

The return of Sockeye Salmon to their home streams to spawn is one of nature's most spectacular events and one of the most enduring acts of commitment to future generations.

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We welcome letters from our readers on any topic related to TLC. Letters should be under 200 words. Longer letters are welcome, but may have to be edited for space. Please send your letters to editor@conservancy.bc.ca.

Potholes an Important Part of Sooke's Future

Editor:

I recall the first time Judy and I went to the Sooke Potholes. It was called Deer Trails then and privately owned. As we walked around exploring the natural beauty of the place, I said to Judy "Why is this place not a park?" Today, because of the vision of some special people and TLC, we now have a very special park, protected and available to all.

The Sooke Potholes is a treasure, preserved in its natural state, which will bring in tourists and local residents alike. This park will one day be as famous as Stanley Park is to Vancouver, Beacon Hill Park is to Victoria or Hyde Park is to London. The Sooke Potholes will be one of the

economic drivers in our community and provide one more reason for people to come to Sooke and stay one day longer.

Judy and I used the park on numerous occasions and this season we camped with our children and grand children. Both times that we stayed at the campgrounds, it was special, made so by the surroundings and the people we were with.

We are so pleased that this area is now a park for the people and wish to congratulate TLC and the visionaries who make it happen.

Thank you.

Brian MacNeill, Sooke

Potholes Campaign a Symbol of TLC's Success

Editor:

From its conception, The Land Conservancy has dreamed big and achieved great success in realizing it. One only needs to turn their attention to the recent acquisition that resulted in the protection and stewardship of the Sooke Potholes forever. Throughout what could've easily escalated into a nasty showdown with some interests that wanted to see this very special place developed to exploit its revenue-generating potential, you folks - especially Bill, Ian, and Alison who were on the frontlines - responded with remarkable respect, patience and determination. Even though the pressure was definitely on, with time quickly slipping away and with no certainty of whether the necessary funds would arrive to scheduled mortgage payments, you held the faith. Unshaken by seemingly impossible odds, you exuded an inner resolve that inspired people to open their hearts and wallets to see the Potholes protected for all to enjoy, now and long into the future.

I take immense pride in being a member and supporter of The Land Conservancy of BC. As someone who deeply cares about the planet and the diversity of species and ecosystems found on it, I am heartened and inspired by the rapidly mounting "on-the-ground" victories. Sooke Hills, Matthews Point, Burgoyne Bay... the list goes on and on. From the Gary Oak Savannah of Vancouver Island to the Antelope-Brush Desert of the Okanagan Valley, from the Coastal Douglas Fir forests to the Grasslands of the Interior, The Land Conservancy is reaching out to landowners, be they ranchers, vineyard owners, or mining companies, and engaging them as partners in conservation.

Not surprisingly, Bill was recently awarded the prestigious Order of Canada. No doubt it was richly deserved. Few would argue over the central role he has played from the very beginning in shaping the organization's mission and vision and in successfully orchestrating the acquisitions, covenants, and management agreements. However, the award also belongs to everyone who works for TLC, as staff and as volunteers.

What has been achieved could not have been done by just one person. It also, in a way, goes to all those people who support the organization in other ways.

Well done, one and all.

Rick Searle, Victoria

Gift to TLC Creates a Lasting Legacy

Editor:

Mine is but a simple story of Thanks for the TLC.

I missed the feeling of my husband's hand in mine. I missed the laughter of his parents as they talked about the days of old, a time when they first settled in the Sooke Hills. I missed my sister-in-law Winnifred's smile as she listened to them tell the same stories over and over again. Several months have passed since my beloved Richard passed away, even more time since his dear sister and loving parents. I felt a part of me had died too, I missed them so.

Just recently, thanks to TLC I was able to feel close to them all again. Not long ago I came across an article about the work of The Land Conservancy of British Columbia and their campaign to preserve the Sooke Potholes. As I read it, I felt a spark ignite, if only Richard were here, he would want to see this project succeed. I picked up the phone to see what I could do to help. I was not certain what I would offer to do but that spark in my belly told me I had to do something - something that my husband's dearly departed family would appreciate and want to be a part of. I was kindly directed to speak to Kathleen Gibbard, Director of Development and Communications. She quickly put me at ease and made some wonderful suggestions to make my gift a lasting and memorable one. Kathleen came by to visit and we ironed out the final plans. TLC was in need of some picnic tables for the campground and my gift would be an



integral part of making that happen. Kathleen was kind enough to help me with the wording for a plaque which read:

"In loving memory of the Snape Family.
Philip Snape, wife Nelly,
Daughter Winnifred and son Richard."

When everything was ready, Kathleen arranged for a celebration of life and a tour of the campground. She even made a cake to celebrate my loved ones as well as my 87th birthday.

I have missed spending time with Richard and his family, but I am confident that they would be proud of the work that TLC is doing. I am a proud member of TLC and believe wholeheartedly in what they are trying to accomplish across this beautiful province. I have named TLC in my will so that when I am gone I can still be a part of the fabulous efforts they do. Thank you TLC for making me feel like I am one of the family.

Winifred Snape, Victoria

Congratulations Bill!

TLC founder and Executive Director Bill Turner has been appointed a member of the Order of Canada. This is our country's highest award for lifetime achievement. It was announced in August by the Governor General of Canada.

"It is Bill's dynamic leadership, his drive, his integrity and his vision that has enabled TLC to thrive and grow so quickly. He is truly deserving of this recognition and those of us who are fortunate to work with him are extremely proud of his accomplishments. British Columbia is a better place because of Bill's efforts."

- Murray Rankin, Chair of the Board of Directors, on behalf of everyone at TLC.



Murray Gough

A Message from Bill Turner, Executive Director

On leadership, receiving awards and looking to the future

Over the past eight years, as Executive Director of The Land Conservancy it has been my pleasure and my privilege to accept a number of awards on behalf of The Land Conservancy. Some have been for me personally, and some for *TLC*, but in every case they have come as the result of the efforts of a great many people.

No-one can ever be truly successful on their own. This is particularly so at *TLC* – we are very much a team. Since our founding, we have always stressed the importance of hiring good staff, seeking out expertise where we need it and harnessing the talents of our many volunteers. We have, in my opinion, gathered together a group of passionate, dedicated staff that is second to none. Our volunteers, our members and our financial supporters never cease to amaze me with their commitment to our cause. Any recognition we have received should be credited to all of them. They are the real champions.

I feel truly fortunate to be able to work with such an incredible group of people. Any contribution I can make as Executive Director is always made easier and more relevant by the work of the people around me. Our success has come

from the way we've been able to work together.

In my view, *TLC*'s success has also stemmed from our adherence to three main principles:

- stay focused on our objectives - take on what we can actually accomplish, and don't get distracted with other agendas.
- strive always for excellence - if it's worth doing, it's worth doing right.
- insist that our integrity never be compromised - be straightforward and honest, and treat everyone with fairness and respect.

These principles, coupled with a lot of plain hard work, make up the character of *TLC*, providing a solid foundation on which we can continue to grow and resulting in the recognition we have received.

Since the Order of Canada was announced, I have received many calls, letters and emails of congratulations. These messages have come not only from friends and colleagues, but also from people with whom we've had business relationships, people who have given us grants, and from many people in government. I would like to express my appreciation to everyone and say how

touched I have been, on a personal level, with all of these kind words. I also want everyone to know how recognition like this can help motivate us.

In those times when the staff and I are pulling out our hair, trying to figure out where we can raise the money for the next project - or even the next payroll - to hear that our work is being so well received is certainly a great boost to our energy. Nothing inspires us more than knowing we are truly having an impact.

I'm often asked how do I stay motivated day after day. For me, one of the greatest motivators is my grandson, Kyle. Every time Kyle and I visit the Sooke Potholes, or walk around Abkhazi Garden, and I see how he delights in these special places, then my commitment is renewed. When I think about the fact that these places will be there for him to enjoy his whole life - and to take his grandson to visit - then I know that all of our work is worth it...for all the grandfathers and grandsons out there.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It makes all the difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Working for Our Children's Future



Carla Funk

There's an old Chinese proverb that says "One generation plants the tree, another gets the shade." This timeless message certainly rings true when it comes to the work of The Land Conservancy. If future generations are to enjoy the benefits of British Columbia's natural and cultural heritage, then we must act now to prevent its loss. In a sense, the value of our work will continue to increase as time goes on, and as these special places become ever more rare and threatened. While there are obviously immediate benefits to be gained by planting that tree now, those benefits will compound as the tree grows and matures.

This long-term view puts our work in its true perspective. Protecting an area of old-growth forest, for example, is not just about saving the trees from the chainsaw, or saving the marbled murrelet's nesting site. It's also about creating a world in which old-growth and marbled murrelets have real, unquestioned value; a world where we recognize that these assets enrich us not just economically,

but physically, recreationally, culturally and spiritually, and where we recognize that our connections with nature are the foundation of our community.

Connecting people with the land is what *TLC* can do best. This is particularly so for our children. By engaging them in our work, by giving them the opportunity and the encouragement to appreciate and understand what we are doing – and why we are doing it – we are helping them to adopt a conservation ethic that will guide their decision-making throughout their lives. Someone who loves and appreciates nature and their heritage will not destroy it.

Most educators tell us that the best way for children to learn is through experience. Rather than simply telling our children about their heritage, we want them to be able to visit a place like Craigflower Manor, to see the artifacts and to feel the ambience of a time long past. To really appreciate the value of a forest, they need to walk in the Sooke Hills, to smell the Western red cedar after a rain. To understand the cycle

"There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in."

Graham Greene

of life, they can do no better than to visit the Horsefly River, to marvel at the abundance of the returning salmon and to witness the struggle to achieve success. And to help them realize that we can live and work in harmony with our natural surroundings, we want them to visit Wildwood, where it's been done for many years, and where they can see for themselves what conservation really means.

TLC is continuing to build its educational programs and to develop new ways in which children can participate in what we do. Our Eco-Activity Book, birdhouse building workshops, new proposals for school programs at Wildwood and new materials in our Catalogue, that were created specifically for children, are all tools that we are using to engage and, hopefully, to inspire children to create a real connection with the natural world that is around them. When they truly understand the relationship we have with nature and our own heritage, they will grow to be good stewards, to care about the health of our planet and our society.

We believe our future will be in good hands.

*by Ian Fawcett
Deputy Executive Director*



The Return of the Salmon

One of nature's most magnificent spectacles is the return of Sockeye Salmon to their home rivers and streams to spawn. The Horsefly River is one of the world's greatest spawning and rearing areas. TLC is working to acquire and restore key sections of the river to ensure that this critical spawning habitat will be protected forever.

TLC's North Region Manager, Barry Booth, spends a lot of time working on the Horsefly River. Lately he has been helping the residents of the area organize the Horsefly River Salmon Festival to celebrate this great event.. Here is his account of his latest trip to the area.



This stretch of the Horsefly River is TLC's latest acquisition.

Barry Booth

All of the planning over the past 18 months, the countless meetings, the numerous proposals, the last minute panic attacks around funding (or lack thereof) finally came to fruition during the first couple of weeks in September, as the 2005 Horsefly River Salmon Festival got underway.

The festival was officially opened at the Horsefly Community Hall on September 1st by a host of dignitaries, including local long-term Horsefly resident Ernie Gruhs, Cheryl Chapman from the Soda Creek Band and Charlie Wise and Bill Simpson, MLAs for the region. It really started rolling the following day with the opening of the "Artists of the Watershed" exhibition, and the coffeehouse concert featuring Angela Harris.

On Saturday the festival began with the Green Parade winding its way from the Fire Hall to the banks of the Horsefly River. Here the Rainbow Singers from the Cariboo Tribal Council marked the beginning of their Save-the-Salmon Traditional Pow-Wow, that ran concurrently with the festival. The weekend unfolded with some 1500 people coming out to learn about salmon,

riparian habitat, aquatic insects and a host of other intriguing topics along the river. Saturday night was marked by a community dinner that brought a wide range of people together to celebrate the return of the salmon.

Unfortunately, the fish did not cooperate all that well for the many people who came to see them do their thing. Forecasts of the number of returning salmon varied widely, and there was an undercurrent of concern: were the fish not going to show up in predicted numbers, or where they just late?



Children enjoy TLC's Activity Centre at the Horsefly Salmon Festival
Lynne Milnes

By the time the school program component of the festival began a week later, the salmon numbers were looking much better. The 1200 students, from kindergarten to grade 12 (along with 75 teachers and parents) who came from Lac la Hache, Williams Lake, Quesnel and Horsefly to learn about salmon and salmon habitat, were treated to a glimpse of what the "real" Horsefly River Salmon Run looks like. Kids young and old were taken aback and thrilled by the sight of so many fish. Even the most hardened youth were humbled by this miraculous event.

On September 20th, my last day in the Horsefly area, I visited TLC's newly acquired property with local restoration ecologist Richard Case. Richard and I needed to assess how well our plantings – done earlier in the year – had fared over the summer. We put in our canoe about 100 m above our destination. As we drifted downstream the magnitude of the wondrous event that is the Horsefly salmon run unfolded before us.

As we entered the waters that marked the beginning of TLC's new property we were confronted with a

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carpet of red and green that stretched from bank to bank and as far downstream as we could see. Not only could we see thousands of sockeye all around us, we could hear them. Little did I know of the racket that thousands of spawning fish could make. The splashing of males and females as they vied for position on the spawning beds and the digging of redds by females added another dimension to this spectacular event.

At this point, Richard and I looked at each other in awe at this sight. Not only were we overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the number of fish in front of us, we both wondered how we were going to get downstream since the water level made it impossible to canoe any further. On this stretch of the river I began to understand the meaning of the phrase “there were so many fish that you could walk across the river on their backs.”

When we finished our assessment we were encouraged by what we had discovered: some of our first attempts at restoring the bank on this section of the river had been quite successful. We still have a lot to do, but seeing what we estimated to be 10 - 20,000 spawning fish along 600 m of river, on one day, firmed our resolve to push forward with the restoration efforts on this property. Richard and I reluctantly packed up and headed downstream as we still had plenty of work to do. As we floated downstream through the rest of the conservation area, we were able to see localized spawning sites on gravel bars throughout the area. What was more impressive, though, were the scores of fish that were still heading upstream to spawn. Sometimes, almost ghost like, groups of 5 and 10 bright red fish calmly swam by us on their way up stream. When we hit patches of shallow water we would startle large groups resulting in an explosion of red rockets all around us.

When I left the Horsefly valley on September 20th, it was clear that the numbers of spawners were still building. At the time of writing this article, the



Volunteers help with research projects at the Horsefly River Conservation Area. Here they are conducting an amphibian survey. TLC File Photo

final numbers were not in, but it is hoped they will reach between 1 – 2 million fish returning to the Horsefly and its tributaries to spawn.

By the time I had the truck loaded up and was heading for home in Prince George the magnitude of what *TLC* and its partners have been able to achieve, in this seemingly isolated area of BC, was sinking in. *TLC* is a major player in the world of wild salmon conservation. Our work, along with our partners, has protected and is restoring some of the best sockeye-spawning habitat in the world. We are continuing to push forward with additional projects that will further contribute to the continuation of this amazing resource. At a time when salmon stocks everywhere are under tremendous pressure, this work is of critical importance.

The organizers and volunteers who made the Festival a success, the Cariboo Tribal Council and our colleagues at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans all deserve a lot of credit for raising awareness about the importance of the Horsefly River sockeye run and for working so hard to ensure its continuation.

*by Barry Booth
North Regional Manager*

HERITAGE Legacy Fund of BRITISH COLUMBIA

A JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE LAND CONSERVANCY
AND THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF BC

The Heritage Legacy Fund has started to make a tangible impact on the preservation of British Columbia's cultural heritage. The Fund's Directors met during the summer to consider applications for funding and decided to invest \$250,000 into 18 important local projects around the province. These funds were drawn from the proceeds of the HLF endowment fund. The projects funded were:

- Miyazaki Heritage House - Lillooet
- W. Saanich School - Brentwood Bay
- St. John's Anglican Church - Burns Lake
- Historic Post Office/Museum Building - Courtenay
- St. Luke's Church, Saanich
- 1902 Post Office Building - Nelson
- Lynn Valley Elem. School - North Vancouver
- Mountain View Doukhobor Museum - Grand Forks (TLC Project)
- Langham Hotel Building - Kaslo
- Clayburn Schoolhouse - Abbotsford
- City Hall Clock Tower - Victoria
- Greenwood City Hall - Greenwood
- Downtown Victoria Heritage Walking Tours
- Yale Rd Heritage Corridor Project - Chilliwack
- St. Andrews on the Square - Kamloops
- Heritage Signage - Quesnel
- Bella Coola Historic Walking Tour
- Antique Agricultural Equipment Signage - Hat Creek

Working in partnership with the local groups and municipalities involved in these projects, *TLC* and the Heritage Society of BC (our partners in the creation and operation of the Fund) are hoping to stimulate more local activity, and build more capacity for the protection and awareness of BC's heritage. Additional projects will be funded soon.

Keating Farm Estate

A Unique Heritage Treasure with a Synergy of Values

This summer, The Land Conservancy purchased Keating Farm Estate, one of the oldest farms in the Cowichan Valley. This property has many fine and unique attributes, both historic and natural, making it an important addition to TLC's portfolio of protected special places.

Established in the late 1870's by Scottish settlers Alexander and Ann Blyth and their five children, the farm gained prominence in 1888, when it was purchased by Andrew Keating. A wealthy man, with property holdings in both Victoria and Los Angeles, Keating had made his fortune mining nitrates in Chile. Keating lost no time in doubling the size of the farmhouse as a home for his wife and large family of six sons and two daughters.

By 1894, Keating owned 4,000 acres throughout the Cowichan Valley. Wanting a grander residence as a centerpiece for his property holdings, Keating commissioned architect John Gerhard Tiarks to design a remarkable addition to the farmhouse.

Tiarks used drawings he made while studying architecture in England to design a Great Hall and Dining Room, based on a twelfth century building in Somerset called Worspring Priory (now known as Woodspring Priory, and owned by the National Trust).

The Great Hall is unique in British Columbia, and was the subject of an article in the *Daily Colonist* in 1894, which called it "a faithful reproduction of one of the ancient English Dining Halls." A vast 38 ft. x 28ft. room, with a high vaulted ceiling spanned by heavy beams, the Great Hall retains its interior paneling of first-growth cedar and fir, with its original finishes. The Hall was originally illuminated by pairs of kerosene lamps attached to each of the six supporting columns.



The Great Hall at Keating Farm, showing the vaulted ceiling and beams. Stuart Stark

The building of medieval-style halls in England was popularized in the Victorian era by a Romantic revival in architecture, harking back to an age of chivalry, which was seen as a worthy goal of society. The Great Hall at Keating Farm Estate is a unique survivor of this style of architecture in BC, perhaps in Western Canada. Its rediscovery and purchase by TLC has excited heritage experts who recognize its rarity and importance.

After building the Great Hall, and adjoining Dining Room, Tiarks covered the newly enlarged house with a vast roof, and reclad the house, adding a sixty-foot long front porch. The Keating family hosted weddings and grand entertainments in the Great Hall during their residency.

Tragically, Andrew Keating died in 1901, in the shipwreck of the S.S. Islander near Juneau, Alaska. A week later, architect J.G. Tiarks died as well, from a fall off his bicycle in Victoria.

The Keating family retained ownership of the estate until 1919, when it was sold to Arthur Complin. A pioneer of the Yukon, he farmed the land until 1942, when he sold it to Hugo and Wanda Tews. The Tews operated it as a dairy and chicken farm, also raising award winning grain, and growing grapes for wine. The Land Conservancy purchased the Estate from Hugo Tews' stepsons.

Keating Farm has 14 outbuildings, including a remarkable barn and dairy built by Hugo Tews in 1949. There is a heritage orchard, grain fields, a wetland that feeds a salmon stream and a nut orchard. An old spur of the CNR right-of-way runs through the south end of the property, and connects to the nearby Trans-Canada Trail. It is hoped that Keating Farm will be added to the accessible attractions along this Trail.

TLC is planning for the restoration of the building and the Great Hall, to ensure public access to this remarkable structure. Once again, the Hall will be able to host community events. Over the winter, recording and measured drawings will be made, and a Heritage Assessment and Restoration Plan will be drawn up for a staged and careful project to protect this remarkable property.

As well, TLC is working with a number of agriculturists to develop a plan for making the most effective use of the nearly 30 acres of farm land.

To secure the future of this unique property, in a very short time frame, TLC needed to place a mortgage on the property. To follow through with our preservation and restoration plans, we need to raise \$700,000 as soon as possible, to pay down the mortgage. If you would like to help ensure the preservation of Keating Farm Estate please contact us.

by Stuart Stark
TLC Director

A Summer of Magic and Memories

by Emmy Chahal



Emmy Chahal

Emmy receives her copy of *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* from author JK Rowling in Edinburgh

Summer... a season full of sunshine, memories, holidays and most importantly, fun. Just like any other thirteen year old, I couldn't wait for this precious time of year. This June, my last year of elementary school, I knew this summer would be special. But it turned out to be extraordinary.

One day, a favourite teacher of mine told me about this amazing contest CBC and the Georgia Straight were holding. Other generous sponsors were TLC and Vancouver Public Library. They were looking for a rookie reporter to travel to Edinburgh, Scotland and be part of the Book Launch and Children's Press Conference for Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince. Only seventy children from all over the world would be selected to go to this once-in-a-lifetime experience and have the opportunity to meet J.K. Rowling, ask her a question, and receive a signed copy of her latest book. In addition, one lucky winner would get \$1000 spending money and the opportunity to visit Hogwarts (very kindly contributed by TLC).

Because I want to be a broadcasting reporter, this experience sounded absolutely incredible. So, I called in and left my one minute audition as to why I should be their reporter. Surprisingly, I received a call saying that I was a finalist, five out of the fourteen hundred that entered. I was so astonished, for I had never thought in a million years I would get that far. Later, I was interviewed and in less than half an hour received a call back. They

asked me if I was sitting down, and at that point I was so nervous I couldn't comprehend why they were asking! Then they said, "Congratulations, you won," and that turned out to be the best phone call of my life.

A couple weeks later after being on many radio and TV programmes, we had a presentation at the Georgia Straight office in downtown Vancouver.



Bill Turner presents Emmy with her prize and an invitation to visit Hogwarts (also known as the National Trust's Laycock Abbey). Kathleen Gibbard

I was given my prizes and Kathleen Gibbard and Bill Turner came all the way from Victoria to be there. It was great to finally meet everyone.

A couple weeks later, my mom and I were finally on our way. Our plane landed in Glasgow, and then we took our "Hogwarts Express" to Edinburgh. We spent the next couple of days sightseeing, and saw some wonderful Scottish culture

like bag pipers. Then, the big weekend was here. On Friday night, we arrived at the castle by horse-drawn carriage, and had an incredible time at the midnight reading. Only the seventy of us kids were in the room live with J.K., and it was an unforgettable night. The next day all of us devoured the new book (which is marvellous, by the way), and attended a banquet in the evening. On Sunday morning, we had the press conference, which was SO fun. I asked what the most valuable piece of advice J.K. Rowling would give to aspiring writers. She answered by saying, read a lot, and be determined.

We used our spending money to go on a Ghost and Gore tour, have some delicious meals (Scottish food can actually be pretty good!), and buy some absolutely fabulous clothes (we couldn't resist). I really can't pick the best moment of my trip because every second was priceless.

When I unexpectedly won this trip to meet a woman I've always looked up to, I not only met J.K. Rowling, but many friends I will keep in touch with. I gained experience in a field of work that I know will come in handy in the future. I got to meet so many wonderful people that I'll always remember. But most importantly, I now have countless memories that I will always hold close.... And *that* is truly magical.

Wacky Facts and Wonderful Art



How has *TLC* been able to create such an engaging Eco-Activity Booklet for Kids year after year? It's no secret we regularly rely on the expertise of volunteers. Two of the most dedicated are Melissa Anderson and Chris Bateman. The Eco-Activity Booklet has benefited from their expertise since its 2001 founding edition. Who are these people, and what motivates them to give so generously of their time, talent and energy?

Christopher Bateman has created the engaging and accurate drawings of rare and threatened species of BC – like the Townsend's Big-Eared Bat above – in a unique coloring book style for the booklet. This combination of appeal to children and accuracy of art is a true skill which has come to him through hard work and inherited talent.

Chris was born in Burlington, Ontario in 1976 and his family moved to Saltspring Island in 1985. He took geography and environmental studies at the University of Victoria and then earned a teacher's certificate. Chris' inherited talent comes from his father, renowned wildlife artist Robert Bateman (who has also been incredibly generous with his talent and time, as one of *TLC*'s patrons). Chris has been drawing seriously for years and is currently teaching Land and Environmental Art to the lucky students of Island School

in the Bahamas. The combination of his love for the environment and desire to encourage young artists made him the perfect person to help with the Eco-Activity Booklet. We wish Chris and his fiancé Jenn all the best as they continue to inspire young people while teaching in the Bahamas.

Melissa Anderson has done the research for all species featured in each of our Eco-Activity Booklets, providing students with the background material to learn about these rare and threatened creatures. Favorite among children and adults alike have been her "wacky facts" which add a totally fun element to learning.

Melissa is a fifth generation Vancouver Islander, and has inherited from her family a deep love of the natural world. She studied at the Carlton School of Journalism with a specialty in science. After working in West Africa, she returned to Victoria where she met Bill Turner at a Garry Oak Conservation meeting. She was impressed with his pragmatic approach to conservation and became actively involved, attending several Conservation Holidays. Her father, businessman Malcolm Anderson and her uncle David Anderson (former federal Minister of Environment) are also long-time *TLC* supporters.

So many of *TLC*'s projects resonate deeply with Melissa. She used to visit Peggy Abkhazi in her garden

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT *TLC*

There are many ways you can participate directly in *TLC*'s programs and activities. We have many opportunities for you to volunteer your time, your energy, your experience and your skills. Opportunities include:

Field Work

- on site maintenance and restoration
- assisting with surveys and monitoring

Site Support

- gardening
- gift shop or tea room service
- interpretation
- site stewardship and monitoring

Office Support

- reception and general office work
- data entry
- computer support
- bookkeeping and accounting

Operations Support

- membership recruitment
- displays and outreach
- fundraising
- helping with special events

To volunteer, please contact any *TLC* office.



Melissa with her father, Malcolm, and Lockie.

with her grandmother when she was a little girl. Ross Bay Villa was built in the era that her two great-great-grandfathers arrived in Victoria. These are now two of *TLC*'s most prominent heritage projects in Victoria. Melissa also has a special affection for the Qualicum Bat House, simply because bats are her favorite creatures on earth!

We are looking forward to another year of Melissa's "wacky facts" and research details for the Aquatic theme of the 2006 Eco-Activity booklet. Thanks Melissa!

by Carla Funk
Development Officer

Around the Province

Comings and Goings at *TLC*

MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT CO-OP MAKES SURPRISE GIFT AT AGM

Peter Robinson, CEO of Mountain Equipment Co-op, was the keynote speaker at this year's Annual General Meeting in Victoria. He spoke to us about the shifting priorities in outdoor activities in BC, based on research that MEC has conducted, and related that to the work that *TLC* does. He stressed the importance of our work, and how pleased MEC is to be a partner on several projects.

Then, to underscore his message he surprised everyone with a tremendous gift of \$100,000 towards our acquisition of Thwaytes Landing in Indian Arm. This gift, made on behalf of the 1.3 million members of MEC stems from the company's commitment to social and environmental leadership. "Conservation of significant lands is as important as ever," he said, "and we're proud to assist The Land Conservancy in its efforts to secure Thwaytes Landing for this and future generations."



Peter Robinson presents Bill Turner with a cheque for \$100,000 to support *TLC*'s acquisition of Thwaytes Landing. Ian Fawcett



Claire-Lise Noe

PADDLING HARD FOR THWAYTES LANDING

When Rhiannon Johnson arrived in Deep Cove for her first Indian Arm Paddle-a-thon, she was filled with anticipation. The forecast called for sun and cloud and Deep Cove looked more beautiful than usual with the mist rising from the calm waters.

Rhiannon met up with her paddling partner, Lyle Walker, and the two went to get their double kayak rental from the Deep Cove Canoe and Kayak Centre. As they were still getting ready on the beach, the horn sounded the start of the paddle. So they jumped in the boat and hurried off to join the crowd underway to Thwaytes Landing – a spectacular site of over 70 paddlers in kayaks and canoes of many colours all heading in the same direction.

After the hour and a half paddle, they arrived at Thwaytes Landing and were warmly greeted by *TLC* volunteers who welcomed them to the site and helped them land their boat. (One of those people was Rhiannon's mom who had chosen to visit the site by coming on the boat cruise).

Before heading back to Deep Cove for the Paddle-a-thon festival at the local park (featuring the local band, Hot Breakfast), they took the time to explore Thwaytes Landing and to meet all the dedicated paddlers who were excited to be participating in an event that was helping to make that site a park. In total, this year's Paddle-

a-thon raised over \$4,000 towards the protection of Thwaytes Landing.

Rhiannon and Lyle are both dedicated volunteers on *TLC*'s Lower Mainland Regional Committee.



Kathleen Gibbard

Bill Turner and *TLC* volunteer Tony Gooch show off the Sooke Potholes to JR Shaw, Executive Chair of Shaw Communications, who donated \$200,000 to help the acquisition of the Potholes earlier this year.

POTHOLES, RESTORATIONS AND COVENANTS MAKE A BUSY SUMMER ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

The Vancouver Island/Coast Region has had its busiest and perhaps most rewarding summer to date. From the opening of Sooke Potholes Regional Park and *TLC* Campground, to dredging along the Gorge, to hauling cement for restoration of the Ross Bay Villa's kitchen, our projects are taking shape.

By now, many people have had the opportunity to visit Sooke Potholes or to stay at *TLC*'s campground. Staff and volunteers logged, on average, 60 hours/week preparing the sites for summer camping. 35 of the 60 sites were made ready, and the campground filled up on many occasions through the summer. Working alongside the Capital Regional District (CRD) Parks to manage the Potholes has proved to be a successful

experience and tremendous partnership.

Along the Gorge waterway in Victoria rowers, kayakers, dragon boat crews, and harbour ferry passengers have been watching the progress of *TLC's* Gorge Naturalization Project. This is a partnership with the City of Victoria, University of Victoria's Restoration of Natural Systems and the CRD. Help has also come from Peninsula Landscape Supplies, who brought in various earth materials needed and provided a \$2000 donation towards the project, and from Unity Developments who supported the project through their donation of *seven* truckloads of topsoil.

Removal of fill and major sewer work is now complete, and the site is being prepared for the October planting of native vegetation that will replace a hard-edge concrete retaining wall at the shoreline. *TLC* hopes to see the site re-vegetated and in bloom next spring. The site will serve to show Victorians and visitors alike the beauty of a naturalized urban shoreline on the waterway.

The volunteer crew at *TLC's* Ross Bay Villa is now working to restore the kitchen. The foundation has already been poured and preparations will soon begin for the room's floors and walls. A big "thank you" goes to these volunteers who have put thousands of hours into the restoration and who remain positive and jovial, even when hauling many wheelbarrows of gravel. Out in the garden, more volunteers prune and dead-head the many flowers, pick the fresh vegetables from the kitchen garden and are prepared to harvest the plum and snow apple tree.

We are now half-way through the annual monitoring of our 120 covenants. This year we have extended our monitoring over all seasons, to allow us to record plants and animals not normally seen during the summer.

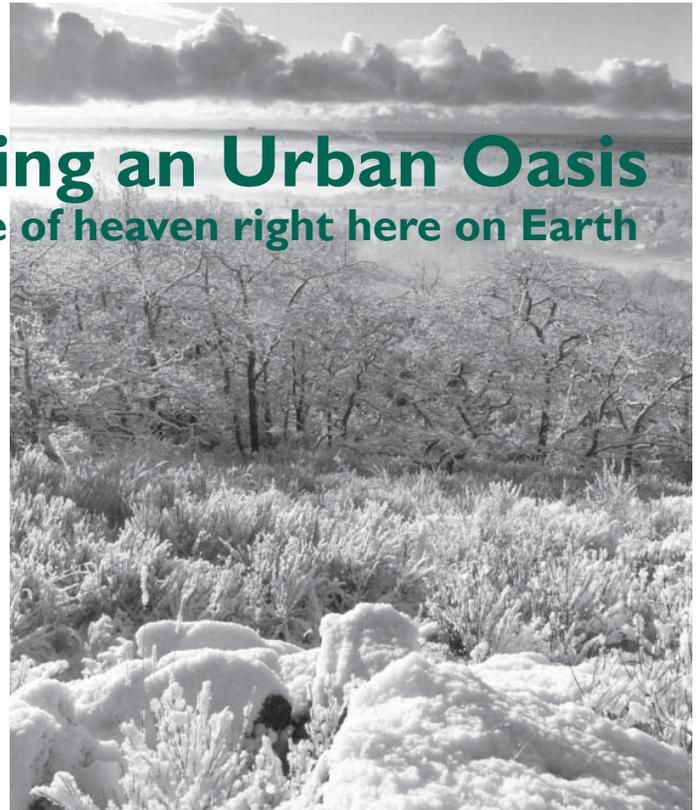
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Protecting an Urban Oasis

A little piece of heaven right here on Earth

CHRISTMAS HILL NATURE SANCTUARY

\$300,000 is still needed to complete a vital addition to this Sanctuary to protect a magnificent Garry oak meadow – one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada.



Dr. Penn

It's one of those special places that can be hard to find unless you know where to look. Standing at the corner of McKenzie Road and the Pat Bay Highway -- one of the busiest intersections in the Capital Region -- it's hard to believe that a spectacular urban greenspace is hidden right next door. Yet there, nestled between three major roads and some of the hottest real estate on the Victoria market, is Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary -- a little piece of heaven right here on Earth.

Once discovered, Christmas Hill offers an endless visual feast. The Hill itself is a sculpture in stone, molded by passing glaciers more than 10,000 years ago. At its peak are unparalleled views of downtown Victoria and the waters beyond. And surrounding the base, an ever-changing tapestry of colour: a riot of wildflowers in the spring, mellow earth-tones in summer, and (at its very best) a thick blanket of white in the winter.

Of course the beauty of the place is only half the story. Christmas Hill is also home to one of Canada's most endangered ecosystems, a Garry oak

meadow. As well, it provides a refuge for numerous native plants and local wildlife, including barred owls and sharp-shinned hawks.

It was to protect this meadow, and the wildlife that live there, that *TLC* first became involved with Christmas Hill in 2000. Urban encroachment threatened the long-term survival of the Garry Oak meadow, and so *TLC* joined forces with the municipality of Saanich to create a larger buffer zone surrounding the sanctuary. As a result, four large housing lots were added to the sanctuary in 2001, securing the future of the meadow for everyone to enjoy.

TLC has been working hard behind the scenes to raise the funds needed to finally complete this important project but, like the park itself, the money has been difficult to find. Now we're asking for your help. Please spread the word about this little piece of heaven in the heart of the capital, and stay tuned for exciting fundraising events in Victoria later this fall.

*by Tom Arnold
Development Officer &
Membership Coordinator*



Recognition for Ranches that Protect Grasslands & Wildlife Habitat

Most *TLC* members probably don't realize that the Conservation Partners Program evolved from an initiative to preserve BC's grasslands. In 1997, *TLC* visited many ranchers throughout the province, to explore how we could help conserve ranches and rural communities, as well as our grasslands.

In BC and across North America, grasslands and rangelands are threatened by fragmentation, growing numbers of hobby farms, and urban sprawl. Grassland areas are of major significance in BC. They represent less than 1% of the provincial land base but support a third of our province's endangered species. *TLC* realizes that viable working ranches are the first line of defense for grasslands – ranchers are among grasslands' greatest protectors and champions. In the long term, working together for a more sustainable future means not only encouraging ecologically viable land management practices, but also supporting the economic viability of ranching.

The idea of "bluebird beef" was initially the label considered by *TLC*, alluding to the miles and miles of birdhouses that many ranchers voluntarily place on fence posts for the blue birds which favour grassland habitats. Everybody liked the idea but there were inherent difficulties. The beef could not be tracked because all beef



Free-range pigs at Big Bear Ranch Ramona Scott

goes to Alberta feed lots and processing plants, and ends up in stores mixed with beef from several sources. No-one was processing beef on a federally inspected, commercial scale in BC. *TLC* realized that the bluebird labeling would not work under those conditions.

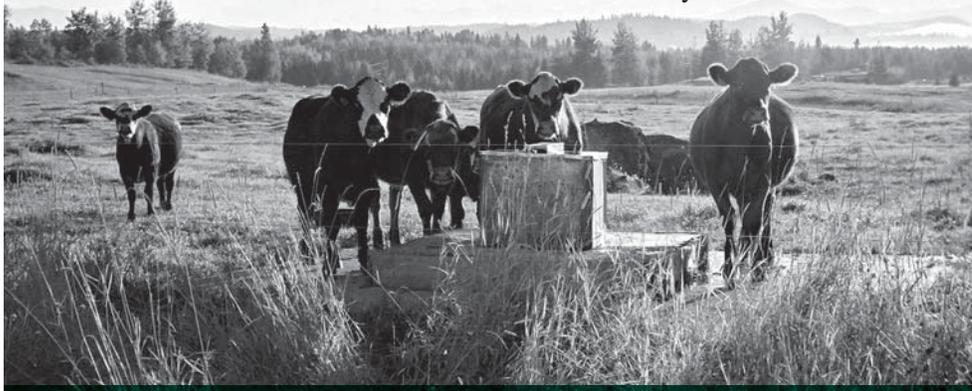
Now, for the first time, there are ranchers participating as *TLC* Conservation Partners, using the butterfly label. These ranchers are going directly to the market, bypassing Alberta and US feedlots because they are offering unique products with such descriptors as: "certified organic", "grass-finished", "pasture-raised", "no antibiotics or growth hormones or food additives". Their land management practices support wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and grasslands conservation.

I recently visited two ranchers to

see firsthand how they steward their land. The Schellenbergs' Rafter 25 Ranch is located 150 km west of Williams Lake. Felix, Jasmin, and four adult daughters manage over 3500 acres (www.pasture-to-plate.com). Big Bear Ranch, near Horsefly, is owned by Rainer and Gigi Krumsiek (www.bigbearranch.com). Their ranch is about 1950 acres.

Both ranches produce certified organic beef and pork to sell directly to the market in the Lower Mainland. They are managed entirely chemical free, following the biodynamic system which looks at the ranch as an organism that is self sustaining. The cattle are moved regularly from one area of grazing to the next, to optimize manure distribution and grass re-growth. The cattle are handled by low-stress methods. Single-strand electric fences keep livestock out of wetlands, riparian areas, hedgerows, and rock piles thereby protecting wildlife habitat and biodiversity. Predation of livestock is discouraged with the help of Akbash guardian dogs.

I also visited Dave Chutter's ranch, near Merritt. The 2500 acre Chutter Ranch is part of the "Nicola River Corridor Managing Agriculture, Wildlife and Fish" project. Dave lives on a ranch because he loves the land and the natural landscape. He is participating in restoration of the Nicola River which includes planting of cottonwoods and willows, fencing out cattle, flood and erosion control, and managing the timing and intensity of grazing. Dave is also helping to bring back and protect the hilltop 'dancing grounds' of Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse. Chutter's "Ranchland Natural Beef" products can be found in several meat shops in the Lower Mainland, Okanagan, and in Victoria. www.ranchland.ca



Off-pond watering facilities for livestock protect wetlands at Big Bear Ranch

Ramona Scott

by Ramona Scott

TLC Agricultural Liaison

ARROW LAKES PROPERTY DONATION HIGHLIGHTS KOOTENAY SUMMER

The Kootenay Region added a new property this summer. Located south of Fauquier, this 100 acre property was left to *TLC* by Bill Laux, as part of his estate. Bill and his wife Adele purchased the property in the early 1960's. After Adele passed away in 1969, Bill continued to live on the property until he passed away in the fall of 2004. Bill's wish for the property was that it be managed to protect the forest and the colony of Little Brown Bats that inhabit several of the buildings on the property.

MUSEUM CHANGES AND NEW COVENANTS IN THE OKANAGAN

To better reflect its history and its status, the name of the Mountain View Doukhobor Museum in Grand Forks has been changed to the **HARDY MOUNTAIN DOUKHOBOR VILLAGE HISTORIC SITE**. Along with our local partners, we hosted a visit this summer from The National Historic Sites and Monuments Board, who are contemplating whether to designate this site as a National Historic Site. Stay tuned.

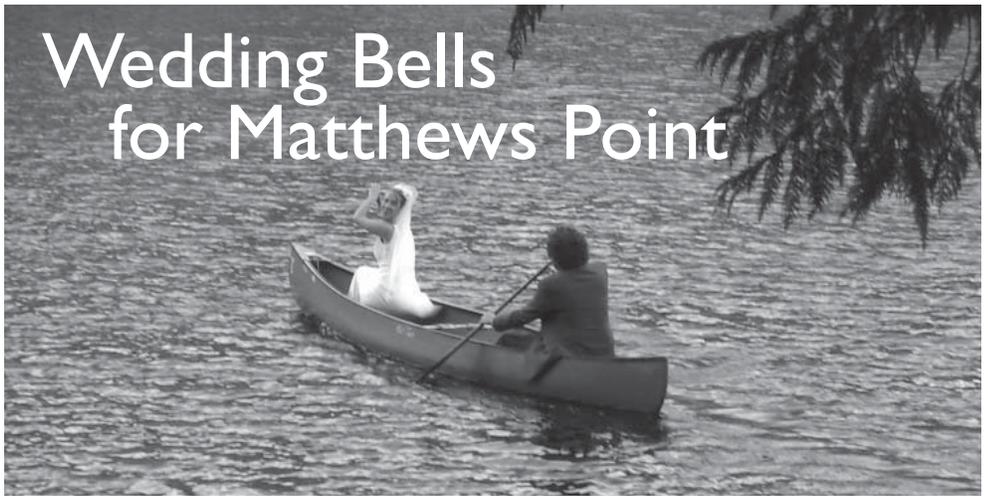
TLC has now registered its 4th covenant in the Okanagan region, protecting 10 acres of interior forest near Enderby. Three more covenants are in the works, one of which will protect important riparian habitat used by the nationally endangered Western screech owl.



Western screech owl chick.

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Wedding Bells for Matthews Point



Jesse and Kate head out after their wedding

Getting married is an opportunity for marital bliss and the acquisition of stuff-you-never-thought-you-needed. In order to avoid this accumulation of objects stored in back cupboards Jesse Rock and Kate Kittredge had another idea. They decided to ask their wedding guests to make contributions to another sort of acquisition: The Land Conservancy's Matthews Point Park on Galiano Island.

Jesse and Kate are keen outdoors people. Jesse runs Camp Thunderbird, at Glintz Lake on southern Vancouver Island, where the wedding was held on September 3, 2005. Guests were able to stay at the camp and take part in kayaking, hiking, swimming and the wedding ceremony, which was held over a 2 day period. As part of their mandate to "tread lightly on the earth" and to commemorate the passing of Kate's father, Mr. Peter Kittredge, the couple asked guests to send gifts to *TLC* for the purchase of Matthews Point.

Mathews Point is the tip of land you pass on Galiano Island going through

Active Pass as you take the Vancouver-Victoria ferry. *TLC* is actively raising \$50,000 to complete the purchase of approximately 1,000 acres of forested lands on southern Galiano Island. *TLC* hopes to expand this purchase one day to increase the regional parkland protection looking out from Active Pass towards the Gulf Islands.

Jesse and Kate's generosity of spirit has contributed over \$3,000 to date towards this important purchase of waterfront and rapidly disappearing Coastal Douglas fir forest of the Gulf Islands. The property will be jointly cared for by the Capital Regional District who will manage the property as a Regional Park and *TLC* who will retain a conservation covenant on the site, ensuring that it will be protected for the public in perpetuity. Jesse, Kate and their guests are making a difference and leaving a legacy for everyone to enjoy. For more information on how you can make a difference and leave a legacy please contact us.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A PLANNED GIFT TO THE LAND CONSERVANCY?

Planned Gifts can take many forms – from the donation of a property, to life insurance to annuities to bequests to wedding gifts. There are many creative ways that you can plan your financial affairs both to benefit your family and to help protect BC's special places as well. If you are contemplating making such a gift, we encourage you to contact our Planned Giving officer, Carla Funk at 250-479-8053. Although we cannot provide financial advice, Carla can give you more information about the options that may be available for you.

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A Message from the Chair

During the past year as Chair of TLC's Board of Directors, I've had the privilege of working with a passionate and dedicated group of people who are truly making a difference in our province. Our staff and our many volunteers (including the Board) are working as hard and as fast as they can to build our capacity and to achieve tangible results before any more of our special places are lost.

And our work is paying off! Whether it's the protection of threatened wildlife habitat or improving the quality of life in our communities, TLC is truly having an impact, and is being increasingly recognized as one of the most dynamic and trusted conservation organizations in the the province.

The past year has been eventful and challenging, but also rewarding and successful. Several very important sites have been protected and several more are in process – right across our beautiful province.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you too! As a TLC member you are the one who has made all of our successes possible. You are a vital partner in all our work and you should feel proud knowing that you have made a real difference, the impact of which will be felt for generations.

Thank you so much for the faith and support you have put behind this organization. With your continued support, I know we can save even more special places in 2006.



Murray Rankin
Chair, TLC Board of Directors

The Financial Picture

Despite the many financial challenges that TLC faces every day – there's never enough resources to do all the things we have to do – TLC has once again been able to come through the past year in a reasonably good position. During the fiscal year ending in 2005, we were able to raise almost \$5.8 million in cash for our conservation work, and another \$719k in land donations. Our assets (mostly land) have increased by \$1.8 million, and we were also able to pay \$1.7 million off the principal of our existing mortgages.

At right is a summary of our financial activities during the year. Charts 1 and 2 show where our money comes from and how we spend it. These figures are drawn from the audited financial statements. A full version of these statements is available on our website at www.conservancy.bc.ca or by request from any of our offices

Chart 1: Expenditures

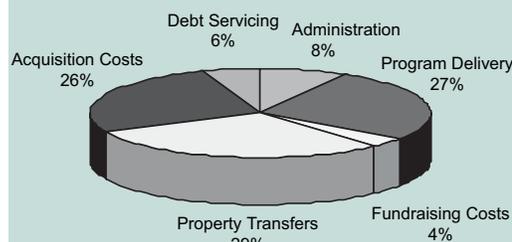
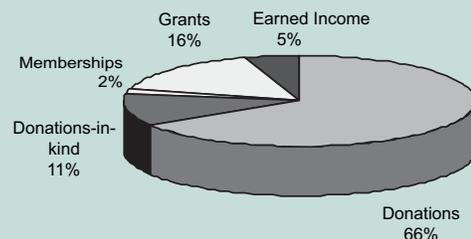


Chart 2: Sources of Revenue



AUDIT NOTE: For the past three years, our audit and financial statements have been prepared by Michael Flanagan and David Pickstone of the the firm of MacPherson Flanagan Fletcher and Pickstone. They have been wonderful to work with and very helpful. They are now moving on to do some accounting work for TLC, so at the Annual General Meeting the membership appointed the firm of Grant Thornton LLP as our new auditors.

Summary of Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	2005 (000's)	2004 (000's)
ASSETS		
Current Assets	170	430
Investments	0	15
Capital Assets	17,433	15,366
TOTAL ASSETS	17,603	15,811
LIABILITIES		
Current & other liabilities	3,298	2,641
Long-term debt	2,551	2,833
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,849	5,474
FUND BALANCES (equity)	11,754	10,337

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	2005	2004
REVENUE		
Memberships	133	98
Donations	5,015	3,990
Grants	1,010	1,086
Other income	327	224
TOTAL REVENUE	6,485	5,398
EXPENSES		
Operations	2,073	2,073
Debt repayment	261	261
Property transfers	1,293	1,293
Fundraising	51	51
TOTAL OPERATING EXP.	3,800	3,800
Revenue less Expenses	1,598	767
Fund balances, start of yr	8,740	7,972
Fund balances, end of yr	10,337	8,740

STATUS OF TLC ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Vancouver Foundation	
Margarete Tumbach Agricultural Fund	\$12,000
The Land Conservancy Fund	\$16,000
Victoria Foundation	
Ours Forever Fund	\$126,000
The Land Conservancy Fund	\$28,000

TLC MEMBERSHIP

**DO YOU HAVE
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YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

**DO YOU WANT TO
UPGRADE?**

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“If you call, I will answer”

TLC Membership Coordinator Tom Arnold is the person to contact with questions or changes to your membership.

“Have questions about your membership? Need to update your address or personal information? Give me a call. I’m here to help!”

You can reach me at TLC’s head office in Victoria by phone at (250) 479-8053 or by email at tom@conservancy.bc.ca.

For more information about TLC memberships and other programs, you can also contact staff in your own area:

- Vancouver and the Lower Mainland: contact Rich Kenny, (604)733-2313 or rich@conservancy.bc.ca.
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- North Region, contact Barry Booth, (250) 564-2064 or barry@conservancy.bc.ca.

Save money and special places with the **TLC Advantage Program!**

At TLC, membership isn’t just about giving money. It’s about building communities and saving special places. The TLC Advantage Program is one of the ways that we bring together TLC members and local businesses to do just that.

How it works: Show your membership card when you purchase goods or services at participating businesses, and you’ll receive a discount and/or a gift will be made to TLC as a result of your purchase. It’s that simple. With more businesses signing on all the time, the TLC Advantage Program is a great way to save money and special places with the things you buy every day.

A complete list of participating businesses will be appearing on our website soon. Here are just a few of them:

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Anderson Cove Cottage in Sooke
Phone: (250) 652-3577
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Advantage: Gift to TLC

Shawnigan Lake B+B and Suites
1911 Renfrew Road, Shawnigan Lake
Phone: (250) 743-6819
www.shawniganlakevacations.com
Advantage: 10% discount

Sprindrift at Welbury Point
255 Welbury Point, Saltspring Island
Phone: (250) 537-5311
Advantage: Gift to TLC

ATTRACTIONS

Brentwood Bay Lodge (Art Gallery)
849 Verdier Avenue, Brentwood Bay
Phone: (250) 544-2079
Advantage: Gift to TLC

Minter Gardens
52892 Bunker Road, Rosedale, B.C.
Phone: 1-888-646-8377
<http://www.mintergardens.com/>
Advantage: 25% off regular admission

AUTOMOTIVE

Hornby’s Canopy City
2745 Douglas Street, Victoria
Phone: (250) 383-3214
Advantage: Gift to TLC

DRY CLEANERS

Elite Earth-Friendly Dry Cleaners
1019 Cook Street, Victoria
Phone: (250) 381-2221
www.greendrycleaner.com
Advantage: 5% discount and a gift to TLC

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6580 Sooke Road, Sooke
250-642-2268 judy@clovercare.net
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Advantage: 10% discount or gift to TLC

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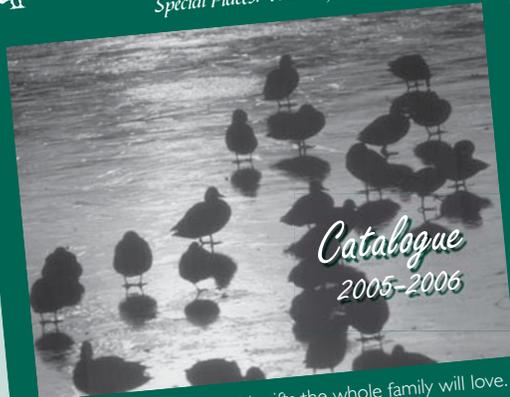
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