

For the full Green Diary, with many more details, events and nature outings, see www.earthfuture.com/econews

- Thur 1, 7pm **Urban Ecology.** Observe leading design professionals apply Integrated Design to Victoria's Rock Bay area to regenerate it as an integrated urban ecology. Frank D'Ambrosio, Patrick Lucey & Jack Meredith. Burnside Gorge Community Centre, 471 Cecelia Road. Emerging Green Builders. egbvictoria@gmail.com www.cascadiagbc.org
- Fri 2, 9-5pm What If Sustainability Were Easy? Reframing Life in the Human Hive, with Marilyn Hamilton, PhD. What if sustainability was rewarding, generated beauty and was fun? \$195. Royal Roads. 250-391-2600 x 4801
- Sat 3, 8:30am VNHS Christmas Bird Count Tune-up. Meet Juan de Fuca Rec Centre Park and Ride to tune up your winter bird-spotting skills. Special interest for novice Christmas Bird Counters. Ann Nightingale 250-652-6450.
- Sat 3, 10-4pm Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre Annual Holiday Sale, 1216 North Park Street. Give green this year 10% off all composters, compost accessories gardening books. Hot apple cider holiday treats! www.compost.bc.ca
- Sat 3, 11-3pm **Healthy Entertaining in the Raw:** Green Smoothies, Kale Chips and Gluten-Free/Dairy-Free Desserts, with Ken Steele and Jim Maurice, with VIVA-Raw and Transition Victoria. \$50. Royal Roads. 250-391-2600 x 4801.
- Sat 3, 1-2:30pm West Coast Winter Guided Walk in East Sooke Regional Park with CRD Parks' naturalist. Easy amble with your family to Iron Mine Bay and its sandy beach. Meet kiosk, Pike Road parking lot off East Sooke Road.
- Mon 5, 6:30pm Movie: Journey On The Wild Coast. A young couple self-propel themselves Seattle to the Aleutians. Eric Martin Pavilion Theatre, 1900 block of Fort Street. by donation moviemonday.ca
- Wed 7, 7pm Department of Peace (DoP) Initiative Meeting. Canadian premiere of remarkable video about reconciliation and forgiveness, *Admissions (26 minutes)*. 45 Cambridge St., Fairfield, Basement. Saul Arbess sarbess@shaw.ca
- Wed 7, 7pm ConversationWorks on a personal Basis: Questions that change lives and open opportunities in every conversation with Christopher Bowers, Church of Truth, 111 Superior Street. Linda 250-380-6383
- Fri 9, 8pm **NGO HO HO HO holiday celebration** of the season for the Victoria non profit community. Awesome bands, door prizes, great company. Suggested donation: \$8-12. Victoria Event Centre.
- Sat 10, 10-3pm Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration at Fort Rodd Hill. Help us win the battle against alien species. Meet admin building, first driveway on left after gates. Veggy lunch provided. frh.volunteer@pc.gc.ca 250-812-8133 .
- Sat 10, 11:30-3pm **Can the World Live on a Renewable Budget?** Presentation at 2pm by Guy Dauncey, as delivered to Association for the Study of Peak Oil in Washington, DC. BC Sustainable Energy Association AGM 11:30am, catered lunch, Annual Sustainable Energy Quiz. Cardiff Place, 1246 Fairfield Road. www.bcsea.org info@bcsea.org
- Sun 11, 10am-2pm Iron Mine Bay Hike Guided Adult Hike, East Sooke Regional Park with a CRD Parks' naturalist. Bring sturdy footwear, bring water and a lunch. Meet kiosk in Pike Road parking lot off East Sooke Road.
- Tue 13, 5-7pm **Green Drinks** at The Office on Yates, across from the Odeon. Drink and be green! greendrinks victoria.ning.com
- Tue 13, 7:30pm **The Flathead River Valley**, with Sarah Cox, Sierra Club. The Valley teems with grizzlies, lynx, badgers, fishers, wolverines, bull trout - comparable to Africa's Serengeti for richness of plant species. UVic Fraser 159. VNHS.
- Wed 14, 7pm Schooling The World: The White Man's Last Burden. Beautifully filmed documentary about replacing a traditional ways of learning with modern curriculum and Western expectations. Filmed in Ladakh, India, Africa and North America. Awareness Film Night: Ed Milne Community School theatre 6218 Sooke Rd. By donation.
- Fri 16, Midnight **Deadline** for submitting your thoughts on whether BC should end the cosmetic use of pesticides. See www.leg.bc.ca/pesticidescommittee/questionnaire.asp, and www.cancergameplan.ca. Or send an email to pesticidescommittee@leg.bc.ca, or write Special Cte Cosmetic Pesticides, Rm 224, Parl Bldg, Victoria V8V 1X4
- Sat 17 Victoria Christmas Bird Count www.vicnhs.bc.ca/cbc
- Sat 17, 6pm 14th Annual Christmas Lights Ride, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition. Meet Victoria First Church of Nazarene 4277 Quadra. 20 km through Saanich viewing colourful lights. Must have front and rear lights, helmet. Suggested donation \$5. themedrides@gvcc.bc.ca.
- Sun 18, 11am Christmas Hill Bike 'n' Hike, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition. Meet Selkirk Station off Goose near Railyards for 6km ride to Christmas Hill Nature Reserve for short hike, then ride back. recreationalrides@gvcc.bc.ca
- Sun 18, 5:30 - 8:30 VIVA-Raw Potluck - Community Social Finger Food Potluck. Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser St. Bring raw vegan finger food item of 6 or more servings with recipe, serving utensils \$5 per adult. Linda: (250) 380-6383
- Sun 18 Saltspring, Gabriola and Sidney Christmas Bird Counts. See www.vicnhs.bc.ca/cbc
- Wed 21, pm Winter Solstice Celebration with Joy Emmanuel, Church of Truth, 111 Superior Street. Linda 250-380-6383
- Mon 26 Sooke Christmas Bird Count. See www.vicnhs.bc.ca/cbc
- Wed 28, 10am Mystery Creature Guided Walk (all ages) in Lone Tree Hill Regional Park, Highlands. Solve the riddles to find the clues hidden along the trail with a CRD Parks' naturalist. Meet parking lot off Millstream Road.
- Fri 30, 7pm **EcoNews Dessert Potluck New Years Mailout Party.** Come drink, fold, stuff and be merry among good friends and company! 395 Conway Road (off Interurban, one block north of Camosun College). Guy, 250-881-1304

Coming up:

February 10th - 12th **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre coastal ecology workshop for families.** Great opportunity for parents and grandparents to bring the kids and learn about BC's marine life in a fun, hands-on way. See www.bms.bc.ca/pubed.html Kelly Clement, Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. 250-728-3301 #226