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of British Columbia

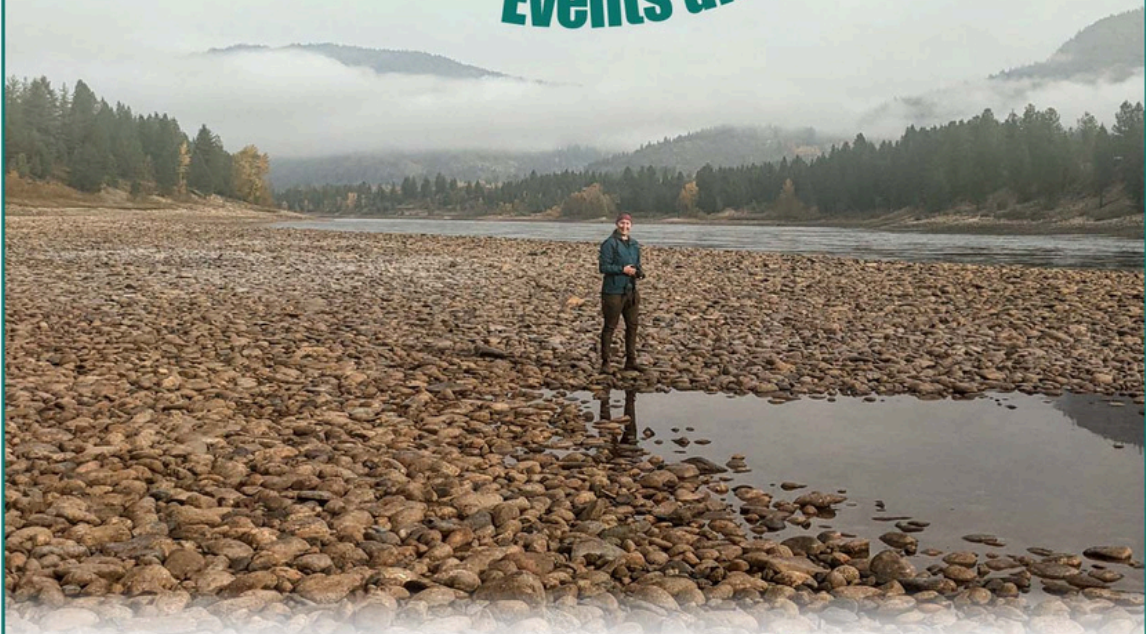
*In Person & Virtual*

THE LAND • CONSERVANCY

**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](mailto: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  
**SECOND LAKE**



## **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  
**ABKHAZI GARDEN**

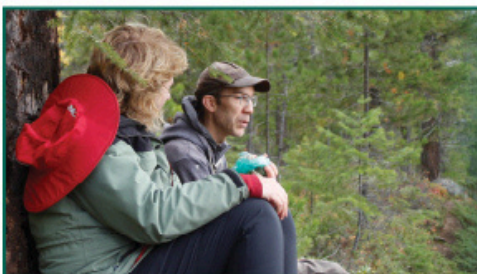


## Spring Plant Sale

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](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca)

# Passport to **THE INTERTIDAL ZONE**

Presented by TLC's  
Communication Coordinator  
Emily Francis at the Cattle 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  
**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  
**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**



**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 **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  
October 31**

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Passport to Nature events to receive  
links when videos become available!**



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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**Saturday,  
November 9  
from 10 a.m.  
to 1 p.m.**



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](http://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](http://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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