



TLC The Land Conservancy
of British Columbia

In Person & Virtual

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PASSPORT TO NATURE

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Events all year!



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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, (250) 479-8053 or find us online:



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Passport to
AYUM CREEK

Park Restoration

Presented by TLC's Maya Irwin
and Michelle Thompson along
with partners from HAT and CRD

Registration Required

Join TLC, HAT and the CRD as we combat invasive periwinkle at our Ayum Creek covenant on Ayum Creek Regional Park Reserve with the sheet mulching technique. Work will involve laying down cardboard, followed by a thick topping of mulch, to starve out the introduced species and make room for native plants to recolonize the area. We will also be spot targeting zones of Himalayan blackberry and English ivy.

Tools, gloves, and snacks will be provided. Please bring your own gear if you have it. Solid footwear and appropriate dress are encouraged.

**Saturday,
April 20
from 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m.**





Passport to
ABKHAZI GARDEN



Spring Plant Sale

Lost some plants over the winter? We've got your replacements! Come and buy interesting plants, most grown at the garden. Our head gardener, Jacqui Paulson will be on hand to answer your garden questions.

Then visit our garden in peak bloom and learn about the history of this exquisite heritage garden created by Prince Nicolas and Princess Peggy Abkhazi. Proceeds go to the maintenance of the garden.

**April 27
& 28 from
11 a.m. to
4 p.m.**

Abkhazi Garden is located at 1964 Fairfield Road.



**Become a TLC Member for
as little as \$3 per month at
www.conservancy.bc.ca**

Passport to
SECOND LAKE

2024



Broom Bash

**Presented by Michelle Thompson,
TLC's Property & Covenant
Manager, and the Friends of
Second Lake Society**

**Saturday,
May 25
from 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m.**

Registration Required

Join TLC and the Friends of Second Lake Society in taking some much needed love and care at Second Lake. Second Lake is an important part of the upper Millstream Creek watershed and protects the endangered forests of the Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem. This conservation area is not open to the public to preserve the sensitive natural systems but guided events provide the community a unique experience. Volunteers will be using loppers to remove Scotch Broom from around the lake. Tools will be provided, if you have your own tools please bring them along. Facilities are limited.

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

Passport to
THE INTERTIDAL ZONE

Presented by TLC's
Communication Coordinator
Emily Francis at the Clover Point
boat ramp in Victoria

Registration Required

Join Emily to learn about the rich intertidal biodiversity that lives off our urban shores. Venturing out at one of the lowest tides of the year, we will ethically collect and observe rocky shore intertidal invertebrates at Cattle Point. Children & youth welcome at this family-friendly event!

Bring your water bottle & sturdy shoes that are ok getting wet (e.g., rainboots, swim shoes, crocs/Keens/closed toe sandals). For safety reasons, please do not wear flip flops.

Register online for TLC's Passport to Nature events to ensure you receive directions and event details!



**Sunday,
June 23
from 10 a.m.
to 11 a.m.**



Passport to
SCAVENGER HUNT



VIDEO
available
Saturday,
July 20

Presented by Lisa Cross (she/her), TLC's Donor Relations Manager & Grants Coordinator

Embrace your inner naturalist and head out to your local park on this nature-based scavenger hunt. A fun and educational adventure for all ages, participants will be provided with a link to an app that will guide you on your quest. You can complete the hunt in your own time, so enjoy a relaxing hike while seeking listed plants, animals, and other forest finds. Take photos of your discoveries and check off the ones you've located as you go. There will be a door prize from the list of registered participants.

Please register for this virtual Passport to Nature event to ensure you are provided with a direct link when the video becomes available!



Passport to **RAINWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Presented by Sherry Beauvais,
TLC's Accounting Coordinator**



*Rain is grace; rain is the sky descending
to the earth; without rain, there would be no life.*

Rainwater is a valuable commodity when we don't get enough, but concerning and sometimes damaging when we get too much in a short period of time. Managing rainwater in our urban environments can have a recognizable impact on our ecological systems; we can re-direct it from our stormwater networks, contain and use it for domestic gardens and landscapes, and return it to the earth as nature intended. Join Sherry to learn about techniques to manage this precious resource through various catchment, storage, and conveyance systems.

**VIDEO
will be
available
August 15**

**Please register for the virtual
Passport to Nature events to receive
links when videos become available!**



Passport to
ABKHAZI GARDEN

**Sunday,
September 8
from 11 a.m.
to 4 p.m.**



Grandparents Day & Fall Plant Sale

Looking for interesting plants for your garden this Fall? Come and buy plants at Abkhazi Garden, most grown at the Garden. Our head gardener, Jacqui Paulson will be on hand to answer your garden questions. Visit this special heritage garden and bring your grandchildren. Learn about the garden legacy of Prince Nicolas and Princess Peggy Abkhazi. There will be a draw for an Afternoon Tea for Two at the Teahouse and free Abkhazi Garden Activity Books for Kids. Be sure to buy a plant or two for your back yard or patio from the Fall Plant Sale. Free admission!

Protect habitat with your bottle returns! Simply tell cashiers at Victoria Bottle Depot locations that you are donating your returns to TLC!



4261 Glanford Ave ■ 655 Queens Ave ■ 3961 Quadra St

Passport to
**TLC's 2024 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

Annual General Meeting

**Cordova Bay United Church
813 Claremont Avenue, Cordova Bay**

Join TLC's volunteer Board of Directors and staff for the organization's 2024 Annual General Meeting to hear reports from our volunteer Board and staff. Enjoy tea, coffee, and treats while learning about TLC's projects and programming from the previous fiscal year.

**Saturday,
September 28
from 1:00 to
4:00 p.m.**

For those unable to attend, TLC's Annual Report and Financial Statements will be available in September on our website or in hard copy by request to membership@conservancy.bc.ca.



Passport to
FORT SHEPHERD



Welcome Back Monarchs

Presented by Frankie Mawss,
TLC's Environmental Technician
and Land Manager, and the
Kootenay Native Plant Society

Sunday,
October 5
from 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m.

Registration Required

TLC and Kootenay Native Plant Society invite you to celebrate the return of monarchs to the West Kootenay in a full day excursion into the Fort Shepherd Conservancy Area to plant for monarchs and other native pollinators. Now in our fourth year, we continue to support the pollinator way stations growing on the benches of the Columbia River. Join us and help the incredible pollinators at Fort Shepherd feast on native flowering plants and shrubs. Snacks, swag, and good company included!

Please dress for the weather including appropriate footwear. Don't forget your water bottle!

Passport to
BLINKINSOP VALLEY



**Restoration at TLC's
Alston-Stewart
Estate in the
Blenkinsop Valley**

**Saturday,
October 26
from 9:45 a.m.
to 1 p.m.**

**Presented by Michelle Thompson,
TLC's Property & Covenant Manager,
and the Greater Victoria Green Team**

Registration Required



Join TLC and the Greater Victoria Green Team for invasive species removal at TLC's Alston-Stewart properties in the Blenkinsop Valley. Come and remove invasives that are out-competing and overtaking natural habitat. Snacks, tools, and gloves will be provided.

**Please dress for the weather including appropriate
footwear. Don't forget your water bottle!**

Passport to
MILLSTREAM CREEK

Mushroom ID Walk

Registration Required

Presented by TLC's Michelle Thompson and Maya Irwin along with experts Andy MacKinnon and Kem Luther

Join Andy MacKinnon and Kem Luther on a hunt to find and identify mushrooms in the beautiful mature forests at TLC's Millstream Creek Watershed property. Participants will learn how to ID fall fruiting fungi and discuss the role of fungi in forests. Please dress for the weather including appropriate footwear. Don't forget your water bottle!

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Passport to
BC's BIODIVERSITY



Giving Tuesday: National Day of Giving

Around the world, non-profit supporters come together for a common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give back to the causes they are passionate about.

**Giving
Tuesday,
December 3**

When you are making your year-end charitable gifts this year, please consider supporting TLC. You can make your donation by giving online or calling our office today. Donations are eligible for 2024 tax receipts.



**Donate online at
www.conservancy.bc.ca
or by calling TLC at
1-877-485-2422 today!**

Passport to
ABKHAZI GARDEN



**11 a.m.
to 3:30 p.m.
December
14 & 15**

Festive Market

Presented by Jacqui Paulson, Abkhazi Garden's Head Gardener, and Abkhazi Garden Volunteers

Give the gift of green this holiday season! From volunteer-crafted holiday swags, table centres, culinary wreaths, to hand crafted wooden bowls, plants and kid birdseed kits, there's something for everyone on your list. After exploring the market, enjoy a stroll around the winter garden that was created by Prince and Princess Abkhazi.

Abkhazi Garden is located at 1964 Fairfield Road, Victoria. Admission is by donation. View Abkhazi Garden's holiday hours of operation at www.conservancy.bc.ca/abkhazi





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Yes! I want to help TLC preserve biodiversity.

To share my love for B.C.'s special places, here is my gift of:



\$50



\$100



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