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Application deadline February 28, 2019.

WELCOME!

The Passport to Nature was created with you in mind - those who want to explore the wild outdoors, experience new things & meet like-minded people. To make the most of your Passport, here are *five* basic steps to plan your next adventure & get involved in the work of TLC.

- 1** **PLAN** your next adventure.
Read this booklet for event info. 
- 2** **REGISTER** online asap.
Popular events may fill up.
- 3** **ATTEND!** Don't forget a water bottle and good shoes. 
- 4** **SHARE** your experience with friends & use #PassportToNature on your social media updates. 
- 5** **SIGN UP** as a TLC Member to get involved with The Land Conservancy of B.C.

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Passport to PACKFORD COVENANT



Lichen ID Walk

Presented by Juliet Pendray

Registration Required

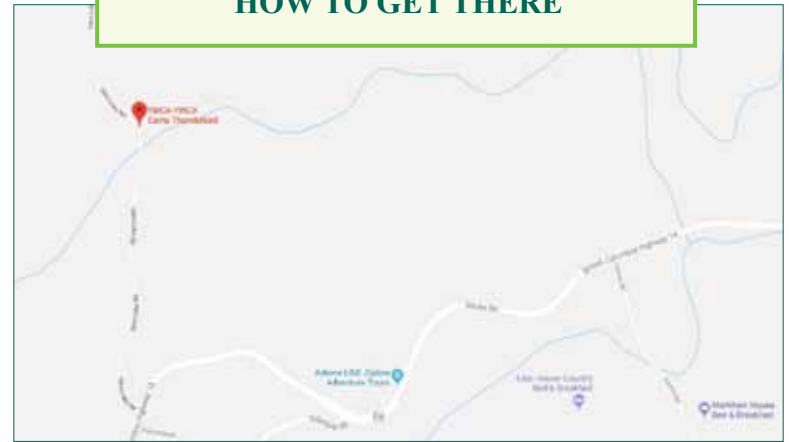
Juliet Pendray is an avid naturalist, acquiring and sharing knowledge about coastal B.C. life forms and their ecologies for the past 14 years, with a particular focus on fungi and associated organisms.

Lovely Lichen! Please join TLC on a walk with Juliet Pendray through the Packford Covenant in Sooke to talk about, examine and enjoy the intricate and amazing lichens living in this place. We will talk about what they are, what they are doing and why.

This walk will require moderate hiking abilities. Please remember your water, snacks and appropriate footwear.

**Sunday,
March 17th
10 am to noon**

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Camp Thunderbird Gate

Directions: Travelling west on Sooke Road from Victoria, turn right onto Glinz Lake Road and meet us at the Camp Thunderbird gate. Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged. When registering, please let TLC know if you are a driver or a passenger so we can fill the cars up!

GPS Coordinates: 48.4002712, -123.6386301



Passport to AYUM CREEK



**Saturday,
March 23rd
8 to 10:30 am**

Bird Walk

Presented by Ian Cruickshank

Registration Required

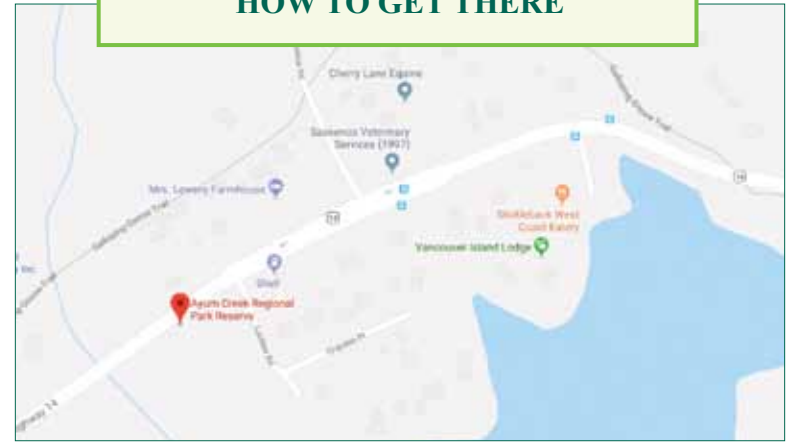
Ian Cruickshank has been guiding birding walks for Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary and the Victoria Natural History Society for the past 10 years. He has done bird and biology fieldwork across western Canada with Bird Studies Canada, Rocky Point Bird Observatory and Parks Canada, and currently works at Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Join local naturalist Ian to learn about and see a wide suite of birds found in the forests and shores of Ayum Creek, and get a crash course in birding by ear. We will also identify plants and discuss natural history along the way.

This walk will be moderately difficult due to crossing the creek itself. Bring your binoculars and hiking boots!



HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Ayum Creek Regional Park

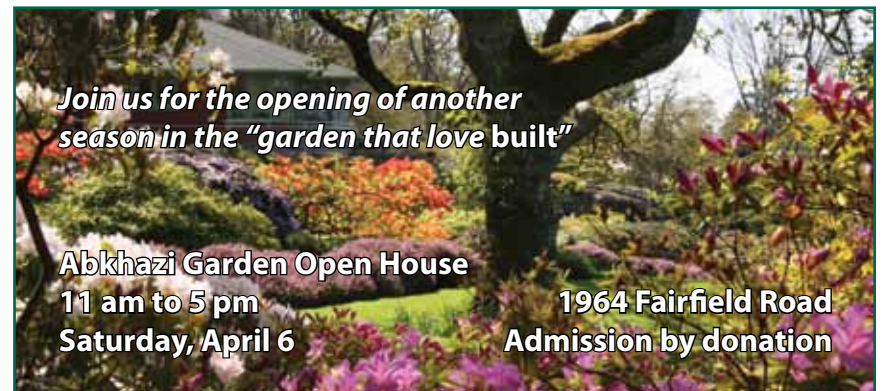
Directions: From Victoria, drive towards Sooke along Sooke Road. Ayum Creek Regional Park is located adjacent to Sooke Road, approximately 40 km west of Victoria, just after the Shell gas station on the left. Park along Sooke Road on the gravel shoulder.

GPS Coordinates: 48.3929289, -123.6632482

*Join us for the opening of another
season in the "garden that love built"*

**Abkhazi Garden Open House
11 am to 5 pm
Saturday, April 6**

**1964 Fairfield Road
Admission by donation**



Passport to LANGVISTA COVENANT



**Saturday,
April 6th
10 am to 2 pm**

Langvista Broom Bash

**Presented by Torrey Archer,
TLC's Biologist & Land Manager,
and Karen Iwachow,
TLC's Environmental Technician**

Registration Required

Help restore a Garry oak ecosystem! TLC is continuing the Garry oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT) restoration project to save the endangered (red-listed) White-topped aster (*Sericocarpus rigidu*) near the summit of Mill Hill Park. We will continue the battle against Scotch Broom which is threatening the integrity of the sensitive Garry oak meadow. Pull broom in bloom and see the beautiful colour show the native wildflowers have to offer!

Tools, gloves and snacks provided!

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Meet us on Legacy Ridge!

Directions: From the Trans Canada Highway, take Exit 14 and head south. Turn left on Strandlund Road and continue to the T-intersection. Turn right on Selwyn Road, left on Mill Hill Road, right on Langvista Drive, right on Kingsview Ridge and right on Legacy Ridge. Park in the visitor stalls at the top of road. Carpooling is recommended as parking is limited at the site. **Please contact TLC if you're interested in cutting your carbon footprint!**



Passport to
ABKHAZI GARDEN

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Abkhazi Garden Tour

Presented by Abkhazi Garden
Volunteer Docents

Registration Required

Abkhazi Garden is an exquisite heritage home and garden. Prince and Princess Abkhazi began creating their garden in 1946, after living separate lives touched by both privilege and tragedy. On this tour you will learn about the couple's history and the legacy that continues to this day.

MEETING SPOT: Garden Entrance Gate

Directions: From downtown Victoria take Fairfield Road. The Garden is located at 1964 Fairfield Road, just past Foul Bay Road on the left. Street parking is available.

GPS Coordinates: 48.4144491, -123.3377786

Sunday,
April 14th
11:30 am

Party with a Purpose

TLC's 3rd Party Fundraising Program includes a step-by-step guide to planning your next event in support of TLC

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Passport to CLEARWATER



Clearwater Community Day

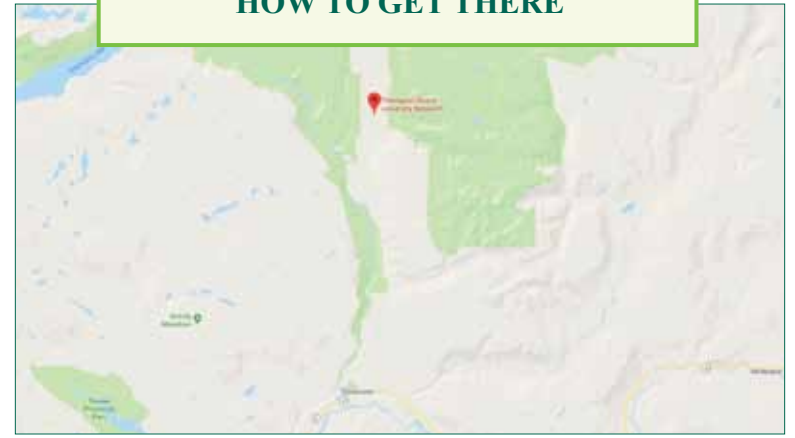
Presented by Torrey Archer,
TLC's Biologist & Land Manager,
and Karen Iwachow, TLC's
Environmental Technician

Registration Required

Join TLC on site at our Clearwater Ecoreserve to enjoy some family fun activities. There will be guided walks, displays, and naturalists on site. Learn about TLC's new naturalist education program and meet some of the instructors and participants. We look forward to sharing our vision for the future, and hearing from the community as we work together to create opportunities for learning more about our natural world and how we can collectively effect change. Bring the whole family, kids of all ages most welcome! **Please dress for the weather including appropriate footwear for walking through the forest.**

Saturday,
May 11th
1 to 4 pm

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Thompson Rivers University Wells Gray Education and Research Centre

Directions: Headed north from Kamloops on BC 5N, turn left onto Clearwater Valley Road at the Wells Gray Visitor's Centre. Thompson Rivers University's Wells Gray Education and Research Centre is located 26 km north of Clearwater. You will see the sign for the Wells Gray Education and Research Centre on the fence on the right.

GPS Coordinates: 51.94, -120.06



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Passport to
NATIVE PLANT NURSERY



**Saturday,
June 1st
1 to 3 pm**

Edible Plant Walk and Nursery Tour

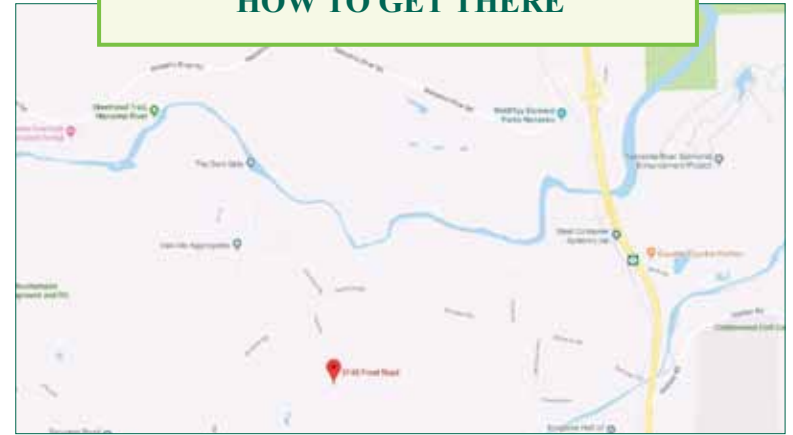
Presented by Nanaimo & Area Land
Trust (NALT) Native Plant Nursey

Registration Required

Join NALT and TLC for a guided walk and talk at NALT's Native Plant Nursery. Experts will focus on helping participants recognize and name native plants, and will discuss their medical, historic and indigenous uses. NALT will also lead hands-on demonstrations of gathering, preparing and storing native plant seeds.

Easy to moderate 3km walk on irregular trails through NALT's 40 acre property with little to no elevation change.

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Meet us at the Nursery!

Directions: NALT's Native Plant Nursery is located at 3145 Frost Road in Nanaimo. From Nanaimo head toward the Nanaimo Airport on the Island Highway. Just after you cross over the Nanaimo River, and before the silver bridge, there is a road called Spruston Road. Turn right onto Spruston Road. Travel under the underpass and proceed down Spruston Road for approximately 2 km. On your left will be Frost Road. At the end of Frost Road is the Natural Abundance Native Plant Nursery.



Passport to
MARY LAKE



**Saturday,
June 8th
1 to 3 pm**

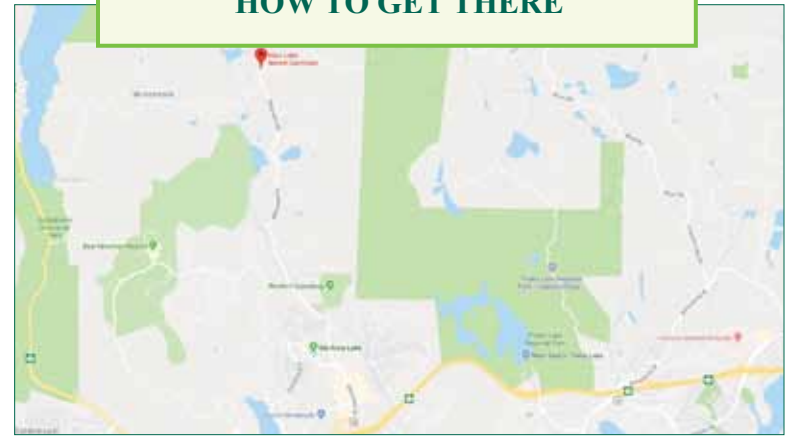
Tax Talk and Forest Walk

Walk presented by Koi Neah from the Greater Victoria Greenbelt Society. Talk presented by Tom Watson, TLC Board Member & Financial Advisor with Odium Brown, and a representative from Horne Coupar.

Registration Required

Join TLC at the Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary to learn more about how you can **save on taxes** while contributing to causes you believe in! An informative talk will take place overlooking the lake followed by refreshments and a guided walk through the beautiful trails of the *invitation-only* sanctuary. This is a great chance to visit this gem in the Highlands and to learn more about how to take advantage of tax incentives while protecting key wildlife habitat!

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary

Directions: The Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary is located at 1772 Millstream Road in the Highlands District. From downtown Victoria, head north on the Trans Canada Highway. Take Exit 14 north onto Millstream Road. Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary will be on the left after Finlayson Arm Road. Following the driveway to the Nature House.

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Passport to AYUM CREEK



**Saturday,
July 6th
9 am to 12 pm**

Nature Sketch

Presented by **Leanne Cadden** from
The Bateman Foundation

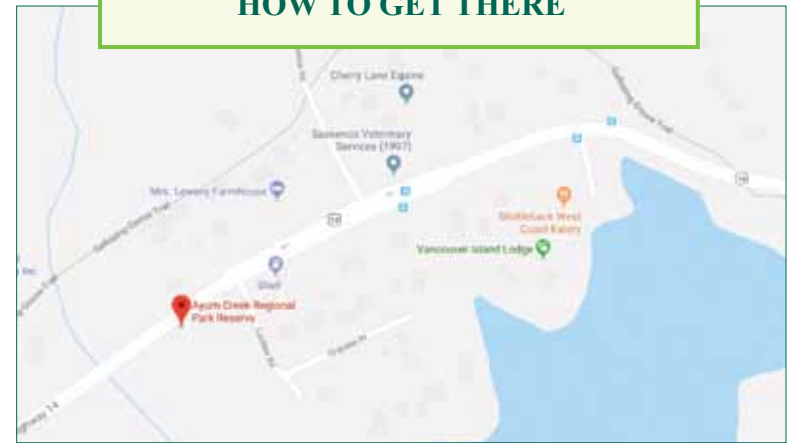
Leanne has had her work featured at the Emmy's, the American Country Music Awards and has won awards for her pastel, watercolour, acrylic and pencil techniques.

Registration Required

Nature Sketch aims to inspire appreciation of the natural world using a pencil and sketchbook, offering a cultural lens for exploring the outdoors. Guided by an artist and a naturalist, this family outdoor nature workshop encourages children to connect to nature by focusing on sketching and observing wildlife habitats in unique ecosystems.

Bring your own sketchbook and pencil, or purchase for \$7 at the event. Binoculars and magnifying glasses also provided, but bring your own if you have them!

HOW TO GET THERE



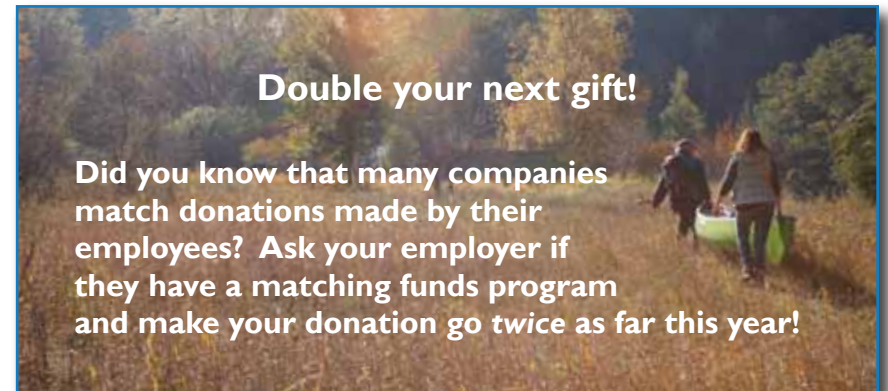
MEETING SPOT: Ayum Creek Regional Park

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Double your next gift!

Did you know that many companies match donations made by their employees? Ask your employer if they have a matching funds program and make your donation go twice as far this year!



Passport to
AYUM CREEK



**Outdoor Portrait
Photography Basics**

Presented by **Karen Iwachow,**
TLC Environmental Technician

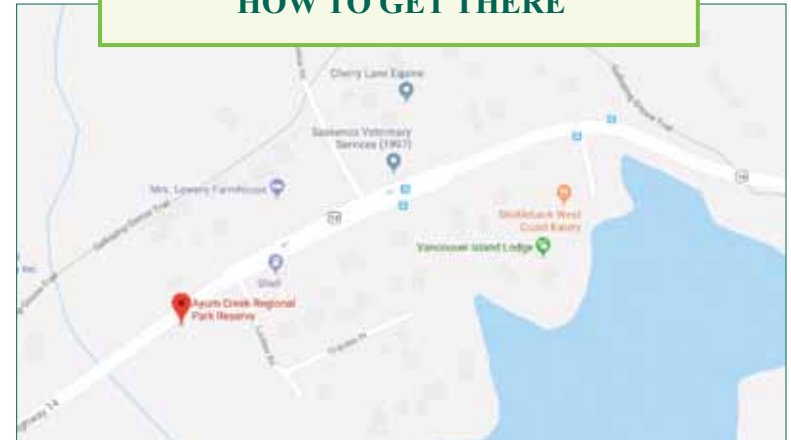
Registration Required

Learn tips and tricks on how to take beautiful portraits of your friends and family in nature using natural lighting. Ayum Creek provides a beautiful backdrop for different conditions you would expect to see when taking photos in nature. Dealing with hard shadows, dappled sunlight and posing your subject will be covered among other topics. No experience necessary, however knowledge on how to use your own camera is required.

This walk will be moderately difficult due to crossing the creek itself. Please bring your camera, water and appropriate footwear.

**Saturday,
September 21st
1 to 4 pm**

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Ayum Creek Regional Park

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Passport to
ABKHAZI GARDEN



**Friday,
October 11th
10 to 11:30 am**

Deadheading and Seed Collecting

Presented by Jo Wyld,
Head Gardener for Abkhazi Garden

Registration Required

What is the purpose of deadheading in your garden, and what tools do you need to accomplish this? Walk and talk on site with Jo Wyld, Head Gardener for Abkhazi Garden, and find out. Jo will discuss seed collecting as well. Dress for the weather, and bring your favourite secateurs if you have them.

Please bring your own gardening gloves, comfortable footwear and dress for the weather.



HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Abkhazi Garden Entrance

Directions: Abkhazi Garden is located at 1964 Fairfield Road. From downtown Victoria follow Fairfield Road for about 4 km to reach the garden – you will pass Cook St, Moss St, the Ross Bay Cemetery, St. Charles St and finally Foul Bay Rd. The Garden is one block past Foul Bay Rd. Street parking is available, preferably on the north side of Fairfield Rd, adjacent to the garden. Please do not park in the spaces marked ‘Residential Parking Only’.

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TLC protects more than 230 covenants including 24 forests and peak greenbelts.

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Passport to **BARER/KINGHORN COVENANTS**



Mushroom ID Walk

Presented by author **Kem Luther**
and **Torrey Archer**, TLC's
Biologist & Land Manager

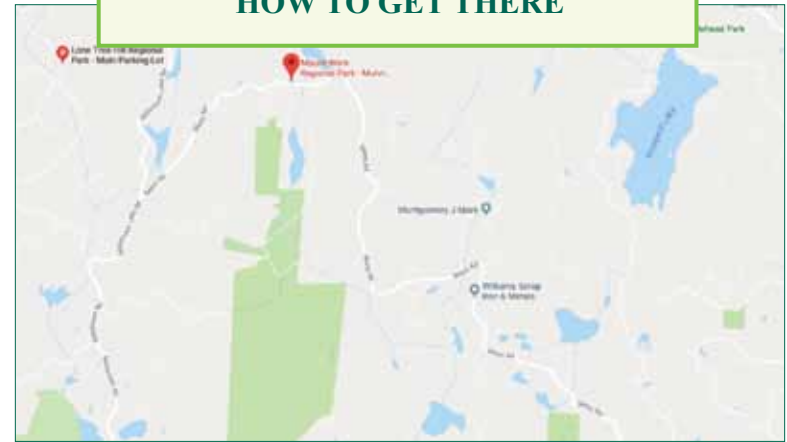
Registration Required

Kem Luther, author of "Boundary Layer", examines the often overlooked world of fungi, moss and lichen and their critical roles in ecosystem function. **Rich Mably**, a volunteer for over 20 years with the CRD as a park steward, is a fungiphile and photographer who is always keen to get outside.

Join Kem and Torrey on a hunt to find and identify mushrooms in the beautiful mature forests at Mt. Work. Participants will learn how to ID the most common species, deadly species, the parts of the mushroom fruiting body, and discuss the role of fungi in forests.

**Wednesday,
October 30th
10 am to noon**

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Mount Work Regional Park parking lot on Munn Road

Directions: From Victoria heading north on Hwy 1, turn right onto McKenzie Ave and turn left onto Burnside Road West. Turn right onto Prospect Lake Road and finally left onto Munn Road. The parking lot will be on your right after Fork Lake Road.

GPS Coordinates: 48.4916746, -123.4744943



Passport to ABKHAZI GARDEN



Wreath Making

Presented by Jo Wyld,
Head Gardener for Abkhazi Garden

Registration Required

Join Jo Wyld as she guides you through the steps to creating your own festive wreath. Wreath making is an ancient practice of twisting natural materials into circular celebrations for such events as weddings, sporting activities and seasonal changes. Our hands-on workshop will use garden inspired, mixed natural foliage to honour the change from Autumn to Winter. Participants will create their own 12 to 14 inch take home wreath. This is an outdoor workshop, under an open tent with a patio heater, so please dress for the weather.

Participants are asked to bring their own ribbon and wreath forms. Items are available to purchase for \$20 per participant when registering.

Friday,
Nov 22nd
10 am to noon

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Abkhazi Garden Entrance

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Giving Tuesday: December 3

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Passport to
PACKFORD COVENANT



**Saturday,
Dec 7th
10 am to noon**

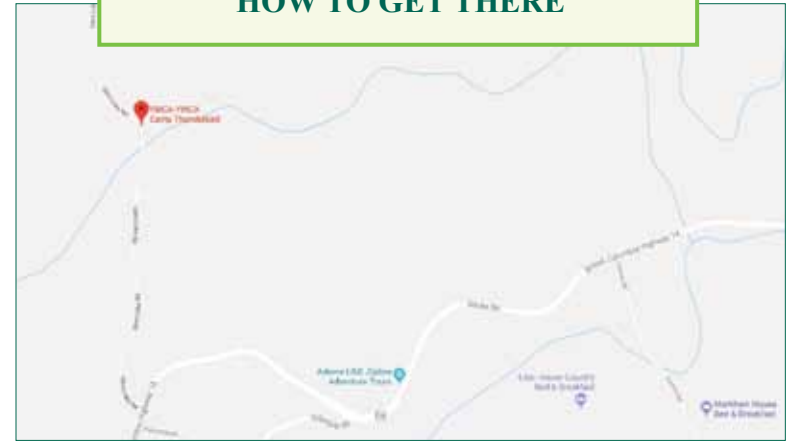
Moss Walk

Kem Luther, author of “Boundary Layer”, examines the often overlooked world of fungi, moss and lichen and their critical roles in ecosystem function. One of Victoria’s few true bryologists, Kem loves to share what he has learned through all his years spent looking at the forest floor.

Registration Required

Identifying mosses can seem daunting at first, so come learn in the forest from an expert! Common mosses, and hopefully rare ones too, will be identified and you will learn basic moss features to help you ID in the future. A short walk along the old water pipeline trail will take a long time to complete as we stop every few feet to identify the dozens of mosses found in this beautiful, privately owned, mature forest. **This walk will require moderate hiking abilities. Please remember your water and appropriate footwear.**

HOW TO GET THERE



MEETING SPOT: Camp Thunderbird Gate

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WE JUST WANT TO SAY THANKS!

Our sincere thanks to Board, staff and volunteers of The Couchiching Conservancy for their work in creating the Passport to Nature program and for sharing their concept and design with TLC and others in the land trust community with the hopes of furthering conservation initiatives across the country.

**Looking to advertise in TLC's 2020 Passport to Nature?
Contact Lisa Cross at membership@conservancy.bc.ca or
(250) 479-8053 for the latest opportunities.**

Looking to get more involved? We are always looking for volunteers to join our team. Check out the following 5 ways you can get involved this year!

- 1** Covenant Program volunteers, often UVic and VIU students, learn about monitoring, ecological integrity and scientific reporting. This training helps support the next generation of conservationists.
- 2** Last year volunteers helped remove 136 m³ of invasive species, collected approximately 60 pounds of garbage and restored a 2,500 ft² area previously blanketed with invasive species.
- 3** Gardeners at Abkhazi Garden have been lovingly caring for the magical space since TLC purchased the site. Plant sales and donations fund their work including purchasing plants and tools.
- 4** Not all of our volunteers spend time digging in the dirt. A team of friendly greeters welcome visitors to Abkhazi Garden and our docents bring a wealth of historical knowledge to each tour.
- 5** From postage stamp sorting to stuffing envelopes, volunteers help TLC achieve our routine office tasks. Donating a few hours each week, these valued volunteers are an integral part of TLC's team!



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