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OURS FOREVER

Campaign Targets Spectacular Sooke Potholes

Earlier this spring TLC announced the targets for the 2004 OURS FOREVER Campaign. We are aiming to raise \$4 million for a number of important projects around the Capital Region. The centre piece of this campaign is our drive to purchase and permanently protect the Sooke Potholes.

One of the highest profile acquisitions we have taken on, the property that TLC wants to see protected consists of 63 hectares (156 acres), running for five km along the east side of the Sooke River, where the deep and polished rock pools and carved canyons known as "the Potholes" are found. These clear green pools are linked by picturesque waterfalls and gorges and surrounded by the beautiful forests of the Sooke Hills. Along the eastern boundary of the property runs the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, a tremendously popular recreational corridor used by cyclists, equestrians, runners and hikers from every part of the Capital Region, and by visitors from around the world. In addition, a fabulous network of trails links the Sooke Potholes site to the new Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park tying the area into the region's Sea to Sea Greenbelt.

For many years the Potholes have been a favourite swimming spot for generations of local and regional residents, as well as tourists from around the world. Many people have fond memories of their times at the Potholes and they have become famous far and

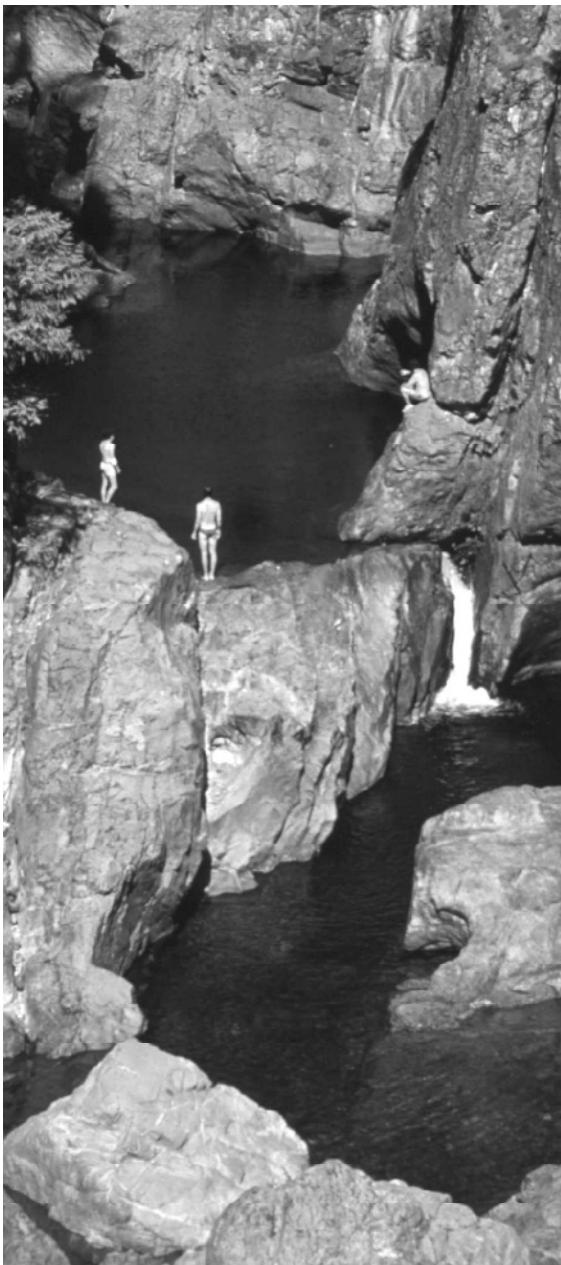


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wide as one of *the* things to do when visiting the Capital Region.

The Land Conservancy would like to keep it that way. We want to make sure that residents and

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Message from Bill



Working with an organization like The Land Conservancy is certainly a rewarding experience. Every day we are reminded in one way or another of the importance of our work and the urgency with which we must continue to gain protective

control of sensitive and threatened properties to prevent their loss forever. With every success – whether it's a major acquisition, or a new member joining up to help us in our work – we receive the satisfaction of knowing that our efforts are having an impact.

This was reinforced in dramatic fashion during the Victoria Day Parade recently. For the first time TLC participated in the parade, to join with the community celebration, but also to help raise our profile and promote our campaign to purchase the Sooke Potholes. I have to say that I was astounded, somewhat humbled and extremely proud of the reception we received. As we rolled along the parade route a wave of applause, shouts of encouragement

and “thank you” and many “thumbs-up” carried along with us every step of the way.

Such an overwhelming community response is certainly a strong validation that our work really has value – not only for its own sake, but also for the foundation of a vibrant community as well. Thousands upon thousands of people told us that they understand and appreciate the work we are doing, and I can't think of a better way to reinforce and reinvigorate our efforts. As Executive Director I often have the pleasure of being the one to receive such recognition, but the credit truly goes to all of you – our members and supporters – for your dedication to our cause.

- Bill Turner, Executive Director

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visitors alike can continue to enjoy the Potholes and appreciate their beauty. And we want to ensure that our grandchildren and their grandchildren can do so as well.

For more than 20 years, the property has been the subject of various development schemes – from resort hotels to movie studios – which could have compromised public access and even the integrity of the potholes themselves. The property is now the subject of a court-ordered sale, as a result of foreclosure proceedings. TLC wants to ensure that its future is secured, and will not be lost either to inappropriate development or to private acquisition making it inaccessible to the public.

In making the announcement, TLC Executive Director Bill Turner said “This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the public to acquire complete control over this spectacular and extremely important icon of our Province’s and our Region’s natural heritage. The price is right...the opportunity is there...now is the time for us to move forward and protect this magnificent site.”

While this approach may seem obvious to us, unfortunately there are those – including Sooke’s Mayor and three of her six Councillors – who disagree. They have said that we don’t need more parks like this. They are satisfied that the parkland set-



CYCLISTS ENJOY THE GALLOPING GOOSE TRAIL, ADJACENT TO THE SOOKE POTHOLES PROPERTY
Photo by Al Harvey/slidesfarm.com

aside required through a development permit is enough to protect the Potholes.

We don’t like having to work against a local council, but as long as the property remains on the open market, zoned for commercial development, its future is at risk. The property could be bought at any time and

public access denied. Whether it’s a development that retains access only for its paying patrons, or an individual who wants to keep it as a private estate, there simply is no guarantee that the area won’t be fenced off for the rest of us.

There’s also no guarantee that the natural splendour and environmental integrity of the Potholes site itself could be maintained. The beauty and lasting appeal of the Potholes stem from their setting in nature, an awe-inspiring sense of wildness that Vancouver Island is known for. When you begin to drop hotels, lodges, motels, retail stores, gas bars or private homes on the site – all of which are allowed under the current zoning – you lose that ambience forever. You lose the essence of what makes the Potholes so special.

TLC understands and supports Sooke’s efforts to build its tax base and secure a stronger economic future. We just can’t believe their only option is to try and develop the Potholes site itself and, in our view, ruin it at the same time.

By harnessing the support of the Capital Regional District and the Province along with many thousands of residents to acquire this property and see it become a world class destination park, we believe it could provide economic benefits right across the community and the region. It could help fill up the B&Bs in the Sooke area. It could bring people into the restaurants, the gas stations and stores, stimulate new business development and help build economic vitality in the community.

TLC has now completed the first phase of this acquisition. We have bought out the financial interests of the major creditor - the mortgage company which had received court permission to sell the property. This action gives us effective control over the

future of the site. As of now, the property is no longer for sale!

This step was made possible through the generosity of eleven supporters who came forward with financing to allow us to meet the purchase deadline, and to give us enough time for our ongoing fundraising campaign to be successful.

We can now proceed through the court process over the summer to gain actual title to the property. We will also be working with the CRD and the Province to bring them on side as partners. There is a long way to go yet, and a lot of fundraising still needed, but the results will be well worth the effort.

Ian Fawcett, Deputy Executive Director

Congratulations

Bill Turner and TLC receive Canadian Environment Award

At a ceremony in Calgary on May 31st, TLC Executive Director Bill Turner was awarded the Canadian Environment Award for Conservation. This award, established by Canadian Geographic Enterprises, with the support of the Government of Canada and many of Canada's major corporations, is the first truly national award recognizing community-based environmental achievement in Canada. Now in its third year the award program received over 140 nominations from across the country. A contribution of \$5000 accompanies the award and has been designated for TLC.

Sue Morhun receives Minister's Heritage Award

TLC Director Sue Morhun has received the prestigious Minister's Award for Heritage Conservation. The award was presented during the Heritage Society of BC conference in Burnaby, on June 4th. It comes with a contribution of \$10,000 to be given to the charity of the winner's choice, and Sue has donated the award to TLC. Sue is the second of our directors to receive this honour. Stuart Stark won the award in 2002.

Nichola Walkden receives Community Spirit Award

Each year, the Burns Bog Conservation Society hosts an awards dinner, "Celebrating Women and the Spirit of the Cranes." This year, TLC's Assistant Executive Director Nichola Walkden was chosen as the recipient of the Community Spirit Award, in recognition of her conservation work in many communities across B.C.

Congratulations to Bill, Sue and Nichola. You make us all proud.

National Trust Staff Exchange TLC Welcomes Visitor from Cornwall

Nick Lawrence is the Area Manager for the National Trust's Devon and Cornwall Region. He will be working with TLC for the next two months.

After Eileen Palmer's visit to Cornwall last fall I was ticking off the days until my arrival on Vancouver Island. And, so far, everything I had heard about Canada and TLC has proven to be true – both are amazing!

My area covers South Cornwall, and includes a mix of heritage houses, open countryside and gardens. Although I have been here just a week, I can already see that there are many overlaps in the work of our two organizations. Cornwall is a popular tourist destination in the UK, with all the opportunities and threats that brings. We, too, have significant areas of unspoiled coastline which is increasingly under development pressure, and which needs organizations like ours to protect it. There are, of course, some significant differences as well. In Cornwall only a relatively small amount of land is publicly owned; about 70% of the County is farmed and less than 4% is down to forestry.

TLC staff have fixed a busy schedule for my stay. I am excited to have the opportunity to visit a number of sites around the province, and it promises to be an extremely stimulating time. I am sure I will gain a lot, and I'm hoping that I can contribute usefully to TLC's work, based on the experiences and lessons learned over my years with the National Trust. I am giving a number of presentations during my stay and I hope this will be an opportunity to meet the ever-growing number of TLC supporters.

I am already grateful to TLC for making me so welcome and feel a shared sense of purpose as well as an almost tangible enthusiasm for our work. I am really looking forward to my stay.

Nick Lawrence

Building Success with Foundation and Corporate Grant Support

Even during the difficult economic climate of the past couple of years, TLC has continued to work effectively with many Foundation and Corporate Granting programs. Although these programs have had to cut back as a result of the downturn in the stock markets, TLC has still been able to secure considerable support.

"Not what we have but what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance."

John Petit-Senn

Frogs, Friends and Finances

There is a story about abundance that speaks to our times. Here is how it goes: A turtle and a frog were facing a big winter ahead with trepidation. It was expected to be an especially cold and long one. They both collected food and stored it as best they could. When winter came it was as fierce as predicted, and many other turtles and frogs were in need. The turtle did not want to share his food and retreated into his shell alone. The frog, a sociable creature, invited his friends over and they shared what they had, sang songs, told stories and entertained each other through the whole long winter. How is it that the turtle who had more to eat still felt empty by spring? The frog, who had less to eat, was full with the company he had shared during the hard times.

Giving is a way of recognizing our abundance. How we give is a part of who we are and certainly part of the success of The Land Conservancy's community work. We would like to recognize the following foundations for their outstanding contributions to TLC in the last few months.

Our Ross Bay Villa project continues to progress with the help of a \$100,000 federal/provincial Infrastructure Grant. This grant, for interior work at the Villa, allowed us to install a wheelchair accessible washroom, interior electrical wiring and, in combination with an earlier grant of \$25,000 from the **Real Estate Foundation**, will help complete the interpretive centre for the opening of the heritage site in spring 2005.

Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse were the recipients of a \$6,000 donation from the



THE HORSEFLY RIVER

Photo by Bill Turner

Victoria Foundation-Orion Fund for painting the exterior of the building and for educational materials for school and visitor programs. Craigflower also benefitted as part of a \$24,480 grant from **Canada Digital Collections** which enabled us to catalogue and digitize the artifacts and collections at the site, as well as at Abkhazi Garden, Ross Bay Villa and Wildwood.

TLC's partnership with the City of Victoria and the University of Victoria in the Gorge Restoration and Naturalization Project earned the Vancouver Island Region \$1,000 from the **CRD** for waste disposal, and \$4,000 from **Unilever/Evergreen Fund** for removing the cement substrate and landscaping. This project also received \$23,350 from the **VanCity Envirofund** for working with volunteers to clean up the site, for

neighbourhood outreach and engineering, \$10,000 from **Coast Capital Foundation** for outreach materials, volunteer support and tools, and a **Shell Environment Fund** grant of \$5,000 to be put towards consultant expenses, supplies and TLC staff time. This is the beginning of a long term commitment by The Land Conservancy to restore the Gorge waterfront for the public. We are grateful to all of our funders for supporting this important pilot project which will be used as a model for future restoration.

In our North region a \$163,815 donation from the **Donner Canadian Foundation** was used to purchase a vital 160 acre property along the Horsefly River with important salmon spawning and wildlife habitat. TLC now owns over 1,000 acres along the Horsefly and expects to purchase another

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1,000 over the next 20 years. With these funds, *TLC* has been able to add significantly to the Horsefly River Riparian Conservation Area thereby ensuring salmon and species closely associated with them (grizzly bears in particular) have protected habitat critical to their long-term survival.

In the East Kootenay a generous donation of \$15,000 from the **Eden Conservation Trust Fund** and another \$30,000 from the **Real Estate Foundation** will be used for riparian stewardship projects, in order to protect community fresh water supplies and to encourage private landowners to protect habitat with conservation covenants. Similar work is also supported in the Robson Valley by the **Vancouver Foundation** with a grant of \$30,000 to assist the community in establishing a local land trust and to facilitate strategic private land gifts to the public.

Finding funding for land acquisition is always difficult, as most grant funding is project-based. We are most grateful to **Mountain Equipment Co-op** which supported *TLC* with a grant of \$62,000 for a fabulous piece of southwest facing waterfront property adjacent to an existing regional park on Hornby Island.

Support for staffing and administration is the hardest funding to find, so we particularly thank the generosity of the **Endswell Foundation** for donating \$5,000, the **Vancouver Foundation** for \$10,000 and an anonymous family foundation for a contribution of \$17,000 toward our ongoing operating costs. The volunteers and staff of *TLC* do great things with very little and with the financial support of these foundations we are able to do a great deal more.

Like the frog in the story we are happy to share what we have at *TLC*. By building partnerships and working with many others we all emerge stronger.

*Lynne Milnes
TLC Development Officer & Grant Writer*

Kid Stuff



Drawing by Spencer

Eco-Activity Booklet a big hit with students and teachers

Did you know that salamanders eat their skin? Or that BC has rare orchids that talk? Many of BC's children do, because these and other fascinating facts are found in the **2004 TLC Eco-Activity Booklet** featuring BC's Wetlands and Waterways.

More than 53,000 elementary school children and their families in the Saanich, Sooke, Greater Victoria, North Vancouver, and Penticton areas received this booklet as a gift from *TLC* to celebrate Earth Day, April 22nd, 2004. Students had been asked to research one of eight threatened BC species featured in the eco-activity booklet. We received hundreds of creative submissions including drawings, crossword puzzles, poems, stories, facts, comments, suggestions of how people can help threatened species, word searches, and connect the number mystery pictures. The children's work was enhanced with "wacky facts" from Melissa Anderson as well as original illustrations from Victoria's Chris Bateman to produce a lively 12-page activity book.

This is a project which allows children to become published authors/artists, while at the same time learning about species in a sensitive ecosystem. Teachers welcomed this unique opportunity for curriculum based learning in art, writing and science classes.

TLC Eco-Activity art display: Victoria and North Vancouver children produced art in response to the eco-activity booklet and these colorful illustrations were displayed in local shopping centres. Special prizes were awarded to 73 students lucky enough to have their names pulled out of a hat. Lighthouse Christian Academy of Colwood won a Pentium computer for their outstanding contributions, a prize which was generously donated by Discovery Computers (Hillside).

Sincere thanks are extended to all of the businesses that supported *TLC* with this wonderful children's project: Hillside Shopping Centre, Discovery Computers (Hillside), Frontrunners, New Balance, Raincoast Books, Bolen's Books (Hillside), HMV (Hillside), Sports Traders, Capilano Mall, North Shore Recycling Program, Ratcliff & Co Barristers and Solicitors,



BOTH STUDENTS & TEACHERS HAD A LOT OF FUN WORKING ON THEIR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ECO-ACTIVITY BOOKLET

Photo by Carla Funk

North Shore News, Ocean River Sports, Salt Spring Organic Coffee, BC Magazine, Il Terrazzo Ristorante, Denman Island Chocolate, Thrifty Foods and *TLC* Enterprises! Next year, threatened species of BC's grasslands will be featured in the *TLC* Eco-Activity Booklet of 2005.

Carla Funk, Development Officer

Visit our website to see lots more of the children's art work

VANCOUVER ISLAND/COAST regional report



During the spring, our dedicated volunteers and staff at Ross Bay Villa have been hard at work with the restoration of the site. Both indoor and outdoor lighting has now been roughed in, the fire sprinkler system is progressing and a wheelchair accessible washroom has been completed in a reconstructed outbuilding. The garden also received attention, with the planting of many heritage perennials and a vegetable garden. Curatorial volunteers have been busy cleaning artifacts from the site, and our wallpaper specialist has been analyzing many layers of old wallpaper. She is looking for small holes in the paper, which help determine what kinds of photographs or paintings were hung on the walls during which period. With grants from the Real Estate Foundation and an Infrastructure Grant from the Provincial and Federal Governments, we are able to continue working on the restoration. We will be going full speed this summer, and volunteers are needed to work with our heritage restoration professionals both in the garden and on the Villa.

Tour days at Wildwood have been increased this season to include Sundays as well as Saturdays. During the spring this famous ecoforestry site was visited by many school groups, from US and Canadian Universities to elementary classes from all over Vancouver Island, particularly from the Ladysmith-Nanaimo area. TLC would like to encourage visits to Wildwood by more school groups, and we will be working with teachers to build field-trips into their plans for the fall. We are also planning another

workshop series for later this year that will include mushroom propagation, maple juice making and plant identification. Please watch our website for more details.

Abkhazi Garden is in full bloom – both literally and figuratively. The garden itself is stunning, as the hard work of our talented volunteers and staff over the past few years is paying off. Also, the garden continues to increase in popularity. Early attendance figures for this year were up considerably from last year, with gate revenues, gift shop and tea room revenues also up. Requests for the use of the garden for special events during off-hours are also continuing to increase. And the garden responds on cue: as this is being written, the giant lilies are about to burst forth with blooms the size of footballs. It's always a good time to visit Abkhazi.

Volunteers are needed at all of our sites. If you'd like to join in with the excitement and the fun, please call us.

Eileen Palmer, Regional Manager



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK DURING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SHED AT ROSS BAY VILLA

Photo by Dwight Sept

KOOTENAY regional report



Once again, The Land Conservancy is offering landowners in the East Kootenay the opportunity to become involved in learning about and caring for their properties. This is the sixth year that TLC has operated a landowner contact program in the East Kootenay. Since 1999, we have talked with more than seventy landowners about grasslands, streams and wetlands.

This year, we are partnering with the Joseph Creek Stream Team as we focus on Joseph Creek, which is the primary source of drinking water for the City of Cranbrook. Over time, increased pressures on Joseph Creek and modifications to the stream course and banks have resulted in a reduced stream flow and consequently in associated problems for the overall ecosystem and its inhabitants.

As with previous landowner contact programs, we hope to inspire creekside landowners to make a positive contribution to Joseph Creek. All of the landowners who are involved with the program will be given the opportunity to enter into a Stewardship Agreement. This is a signed agreement that allows a landowner to commit to certain practises on their property for a set period of time. For instance, urban landowners may choose to commit to reducing watering of lawns and gardens or retaining a riparian buffer as part of their landscape plan. In return for this commitment, landowners will receive formal recognition in the form of a commemorative plaque or sign to inform friends and neighbours of their efforts.

Building on our success with landowner contact in the East Kootenay, we will be partnering this summer with the Wetlandkeepers Program to deliver two

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NORTH regional report



2004 started off with an auspicious event in the North. I had the pleasure of emceeing a dedication ceremony for the establishment of a new conservation area in the Robson Valley. On March 17th in Dunster, over 50 people of a community of 300 came out to celebrate the life one of its most beloved citizens, Natasha Boyd, and to honour her life with the establishment of the Natasha Boyd Wetland Conservation Area.

Carl Boyd, Natasha's husband, in an extremely generous gesture, donated funds to TLC that were matched by the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program. These funds were used to acquire 160 acres of wetland habitat located approximately 15 km east of McBride.

The dedication ceremony included a discussion of the efforts of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, the Fraser Headwaters Alliance, and TLC to protect habitat in the Robson Valley. The audience was also treated to a slide show by Carl that gave the audience a glimpse into the extraordinary life of Natasha. Carl himself was honoured for his generosity by the future generation of like-minded citizens of the Robson Valley with a presentation of art work by a number of local children. The ceremony culminated in the unveiling of a sign by Carl and Natasha's two children, Charlene Brooks and Dan Boyd, that will be housed at the Baker Creek Rest Area on Highway 16.

In the spring of 2004 TLC was also able to make a significant addition to the Horsefly River Riparian Conservation Area with

grants from the Donner Foundation and Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program. TLC was able to purchase 160 acres of upland pasture in the Horsefly area that will allow us to work with another local landowner, by trading rights to each other's property, to protect high priority areas of salmon spawning habitat. This arrangement enables TLC to fulfil its mandate of protecting high conservation value lands while, at the same time, maintaining local resource uses.

Both of these recent activities illustrate how TLC can work in partnership with individuals, businesses and government to make real and important contributions to conservation.

Barry Booth, Regional Manager



CARL BOYD DEDICATES THE WETLAND CONSERVATION AREA IN HONOUR OF HIS WIFE NATASHA



A PRESENTATION OF ART FROM AURORA ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN
Photos by Andru McCracken, Robson Valley Times

In March of this year, the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC named the Okanagan River as the third most endangered river in BC. This is down two spots from the first place position that it held in 2003 and 2002. Nationally, the Okanagan River was ranked as the third most endangered river in all of Canada. These are not podium finishes to be proud of. In fact, the Okanagan looks more like a flood control ditch than a river, its banks sterile and devoid of vegetation. Fortunately, there is hope for the Okanagan River.

Over the last year and a half, TLC has been working in partnership with the Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection, the Department of Fisheries & Oceans, the Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries Department, the Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society, Ducks Unlimited, and fisheries biologists on a plan to restore sections of the Okanagan River. Under a pilot project, TLC and our partners hope to acquire land along a strategic section of the river, push the flood control dykes back and give the river more elbow room (allowing it to meander), and restore fish and riparian (river side) habitat.

TLC has been able to provide land acquisition expertise and legal support to the project. Over the winter and spring, we successfully negotiated the purchase of three key properties along the river. These properties total over 10 acres of land and give us access to almost 1km of river front. Funding for these acquisitions was provided by the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund and the Ministry of Transportation. The properties will be owned by the Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society, with TLC holding covenants on the land. Funding from Environment Canada's

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Regional Reports

LOWER MAINLAND regional report



Partnership protects the Codd Wetlands

In the last edition of the LandMark we said that the Codd Wetlands were within reach. We are now pleased to announce that this extremely important wetland near Pitt Meadows has been purchased and protected.

TLC worked for almost four years on this campaign and we are delighted that a partnership involving the Province, the GVRD, the District of Pitt Meadows and Ducks Unlimited (representing the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program) was able to join with us in this \$4.5 million acquisition. We would also like to recognize the Aquilini Investment Group, the owners of the property who contributed \$700,000 toward the purchase.

Many people were involved in supporting this project and we would like to thank everyone who participated, and in particular the Pitt Polder Preservation Society and everyone who made a donation. Our campaign received a big boost from Vancouver Canuck Brendan Morrison - a native of Pitt Meadows - and his family, who publicly announced their support for the project and helped spread the message about the importance of protecting such areas.

These wetlands provide the largest off-channel fish-rearing habitat in the Alouette River watershed, and provide habitat for 191 species of birds, mammals and amphibians.

It's important to remember, however, that while the area has now been protected, it has not yet been paid for. We still need to raise \$150,000 to complete this project and we are still accepting (tax-deductible) donations for it.



BRENDAN & ERIN MORRISON ENJOY A VISIT TO CODD WETLANDS WITH THEIR FAMILY
Michelle Ellison Photo

Eagles Estate Heritage Garden Opens Interpretive Centre
TLC's restoration of the Eagles Estate Heritage Garden on the shores of Deer Lake in Burnaby took a big step forward in May with the opening of an Interpretive Centre to better inform the public about the



GARDEN RESTORATION CONTINUES AT EAGLES ESTATE HERITAGE GARDEN Tamsin Baker Photo

wonderful history of this garden, the Deer Lake area and TLC. The Centre contains amazing historical colour pictures taken by Dr. Blythe and Dr. Violet Eagles showing the garden at its prime. TLC is also creating a self-guided interpretive walk of the garden.

Starting in 1929, this 1.6 acre garden was created in the Romantic English Cottage style. The Eagles shared a love and a talent for gardening and enlisted Frank E. Buck, a pioneer Canadian horticulturist, to design their garden.

Visiting the site: The garden and the Interpretive Centre are free to the public. The garden is always open and the hours of the Centre are Wednesday to Sunday, 1 – 4pm until Thanksgiving. Tours of the house can also be arranged upon request.

Indian Arm Boat Cruises Raise Funds and Awareness

TLC continues to fundraise for the protection of Thwaytes Landing located on the waterfront halfway up Indian Arm in North Vancouver. While this property is now protected as a GVRD Regional Recreation Area we still need to raise funds to pay down the mortgage.

Two boat cruises to the site and our annual Indian Arm Paddle-a-thon (Sunday, Sept. 26) are scheduled to help raise funds. For more details, please see our website or contact the Lower Mainland Regional Office.

Tamsin Baker, Regional Manager

***Our partnerships make the difference.
Please support our business partners.***

Kootenay Regional Report

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workshops that will provide participants with the tools they need to build and maintain their own landowner contact programs.

The Joseph Creek Landowner Contact Program is funded by the Vancouver Foundation, the Eden Conservation Trust and Human Resources Development Canada.

Kathleen Sheppard, Regional Manager

Okanagan Regional Report

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Habitat Stewardship Program and the Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection will be used to prepare the restoration plan and do the engineering work required for this ambitious project. The end result will be an increase in salmon spawning habitat, and restored riparian habitat benefiting endangered species like the Yellow-breasted Chat and Western Screech Owl.

The next time you are in the South Okanagan, take a minute to look at the river. With a little help from TLC and our partners, it will hopefully start to look more like a river, and not like the ditch it resembles today.

Shawn Black, Regional Manager



OKANAGAN RIVER CHANNEL - OUR CHALLENGE
Photo by Chris Bull

Heritage Properties

Craigflower Schoolhouse A survivor...in spite of itself

Craigflower Schoolhouse catches your eye as you cross the Gorge. Square and bright, accented with blue trim and nestled in a frame of soft greens. On second look though, the roof is decidedly swaybacked and on the inside the tilt of the floors can bring on a touch of sea sickness. Despite its sags it is amazing that the schoolhouse survives at all.

In his diary from the early days of the settlement at Craigflower, Robert Melrose reports on July 21, 1854, that "Gideon and his Gang commenced to build the School and Schoolhouse." By September 23 the "School-house frame is erected...", but he also points out that the "...whole company in general [is] notoriously drunk." The schoolhouse is completed by February 20th, 1855 with the schoolmaster, Charles Clark and his wife moving in on March 2nd.

By 1862 though, Craigflower's second schoolmaster, Henry Claypole, reports, "The buildings and premises are in so dilapidated a condition as to make it a question of whether the present house ought to be repaired or a new house built". Despite regular pleas from Claypole, it takes until 1865 for His Excellency the Governor to authorize the necessary funds - \$60!

By 1870 the foundation is giving way and in 1872 a visiting school superintendent reports that the schoolhouse is "...exceedingly dilapidated and almost past repair." The next year the new Provincial Government spends \$1,125 on repairs.

With the closing of the school in 1911 time takes its toll and by 1925 "the schoolhouse building was in a very deteriorated condition." Fortunately for us today the Native Sons and Daughters of British Columbia stepped forward to take responsibility for



Photo by Stuart Stark

Craigflower Schoolhouse. In 1927 they take steps that are crucial to its survival: they add a new roof and a new foundation.

At critical moments throughout its history someone has always stepped forward to ensure the survival of Craigflower. In 2003 it was The Land Conservancy's turn. With the help of our members, volunteers and the community, TLC is committed to ensure that the oldest standing schoolhouse in western Canada and neighbouring Craigflower Manor are standing for a very long time to come. This summer you may notice work being done on Craigflower Manor as we replace some window sills and siding and paint the exterior.

We also want to make the stories of Melrose, and Claypole and Gideon and his gang live again. Until the end of September, Wednesday through Sunday afternoons both the Schoolhouse and Manor are open and our volunteer room stewards share the fascinating history of Craigflower with our visitors.

Scott Mair, Curator/Manager

Volunteer Opportunities

If you'd like to become more involved with the protection and presentation of Craigflower please contact TLC at (250) 479-8053.



CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM

***Farmers Growing Food
and Protecting Natural Habitat***

Program Continues to Grow Welcome to our new Partners

When you buy food with our butterfly label, you are supporting these farmers and others who have made a commitment to conservation on their land.

Since expanding our Conservation Partners Program into the Vancouver Island area, about a year ago, the interest we have received from farmers in the region has been tremendous. Many of the farmers we have spoken with are already practising good conservation techniques on their land, and they are enthusiastic about joining with us to help promote the objectives of the program.

Our newest conservation partners in the Vancouver Island region each offer different types of habitat protection on their farms. Each one is a wonderful example to other farmers and to the general public of how conservation of natural biodiversity and agriculture are compatible and interdependent.

Popham Organic Vineyard, Saanich

As with any working farm, the amount of work is intense but it is all definitely a labour of love. Jon, Lana and Kyle Popham enjoy the lifestyle that their 12-acre farm allows them to live. They value their environment and feel confident that they are doing the right thing. All decisions made on their farm are based on how actions will affect the health of the land. Lana and Jon also make decisions that will help protect the 8 acre second growth forest, stream habitat and the species housed there. They are very proud to be conservation partners with The Land Conservancy. In Lana's words: "TLC has given us recognition for doing something that comes so naturally to us and for doing something that is a benefit to everybody



DUCK CREEK FARM - WETLAND & FARMLAND



LANA & GEORGE AT POPHAM ORGANIC VINEYARD

All CPP Photographs by Ramona Scott

who values earth's natural habitats. For every pound of grapes, berries and vegetables grown we know there hasn't been a big environmental cost."

Duck Creek Farm, Salt Spring Island

Duck Creek Farm, owned by John and Lynda Wilcox, is a certified organic market garden. It yields bountiful crops of vegetables, basil, garlic, apples and potatoes. The farm consists of 13 acres of the upper valley of Duck Creek, plus 7.5 acres of leased hay and pasture land near by. The principles of bio-dynamic agriculture, emphasizing ecological diversity, are practiced here. Since 1992, Kathy Reimer for the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society has directed a fish and wildlife habitat restoration project on the farm. Now cutthroat trout are able to live year-round in the stream. Three acres of the farm, along the Creek, have been set aside for conservation. A beaver maintains water levels and helps with market garden irrigation.

Ragley Organic Farm, East Sooke

Two large Douglas fir trees stand at the entrance to Ragley Farm on East Sooke Road. At the end of a winding driveway, the forest opens to green sheep pastures, a heritage farmhouse and gardens, originally built by Rev. and Lady Walker. They arrived from Britain in 1912 and named their new home after their estate in England. Today, Josephine and Rob Hill own this 31-acre farm. They have continued to maintain more than half of the farm in natural forest. Barnes Creek flows through the lush forest, bordering two sides of their farm. Abundant ferns, mosses, native shrubs and wildflowers carpet the predominantly fir and cedar forest floor. Maple trees flourish here, where possibly the largest maple tree in the region grows.

Visitors are welcome at Josephine Hill's farm market – a sun-filled area of the barn converted to an inviting sales display of fresh produce, preserves, dried fruits and

eggs. On Saturdays, customers can buy bread, pies and muffins freshly baked in a beautifully crafted outdoor masonry oven, lovingly referred to as the Bread Chapel.

Kildara Organic Farm, North Saanich

Kildara, "Church of the Oaks" in Gaelic, is an organic farm owned by Brian and Daphne Hughes. It is a multi-generational family-operated farm, producing salad mix for Thrifty Foods, field vegetables, apples, strawberries, eggs, and flowers. The Hughes intensively farm their 30-acre property, using 12 greenhouses and cultivated fields. However, their farming is done in close relationship with the natural ecosystems. They leave hedgerows, forest and pond in natural condition to provide habitat for beneficial birds and insects.

Godfrey-Brownell Vineyard, Cowichan Valley

About one-third of Godfrey-Brownell Vineyard is devoted to production of grapes and other wine fruits. Ten acres (currently hay) is intended for mixed farming. No herbicides or pesticides are used. The remainder is second-growth forest and intensive hedgerows; this is "farmed" on a careful sustainable basis designed primarily to maintain a diverse, natural environment. The Glenora Creek flows through the forest. Dave and Ellen Godfrey plan to both preserve and enhance it. At the moment, there are still four kinds of salmon that return, without hatchery intervention. There is also a great variety of local fauna and birds that are thriving under their stewardship.

As our program continues to grow, we are also building our staff team. We are happy to announce that Jonaki Bhattacharyya will be joining us to help build this program. Jonaki holds a Master of Environmental Studies degree, and her recent graduate fieldwork involved living, working with, and interviewing organic farmers in B.C.'s southern Interior. She has a keen appreciation for the complex interplay between natural and cultural systems within agriculture in British Columbia. She also has participated in research regarding community food security and sustainable foods systems, and is currently teaching a course at University of Victoria on these topics.



JOSEPHINE HILL WITH PRODUCE FROM RAGLEY ORGANIC FARM



KILDARA ORGANIC FARM'S DAPHNE & BRIAN HUGHES AT WORK ON THEIR FARM



GLENORA CREEK FLOWS THROUGH GODFREY-BROWNELL VINEYARD

Jonaki will be working with the Conservation Partners Program on a part-time basis this summer, in both the Okanagan Region and Vancouver Island/Coast Region, then she will be residing in the South Okanagan-Similkameen Valley to grow the Partners Program there, on a full-time basis.

Ramona Scott, Agricultural Liaison

PLANNED GIFTS



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It is only in thoughtful reflection and in hopeful action that we will be able to pass on to our children's children a world worth keeping

Robert Bateman, TLC Patron

Volunteer Profile

Participating in TLC Activities and Building Community Connections

We have always said that we could not be successful without the support, skills and energy donated by our volunteers. It is so true and, as we continue to grow, it becomes more important every day.

There are many reasons that people get involved with an organization like TLC. For some, it is a commitment to the work we are doing, and a desire to participate directly in achieving something of lasting benefit to the community. For others it's an opportunity to give something back to their community, and for still others it's an opportunity to grow and learn new skills and new ideas and build their experience.

As much as TLC benefits from the work of our volunteers, we hope that our volunteers benefit from their participation. We see this as the primary motivation for our volunteer program: to provide the opportunity for our members and supporters to participate directly in the success of *their* organization, and to receive the benefits of doing so. Everyone wins.

This is particularly so for a group of volunteers who come every week to work with us at our Craigflower site. This hard-working group is part of the "ROADS" program, operated through Wilson Employment Consultants, which provides programming, services and support to adults with developmental challenges. The ROADS program (Resources, Opportunities, Abilities, Discoveries and Support) helps these individuals learn the skills they need to get and keep a work experience, a volunteer position or a paid job. It also provides life skills, problem solving skills,

learning opportunities and recreational activities.

The coordinator at Wilson's summed up their participation as follows: "When we are welcomed at any of the TLC sites to do volunteer work along side every other member of the community it tells us that we are accepted, valued and respected. And on top of all that, we are in an environment where each of our participants can continue to practice their skills and even develop new skills that they can put to use in other situations – volunteer or paid employment situations. We are very grateful to TLC for giving us this opportunity."

While TLC is very pleased to be able to work with this program to provide the opportunities for advancement for the individuals involved, we also benefit



CHRIS WORKS ON THE COMPOST PILE
Photograph by Ian Fawcett

tremendously from the program. As part of our Craigflower volunteer maintenance team, the group does a great deal of work keeping the grass cut, keeping the site clean and well maintained, and helping with the gardening activities. Without their efforts every week we'd have a much more difficult time making the site presentable for the public.

Our thanks go out to Chris, Sean, Jasmin and all the other participants and staff at Wilson Employment Consultants for making this partnership work so well.

Marianne Lloyd, TLC Gardener

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CRAIGFLOWER GARDEN TEAM TAKES A BREAK

Photograph by Ian Fawcett

Conservation Holidays

Stewardship and adventure combined for a superb holiday!

Blackberry bashing, wildflowers & kayaks

Sit back, close your eyes (difficult to do while reading, I know) and picture this: coastal bluffs with chickweed monkey flower nodding cheekily in the wind, eagles gliding overhead, blue lapping water and fresh sea air in your lungs.

This was the scenario for twelve participants who gathered on South Winchelsea Island for four days of conservation work on TLC's first "Adventure Conservation Holiday". The basic formula of TLC's Conservation Holidays is to have volunteers eager to do on-the-ground restoration and maintenance work on our properties, TLC leaders on-site to educate the volunteers on the ecology and wildlife of the area, delicious west coast fare and a generous amount of fun added to make the experience one that is memorable and worthwhile.

This particular holiday was different in a couple of ways. First, it was an all-women crew and second because we mixed work with kayak exploration. Our main task was to remove all the Himalayan blackberry we could find on the Island. This has been a major focus of our restoration of this 25 acre, ecologically sensitive island near Nanoose Bay.

We also circumnavigated the island in search of styrofoam and other unsightlies as part of our shoreline clean-up. This is always a favourite task of mine as we get to scamper and hike around the perimeter of the island where the gnarly Garry oak trees can be found twisted and contorted with a backdrop of blooming wildflowers. This latest trip had us walking down the main trail in a sea of pink as the Sea blush (*Plectritis congesta*) was at its peak, and

the nodding onion's (*Allium cernuum*) bell-shaped pink flowers were making their spring debut. Native vegetation has increased in abundance and diversity since TLC has been removing the invasive, aggressive species that out-compete the native flora. To see chocolate lilies (*Fritillaria lanceolata*) where blackberries once dominated is very satisfying for all of us island stewards.

The reward for all the hard work was two days of kayaking around the southern end of the Ballenas-Winchelsea archipelago. Ocean River Sports, our partner on this adventure holiday, has been exceedingly generous. They provided two incredible guides, Gary and Mark, and all of the kayaking gear.

Neoprene skirts were pulled on, sunscreen lathered, biceps flexed and off went the fleet of brightly coloured boats. Steller Sea lions greeted the intrepid paddlers with roars as we passed their haulout on the rocks of North Winchelsea Island, and inquisitive Harbour seals were often around examining our kayaks. Two days of paddling and it was time to bid the island, the wonderful women and the sea lions adieu.



SEA LIONS ON SOUTH WINCHELSEA ISLAND
TLC File Photo

Bioengineering, willows and wattle fences

Another remarkable holiday that deserves mention is the bioengineering holiday at the Cowichan River property. Volunteers gathered 3200 feet of willow to build willow wattle fences on an embankment that was eroding on to the road, making the road impassable during heavy rains. These fences form living retaining walls that take up the vertical component of the slope, reducing the effective slope angle, consequently allowing the vegetation to sprout and grow into the bank. A huge thanks to Dave Polster who volunteered his time and expertise to direct the project.

TLC's season of Conservation Holidays is in full swing with upcoming projects, diverse in their scope, including construction of a rainwater collection system, removal of an old barn at Wildwood, riparian planting, vegetation surveys, construction of a shelter at Talking Mountain Ranch and the ongoing invasive species management required at many properties. Participating in our Conservation Holidays is a rewarding way to see the incredible properties that TLC is protecting.

Paula Hesje, Vancouver Island Warden



CUTTING AND HAULING WILLOW TO BUILD WATTLE FENCES



Paula Hesje Photos

Are you a member yet?

Membership Recruitment Campaign New benefits bring fast results

Earlier this spring, TLC hired two new “Outreach Coordinators”, Rich Kenny (based in Vancouver) and Norma McAllister (based in Victoria). Their major role is to help TLC build its membership base by recruiting new members, and by enhancing all aspects of our membership services.

In the last issue of the Landmark, TLC unveiled a major change in its membership program, moving from a strictly “donation-based” membership to one that is “benefits-based”. Members now receive a membership card (two cards for families or couples) that provides access to the following benefits:

- *free admission to our sites* – including Wildwood (a demonstration ecoforestry site) near Nanaimo, Abkhazi Garden, and Craigflower National Historic Site, both in Victoria and (opening soon) Mountain View Doukhobor Museum in Grand Forks;
- *a member discount* (usually 10%) on cottage rentals, cruises and workshops; discounted or free admission to TLC events;
- *our BC-wide newsletter*, the Landmark, with regional updates for your area; and
- *other benefits and programs* such as special promotions through our gift shops.

This is just the beginning. We are actively working on providing other benefits to enhance the value of our membership even more. Stay tuned, and watch our website, for new benefits as they are developed.

Members who have taken out or renewed a membership since March 1st, or who are on a Monthly Membership Plan, will have received a TLC membership card and can access the benefits listed above. For others, you will receive your membership card the next time you renew. (If you’d like

to renew early, and get your membership card so you can also access these benefits, please contact us).

Remember to keep your new membership card handy! When visiting one of our properties, bring your card along with you, in order to receive free admission. You will also need to provide your membership number to receive your discount when you book one of our unique cottages or set sail on one of our spectacular sightseeing or dinner cruises. Don’t forget that you also receive discounts when you participate in a workshop.

We hope that these changes to our membership program, coupled with the increased focus on recruitment, will help to build our membership base. Early indications are that they are being successful. During April we signed up 160 new members, and during May another 176. We now have over 2500 members!

A strong and diverse membership base is extremely important for our continued success as an organization. It provides

TLC provides a range of Membership options, so that everyone is able to participate, according to their means and interests. We have the following basic levels:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student |

We also have both individual and family memberships at the following levels:

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To join TLC, contact any of our offices, or you can join online at our website.



considerable weight to our applications for funding from foundations, corporations and government. When we speak on behalf of thousands of members, our voice is louder and stronger and more influential. Also, membership fees provide core support for TLC’s operations, allowing us to continue functioning effectively.

When renewing your membership, please consider our “Monthly Membership Plan”. A pre-set amount can be automatically withdrawn each month from your bank account. This way your membership never needs to be renewed, but simply continues until you tell us to cancel. This saves TLC time and money in administration, helping us to put our resources toward the conservation work that we are all here to do.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help with our recruitment program. If you’d like to meet people and talk with them about the benefits of membership with TLC, then please contact us.

And don’t forget to ask your friends:

Are you a TLC member yet?

*Rich Kenny & Norma McAllister,
Outreach Coordinators*

Business Partnerships

Sponsor Profile

Sales of Art at Brentwood Bay Lodge & Spa Boost TLC's Conservation Work

TLC's Business Sponsorship Program continues to grow and develop in many ways, with several new sponsors coming on board. One of the more intriguing partnerships we have developed recently is with the newly opened Brentwood Bay Lodge and Spa. This luxurious new facility on the waterfront at Brentwood Bay incorporates an art gallery featuring many well known and accomplished local artists. TLC has been offered a contribution from the art sales to help us in our work. As their web site says:

At Brentwood Bay Lodge & Spa, we believe in a commitment to the environment as an integral part of our company philosophy. A percentage of proceeds from the sale of art will be donated to The Land Conservancy working to preserve the local and regional environment.

Local artists supporting the local environment is a great way to preserve the natural communities that inspired the artwork in the first place. We can ensure that the beauty of the land and vast wilderness is there for future generations of artists and art lovers to enjoy.

TLC would like to thank Paul Hatfield and his partners for their support, and we wish them well in their new undertaking.

Business Sponsorship Program

This innovative program is a partnership with businesses and professional services that have agreed to make a donation to TLC every time one of our members uses their service or buys their product. When you purchase these services, be sure to show your membership card, or mention you are with TLC - to ensure they know to forward a donation.

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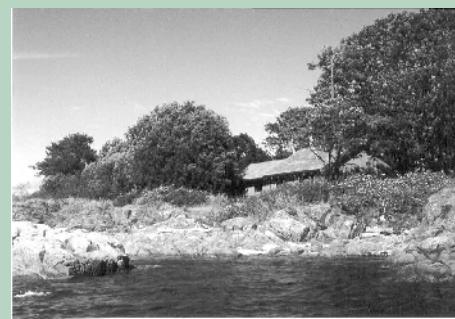
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