is on Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA). In British Columbia it is ranked S2 (imperiled) by the Conservation Data Centre and is on the provincial Red list.



Connie Miller Retzer currently works with the Ecosystems Section, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto (BSc) and the University of Victoria (MSc). Since 1995, she has focused on the conservation of habitat for species and ecosystems at risk, including from 2017 the Western Painted Turtle project. **This talk will summarize work that has been done to enhance our knowledge of Western Painted Turtles in the mid-Vancouver Island region since 2017.**

The concluding segment of this presentation will outline how interested citizens can get involved in this important conservation work through the NALT Western Painted Turtle Monitoring Project.

To register for this **FREE** webinar please contact paul@nalt.bc.ca


Mid-Island Stewardship Caucus

NALT seeks ways to make connections with rights holders, stakeholders and stewardship groups. Sometimes these connections are short-lived (the equivalent of an exchange of business cards), project based (a mutual assist to achieve an outcome like a stream restoration project) and sometimes these are longer exchanges of information and resources that build lasting relationships (such as our participation on producing an annual water stewardship symposium).

We have recently been part of a new initiative to forge connections. Meeting as the Mid-Island Stewardship Caucus, NALT has attended two online meetings with stewardship groups focussed on the area from French Creek to Qualicum Bay and inland.

So far the meetings have seen approximately a dozen folks representing 7 – 8 groups sharing information about the history of stewardship engagement and current initiatives in their areas of concern.

Under the umbrella of the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve Research Institute (MABRRI) we will soon be sharing these stories with a wider audience through a regional newsletter. Where will this all lead? It is hard to know but it is certain that improved communication and personal connection are important building blocks to support, promote and protect the natural values of land and water on a regional scale.

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French Creek News

(Editor's note: In November of 2020, the NALT Board sent a letter supporting the efforts of a coalition of organizations seeking to secure a significant area of the French Creek estuary for conservation)

Where Eagles Soar

Creating the First Bald Eagle Preserve on Vancouver Island at the French Creek Estuary

David Hancock, of the Hancock Wildlife Foundation: "This is a significant and important area for nesting, resident and wintering Bald Eagles and should be an Eagle Preserve."

This 23 acre private property is located on the unceded territory of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations in the Regional District of Nanaimo adjacent to the northwest side of the French Creek estuary. Its rich ecosystem includes Coastal Douglas fir forest, a salmon and trout bearing creek, wetlands and riparian areas and is home and haven for hundreds of species of wildlife including 19 Species at Risk.



The Friends of French Creek Conservation Society has worked for 16 years to conserve this ecologically vital area and has partnered with the Save Estuary Land Society on the Eagle Preserve. A unique aspect of this project is the collaboration of property owner, French Creek House Ltd., who will generously gift over 12 acres for the Eagle Preserve and wish to sell the remaining five acres to complete the preserve.



Photo: Melanie Leeson

Five Acre Land Acquisition

The Eagle Preserve Partnership is fundraising \$500,000 toward the purchase of the five acres to complete the Eagle Preserve. To learn more or to donate visit: savefrenchcreekestuaryland.ca or Email: saveestuaryland@gmail.com

THANK YOU: Nanaimo & Area Land Trust, Hancock Wildlife Foundation, Shaw Communications and the many donors and volunteers for your support.

French Creek Habitat Assessment

THANK YOU to the following organizations and individuals who are generously providing their resources, experience and knowledge to assess and report on fish, plant and wildlife communities in the marine, creek and land habitats at the French Creek estuary (northwest side): Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO); Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute (MABRRI), and Vancouver Island University (VIU); Laura Taylor, Community advisor, DFO Salmon Enhancement Program, Haley Tomlin, Assistant Research & Community Engagement Coordinator VIU, MABRRI; Alanna Vivani, Senior Research Assistant VIU, MABRRI; Barb Riordan Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society; David Clough D.R. Clough Consulting; Terry Taylor and Larry Williams

Plant Identification

Working together with the Save Estuary Land and Friends of French Creek Conservation Societies to assess, monitor, restore, manage and educate about native plants in the estuary.

Submitted by Denise Foster, Save Estuary Land Society

Restoring Nature Naturally

Bioengineering Workshop with David Polster

March 20th - 21st

Soil bioengineering is an applied science that uses live plant materials to perform an engineering function such as slope stabilization, soil erosion control, or seepage control. This two-day course will focus on soil bioengineering techniques and options involved in restoration and reclamation of damaged ecosystems using a combination of structural materials, vegetative cuttings and other specialized methods.

The focus for the course is to learn and refine skills in the field of **Ecological Restoration**. By renewing and restoring degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystems and habitats in the environment we will work as a group to learn the skills and transfer them into key techniques out in the field.

David Polster is a plant ecologist with over 35 years of experience in vegetation studies and reclamation. He has developed a wide variety of reclamation techniques for the re-establishment of riparian and aquatic habitats.



The first day will be a few hours long spent on Zoom setting the context. The second day we will travel to field sites and take part in learning some key bioengineering techniques to enhance the success of restoration projects.

For the field day participants will need to bring work clothes, gloves, work boots, possibly rain gear, and secateurs (garden shears, if you have them). Eye protection is highly recommended as there will be people walking around with branches and sharpened stakes.

Registration is limited so don't delay.

The cost to register is by donation – pay what you can.

Call 250-714-1900 or

email paul@nalt.bc.ca to register

or for more information



Calling All Interested Wetland Stewards!

The wetlands of Nanaimo are a precious ecological resource in our area. In order to understand their natural values they need to be properly mapped, classified and monitored. This wetlandkeepers course will give you the tools to help steward our local wetlands.

Sign up now for the 2021 Wetlandkeepers course by April 11. There is limited space so click on stewardship@nalt.bc.ca to sign up!

**COURSE IS FULL. GET ON THE
PRIORITY LIST FOR 2022**

This course will teach you how to map, classify and assess the ecological integrity of our precious local wetlands. We will be trained to use a protocol specially developed by professional biologist Ryan Durand for use by volunteer stewards. Ryan has trained many volunteer stewards in the use of this protocol in other parts of BC with great success.

This course will be run in the field from 9:00am to 3:00pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to dress for the weather. Bring rubber boots AND/OR hip waders if you have them. Bring a lunch.



Ryan Durand, MSc., RPBio. is an ecologist with EcoLogic Consultants. He has spent the last 20 years working on a wide range of ecosystem classification and mapping, vegetation inventories, and rare species surveys. Over the last ten years Ryan has focused on wetland mapping, classification, and restoration. He has completed dozens of projects throughout western Canada and the arctic, including baseline programs for major projects, long term research, wetland restoration, teaching community groups and professionals' wetland mapping and classification, and writing effects assessments for Environmental Assessments.

Nanaimo Area Wetland Assessment and Monitoring Program

NALT is launching a Nanaimo Area Wetland Assessment and Monitoring Program where we assess the ecological health of local wetlands and create plans for monitoring of vulnerable species and for restoration of poorly functioning wetlands. We hope that participants in this course will be willing to assist us in collecting data on our local wetlands with the goal of collecting data on 3 to 5 wetlands a year.

In addition to funding provided by NALT, Wetland Keepers would like to acknowledge its funders:

Thank you to our funders, Wildlife Habitat Canada, whose support made this workshop possible, and our partners, the Wetlands Education Program at the B.C. Wildlife Federation.



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Using plants provided by the *Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery*, NALT Volunteers join with Lasqueti Island residents to restore riparian area vegetation at a wetland in the Islands Trust Conservancy's Salish View Nature Reserve. NALT co-holds a Conservation Covenant on the property with the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy.

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in our area.**



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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!

Donation/Pledge Form
THE MOUNT BENSON CAMPAIGN II



DONOR CATEGORIES

\$50,000 or more	Ultimate Benefactor of Benson
\$10,000 to \$49,999	Benefactor of Benson
\$5,000 to \$9,999	Hero of Benson
\$3,000 to \$4,999	Grand Champion of Benson
\$1,000 to \$2,999	Champion of Benson
\$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_____

*If the Mt Benson II acquisition campaign cannot be
completed, then the funds will be held in an Acquisitions
Account to be used for another acquisition campaign.*

Make cheque payable to NALT- Mount Benson Acquisition.

Circle 'Point of Contact': email / mailing address / phone

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: _____

City: _____ postal code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Thank you for your continued support!

OFFICE ONLY: TR # _____



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 : _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/ Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____



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: _____

City/ Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

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

NALT Thanks You for Your Support!

(OFFICE ONLY) TR# _____

WATER TO EARTH MONTH

March 22nd - April 22nd, 2021

"Restore Our Earth"



"Valuing Water"

Schedule of Events

Every weekday - Facebook Trivia

Join us for trivia on our Facebook page. Answer questions to be put in a draw for NALT gear.

March 31st - Western Painted Turtles

Join Connie Miller Retzer, Ecosystems Biologist, to hear all about our native turtle - the Western Painted Turtle.

April 10th & 11th - Wetlandkeepers Course

With professional biologist, Ryan Durand, you can learn how to Map, Classify & Assess the Ecological Integrity of our precious local wetlands.

April 17th - Invertebrate Exploration

Spend a morning with us and your family to explore the invertebrate diversity of a local marsh.

April (and May) - Turtle Monitoring

Join us in the field to monitor local Western Painted Turtles.

Ongoing - Wetland Scavenger Hunt

Get outside and explore your wetland with our family-friendly scavenger hunt sheet.



Visit our Facebook page for updates and to see how to register for our events. Some events require pre-registration.

Bottles for NALT

Saturday April 10th, 2021

9:00 am to 2:00 pm



***Drop off refundable drink containers
of all sizes at the***

**Lucky's Liquor Store
Parking Lot**

At the Country Club Centre

For more information call

The Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT)

at 250-714-1990 or www.nalt.bc.ca

Can't make it? Just drop your refundables, ask the staff to "put it on the NALT account" when you take your recycle donations to one of the Regional Recycling Depots.
(2375 Hayes Road, 839 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo & 141 Fourth Ave, Qualicum)