

# NEWS FROM NALT

NANAIMO & AREA LAND TRUST

Newsletter of the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust Society

November 2017

## Season's Greetings

The snowy summit of Mount Benson.

Photo: Paul Chapman

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### NALT at the Mall

Again this year in the weeks before Christmas, NALT has a presence at Port Place Mall in downtown Nanaimo. Due to the growing demand for space in the mall during the Christmas season NALT has been limited to very few dates this year – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> only. 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 2018 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 shop the NALT Nursery on Wednesdays 10 am – 3 pm and Saturday 11 am – 3 pm.

**See Christmas Trees for Sale or Rent page 11**

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NALT's Mission is:  
*to promote and protect  
the natural values of land  
in the Nanaimo area*

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## Fall Bottle Drive

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, volunteers and supporters got together to raise \$1,500 at the bottle drive for Nanaimo River stewardship! Great job!

Not only that, but the rain held off for the day too!

Thanks to everyone who was able to volunteer to help out and to all the folks who dropped off their refundable beverage containers. Thanks also to Lucky's Liquor Store and the Country Club Center for hosting us, Starbucks at Country Club for providing us with coffee, the Running Room and Clinton King for their tents to protect us from the elements, Ellis Richer and Jason Salt for getting the word out and a special mention to Ali and Griffin for their enthusiastic volunteerism.

Our next Bottle Drive will be on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the NALT office #8 – 140 Wallace Street from 9 am – 2:30 pm. 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.



Ali, Susan and Griffin take a break from a busy day to smile for the camera.

## NALT Holiday Season Closure

The NALT Office will be closed for the winter holiday,  
beginning on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
re-opening on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018  
*We hope your holiday season will be happy,  
healthy and restful.*



## Gordie and Rafe

Two new signs adorn the trailheads of Gordie's Trail and Rafe's Way on Mount Benson.

Gordie McNeil was a local hiking legend who also made the largest donation to the Mount Benson acquisition campaign. The Thursday Hikers, with encouragement from George Beadle, worked with NALT and Regional District of Nanaimo parks planner, Kelsey Cramer, to design the sign and deliver content. NALT member John Wells blazed the way for the Hikers, taking the lead on getting the sign done and installed.



**Gordie's Trail trailhead on Mount Benson.**

**NALT file photo**



**An early November snow at the Rafe's Way trailhead**  
**Photo: John Wells**

Rafe Hutchinson was a NALT Board member, retired B.C. Supreme Court judge and renowned mountaineer. Rafe was instrumental in the success of both the Linley Valley and Mount Benson acquisition campaigns. Rafe led many hikes up Mount Benson to promote the values of what is now the Mount Benson Regional Park. NALT board member Fraser Wilson led the way, with the much appreciated help of Kelsey Cramer. Rafe's son John provided the image of Rafe with his climbing helmet on for the sign.

Thanks to Signfast Signs for producing both signs for free.

Thank you all for the good work done well and thank you Gordie and Rafe for your shared legacy.

## **Watershed Stewardship in a Changing Climate**

### ***Collaboration Success Stories***

There is a change coming to the traditional spring NALT activities – there will not be a Wild Foods Festival in 2018. Over the course of eight years, the festival proved popular with Nanaimoites by delivering wild foods prepared by local chefs, workshops and guided walks and a lively market too. In recent years it was proving increasingly difficult to produce content for the festival as chefs incorporated wild and local foods into their daily menus and need to concentrate on their businesses rather than participating at the festival. Thanks to everyone who worked to make the Wild Foods Festival a success through the years.

NALT is planning a very different event for this coming year. On April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of 2018, with the Partnership for Water Sustainability, City of Nanaimo and the Regional District of Nanaimo; there will be a conference on **Watershed Stewardship in a Changing Climate – Collaboration Success Stories**. The focus of the event will be on local stewardship activities, initiatives and partnerships.

On the first day there will be an afternoon field trip and an evening keynote address; the full day will consist of presentations and a panel discussion and questions and answers regarding local innovations in water and watershed stewardship. The fine details are still being worked out but, when ready, we'll make sure to get the word out.

Sponsors are being sought to keep the costs to participants reasonably low. Remember to save the dates.

**A salmon rests in a back eddy as it  
nears the end of its life's journey.**

**Photo: Paul Chapman**



## **World Rivers Day**

Rivers Day has been observed annually on the last Sunday in September for almost 30 years. In Nanaimo this year, Rivers Day was on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with a celebration alongside the Millstone River in Bowen Park, hosted by the City of Nanaimo in partnership with NALT.

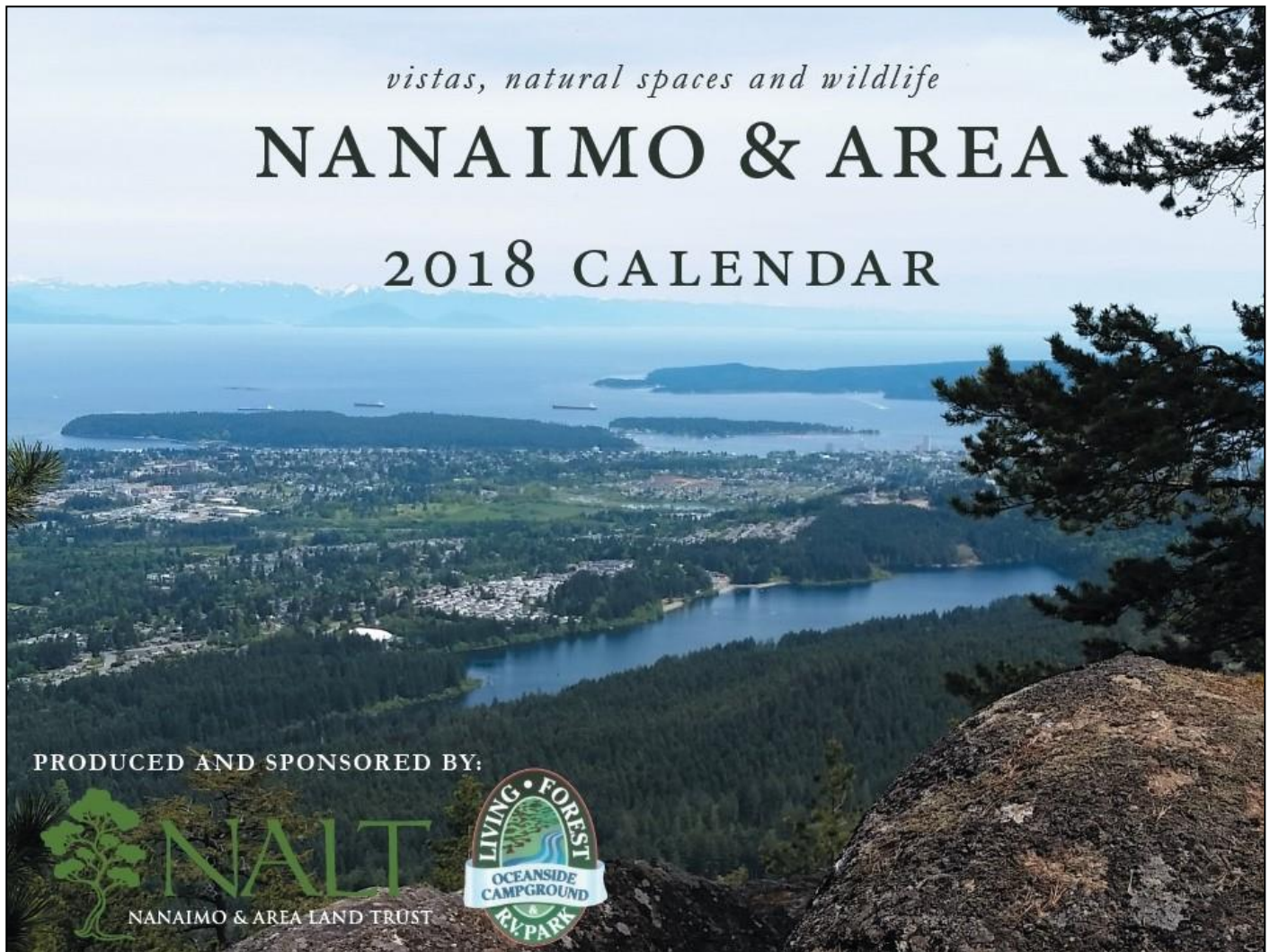
The celebrations actually began on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, as a bus-load of people joined staff from the City of Nanaimo, Island Timberlands and TimberWest on a tour of the Nanaimo River Watershed, including some of the facilities of Nanaimo's drinking water reservoir at Jump Lake, as well as forestry practices within the greater Nanaimo River watershed. For the third year, this day-long tour was well-attended, and reports afterwards were very positive!

On the morning of Rivers Day, more folks took part in a number of half-day tours, including a 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.



## 2018 NALT Calendars are Here! And There! And There Too!

The NALT 2018 Calendars are now on sale—and they look great! You can find them at [Backyard Wildbird & Nature Store](#), [Global Village](#), [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.



The cover off the 2018 Calendar—a view of Nanaimo from Mount Benson.

Photo: Paul Chapman

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 2018 calendars will go towards NALT delivering Streamkeeper workshops, building a network of stream stewards in the Nanaimo area.

For the 11th 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 lands that NALT has helped to protect since we began land stewardship programs and projects in 1995.



## News From the Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery

The picture is the nearly completed propagation hut. Deryck Cowling engineered the project, converting Peter and Anneke's extra portable wood shed into the answer to a dream for the volunteers. There will soon be a small room for low heat mats to provide warmth for seedling roots, encouraging them to germinate through the winter months. Volunteers are excited that our propagation rates will likely increase. We are grateful to Deryck and the other volunteers who are supporting this project.

The nursery volunteers welcome you to come for a visit to the nursery and check out our new propagation hut. As usual, hours are Wednesdays 10 – 3 and Saturdays 11 – 3. Directions are on the NALT website.

It was a beautiful fall with lovely changing colours. Now we move into colder months with thoughts of selling trees and shrubs, winterizing plants and facilities, propagating, and digging Christmas trees for the annual live potted Christmas tree sale – with for sale or for rent options. Trees will be delivered to the NALT office Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Trees are also available at the nursery. Any hardy digger can have their tree for half price.

Volunteers will provide native seeds and small tabletop trees at the NALT table at the Port Place Mall December 3rd, 10th and 17th.

The nursery will be closed to shoppers after December 20<sup>th</sup>, and will reopen January 10<sup>th</sup>. A New Years celebration will include our traditional stone soup – visitors always welcome!



The propagation hut.  
Photo: Inger Wyat



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## Another Successful Wine & Cheese Soiree

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Wine & Cheese Soiree* happened on the evening of Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> on the mezzanine floor of Lucky's Liquor Store, and was a terrific success again this year. People socialized, enjoyed the Dave Hart's guitar stylings, 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: Arrowsmith Bikes, Art Knapp Plantland, Atmosphere, Backyard Wild Bird & Nature Store, Barbara Waine, Butchart Gardens, Cabela's, Canadian Tire, Carlos O'Bryans, Central Drugs, City of Nanaimo, Coal City Cycles, Coast Bastion Hotel, Coastal Community Credit Union, Cob's Bread, CWM Wealth Management, Diana Dugas, Dinghy Dock Pub, Flying Fish, Galaxy Cinemas, Gina's Mexican Cafe, Gold Automotive, Great Canadian Oil Change, Greenrock Liquor Store, Home Hardware (Brooks Landing), Huong Lan Vietnamese Restaurant, Jamie's Whale Watching, Jenny Webb, June Bogle, Kelly's Kitchen Café, Kool & Child, Lee's Carpet Cleaning and Home Detailing, Little Tree Garden Centre, London Drugs, Lucky's Liquor Store, Mambo Pizza, McLean's Specialty Foods, Mid Island Co-op, Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery, Nanaimo Yoga Sanctuary, Nesvog Meats and Sausage Co, Paradise Island Foods, Patty McRory, Port Theatre, Quality Foods, Quarterway Pub, Real Canadian Superstore, Robert Haist Piano Tuning, Romper Room Indoor Climbing Centre, Ron LePage, Running Room, Serious Coffee, Sink or Swim Scuba, Spice Hut, St. Jean's Cannery, Starbucks, The Bay, 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 \$3,000 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 Susann Young for taking on the role of Fundraising Committee Chair and organizing this popular evening.



Wine, cheese, music, conversation, silent auction—everything you need to keep the fun in fundraising.



## ~ 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, renewed or started a membership, or begun a monthly pre-authorized contribution (PAC).  
September 9 to November 20, 2017*

**Donations – Mt. Benson Phase II:** George Beadle

**Donations and In-kind Goods – Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery:** Joanne Blackert, Nanoose Garden Club, Dean Gaudry

**Individual Donations & New Memberships – NALT:** Emily Barnewall, Ross Cameron & Linda Nichol, Barbara & Bill Dunphy, Ecole Hammond Bay School, Marie Heemskerk, Kim Hourston, Ambrose Knobel, Joyce Lee, Barbara Sankey, Maureen Shier, Graham Wallace

**In Honour of Michael's Birthday** from Kathryn Goldsmith

**New PreAuthorized Contributions:** Megan Farquhar

**Walley Creek Steamkeepers:** Cyndi Pitvor, Jenny Webb

**Business & Organization Donations – NALT:** VIU Gustafson Committee - proceeds from the Fred Wah poetry reading, Jon Shoring at Signfast Signs, ***see also Wine & Cheese story page 7***

**Volunteers since September 9<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup>:** Holly Blackburn, Myrna Broughton, Paul Chapman, Iain Colquhoun, Deryck Cowling, Jennifer Davidson, Kathy Doyle, Nina Evans-Locke, Doris Edwards, Susan Fisher, Dean Gaudry, Allan Hawryzki, Pat Hogue, Trish Jennings, Peter Jeremy, Clinton King, Ali Lassonde, Griffin Lassonde, Ron LePage, Jerrolyn MacVittie, Louise Mason, Pattie Mitchell, Wayne Morgan, Linda Nichol, Leslie Patterson, Cyndi Pitvor, Harriet Rueggeberg, Chris Scorah, Susan Shultz, Gary Smart, Beth Stanley, Judy Tencer, Coco Van Zyl, Marcus Van Zyl, Allison Waine, Jenny Webb, John Wells, Wally Wells, Fraser Wilson, Inger Wyat, John Young, Susann Young.

**Thanks to Everyone  
For your support  
Through the years.**

**We wish you the best of the holiday season  
And a happy and peaceful  
New Year!**



**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\_\_\_\_\_

**Make cheque payable to NALT- Mount Benson Acquisition.**

Visa/MC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to remain anonymous (Check Here)* ☐

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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
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\$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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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!**

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## NALT MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send this completed form to:

**Nanaimo & Area Land Trust**  
**#8-140 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B1**

I would like to:

a) ☐ **Renew my NALT Membership**

b) ☐ **Begin a NALT Membership**

(Check the rate 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

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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.*

**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):

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☐ \$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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# **LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES**

## **FOR SALE OR RENT**



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# Bottles for the River

**Saturday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**9:00 am to 2:30 pm**



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of all sizes at the***

**The NALT Office**

**#8- 140 Wallace Street, Downtown Nanaimo**

***For more information call***

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