

Plan your Summer with TLC

This summer, TLC is hosting various opportunities for you to get involved and get active. Check out what's happening in your area or plan a holiday with TLC using this planning guide. Below you will find information about schedules, tour hours, and special events for the 2010 season. Check back with our website for new announcements, updates, and other great ideas.

Suggestion: Escape to one of TLC's cabin rentals.

Wildwood Ecoforest

2929 Crane Road, Ladysmith
Ph: 250-816-1816

Get to know the inner workings of a forest. Wildwood hosts guided tours every Saturday, March 1 - October 31 at 1:30 p.m. Keep an eye on the TLC website for special tours hosted by guest presenters. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Free for TLC Members. Group tours available by appointment.



Photo: TLC Files

Suggestion:

Visit the SS Moyie and experience the world's oldest intact passenger sternwheeler. This historical site will be open mid-May to mid-October from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Be sure to plan your visit to coincide with the Kaslo May Days, Jazz Etc. Festival or the Moyie Family Fun Day.

Keating Farm Estate

5250 Miller Road, Duncan
Ph: 250-737-1401

Sunday Summer Tours

Take a glimpse back in time during your visit to this 27-acre, 1880s farm estate. Explore the historic house with its unique great hall, view the many interesting outbuildings and stroll through the heritage orchards. The site is open Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. from July 4 - September 19 and special group tours are available by appointment at keatingfarm@conservancy.bc.ca.



Photo: Nicole Haddad

Ross Bay Villa

1490 Fairfield Rd, Victoria Ph: 250-479-8053

Year Round Saturday Tours

Ross Bay Villa is now open for public tours on the first Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. Please drop by the Villa and wait for your tour guide under the old apple tree! A donation of \$5 per person is requested. Special group tours can be made by appointment at dhudson@conservancy.bc.ca.

Canada Day Lawn Party

July 1, 1- 4 p.m.

Celebrate Canada Day with a tour of the former home of Frank Roscoe, Victoria's MP from 1874-1878. Come for a tour of this historic property and discover more about the restoration of the Villa through special exhibits. Visit a number of information booths, make a purchase at the annual plant sale, and enjoy tea and scones in the restored period garden.



Photo: Mike Hewison

Abkhazi Garden

1964 Fairfield Road, Victoria Ph: 250-598-8096

Abkhazi Garden will be extending its summer season this year. We will now be open 7 days a week from March 1 to October 31, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (last entry 4 p.m.). Stop by for a visit, enjoy lunch or tea at the restaurant and explore the gift shop!

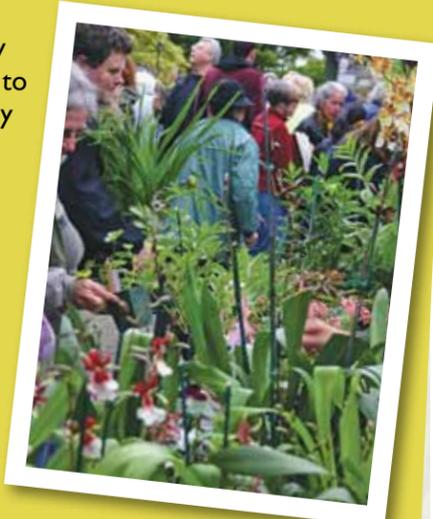


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Plantaholics Plant Sale

Sunday, May 23, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

This is plant hunting at its finest. Purchase the most wonderful and unusual plants at a great price.

Photography with Natural Light

International Photographer, David Cavagnaro

Wednesday, June 16, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. or Thursday, June 17, 6 - 8 p.m.

David Cavagnaro is widely published in nature calendars and magazines, including Audubon, National and International Wildlife, Natural History, Ranger Rick, and Life, culminating in the publication of five of his own books. Learn how you can take the best nature pictures with David. Bring your camera.



Photo: Dave Skilling

Fork to Fork Culinary Workshop

Friday, June 18, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

From your garden fork to the dinner fork, David Cavagnaro has trialed over 15,000 vegetables in his garden. He is pleased to share with you how to make your own landscape more edible and beautiful.

Father's Day Brunch

Sunday, June 20, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dads like a day off, too. Why not treat Dad to a delicious brunch in an ideal setting. He will certainly remember this day.

Chef's Night

Thursday, June 24, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a celebration of summer with a five course meal at Abkhazi Garden. The menu will feature seasonal, local and fresh ingredients including pairing of wine. We will be demonstrating cooking techniques for you to use in your own kitchens.

Jazzi Abkhazi

Every Wednesday in July and August from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Abkhazi

Garden will feature live music by various artists. Bring a snack and find a place to enjoy the tunes or take a stroll the garden. It's the perfect way to spend an evening for the whole family.



Photo: Jeff de Jong

Suggestion:

Get out your gear and go for a hike or climb Skaha Bluffs near Penticton!

Suggestion: Get out your running shoes and participate in the 4th Annual World Partnership Walk on May 30, Victoria. Join the TLC team and help fight world poverty. For Vancouver walk details, visit worldpartnershipwalk.com

Conservation Holidays

Learn, work and play on your next holiday. TLC's Conservation Holidays offer affordable, inspirational, environmentally friendly getaway options. Learn basic conservation skills and immerse yourself in B.C.'s most beautiful locations. Meals and accommodation included. For more information visit conservationholidays.ca.

South Winchelsea Island Boardwalk Rebuild

April 23-25
Participants will be removing the old boardwalk and installing a new one. The material for the new boardwalk will be on the island already and the pieces pre-cut so that the boardwalk can be completed and enjoyed by all. Work may also include clearing of vegetation along the boardwalk and deck. Non-member cost: \$200 + GST, Member cost: \$180 + GST



Photo Barry Booth

Talking Mountain Ranch

June 12-17
On this holiday, you will help TLC fence a small pond situated in the middle of the productive hayfields so cattle can be controlled on how they access this water source. Participants will also be upgrading TLC's camp by installing roofing material over the cooking and eating areas, as well as doing some general camp upgrades.

Non-member cost: \$350 + GST, Member cost: \$315 + GST

Wildwood Ecoforestry Workshop

July 23-25
The essence of ecoforestry is to understand and sustain the forest landscape and our role in it. Therefore, the focus of this workshop will be on forest ecology and actions which help us understand the forest better and allow us to steward forests in ways which do not diminish their ecological functioning. We will use the forest at Wildwood to discuss topics of forest and landscape history, ecology, dendrochronology and non-timber products. We will also spend some time discussing and practicing inventory techniques.

Non-member cost: \$240 + GST, Member cost: \$200 + GST

Horsefly River Riparian Conservation Area

August 6-10
The work on this holiday will help TLC complete and repair a perimeter fence surrounding an oxbow lake on the floodplain of the Horsefly so that it is visible to wildlife, especially moose. Another task will be to install some duck nesting boxes to help bolster the waterfowl population, particularly wood ducks.

Non-member cost: \$350 + GST, Member cost: \$315 + GST

South Winchelsea Island Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

September 24-26
The two primary tasks of this holiday will be the clearing of garbage from the shoreline and the removal of invasive plants from the interior areas of the island.

Non-member cost: \$200 + GST, Member cost: \$180 + GST



Photo Nicole Haddad

To book a holiday, please call 1-888-738-0533 or email enterprises@conservancy.bc.ca.

Eagles Estate Heritage Garden

5655 Sperling Ave., Burnaby Ph: 604-733-2313
Garden open year around, interpretive centre open Monday to Friday, 9 - 5 p.m.

Fall & Winter Vegetable Gardening Workshop

Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., \$30

Join Sharon Hanna, writer for GardenWise and Gardening Life magazines, to learn more about extending the growing season. Winter veggies need to be started as early as June through early July. Find out what you can grow throughout fall and winter and explore the use of cloches and coldframes.

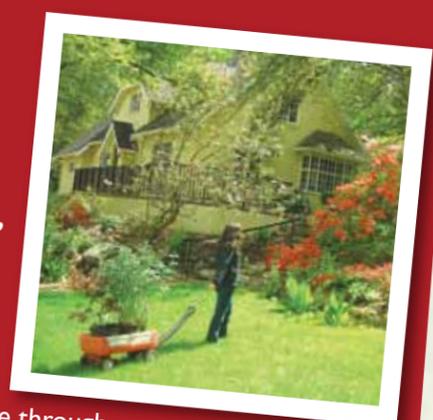


Photo Laura Ralph

Backyard Bumblebee Conservation Workshop

Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., \$30

Urban spaces tend to be highly fractured ecologically. Join Brian Campbell, Certified Bee Master, to learn how to make your neighbourhood more bee-friendly. Bumblebee biology and life cycles will be covered and you will learn some simple techniques to encourage and support these important creatures. Help make bee corridors through our city environment so bees can continue helping us grow lots of food!

To register, email lralph@conservancy.bc.ca

Suggestion: Stop by and say "hi" at the TLC's booth at EPIC, Western Canada's only green consumer tradeshow and eco-marketplace, May 28 - 30, 2010 at the new Vancouver Convention Centre.

Craigflower National Historic Site

Spend an hour in your grandparents' and great grandparents' shoes and take a tour of Craigflower National Historic Site. Practice your slate-writing skills in the Schoolhouse, the oldest standing public building in B.C. Learn about TLC's restoration of Craigflower Farmhouse following the fire in 2009. Tours at 2 p.m. Monday to Friday, May through September. Weekend tours, group tours and school classes available by reservation. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors. Children under 5 free. Free for TLC Members.



Photo Deborah Hudson

Canada Day Special

Join in the great Gorge Park Community Picnic on July 1. The day begins with a pancake breakfast and parade at 9 a.m., followed by stage entertainment and dozens of art, craft and community group displays. Craigflower Schoolhouse will be open for viewing and out on the lawn there will be Victorian games and activities for the whole family.

April is Earth Month

Looking for some mid-week excitement? Take in the sights and sounds of the outdoors by attending TLC's presentation "Wild Wonders - Selections from the International Wildlife Film Festival." Vancouver screening, April 22 at UBC Robson Square. Victoria screening, TBA



Suggestion: Walk, hike or bike Fort Shepherd near Trail. Don't forget to pack a picnic and watch for wildlife. No motorized vehicles please.

Sooke Potholes Campground

Opening May 21
Play and stay at the Sooke Potholes Campground this summer and enjoy great campsites, swimming holes and a place to relax close to nature.

Online booking system available mid April at conservancy.bc.ca. Reservations can also be made at 1-888-738-0533. Please call for current tent and RV rates.



Photo joshmcalloch.com

Picnic at the Potholes

Saturday, May 15, 1:30 - 5 p.m.
Attention all TLC Members; come and enjoy a BBQ and picnic at Sooke Potholes Campground. Bring a friend and your membership card.

For more information, please visit conservancy.bc.ca