

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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A friendly and curious grey jay (a.k.a whisky jack) on Mount Benson - a glimpse into the 2019 NALT calendar. Photo: Gord Johnson

NALT at the Mall

In the weeks before Christmas, all through the region, NALT has a presence in the Port Place Mall in downtown Nanaimo this season. You will find the NALT table located near London Drugs November 30th – December 2nd, December 8th - 9th and December 17th - 21st.

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 2019 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. Of course, you can shop for all things NALT Monday – Friday, 10 am – 5 pm at the NALT Office; and Wednesdays 10 am – 3 pm and Saturday 11 am – 3 pm at the NALT Nursery.

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

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Paul Chapman is NALT's new Executive Director

The Nanaimo and Area Land Trust (NALT) has a new Executive Director.

Paul Chapman has been appointed to the position following the retirement of NALT founding Executive Director Gail Adrienne earlier this year.

A NALT staff member for more than ten years, Paul has held a number of positions with the organization, most recently serving as its acting Executive Director.

Paul Chapman was born in Vancouver and spent his childhood travelling the west coast in his father's commercial fishing boat.

After a decade in Nova Scotia he returned to his home province where he found employment with NALT and took on increasing responsibilities both in the field and in the office.

When not working for NALT Paul enjoys hiking local trails with his partner Judith and spending time with their daughters and grandchildren.

NALT Co-chair Dean Gaudry said Paul Chapman was the 'obvious choice' to fill the position. "Paul knows the organization inside and out and is personally committed to its mission of protecting ecologically-sensitive lands in the Nanaimo Area."

"He's an excellent organizer and has tremendous people skills. I'm excited at the prospect of what he and NALT are going to achieve in the years ahead."

Dean Gaudry also paid tribute to Gail Adrienne, whose work with NALT began in the living rooms of the initial Board Members more than 23 years ago and whose accomplishments included fundraising campaigns to purchase lands which are now Mount Benson Regional Park and the core of Nanaimo's Linley Valley parklands.

"Gail Adrienne was passionate, single-minded and resolute in her work with NALT. Her contributions have enriched the community and the lives of every resident who loves to get outdoors and appreciate our island's natural wonders. I feel proud and humbled that I had the opportunity to go on that journey with her."



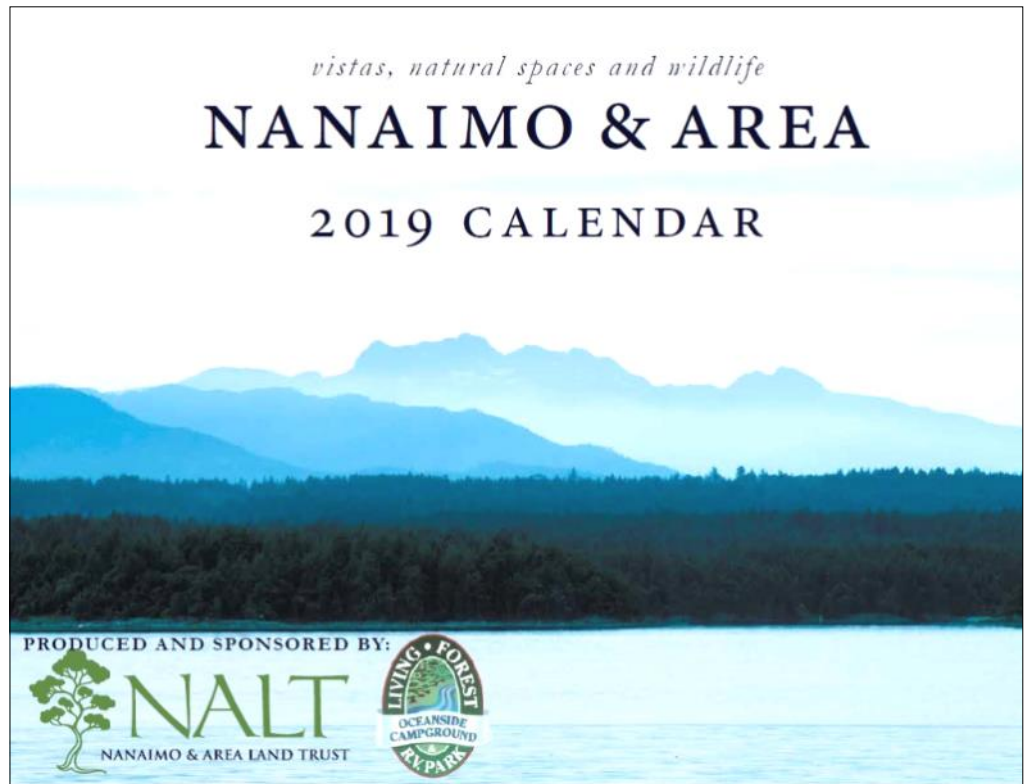
2019 NALT Calendars are Here! And There! And There Too!

The NALT 2019 Calendars are now on sale—and they look great!

As well as at the NALT office and calendar sponsors, the [Living Forest Oceanside Campground and RV Park](#), the calendar is also available at the [Backyard Wild Bird Store and Nature Store](#) and [Global Village Nanaimo](#) (**this year at 111 Terminal Avenue**) , [Running Room](#), [Tourism at Northfield Road](#), [Front Runners](#), [Lucky's Liquor Store](#), [New Balance](#), [The Green Store](#) and the [Nanaimo Museum](#).

More sales locations may be added soon.

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 their sponsorship, all proceeds raised by the sale of the 2019 calendars will go towards NALT delivering Streamkeeper workshops, building a network of stream stewards in the Nanaimo area.



For the 12th year, the calendar features scenes and close-ups of natural places and wildlife in the Nanaimo area—and some glimpses of folks enjoying outdoor recreation opportunities. Once again, it highlights a variety of environmental values that NALT has helped to promote and protect since we began land stewardship programs and projects in 1995.

Thanks also to our vendors and local photographers who contributed 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 12 years, has donated her time and skills to coordinate the NALT Calendar Project—undertaking the layout and desktop design work.

Another Successful Wine & Cheese Soiree

The 6th annual *Wine & Cheese Soiree* happened on the evening of Friday, November 16th on the mezzanine floor of Lucky's Liquor Store, and was a terrific success again this year. People socialized, enjoyed listening to Marcus Morosan playing some jazz standards on the piano, and bid on a generous array of quality items donated for the silent auction. The snacks and drinks served by the staff of Lucky's were excellent once again, thanks to Lynette Jarrett for taking care of all things wine and cheese.

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: [Art Knapp Plantland](#), [Backyard Wild Bird & Nature Store](#), Barbara Waine, [Cabela's](#), [Canadian Tire](#), [Carlos O'Bryans](#), [Central Drugs](#), [Charlie Brown's Health Foods](#), [City of Nanaimo](#), [Coal City Cycles](#), [Coastal Community Credit Union](#), [Cob's Bread](#), [Cutting Room Creative](#), CWM Wealth Management, Dean Gaudry, [Departure Bay Yoga](#), Diana Dugas, [Dinghy Dock Pub](#), [Galaxy Cinemas](#), [Gina's Mexican Cafe](#), [Gold Automotive](#), [Great Canadian Oil Change](#), [Green Thumb Garden Centre](#), [Home Hardware \(Brooks Landing\)](#), [Jamie's Whale Watching](#), Jenny Webb, Kathleen Hilborn, [Kelly's Kitchen Café](#), [Lee's Carpet Cleaning and Home Detailing](#), [Little Tree Garden Centre](#), [London Drugs](#), [Lucky's Liquor Store](#), [Mambo Pizza](#), [McLean's Specialty Foods](#), [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#), [Mid Island Co-op](#), [Nanaimo Wine Shoppe](#), [Nanaimo Yoga Sanctuary](#), [Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery](#), [Naturescape Yard and Garden](#), [Nesvog Meats](#), [NYLA](#), [ONO Work & Safety](#), [The Oxy Pub](#), [Paradise Island Foods](#), [Port Theatre](#), [Pryde Vista Golf Club](#), [Quality Foods](#), [Quarterway Pub](#), [Real Canadian Superstore](#), [Robert Haist Piano Tuning](#), Ron LePage, [Running Room](#), [Serious Coffee](#), [Seriously West Coast Art](#), [Sink or Swim Scuba](#), [St. Jean's Cannery](#), [Starbucks](#), [The Bay](#), [The Body Shop](#), [Theatre One](#), [Thirsty Spirit Roast House](#), [Vancouver Island Symphony](#), and [Windward Pub](#).

This truly is a generous community that we live in! Altogether, we raised more than \$3700 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 Trish Jennings for her substantial efforts collecting auction items and to Susann Young, NALT's Fundraising Committee Chair, for organizing this popular evening.



NALT Holiday Season Closure

The NALT Office will be closed for the winter holiday, beginning on December 22nd and re-opening on January 2nd 2019 —just in time to get ready for the next bottle drive on January 12th. We hope your holiday season will be happy, healthy and restful, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

News at the Nursery

This smiley picture features many of the weekly nursery volunteers - a hearty, hard working group. These folks show up most Wednesdays, and some on Saturdays, to do everything from salvaging to propagation. On this Halloween day, they celebrated the annual Roast and Burn, where plant debris is burnt and volunteers enjoy a roast weenie and marshmallow lunch at a sunny picnic table. Anneke, our well-loved long time volunteer is missing from the picture as she had just left to visit Peter. She shares lunch with the group regularly.

There are other signs of the season too. Here are just a few:

In this cool, wet weather shoppers have been purchasing trees, shrubs, little plants, and seeds to plant in home gardens. Fall community restoration projects have included nursery plants in their work at Plum Creek, Chase River, and Knarston Creek.

Another sign of the season is stepped up propagation as we plan for the 2019 season. Along with that comes winterizing to protect plants from heavy rain, wind, and cold. Also, our water lines and the rainwater collection tanks need to be drained for winter. Soon we'll lower the plastic side of the greenhouse, a sure sign that winter weather is here.



**A group of smiles from the NALT nursery volunteers.
Photo: Susan Fisher**

It's time to dig and pot live **Christmas trees for NALT** nursery's annual sale. **Thursday, December 13th**, marks the beginning of sales at the NALT office and the nursery. At the Port Place mall, we'll be selling small live tabletop trees and native seeds beginning November 30th. Gabriola Museum is also selling NALT nursery seeds in their holiday offerings.

Oh, so many happenings in this fall into winter time - one more is cutting down the big Spruce that has stood at the side of the nursery road for over 10 years. Decorating it for Christmas has been an annual nursery affair until it grew too big - way too big - to reach. The City plans to place it at the ice arena for skaters to enjoy. Goodbye, tree friend, you served us well.

We'd like to remind you that the nursery is open year round with 90 varieties of native plants and 35 varieties of native seeds. Our inventory is available on the [NALT website](#), and visitors are always welcome to come have a look and walk around on Wednesday and Saturdays.

Parksville 2019: Second Annual Vancouver Island Symposium on Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate

In April of 2018, with the Partnership for Water Sustainability, City of Nanaimo and the Regional District of Nanaimo, NALT hosted a Water Stewardship Symposium focussed on collaboration success stories. The Symposium looked at the good work done by local stewardship groups and regional initiatives promoting the expansion of the important work of watershed stewardship.

Parksville 2019 will build on this work with the theme *Make Better Land Use Decisions & Move Towards Restorative Land Development*. This three-day event, April 2 – 4, will include a stream restoration workshop lead by Dave Derrick and internationally renowned stream restoration innovator; a two-day conference featuring Chris May who has worked to implement a whole-system



**An autumn scene at Benson Creek Falls Regional Park
Photo: Ava Breakwell**

approach to reconnect hydrology and ecology in Kitsap County in Washington State; and a lecture by thought leader Storm Cunningham on restorative development. Full details of this event and links to register can be found at <https://mailchi.mp/790175d58e04/join-us-for-a-watershed-moment-parksville-2019-2nd-annual-vancouver-island-symposium-water-stewardship-restorative-development-april-2-3-993981?e=26709fec39>

A grant from the Real Estate Foundation and sponsor support will keep the costs to participants reasonably low. Check out the early bird pricing for significant savings, and contact NALT regarding a bursary to offset the cost for volunteer water stewards (limited number of bursaries available).

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World Rivers Day

Rivers Day has been observed annually on the fourth 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 23rd with a celebration alongside the Millstone River in Bowen Park, hosted by the City of Nanaimo in partnership with NALT and other community groups.

The celebrations actually began on Saturday, September 22nd, as a bus-load people joined staff from the City of Nanaimo, Island Timberlands and TimberWest on a tour of the Nanaimo River Watershed—Nanaimo's drinking water facilities, as well as forestry practices within the greater Nanaimo River watershed. For the fourth 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 trip to the Morden Colliery Park, guided 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.



Siddoo Park along the Koksilah River - a new regional park in the Cowichan Valley protected by a conservation covenant, co-held by NALT in partnership with the Cowichan Community Land Trust.

Photo: Ava Breakwell

Yet we eat the view all the time in Alaska. Take salmon, for instance. There is a direct connection between abundant wild land and abundant wild salmon. Salmon thrive where rivers run through vast tracts of wild land. When you eat salmon, you eat the scenery.

Brad Meiklejohn

Streamkeepers

One more group of inspired Streamkeepers set out in the community to learn about the health of our waterways. This November, our Streamkeepers had the opportunity to experience the passion and expertise that Dave Clough offers to these workshops. A well-known local biologist making waves in our community to enhance our watersheds and provide the knowledge and tools necessary for each of us to do the same.

We continue with these programs to grow the number of Streamkeeper groups within the region. Together we are working to build a network of stream stewards in the Nanaimo area.

NALT fundraises throughout the year to host these workshops free of charge to participants. It's a fun, in-stream look at the flora and fauna living in our waterways and provides the foundational know-how to help them thrive.

Contact us to reserve your spot for the next one.

Stay tuned!



**British Columbia is one of the
last places on the planet
where it is still possible to
transcend the climate debate
and create a better world.**

Bob Sandford

Bottles for NALT

The autumn bottle drive was a great success. The sun was shining, and as usual the day was made enjoyable by great company. We even had two fantastic little helpers, to keep us on our toes. We raised \$1025 for our efforts, an outstanding bounty for the day.

A special thank you goes out to our fantastic volunteers and loyal supporters who bring in their refundables, time and time again. We'd also like to thank the Running Room for continually supporting these events by lending their tent to shelter us from the weather, Save-On-Foods for their generous donation of treats to keep us energized for the day and to Tim Hortons - Rock City for their wonderful donation of hot java to keep us warm on a brisk autumn day.



Susan and Ali showing their enthusiasm at the October bottle drive, while John and Beth sort bottles studiously in the background.

Save the date for our next bottle drive happening on January 12th at the NALT Centre # 8 – 140 Wallace Street, Nanaimo.

Hope to see you there!

**Let the mountains talk, let the river run.
Once more, and forever.**


David R Brower



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*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, renewed or started a membership, or begun a monthly pre-authorized contribution (PAC).
September 11, 2018 to November 16, 2018*

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

City of Nanaimo Parks Maintenance Department, Elise Hoy, Island Timberlands

Individual Donations & New Memberships – NALT: Ross Cameron & Linda Nichol, David Forrest, Barbara Hourston, Ambrose Knobel, John & Hilary Manning, Wendy Van Oldenborgh, Roberta Veenstra, Jenny Webb

In honour of: Michael's birthday from Kathryn Goldsmith

In memory of: Don Walls from Dawn Dunphy

New Pre-authorized Contributions: Patrick & Patricia Ansell

Business & Organization Donations – NALT: Living Forest Oceanside Campground & RV Park, Regional District of Nanaimo - Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Program for Chase River Streamside Restoration, Running Room, Save-On Foods – Country Club, Tim Hortons – Rock City

Volunteers since September 11th, 2018:

Holly Blackburn, Paul Chapman, Leslie Clark, Bryce Copeland, Deryck Cowling, Dave Cutts, Jo Currie, David Drakeford, Doris Edwards, Nina Evans-Locke, Susan Fisher, Dean Gaudry, Sarah Gourlay, Jean-Michel Hanssens, Pat Hogue, Denis Hughes, Trish Jennings, Peter Jeremy, Cheryl Logan, Wayne Morgan, Linda Nichol, Colleen Rhode, Harriet Rueggeberg, Chris Scorah, Susan Schultz, Louise Shuker, Gary Smart, Beth Stanley, Jack Tieleman, Coco Van Zyl, Norm Wagennar, Bruce Ward, Jenny Webb, John Wells, Wally Wells, Fraser Wilson, Inger Wyat, John Young, Susann Young

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

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
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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 ____ (#)

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.

Visa/MC# _____ Exp Date: _____

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My name is _____

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Please record this contribution in the name of :

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I would like to remain anonymous (Check Here) ☐

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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

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\$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

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Email Contact: _____

If this donation is being made in the name of someone other
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Their Name _____

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I would like to remain anonymous on all NALT thank you
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___ Business- \$50

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

(Please see Pre-Authorized Contribution PAC form)

OR

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\$ _____

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OR

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name _____

mailing address _____

city _____ Postal code _____

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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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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

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☐ \$10.00

☐ \$20.00

☐ \$30.00

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

OR

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☐ \$10.00

☐ \$20.00

☐ \$30.00

☐ \$40.00

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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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Live Christmas Trees for Sale or Rent!



Starting December 13, on sale at the
Nanaimo and Area Land Trust office
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Call 250-714-1990 for details



Bottles for NALT

Saturday January 12th, 2019

9:00 am to 2:30 pm



*Drop off refundable drink containers
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