



Newsletter of the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust Society

September 2016



Mount Benson Revisited

This summer marked the first year that NALT began annual monitoring of the newly completed conservation covenant on the Mount Benson Regional Park. On July 15th, in partnership with Vancouver Island University's (VIU) Geography Department and with assistance from Torrey Archer, TLC's Covenants Manager, NALT monitored two of the Vegetation Plots (VP), first identified in the 2006 *Assessment of Conservation Values within Mt. Benson Regional Park* prepared by Joe Materi, R.P. Bio with URSUS Environmental. The purpose of this monitoring was to identify what, if any, impacts human activity or other factors might have had on these sites since the properties were acquired for parkland in 2007.

In addition to Torrey from TLC, VIU Geography Department Chair Hannah Wilson and NALT's Paul Chapman, eight VIU students took part. The revisited VP sites were chosen by their accessibility, proximity to heavily-used trails, and location in relatively undisturbed forest or in areas of natural or assisted regeneration following the 2003-04 timber harvest by the previous owners. Due to time constraints they were only able to visit two sites, VP7 and VP8. VP7 represents an area of mature forest located on a rocky outcrop transected by the main trail used by hikers; VP8 is an area of old growth forest away from the trails. Even with the relatively heavy traffic from trail users travelling through VP7, both sites showed resilience in the face of increased usage.

The information garnered from this exercise will become part of an ongoing record of the impacts of human use and other influences that cause changes to vegetation in the park. This field work may inform efforts to restore impacted areas. In conjunction with annual covenant monitoring, this work helps us notice changes over time and determine conservation priorities. Thank you Hannah, Torrey, Will, David, Alex, Walter, Sonja, Amber, Ryota and Thomas.

Thanks also to Ashley Spencer, a summer student working with the Cowichan Community Land Trust (the co-covenanting trust named in the covenant document), for accompanying Paul on a separate monitoring trip up the mountain.

Paul made a total of six trips up the mountain over the summer, to complete an in-depth first base-line monitoring of the park. Thank you, Paul!

NEWS FROM NALT

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

The Nanaimo & Area Land Trust Society was registered as a B.C. Society in 1995, and subsequently was granted charitable tax status and the right to hold conservation covenants. Charitable tax #: 893193771

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Thank You, Anne!

One of the most effective means to protect the natural values of land is through conservation covenants. These legally binding agreements between a landowner and a covenanting body (such as NALT) cede some rights over how the land will be managed to the covenant-holder, and are registered on the land title to exist in perpetuity. Subsequent landowners are bound by the terms of the covenant. These are very strong and important tools for conservation and their effectiveness lies in how well the covenant portfolio is managed. NALT has been exceedingly fortunate to have an incredible

individual, Anne Kerr, as our Covenants Specialist for the past nine years—giving thousands of hours each years, all of it *pro bono*.

Anne and her husband, Jean-Michel Hanssens, walked into NALT's Stewardship Centre in 2007 and offered to volunteer in some kind of meaningful way—to our great benefit. They had recently moved to Nanaimo from Ottawa, and were looking for volunteer challenges.



Anne carrying out annual monitoring on one of NALT's conservation covenants.

Jean-Michel soon became a NALT Board Director, and since, at that time, NALT had no-one working on covenants, so Anne took on the challenge of becoming NALT's Conservation Covenants Coordinator. Although she had never worked with these documents before, she set herself the task of learning all there is to know about covenants, ecological gifts, tax law, and all the other supporting documents—a goal she achieved in a very short time.

Anne's title at NALT soon changed from "Coordinator" to "Specialist". Her very professional yet relaxed manner when working with property owners, government departments and other agencies, her attention to details, including language clarity, consistency and legal implications—plus the many, many hours of her valuable time that she spends on draft after draft of an emerging covenant—have all added up to create strong final documents that contribute to the betterment of the community and its natural values, with lasting protections on properties in the Nanaimo area that have important environmental attributes—and will continue to protect these attributes long into the future.

In October of 2013, Anne was presented with the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia's Outstanding Volunteer Award in recognition of her work for NALT.

At the end of this year's covenant monitoring season, Anne let us know that she would be stepping back from this very active role with NALT. She leaves a legacy of exemplary professionalism, thoughtfulness and kindness. Thank you for everything, Anne!

Rivers Day Watershed Tours Organized by the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable

Did you know that World Rivers Day began almost 30 years ago as BC River's Day, the brain-child of a local fisheries biologist, Mark Angelo, to celebrate the Fraser River? Then it spread to all of Canada, and now it is celebrated all around the world—always on the last Sunday in September.

In celebration of Rivers Day, The Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable will once again offer a number of tours to explore the Nanaimo River watershed—so you can experience first-hand why the Nanaimo River is so significant to our community. The tours are designed to raise awareness about the watershed, and to promote the Roundtable—a collaborative group that NALT brought together four years ago to encourage stewardship of the many values supported by the river and its watershed.

An must-do highlight is a full-day bus tour of the **local forestry operations of TimberWest and Island Timberlands, as well as the day-to-day operations of the Jump Creek reservoir, managed by the City and the source of our city's water supply**. This is the only activity that is *not* scheduled on the actual World River's Day. The bus will leave Bowen Park's Wall Street parking lot at 9:00 am on Friday, September 23rd, and will take you on a seven-hour tour led by knowledgeable staff from all three agencies, a great bargain at only \$25 for the day! And this year will highlight a new stop: the City's new, state-of-the-art water treatment plant on Nanaimo Lakes Road.

Five other tours are planned for River's Day itself—on Sunday, September 25th. These include:

- a guided walk on the Nanaimo River Estuary, led by a local habitat expert
- a guided tour of the historic Morden Colliery Mine site, led by a member of the Morden Colliery Society
- a guided eco-walk along the trails of the little-known Nanaimo River Regional Park, led by Dean Gaudry. This walk will include a fine example of a culturally modified cedar tree.
- a rafting excursion of the Nanaimo River Estuary (the largest river estuary on Vancouver Island) for those who prefer to leisurely float and paddle rather than hike, led by Don Cohen from VIU's Outdoor Recreation Department. And finally,
- an exciting new tour of the Wildplay Element Park (formerly known as the "Bungy Zone") at Cassidy, where you will get an opportunity to sample some of their aerial adventures.

Full details and registration for these tours can be found in the <u>Fall Activity Guide</u> of the City of Nanaimo's Parks & Rec programs, which is available at many locations around town, including Parks and Recreation facilities, or go online to <u>http://www.nanaimo.ca/EN/main/departments/</u><u>parks-recreation-culture/leisure-guide.html</u>. When you check out the Guide, be sure to note all the other Rivers' Day activities planned for Bowen Park from 11:00 am until 2:30 pm on the 25th--including NALT's famous salmon BBQ, live local music, and lots of things for kids of all ages to see and do.

Pre-registration for tours is mandatory; register on-line or by phone. Tours will fill up quickly, so don't delay! (See poster back cover)

A Great Reason to Celebrate!

For more than 10 years, NALT has hosted an annual August picnic at the Parnassian Woods, the 40-acre woodland property in Cassidy owned by Anneke and Peter Van Kerkoerle. In previous years, picnics have been limited to NALT members and supporters only.

This summer, the event was much larger—a special celebration and thank you to Anneke and Peter for the very special gift of their property to NALT. The title transfer, completed last December, was done with a Life Estate registered on the title which assures that Peter and Anneke can continue to live on the land and treat it as their own as long as they choose.

Farther into the future, NALT will steward this land as a legacy and a tribute to the Van Kerkoerles' love of their land and of the natural environment.

The Parnassian Woods is not only the site of Peter and Anneke's home, not just the location of the *Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery, and not simply a favourite place for* NALT supporters to gather for picnics and tours; it is also a fine example of balance between agriculture and natural habitat: while they cultivated 10 acres of the property for many years as an asparagus farm, Anneke and Peter have preserved the rest of the land for its natural values and actively stewarded it during the nearly 50 years that they have lived on it. The woodland area, featuring coastal Douglas fir habitat, is a tranquil site for walks along trails that wind through tall trees full of many birds and small mammals—and sometimes a small herd of elk or a black bear—past rocky outcrops covered with wildflowers in spring, and alongside a wetland full of red-legged frogs and other water-loving critters.

This summer's celebration, held on Saturday, August 13th, was an Open House invitation to *all* of the Nanaimo and area community to join NALT for hourly guided walks, local live music, wild salmon BBQ with all the fixings, and a special tribute to Anneke and Peter.



Anneke and Peter, enjoy the spring sunshine together in their garden.

The musical sets included TerraZetto, a trio who play and sing their original world music; Nico and Carrie, a duo new to Nanaimo who perform Brazilian music; and Darren and Courtenay, offering their renditions of a wide range of well-known songs—from country to pop to Leonard Cohen favourites.

Close to 200 people came out to celebrate and get acquainted with the Parnassian Woods. Five guided walks were well-attended, as people who had not been to the Parnassian Woods before toured the property. The fine (but not *too* warm) weather, the music and the ambiance of the day all combined to make the day memorable. We served more than 150 lunches, and the fresh, local food was popular.

Thanks to Clinton King for ably serving as our BBQ chef, and to all the NALT volunteers who made the picnic run so smoothly. Thanks, also, to the 49th Parallel Store in Cedar, for a case of fresh, local corn; to Save-on Foods at Country Club, for their gift-cards that helped to cover food costs, and to the Thrifty Foods staff in the seafood department for their personal service—custom-cutting 160 salmon fillets, then packaging and freezing them to our specifications.

News from the NALT Nursery

Fall means special traditions at the NALT Native Plant Nursery. In early October we hold our semi-annual refuse burn—complete with wieners, s'mores and a picnic. A little later in October, the old stone will come out for making Stone Soup.

The volunteer team is at the nursery in Cassidy every Wednesday, and at least one volunteer is there on Saturdays. We always enjoy visits and sales, so please consider coming out. New volunteers are always welcome, and there are many different plant-related tasks—always some big and some small muscle tasks. Contact Paul or Susan if you're interested in volunteering.

As summer moves to fall, we do less watering and no less weeding. We collect seeds and package them for year-round sales. Another late summer task is to sort and wash every pot (a good brushing and 3 rinses) so they are ready to receive new growth. Some call it adult water-play, but it gets the job done. We are now finishing up the annual RDN project, where the nursery provides little plants and seeds for the RDN to distribute at their community events. It's a win-win – native plants and seeds draw the public to the RDN display for education about water-related issues; and the NALT



The nursery green house amidst the fall foliage.

Nursery wins with the exposure of our drought-resistant plants and seeds that carry our contact information.

We move on in the early fall to more shrub and tree sales—when folks find the conditions are just right for digging and planting. We can expect sales both for private homes and for riparian repair areas. And nursery friends and volunteers will continue to collect tree, shrub and plant seeds.

Later fall will find us salvaging, propagating softwood plants, and preparing for the annual potted Christmas tree sales. This year, trees will be ready for sale the first Wednesday in December (December 7th) at the NALT office on Wallace and at the nursery in Cassidy. We also will make native seeds available for NALT's pre-holiday mall sales. Great stocking-stuffers!



Moorecroft Stewards Committee Report, September 2016

2016 RDN Park Plans for Moorecroft include removing both the caretaker's cabin and Kennedy Lodge this fall. The contract with caretakers Guy and Donna Monty has ended, and Parks Operations staff will take over managing the park. Construction of a picnic shelter and washrooms are being proposed for the 2017 budget.

We are grateful to Nanaimo & Area Land Trust for their advice and assistance in handling donations, receipts, and financial reports, and for maintaining a bank account on our behalf. The NALT Moorecroft account at the Nanoose Credit Union has now been closed, and the residual funds from that account transferred to the Nanaimo CCCU account. A total of \$10,686.31 has been handed over to the RDN, to be held in reserve for a future, yet to-be-determined park project. Special thanks to NALT and the RDN for post-acquisition liaison.

Donations of \$100 or more, both past and present, will be recognized on a donor plaque to be placed in the park. **Any future donations to the Moorecroft Regional Park** can be made directly to the RDN at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo or at the Parks and Recreation Department at 830 West Island Highway, Parksville.

The Parksville Bottle and Recycling Depot Moorecroft account will be closed January, 2017.

QF points that have been donated to the Moorecroft Regional Park have been transferred to the Nanoose Community Cupboard.

The Community Quilt Project will be assembled in November with all squares needed by the end of October. Possible places to display it will be explored.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada monitors the Conservation Covenant that is held on approximately 93% of the Moorecroft Park lands. *For habitat protection*, all locals and visitors to the park are required to keep dogs on-leash at all times.

Fund-raising Efforts: *Thank you* to everyone who has donated to Moorecroft Regional Park, and to all those who have assisted with our fund-raising efforts in the past.

The Moorecroft Stewards continue to support the RDN in their work at Moorecroft Regional Park, and encourage the public to enjoy the natural beauty and tranquility of the park.

The Moorecroft Stewardship Committee Vicki Knight Deirdre Lott Vivian Haist Jo Graham

Bottle Drive/Swim

On Saturday, July 9th NALT volunteers strapped on swim fins and goggles, and enjoyed the outpouring of donations of refundable beverage containers in a downpour of rain. While the deluge rained down, our spirits remained high. For our efforts we earned \$1,200. Hooray!

Thanks to all the volunteers who stuck it out through rain and shine and then more (much more!) rain, and to all those who dropped off their refundable beverage containers in support of Nanaimo River stewardship.

Thanks also to Lucky's Liquor Store for sharing their parking lot and restroom with us, to Country Club Centre for their support, to the Running Room, Rock City Cycles and Clinton King for the loan of oh so very important tent shelters, and to Oliver Woods Community Centre for collecting refundables for NALT.

Our next bottle drive will once again be happening in the parking lot beside Lucky's on Saturday, October 15th, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm—rain or shine, or rain *and* shine! **(See poster page 11)**

2017 NALT Calendar

The deadline for submitting your photos for the 2017 NALT calendar has come and gone. Thanks to the contribution of many great photos, we now have our work cut out narrowing it down to the final lucky 13. If your photo is selected for the calendar or any other NALT fundraising items (such as note cards, postcards and posters) you will be asked to sign an agreement granting NALT limited rights to use your photo(s). You will receive recognition each and every time your photo is used.

We will be working over the next little while to guide the calendar through all its draft incarnations, and hopefully to have it on sale at several outlets throughout Nanaimo by the end of October.

Last year's calendar was a great success for NALT, and we hope to build on sales and satisfaction with the 2017 Calendar. Stay tuned for an announcement of the beginning of sales, and thank you all for your excellent photo submissions.

Wine and Cheese Soiree

The 4th annual *Wine & Cheese Soiree* fundraiser is scheduled for the evening of Friday, November 18th on the mezzanine floor of Lucky's Liquor Store. This incredibly popular evening of music, wine and cheese (oh, and some fundraising too!) is the social event of the season for

NALT supporters. There will be raffles, a silent auction, door prizes—and surprises too. Look for details in the coming weeks and months.



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Folks enjoying last year's *Wine & Cheese Soiree*. Former Board member and event organizer, Jennifer Davidson, second from right.

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~ 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). June 17 to September 19th, 2016

Donations - Mt. Benson Phase II:

Donations – Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable: Strait of Georgia Stock Assessment (Department of Fisheries & Oceans), Outdoor Recreation Program at Vancouver Island University,

Donations – Nanaimo River Acquistion:

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

Individual Donations & New Memberships – NALT: Anonymous (1), Doug & Michelle Catley, Jan Cook, Blake Drummond, Inge Fleet, Doug & Norah Forrest, Ross Fraser, Dr Sara Frisch, Gina Gall, Dean Gaudry, Don & Jo Graham, Anne Kerr & Jean-Michele Hanssens, Connie & David Hargrave, Kim Hourston, Anne & Joe Kraskin, Karin Maley, Mary & Helmut Mark, Carol Milo, Darren & Courtney Nilsson, Keith Paton, Gary Smart, Wendy Van Oldenborgh, Dr Lawrence & Robyn Winkler

Business & Organization Donations – NALT: 49th Parallel Grocery, Dr BC Calvin Inc., Provincial Employees Community Services Fund (PECSF), Save-On Foods, TELUS Charitable Giving program, Thrifty Foods, The Mollie & Don Walls Charitable Gift Fund

New PreAuthorized Contributions: Anonymous (1), Marianne Johnson, Shirley Winkler

Volunteers since June 17th, 2016:

Gail Adrienne, Alex Anderson, Thomas Bath, Connie Lou Bickford, Doug Bogle, June Bogle, Paul Chapman, Linda Cole, Dalton Corbett, Deryck Cowling, Dave Cutts, JP Deland, Doris Edwards, Nina Evans-Locke, Susan Fisher, Dean Gaudry, Neil Hendrickson, Pat Hogue, Barbara Hourston, Denis Hughes, Trish Jennings, Peter Jeremy, Anne Kerr, Clinton King, Sonja Lindsey, Daniel Mason, Louise Mason, Will McMillan, Wayne Morgan, Geoff Mumford, Linda Nichol, Steve Plott, Susan Plott, Ellis Richer, June Ross, Chris Scorah, David Silk, Gary Smart, Antoinette Spoor, Beth Stanley, Arlene Tucker, Charlee Touchette, Judith Tye, Alex Van Zyl, Coco Van Zyl, Amber Villeneuve, Bruce Ward, Wendy Ward, Erik Warners, Ryota Watanabe, Jenny Webb, Mathew Webb, Paul Webb, Wally Wells, Walter Wiebe, Fraser Wilson, Hannah Wilson, Mikaela Wilson, Inger Wyat, Linda Yemen, Jim Young

> Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man.

> > -Stewart Udall

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.

Please record this contribution in the name of :

Phone:_____ Email:_____

My name is

(for tax receipt)

(if different)

My street address:_____



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 \$9,999Benefactor\$1,000 to \$4,999Hero\$500 to \$999Champion\$100 to \$499Patron\$25 to \$100Friendless than \$25SupporterMy 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

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

Their Name_____

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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!

Thank you for your continued support! OFFICE ONLY: TR #_____

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Pre-Authorized Contribution (PAC) Includes Annual Membership

NALT MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send this completed form to: Nanaimo & Area Land Trust #8-140 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B1	Complete this section ONLY if you want to become a monthly donor.
I would like to:	Yes, I authorize NALT to automatically withdraw from my bank account on the 1st of each month beginning
a) Renew my NALT Membership	This date(yr/month/day):
b) Begin a NALT Membership	\$10.00
(Check the category that applies to you) Senior/Low Income/Student -\$10	\$20.00
Individual/Family - \$20	\$30.00
Business- \$50	\$40.00
c) I would like to become a monthly donor: (Please see Pre-Authorized Contribution PAC form)	Other amount:
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Thank you for your continued support!	Your membership & monthly contribution are
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Thank you for your continued support!

Bottles for the River Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2016 9:00 am to 2:30 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 <u>www.nalt.bc.ca</u>

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 Nanaimo Regional Recycling depots. (2375 Hayes Road Nanaimo, or 839 Old Victoria Road Nanaimo, BC

NANAIMO RIVERS DAY

Join us for a celebration of World Rivers Day with events that honour our city's rich heritage of waterways.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 11 AM - 2:30 PM BOWEN PARK LOWER PICNIC SHELTER

SALMON BBQ HOSTED BY NALT (Nanaimo & Area Land Trust) BBQ wild BC salmon filet on a bun with all the fixings • \$10 • Service starts at 12 noon

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCAL BANDS

11 am • Mt Benson Ceili Band 12:15 pm • Dave Hart 1:30 pm •TerraZetto

RIVERS DAY TOURS HOSTED BY NANAIMO RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE

(Pre-registration is mandatory. See the Fall 2016 Activity Guide for details. Some fees apply.)

Tours starting from Bowen Park Wall Street Parking Lot:

~Nanaimo River Watershed Bus Tour • 9 am on FRI, SEP 23 (#151690) ~Morden Colliery Historical Park Bus Tours • 9 am on SUN, SEP 25 (#151686) ~Nanaimo River and Wild Play Adventure Centre Bus Tour • 9 am on SUN, SEP 25 (#152126) ~Nanaimo River Regional Park Bus Tour & Eco-Walk • 9 am on SUN, SEP 25 (#152127)

Tours starting at other locations:

~Nanaimo River Estuary Walk + 9:30 am on SUN, SEP 25 (#151687) Meet at end of Raines Road in Cedar ~Vancouver Island's Largest Estuary by Raft + 9:30 am (#151688) + 1 pm (#151689) on SUN, SEP 25 Meet at Living Forest Campground Boat Launch

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