



**TLC** The Land Conservancy  
of British Columbia

*In Person & Virtual*

**THE LAND • CONSERVANCY**

**PASSPORT TO NATURE**

**OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

*Nature Events all year!*

*Celebrating  
25 Years of  
Conservation*



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## WELCOME!

The Passport to Nature was designed to connect TLC members, donors, and the public with nature. This program has been adapted to hybrid in-person and digital delivery this year to accommodate safety precautions during the pandemic. To make the most of your Passport, here are *five* basic steps to get involved.

**1**

**PLAN** your next adventure.  
Read this booklet for event info.



**2**

**REGISTER** online asap.  
Access details will be found  
in your email confirmation.

**3**

**ATTEND!** Online or in-  
person, join naturalists from  
a variety of backgrounds to  
learn more about biodiversity!



**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.

This Passport to Nature is brought to you by **The Land Conservancy of B.C.**

Want to learn more and get involved with protecting nature in your area? Reach out to us at [membership@conservancy.bc.ca](mailto:membership@conservancy.bc.ca), (250) 479-8053 or find us online:



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Passport to  
**MILLSTREAM CREEK**



## **Bird Walk**

**Registration Required.**

**Presented by Ian Cruickshank at the  
Millstream Creek Watershed.**

**Meet at the Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary  
at 1772 Millstream Road.**

**Saturday,  
March 19<sup>th</sup>  
9 to 11 am**

*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 shore of Mary Lake, 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!**

Passport to  
**AYUM CREEK**

## **Invasive Plant Identification and Management Strategies**

**Presented by Paul Grieve,  
B.Sc Forest Biology**

*Registration Required*

Invasive plants are one of the top threats to natural ecosystems across the globe. Join Paul as he goes on a journey to find out where these invasive plants are coming from, what makes them destructive in natural ecosystems, how to identify them and how to eradicate them from your backyard. He will provide tips and tricks on how to manage these invaders and connect you to regional resources. After the invasive plant tour, stick around to pull these plants with TLC's Larissa Bron as part of our Ayum Creek invasive plant management program. Plant pulling participating is not required to attend.



**Sunday,  
April 3  
10 a.m. to  
1 p.m.**

**Please remember your  
water, snacks, and  
appropriate footwear.**

**Register online today at  
[www.conservancy.bc.ca](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca)  
for this or any of  
our 2022 Passport  
to Nature events!**



## Passport to **NATURE JOURNALING**

Presented by Karen Iwachow,  
TLC's Environmental Technician  
& Land Manager, at the Millstream  
Creek Watershed. Meet at the Mary  
Lake Nature Sanctuary at 1772 Millstream Road.

No previous drawing experience is required! This four part series offers participants the opportunity to learn about nature journaling. Each session will have a half hour lesson to offer some techniques to get started with the remaining time to practice those skills in nature.



Drop in session style; no need to attend all four.

### **APRIL 23 from 1 - 3 p.m.**

Learn foundational skills and try them out on rocky woodland bluffs during the spring wildflower bloom.

### **MAY 28 from 1 - 3 p.m.**

Learn mindfulness exercises to tune into nature and practice those skills in a peaceful creek-side setting.

### **JUNE 25 from 1 - 3 p.m.**

Learn to channel your curiosity and inquiry skills to deepen your connection to nature.

### **JULY 23 from 1 - 3 p.m.**

Learn to use words to draw a picture, writing tips for nature storytelling.

*Please bring your own sketchbook and supplies.*

Passport to  
**RESTORATION  
AT AYUM CREEK**

**Presented by Larissa Bron,  
TLC's Covenant Coordinator**

*Registration Required*

Ayum Creek Regional Park Reserve is a Capital Regional District (CRD) park reserve protected by a covenant co-held by TLC and HAT. Many groups have participated in creek, riparian, and forest restoration efforts over the past 25 years to support the salmon-bearing Ayum Creek and interconnected ecosystems. Since 2017, TLC has been conducting a restoration research project at Ayum Creek to determine an effective method for controlling periwinkle (*Vinca minor*), a garden-escapee invasive plant. Preliminary results from this project have shown a significant decrease in periwinkle where “lasagna-gardening” has been placed.

During the upcoming work party, volunteers will join TLC in continuing efforts in controlling periwinkle and celebrate the UN Decade of Restoration by participating in Make A Difference (MAD) Week!

**There will be snacks as well as prizes from the MAD Week crew. Please dress in layers, wear sturdy footwear, and bring water.**

**Saturday,  
June 11  
10 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m.**



# Passport to **MEDICINAL PLANTS**

**Presented by Lisa Cross, TLC's Donor  
Relations Manager & Grants Coordinator**



*Registration Required*

Are you interested in the healing properties of common plants? The natural world is full of beneficial and medicinal flora. Join Lisa to create a simple herbal recipe from seasonal plants that may be growing in your own backyard or neighbourhood!



**VIDEO will  
be available  
JULY 7!**

**Please register for the virtual  
Passport to Nature events you  
are interested in to ensure you  
are provided with direct links  
when videos become available!**



Passport to  
**ABKHAZI GARDEN**



**Sunday,  
Sept 11  
from 11 a.m.  
to 5 p.m.**

## Open House

**Presented by Abkhazi Garden Volunteers**

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. Learn about the couple's history and the legacy that continues to this day.

*Visit Abkhazi Garden with your grandchildren; prizes to be won!*



**Free Admission.**  
**Free tours for small groups from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Book your tour in advance at [volunteer@conservancy.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@conservancy.bc.ca) or ask for a tour on arrival at the front gate.**



# Passport to SUSTAINING SOIL

Presented by Sherry Beauvais,  
TLC's Accounting Coordinator



*Registration Required*

Soil is a complex ecosystem. Sustaining the health of this ecosystem is vital to all plants and animals. Within soil are tiny living organisms. These organisms have a symbiotic relationship with plants, that is, one could not exist without the other. Through their action within the soil these tiny creatures provide plants with necessary nutrients, and create ideal growing conditions. Feeding these organisms, with just what nature provides, allows them to thrive and in turn create a healthy environment for all life on earth.

**VIDEO will  
be available  
OCT 27!**

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# Passport to TLC'S VISITOR'S GUIDE



## Accessing TLC's Properties & Covenants

Presented by Larissa Bron,  
TLC's Covenant Coordinator

*Registration Required*

TLC's Visitor's Guide for members, donors, and visitors is intended to help you get the most from participation with TLC and provides info on our visitable properties and covenants. In this virtual session Larissa will discuss a few of her favourite sites and what to watch out for when visiting them.

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**VIDEO will  
be available  
NOV 17!**

Passport to  
**ABKHAZI GARDEN**

## Wreath Making

Presented by **Jacque Paulson**,  
Abkhazi Garden's Head Gardener

*Registration Required*

Join Jacque as she guides you through the steps to creating your own festive wreath. Our hands-on workshop will use garden inspired, mixed natural foliage to honour the change in season. Participants will create their own 12 to 14 inch take home wreath.

*There is a \$60 fee at registration for this event to cover the materials provided.*

**Please dress for the weather as the event will take place outside.**



**In person  
events Dec 1,  
2, & 4, from 10  
a.m. to noon**





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