



# GREEN DIARY MAY 2012

*For the Full Green Diary, with many more events and nature outings, see [www.earthfuture.com/econews](http://www.earthfuture.com/econews)*

- Tue 1, 7pm **Our Forests, Our Future.** We need a positive vision for the Juan de Fuca Forest forest lands. Speakers Rosie Betworth (president of Port Renfrew Chamber of Commerce), Bill Bourgeois and Vicky Husband. How can we prevent urbanization, conserve old growth and sustainably log second growth? Edward Milne School, Sooke.
- Wed 2, 7pm Surfrider Vancouver Island Meeting at Coastline surfshop, 1417 Broad St, Victoria. [vancouverisland.surfrider.org](http://vancouverisland.surfrider.org)
- Thur 3, 7pm **Our Forests, Our Future**, as Tuesday, with speakers David Anderson, former federal Minister of the Environment, Ken Wu and Ben Parfitt. Ambrosia Event Centre, 638 Fisgard, Victoria. Ana Simeon, 250-386-5255 ext. 247
- Sat 5, 10am-12 Free Composting Basics Workshop. Learn all the basics. Pre-register [office@compost.bc.ca](mailto:office@compost.bc.ca) 250-386-9676
- Sat 5, 2-4pm Grow the Best Tomatoes – How do you do it? \$10/ \$15. Pre-register [office@compost.bc.ca](mailto:office@compost.bc.ca) 250-386-9676
- Sun 6, 10-2pm Rites of Spring Bike Tour of public gardens, flowers blooming. Meet Selkirk Station (80 Regatta Landing) just off the Galloping Goose trail south of the Selkirk Trestle. Bring lunch. 250-382-8619 [gvcc@gvcc.bc](mailto:gvcc@gvcc.bc)
- Sun 6, 10-4pm Seaweed Workshop. Learn to identify and harvest edible seaweeds sustainably; the health benefits and properties of seaweed. \$85. Ocean Wilderness Inn, Shirley. <http://dakinitidalwilds.blogspot.ca/>
- Mon 7, 6pm **Blue Drinks Victoria.** What better way to spend a Spring evening during Drinking Water Week? Join us to share conversations about water. Office Lounge, opposite Odeon, Yates St. Avi Lambert 250-516-1406
- Tue 8, 10am Island Transformations AGM. Keynote speech by Rob Wickson, and report on the Portland LRT trip. Assembly hall, church at Blanshard and Humboldt St. 250-383-2501 [islandtransformations.org](http://islandtransformations.org)
- Tue 8, 3-5pm Smart Environmental Policy with Full-cost Pricing, by Nancy Olewiler, UVic Soc/Sci Maths A110. [pics.uvic.ca](http://pics.uvic.ca).
- Tue 8, 5-7pm **Green Drinks Victoria** at The Office across from the Odeon. Drink and be green! [greendrinks victoria.ning.com](http://greendrinks victoria.ning.com)
- Wed 9, 7pm *Civilizing the Economy*, a 2-part film that features the Emilia-Romagna area of Northern Italy where 45% of the GDP is from cooperatives, plus a look at Canadian coops. Edward Milne Community School, 6218 Sooke Rd.
- Fri 11, 11-12:30 City of Victoria Edible Garden Planting Party. Join food garden enthusiasts, city councilors and parks staff to create Victoria's newly located Small Steps Edible Food Garden in Centennial Square. Bring small shovels, edible plants.
- Sat 12, 7am-2pm 3rd Annual International Migratory Bird Day at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park. 9am Ppening at the Picnic shelter, south end Beaver Lake). Displays, touch tables, crafts, scavenger hunts, and games.
- Sat 12, 1-3pm Growing Winter Vegetables, with Philip Young. Public Library, Emily Carr Branch, 3500 Blanshard. 250-475-6100
- Sat 12, 10-2pm Annual Organic Plant Sale. Music and local goodies. GVCEC Centre 1216 North Park Street.
- Sun 13, 11–3pm Cougar Ridge Hike Guided Adult Hike. Roche Cove Regional Park, East Sooke. Meet parking lot off Gillespie Rd.
- Mon 14, 7pm Building the Environmental Movement in the Year of Rio: Principles for organizing, with Ken Wu of the Majority for A Sustainable Society. Norway House, 1110 Hillside. \$10. [majoritysustainable@gmail.com](mailto:majoritysustainable@gmail.com)
- Sat 19, 9–5pm Introduction to Cob Building with Beth Cruise, Canadian Earth Institute. \$70 Royal Roads 250-391-2600, ext 4801.
- Sun 20, 3-5pm Fairfield Transition Café at the Tin Roof Market and Deli, 101-1075 Pendergast. Monthly drop-in to talk about transition to a future with less oil – and a great opportunity to meet Fairfield neighbours with similar green values.
- Sun 20, 5:30pm VIVA-Raw Potluck , Esquimalt Recreation Centre, 527 Fraser St. Bring raw vegan food dish of 6 or more servings with ingredients list, serving utensils \$5 per adult. <http://vivaraw.ca> or Linda: (250) 380-6383
- Fri 25, 1-3pm EcoReality Celebration, join us in celebrating the completion of our new greenhouse, local munchies and music. Salt Spring, near Fulford Harbour. [www.ecoreality.org](http://www.ecoreality.org)
- Fri 25, 4-7pm Off the Grid Music and Art Festival at Fort Rodd Hill, public welcome. [offthegridfestival.ca](http://offthegridfestival.ca)
- Fri 25, 7pm **EcoNews Dessert Potluck Mailout Party.** Good friends and company! 395 Conway Road. Guy, 250-881-1304
- Sat 26, 2-4pm Winter Veggie Gardening. \$15/ \$10. Pre-register by emailing [office@compost.bc.ca](mailto:office@compost.bc.ca) or call (250) 386-9676
- Sat 26-Sun 27 10-4pm Introduction to Cob Building with Beth Cruise, Horticultural Centre of the Pacific. 250-727-9163. Members \$150, non-members \$250. To register: 250-479-6162
- Sun 27, 10:30-2:30pm Conservation Funk at Goldstream Nature House. Share your love of nature. Local businesses, musicians, volunteers and Goldstream Park Naturalists, and an educational and musical adventure. 250-478-9414
- Sun 27, 11-3pm Oak and Orca Bioregional Fair. Children's crafts and activities, free workshops and demonstrations; a silent auction; healthy lunch and bake sale; used book sale. 2738 Higgins (Cook/Hillside). 250-812-8782
- Sun 27, Noon Water Walk 2012 at Elk Lake, to raise awareness for local and global water issues and fundraise for programs in Kenya. Join a team walk around Elk and Beaver Lakes carrying a shared 10 litre pail of water. [www.vida.ca](http://www.vida.ca)
- Sun 27, 12–3pm Bee Day at Swan Lake Nature House. Bee songs, bee crafts and some bee spit to taste. Bee there or bee square. By donation. Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Swan Lake Rd. 250-479-0211
- Mon 28, 6–9pm Early Evening Canoeing Guided Paddling at Elk/Beaver Lake. Eagles, herons, turtles, with CRD Park naturalists. Canoe equipment and instruction provided, no experience is necessary. \$20/\$10 Pre-register 250-478-3344.
- Mon 28 **Bike to Work Week** starts! 224 registered teams. [www.biketowork.ca/victoria](http://www.biketowork.ca/victoria)
- Tue 29 **Day of the Honey Bee** – Proclaimed by municipalities across Canada to raise awareness about honey bees which are responsible for 70% of Canada food crop pollination.
- Thur 31, 12:30 – 9pm **Living Building Symposium.** Introduction to the world's most stringent building standard. Keynote speaker Jason McLennan. \$55/\$30. Victoria Conference Centre. Cascadia Green Building Council <http://cascadiavi.org/lbs/>