



GREEN DIARY JULY/AUGUST 2012



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

- Many early mornings and evenings:* Canoeing at Elk/Beaver Lake. Paddle for eagles, herons, turtles and other lake life with CRD Parks' naturalists. Canoe equipment and instruction provided, no experience necessary. www.crd.bc.ca/parks
- Every week:* Science Day Camps at Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre for different age groups. Investigate ecology, explore your natural home, hands-on learning adventures. 250-748-7529. www.cowichanestuary.ca.
- Wed 4, 10am & 2pm Cowichan Energy Alternatives workshop on how to convert a diesel vehicle to Straight Vegetable Oil. Meet Dockside Green, 354 Harbour Rd, Victoria. \$20 1-855-473-2739
- Sat 7, 7am GVCC Ride to Mayne Island. Leaves Selkirk Station or 10:05 Ferry. gvcc.bc.ca/rides/all-rides
- Sat 7, 10am-12pm Free Composting Basics Workshop. Learn all the basics of composting and discover which system is right for you! Compost Centre, Fernwood. Pre-register (250) 386-9676
- Sat 7, 10am-3pm Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration at Fort Rodd Hill. Free veggie lunch. 250-812-8133
- Sat 7, 2-4pm Rain Gardens. A rain garden, properly designed and maintained, will help reduce the load on storm drains while creating an attractive feature in your yard. \$15/\$10. Pre-register Compost Centre (250) 386-9676
- Sun 8, 10am-2pm Guided Adult Hike Thetis Lake Regional Park with CRD Parks' naturalist. Meet parking area off Highland Road.
- Tue 10, 5-7pm **Green Drinks** at The Office on Yates, across from the Odeon. Drink and be green! greendrinksvictoria.ning.com
- Thur 12, 1-4pm Guided Hike to summit of Mount Wells with CRD Parks' naturalist. Meet parking lot off Humpback Road.
- Fri 13, 7pm Electro Acoustic Brazilian Jungle Music Benefit Concert with singer/songwriter Joseh Garcia. Proceeds to Wild ARC for wildlife rehabilitation. \$20. Serious Coffee, 230 Cook St.
- Sat 14, 8:45am GVCC bike ride to Koksilah Trestle in the Cowichan Valley. <http://gvcc.bc.ca/rides/all-rides>
- Sun 15, 9:30am VNHS Discovery Island Bird-watchers Kayak Tour \$95. 250-665-7411. vicnhs.bc.ca/calendar.html
- Sun 15, 10am GVCC/AIBC Architectural Bike Tour. Meet Centennial Square Fountain. gvcc.bc.ca/rides/all-rides
- Mon 16, 7pm **Electric Vehicle Showcase:** Join local dealers with electric cars, bikes and scooters, ready for use. BCSEA Victoria Chapter. Meet in the parking lot opposite 875 North Park St. bmackenzie@bcsea.org www.bcsea.org
- Tue 17, 6:30pm **Bill McKibben**, author, activist and co-founder of 350.org, 2012 Robert Bateman lecturer at Royal Roads via Skype. Royal Roads Learning and Innovation Centre, Centre for Dialogue. All welcome. Admission by donation.
- Thur 19, 7pm Corner Farm, 930 Towner Park Road, North Saanich, Canadian Organic Growers farm tour. jaycox@telus.net
- Sat 21 Advanced Composting Workshop. Must have completed Composting Basics Workshop. Free. (250) 386-9676
- Sat 21, 10am-3pm Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration at Fort Rodd Hill. Free veggie friendly lunch. 250-812-8133
- Sat 21, 11am-3pm Park to Park Guided Hike, Francis/King to Thetis Lake. Meet Francis/King Nature Centre off Munn Road.
- Sun 22 GVCC Recreational Ride gvcc.bc.ca/rides/all-rides
- Wed 25, 7:30pm **On the Line** – great movie about the Enbridge Pipeline proposal. Eric Martin Pavilion Theatre at the Royal Jubille Hospital, Fort St entrance. Learn where the bitumen oil will go, if approved. www.moviemonday.ca
- Sat 28, 10am Tour de Coop. Neighbourhood tour of chicken coops. Springridge, Fernwood. uahub@lifecyclesproject.ca
- Sat 28-Sun 29 **First Vancouver Island Mini Maker Faire**, Panorama Rec Centre, Central Saanich. A celebration of the DIY Maker movement where people show what they are making, share what they are learning. <http://vi.makerfaire.ca>
- Sun 29 GVCC Recreational Ride gvcc.bc.ca/rides/all-rides
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- Thur 2, 7pm **The Time of Our Lives: Enlarging the Frame, with Joanna Macy.** \$20. Royal Roads 250-391-2600 x 4801
- Fri 3-12 Intensive Workshop with Joanna Macy. \$1295 Royal Roads 250-391-2600 x4801. Just a few spots remaining.
- Fri 3, 7am VNHS Mount Washington Botanical Day Trip. \$35 Call Agnes 250-721-0634. vicnhs.bc.ca/calendar.html
- Sun 5, 9:45am Hurricane Ridge High Elevation Wildflowers. VNHS. Agnes 250-721-0634. vicnhs.bc.ca/calendar.html
- Sun 5, 10am-2pm Park to Park Tour Guided Adult Hike at Matheson Lake Regional Park with a CRD Parks' naturalist. Matheson Lake to Roche Cove. Bring lunch, water, sturdy hiking shoes. Meet parking lot end of Matheson Lake Road.
- Sat 11, 10am-12pm FREE Composting Basics Workshop. Compost Centre, Fernwood. Pre-register (250) 386-9676
- Sat 11, 2-4pm Natural Beekeeping. How to keep bees in a natural system where they do not require treatments for pests and diseases, only minimal interventions. \$15/\$10. Compost Centre, Fernwood. Pre-register (250) 386-9676
- Sun 12, 5:45am Olympic National Park Obstruction Point Road. VNHS members get priority. Book before Aug 5. Agnes 250-721-0634. vicnhs.bc.ca/calendar.html
- Sat 18, 10am-3pm. Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration at Fort Rodd Hill. Help us win the battle against invasive species. Free veggie friendly lunch. 250-812-8133
- Sat 18, 10am-1pm Fall Organic Plant Sale and GVCEC 20th Anniversary Celebration! Join us for our first fall plant sale and pick up some great winter veggie starts while helping us to celebrate 20 years of compost and conservation education!
- Sun 19 Discovery Island Ecological Reserve Bird-watchers Kayak Tour. See July 15th vicnhs.bc.ca/calendar.html
- Sun 19, 10am-2pm Guided Adult Hike in East Sooke Regional Park with CRD Parks' naturalist. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, sturdy footwear. Meet kiosk in Aylard Farm parking lot off Becher Bay Road.
- Sun 26, 5:45am Olympic Peninsula Tufted Puffins, Brown Pelicans and More. VNHS members get priority. Book before Aug 19. Agnes 250-721-0634. vicnhs.bc.ca/calendar.html
- Fri 31, 7pm **EcoNews Dessert Potluck Mailout Party.** Good friends and company! 395 Conway Road (off Interurban, one block north of Camosun College). Guy, 250-881-1304