

NEWS FROM NALT

NANAIMO & AREA LAND TRUST

Newsletter of the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust Society

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Rafting is just one of the things to enjoy at Nanaimo's Rivers Day Celebration.

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 Rivers 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, September 24th, The Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable is once again offering a number of tours to explore the Nanaimo River watershed—so you can experience firsthand 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 the development of stewardship of the many values supported by the river and its watershed and estuary.

An annual 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 City's Jump Creek reservoir, and the water treatment plant for Nanaimo's drinking water.** This is the only activity that is *not* scheduled on the actual World Rivers Day. The bus will leave Bowen Park's Wall Street parking lot at 9:00 am on Friday, September 22nd, and will take you on a seven-hour tour led by knowledgeable staff from all three agencies, still a great bargain at only \$25 for the day!

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

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Gail Adrienne A Change in Plans, and the Path to Recovery

On August 19 Gail Adrienne, NALT's Executive Director, had a medical emergency in Phoenix, AZ. She underwent surgery and received outstanding care at Banner University Hospital. Gail returned to BC on August 29, transferred to Victoria General Hospital. She is now well into her recovery process and showing incredible improvements each day.



Gail Adrienne has been at the helm of NALT and the forefront of environmental conservation and stewardship in the Nanaimo area for more than two decades.

NALT Board and staff look forward to Gail's return and, in the meantime, will sustain NALT's stewardship priorities and initiatives.

Gail's recovery will take some time and much effort. We ask you to join us in sending positive thoughts, prayers, and well wishes her way. If you'd like to, cards can be sent to Gail c/o NALT, #8 - 140 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B1.

Mount Benson Revisited

This summer marked the second year of NALT's annual monitoring of the conservation covenant on the Mount Benson Regional Park. On July 20th, in partnership with Wendy Simms and Hannah Wilson from Vancouver Island University's (VIU) Geography Department and with assistance from Torrey Archer, Andrew MacKinnon and Karen Iwachkow from The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC). NALT monitored one 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 is 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.



Monitors take a moment to share a laugh while revisiting vegetation plots on Mount Benson

The revisited VP site was chosen by time allotted, accessibility, proximity to heavily-used trails, and location in disturbed forest areas and assisted regeneration following the 2003-04 timber harvest by the previous owners. In addition, staff from VIU, TLC, NALT's Paul Chapman, and nine VIU students took part in the assessment. Due to time constraints, they were only able to visit one site, VP11, a site impacted by timber harvest and edge resultant effects. The site showed some areas of disturbance still remaining from the past logging with areas of natural and assisted rehabilitation.

The information garnered from this exercise will become part of the ongoing record observing the impacts of human use and other influences causing 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 Wendy, Hannah, Torrey, Andrew, Karen, Charles, Shelley, Maureen, Taver, Cory, Valerie, Mac, Mark and Hussain.

Bottle Drive

On Saturday, July 8th NALT volunteers worked at a steady pace all day to process refundable beverage containers sorting \$1,220 worth of refundables – well done! With good cheer and diligence, you folks make our events successful and fun. Thank you all.

Thanks as well to all the donors who brought their refundables to the event or dropped them off at the depot and put them on the NALT account, to Lucky's Liquor Store and the Country Club Centre for hosting us, to the Running Room and Clinton King for providing tents to shelter us, to Serious Coffee for providing some great liquid motivation and to the Nanaimo Regional Recycling for all they do to support our efforts.

Our next bottle drive is on October 14th in the parking lot beside Lucky's Liquor Store 9:00 am to 2:30 pm—rain or shine. **See poster page 11.**

2018 NALT Calendar

The deadline for submitting your photos for the 2018 NALT calendar has come and gone. Thanks to the contribution of many great photos, we have almost narrowed 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). And, 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 2018 Calendar. Stay tuned for an announcement of the beginning of sales, and thank you all for your excellent photo submissions.



Featured photo for September in the 2017 NALT Calendar.


Paul Chapman



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Wine and Cheese Soiree

The 5th annual *Wine & Cheese Soiree* fundraiser is scheduled for the evening of Friday, November 17th 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.



Join the fun and fundraising at the *Wine & Cheese Soiree*.

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Nursery News

It's Autumn at the *Natural Abundance Nursery* – when we know there is an end in sight for frequent watering and weeding. This is the time of year we enjoy lunch under the big cedar and notice leaves changing colours. We wash plant pots in preparation for fall propagating and salvaging. There are many varieties of native seeds to gather and process to sell. In short, it's a wonderful time of year to be involved with native plants at the nursery.

RDN has worked with us all summer. Nursery volunteers prepare orders weekly, then the RDN WaterSmart team uses the plants and seeds at various community events in their educational displays. It's a nice win-win for both NALT and the RDN. Drought resistant native plants attract visitors to the RDN displays, and the plants and seeds attract the same visitors to the nursery for more. We appreciate the cooperative effort between the WaterSmart team and the NALT nursery team!



Arnica receives a visitor

As autumn begins, it's time to think about planting native seeds so they have the head start benefit of the rains. Shrubs do well planted in the fall too. Potted trees can be purchased, but planting is better after the ground is saturated. Bare root trees are ready to be dug and planted when they are dormant, later in the season. Why do you see coloured flags on some of our trees? They are reserved for customers.

How can you be involved with the native plant nursery? There are several ways. Wednesdays (10 am-3 pm) and Saturdays (11 am-3 pm) the nursery is open for business. These are also good days to check out volunteering opportunities, or to

just come out to see what's happening. If you would like to discuss volunteering, you can contact Paul (volunteer@nalt.bc.ca) or Susan (plants@nalt.bc.ca). Besides nursery work, some volunteers choose to do homework, like seed packaging, and some like to help out at sales.

You might like to check out our display at the September 24th Rivers Day at Bowen Park. We will be focusing on bee friendly plants and talking about the importance of supporting our pollinators. It's a good opportunity to become more acquainted with shrubs and trees native to our unique Coastal Douglas Fir region.

Again this year in November and December, native seeds and small table trees will be available at the NALT mall sales. And by mid December the annual potted Christmas trees will be available at the NALT office and at the nursery.

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Five other tours are planned for Rivers Day itself—on Sunday, September 24th. These will include:

- a guided walk on the Nanaimo River Estuary,**
- a guided tour of the historic Morden Colliery Mine site,**
- a guided eco-walk along the trails of the Nanaimo River Regional Park,**
- a rafting excursion of the Nanaimo River Estuary**
- an exciting new tour of the Wildplay Element Park.**



Along with tours of Nanaimo's drinking water reservoir and water treatment plant, participants on the Nanaimo River Watershed Tour also explore forestry management practices in the watershed.

Full details and registration for these tours can be found in the ***Fall Activity Guide*** of the City of Nanaimo's Parks & Recreation programs, which is available at many locations around town, including Parks and Recreation facilities, or go online to <http://www.nanaimo.ca/EN/main/departments/parks-recreation-culture/leisure-guide.html>. When you check out the Guide, be sure to check out all of the other Rivers Day activities planned for Bowen Park from 11:00 am until 2:30 pm on the 24th – 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, and you can register on-line or by phone. These tours will fill up quickly, so don't delay!

~ 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 3 to September 8, 2017***

Donations – Mt. Benson Phase II:

Donations – Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable: City of Nanaimo, Island Timberlands, TimberWest

Donations and In-kind Goods – Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery: Ruth Caspell, Dean Gaudry

Individual Donations & New Memberships – NALT: Emily Barnewall, Kathleen Brodie, Doug & Michelle Catley, Armando dos Santos & Virginia Woodward, Blake Drummond, Inge Fleet, Ross & Judith Fraser, Joan Fulton & Keith Paton, Gina Gall, Don & Jo Graham, Eric Grossman & Karen Skarpnes, Tibor & Magda Jando, Mary & Helmut Mark, Kim Hourston & Gary Clark, Dorothee & Robert Kieser, Ian Knipe, Joe & Anne Kraskin, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia (Canada 150 Grant), Karin Maley, John & Hilary Manning, Ann & Roger Northwood, Steve Romanik, Christy Thomson, Wendy Van Oldenborgh, The Mollie & Don Walls Charitable Gift Fund, Bruce & Wendy Ward, Paul & Jenny Webb

In Memory - Mt Benson Phase II: Anonymous donation, "In memory of Richard Arnold"

Departure Creek Streamkeepers: Helping Hands of Worksafe BC

Walley Creek Streamkeepers: Pacific Salmon Foundation

Business & Organization Donations – NALT: Kinette Club of Nanaimo

Volunteers since June 3rd to Sept 8th: Gail Adrienne, Hussain Alhatem, Mac Barrera, Valerie Brown, Paul Chapman, Dalton Corbett, Deryck Cowling, Nina Evans-Locke, Susan Fisher, Dean Gaudry, Jeff Hawker, Allan Hawryzki, Pat Hogue, Trish Jennings, Peter Jeremy, Louise Mason, Lee Masciarelli, Bailee McColl, Wayne Morgan, Mark Murdyk, Judy Mueller, Geoff Mumford, Linda Nichol, Caitlyn Ninatti, Taver Rice, Ellis Richer, Harriet Rueggeberg, Chris Scolah, Rebecca Segal, Shelley Serebin, Charles Shier, Maureen Shier, Gary Smart, Beth Stanley, Marjorie Stewart, Arlene Tucker, Corey Tucker, Coco Van Zyl, Jenny Webb, John Wells, Wally Wells, Fraser Wilson, Hannah Wilson, Inger Wyat, Jim Young, John Young, Susann Young.

***The world is full of magic things
patiently waiting for our senses
to grow sharper.***

W. B Yeats

Donation/Pledge Form
THE MOUNT BENSON CAMPAIGN II



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\$100 to \$499	Friend of Benson
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My donation of \$_____ is enclosed
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Make cheque payable to NALT- Mount Benson Acquisition.

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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
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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# _____

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

Mailing Address: _____

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

NALT Thanks You for Your Support!

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#8-140 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B1

I would like to:

a) ☐ **Renew my NALT Membership**

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(Check the rate that applies to you)

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

(Please see Pre-Authorized Contribution PAC form)

OR

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OR

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mailing address _____

city _____ Postal code _____

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

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contacts to individuals or other organizations

Thank you for your continued support!

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Includes Annual Membership

Complete this section ONLY if you want to become a monthly donor.

Yes, I authorize NALT to automatically withdraw from my bank account on the 1st of each month beginning

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☐ \$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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Bottles for the River

Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2017

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 www.nalt.bc.ca***

Can't make it? Just drop your Refundables Ask the staff to "put it on the NALT account"
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NANAIMO RIVERS DAY



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Join us for a celebration of **World Rivers Day** with events
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
11 AM - 2:30 PM
BOWEN PARK LOWER PICNIC SHELTER

~INTERACTIVE BOOTHS~

~SALMON BBQ HOSTED BY NALT~ (Nanaimo & Area Land Trust)

BBQ wild BC salmon filet on a bun with all the
fixings for only \$10 (service starts at 12 noon)

~LIVE MUSIC BY LOCAL BANDS~

11 am • The Downward Dawgs
12:15 pm • TerraZetto
1:30 pm • Dave Hart

~GUIDED STREAM WALK~

11 am with Julie Pisani, RDN Team Water Smart

~RIVERS DAY TOURS HOSTED BY NANAIMO RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE~

(Pre-registration is mandatory.

See the Fall 2017 Activity Guide for details. Some fees apply.)

Tours starting from Bowen Park Wall Street Parking Lot:

- ~Nanaimo River Watershed & Water Treatment Plant Tour • 9 am on FRI, SEP 22 (#158788)
- ~Morden Colliery Historical Park Bus Tours • 9 am on SUN, SEP 24 (#158784)
- ~Wild Play Adventure Centre Bus Tour • 9 am on SUN, SEP 24 (#158789)
- ~Nanaimo River Regional Park Bus Tour & Eco-Walk • 9 am on SUN, SEP 24 (#158790)

Tours starting at other locations:

- ~Nanaimo River Estuary Walk • 9:30 am on SUN, SEP 24 (#158785)
Meet at end of Raines Road in Cedar
- ~Vancouver Island's Largest Estuary by Raft • 9:30 am (#158756) • 1 pm (#158786)
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