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Victoria & Islands events listing - March 14th, 2005 1. Women's Day Month - art exhibit - to March 31st

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3. UVic Greens Events & News - mtg March 14th
4. 10,000 Roses: The Making of Feminist Revolution - book reading - March 15th
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[contributions, considerations, concerns:](#)

* Victoria Street Newz website has a new look - many thanks to Dan Bashaw and Community Pipe. Read the archives, check for updated information about poverty issues, and post your comments at <http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>.

* Every time you make a purchase from the Soap Exchange, you're not only protecting Earth's environment with 100% biodegradable cleaning products, you can help support local organizations through the Clean-Up Club. Mention Victoria Street Newz, or another registered organization, and Wes will donate 10% of your purchase. The Soap Exchange is located at 1393A Hillside Ave (*corner of Hillside Ave & Cedar Hill Rd*), Mon-Sat 9:30-6:00; 475-0033, cleanguy@pacificcoast.net, <http://www.victorisoapexchange.com>

* From: "Leonard Thornton" <celestialleo@hotmail.com> Ongoing meditation group, conducted by Leonard Thornton for the past 25 years. Open to all who are sincerely interested in individual awakening and planetary healing and transformation. Group meets

Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9 PM

. For more information, call Leonard at 598-4303.

* From: CafeSpirituality@yahoo.ca

Cafe Spirituality: Open discussions and sharing on a broad range of spiritual topics. Bring your suggestions. Bring your questions. **Wednesdays** at 7 pm at James Bay Coffee and Books, 143 Menzies (opposite Thrifty's). By donation or buy a coffee. For more information call 360-0052.

* **Wednesday Night Peace Vigils at the Legislature - 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Everyone Welcome!**

* The Victoria Folk Music Society offers live music every **Sunday night at 7:30 pm, 1110 Hillside.**

Info:

www.pacificcoast.net/~vfms or <http://www.jeffwarner.com>

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* From: alice lutes <alutes@uniserve.com>

The Lower Mainland Social Justice Coalition, along with the Communities Solidarity Coalition from Victoria, are organizing a **Provincial conference in Vancouver starting in the evening of april 1 and continuing until Sunday afternoon on April 3**

We would like to know what the interest is in the Hurland and on the Island. If your local coalition or fightback group is interested in sending representatives to this conference, which will focus on organizing a Province wide programme of events for May 1, and discussing the ways of maintaining Provincial connections as we run up to the May 17 election, and beyond, please "reply to all" with your commitment and thoughts on this event. If you want to contact us by phone, call Phil Lyons at 604-929-1921.

* The 8th Annual Corporate Piggy Awards will be held **April 10th** this year, at the Roxy Cinegog, 2 pm. Admission is by donation. Nominees this year include Monsanto, Maximus, Wal-Mart, Hardee's, and Abbot Laboratories, among others. Formal dress optional, pig snouts free.

* From: "Hiltz Tanner" <hiltz_tanner@hotmail.com>

As you may have heard, the BCSEA is hosting a huge and exciting event at the Royal BC Museum during the weekend of **June 4-5** to kick off Enviro Week. It will be the largest promotional event that we have conceived of yet and we have a lot of work to do in the next 3 months. If there is something you would like to do, please drop me a line asap. We are looking for people from all walks of life and all backgrounds, no matter what you like to do, I will find something for you to help with. All I ask is that you donate a few hours of your precious time to show your dedication to the BCSEA and our cause.

* From: Rebecca McMackin <mcmackin@uvic.ca> I am the chairwoman for the Victoria Work Less Party and we are looking for members and even someone to run for the Work Less Party in May. We're also having a "rat race" in May which should be a ton of fun. Anyone who wants to help out or stay informed can join our mailing list at:

<http://lists.worklessparty.org/listinfo.cgi/victoria-worklessparty.org> or learn more about the party at <http://www.worklessparty.org>. Or you can contact me at 995-0469

* From: Rafah today <rafahtoday@yahoo.com> For more information please visit www.rafahtoday.org

* From: [Ingmar Lee](#)

At Tuesday's board meeting the University of Victoria Student Society unanimously adopted a motion to switch ALL 8.5x11 paper used in the Student Union Building to ethically-produced 100% post consumer paper! This will include all 8.5X11 paper sold in the ZAP paper store in the SUB building beginning in the new fiscal year!!! ZAP has been severely criticized for selling paper made by Weyerhaeuser and other ancient forest destroyers. This is a great first step! Increasing pressure is being brought on UVic President Turpin to do the same for the whole university, and we will be asking Students Societies at Universities across Canada and around the world to follow suit. Congratulations all around to the UVic Student Society for this precedent-setting decision!!!

WEYERHAEUSER AND ILK: BE-GONE!

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* From: Sheila Steele <injusticebusters@shaw.ca>

Blog: [injusticebustersbloghttp://injusticebusters.blogspot.com/2004/11/helen-michel-in-bc-activist.html](http://injusticebusters.blogspot.com/2004/11/helen-michel-in-bc-activist.html)

* From: <freedomnow@telus.net>

This is a very revealing interview that really humanizes and "raises eyebrows" about the

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possible framing of non-violent environmental activists. <http://www.radio4all.net/proginfo.php?id=11282> <http://www.treararrow.org>

* From: Peter Ewart <peter.ewart@shaw.ca> Peter Ewart of Prince George has written an article for the interactive online magazine "The Tyee" on the effect that the proposed Single Transferable Vote electoral system (BC-STV) may have on rural areas. To access the article and participate in the discussion click on the link below:

<http://www.thetyee.ca/Views/current/STVGivesRuralClout.htm>

* From: "Taiaiake Alfred" <gta@uvic.ca>

A rebellion of the truth... www.wasase.org - seeks to capture and convey a new "warrior" spirit: an attitude, a way of being in the world. It conveys through dialogue and reflection the outline of a new movement for change among Indigenous peoples that is rooted in traditional philosophies and values, but which draws from many different social and political strategies to challenge the colonial, or Settler society's dominance of Indigenous lives and land, and to altering the balance of political and economic power to re-create social and physical space for Indigenous freedom.

* From: "Johannes DeViet" <jdeviet@skynet.ca> Please visit our Web site: <http://www.gamblin.gwatch.ca>

* From: Ed & Elidah <eejewer@shaw.ca> Jack Knox is an excellent writer with the Victoria Times Colonist. Click on the following link to see what he has written about The Lost Trails Wetlands. <http://www.canada.com/victoria/timescolonist/news/story.html?id=61c1b17e-528f-41d3-8c51-d7640694616e>

Please try to attend our rally on March 16th. For information please visit our website. <http://www.lwbcwatch.org>

* From: Victoria Peace Coalition <dolcla@islandnet.com> An organization representing up to half a billion Christians worldwide has encouraged its member churches to divest from companies that participate in "illegal activities" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JPArticle/Printer&cid=1109042630008&p=1078027574097>

* From: "working TV" <workingtv@telus.net>

Highlights from the March 05 2005 International Women's Day march and rally in Vancouver. Webcast @

<http://www.workingtv.com/iwd2005.html>

* From: <pstlouis@dd-rd.ca>

Libert@s, (February/March, Issue 16), Rights & Democracy's Web Bulletin is now Online! To consult this new edition in details, click on the following link on your web browser:

<http://www.dd-rd.ca/english/commdoc/publications/libertasOnLine/LOLFeb05/Front.html>

* From: "Roy Ball" <rball2@imagotrackers.com> Canadians! Please write to Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance, and ask him to increase Canada's aid budget, and support the call for an International Finance Facility to double global aid flows. See <http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca>.

* From: <freedomnow@telus.net>

A new market has opened. Its front awning announces itself with "Mediterranean Middle Eastern Foods". It is listed as the Blair Mart in the phone book. The owner is a very warm,

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friendly--progressive person--from Iran who supports peace in the Middle East and will take posters in his window for all progressive events. He loves to give samples of his pistachiosweet s. His wife is a physician, but cannot practice here because of the professional restrictions. Address: 924 Pandora Avenue (a few doors west of the mutant McDonald's)721-1626mb-blair@shaw.ca

They are often open until 10 pm.

* From: "Conservation Voters of BC" <info@conservationvoters.ca>

You know what we found out? That BC has the weakest laws in Canada on getting big money out of politics (we're tied with Alberta). Check out our new report here:

<http://www.conservationvoters.ca/forsale>. And, if you have not already done so, consider signing our petition on this issue here:

www.actionstudio.org/public/page_view_all.cfm?option=begin&pageid=5733

* From: "Orion Carrier" <orioncarrier@hotmail.com>

To: Canadian Students Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Insitution, full or parttime - Therefore, the undersigned of this petition submit their names to the Federal

Government of Canada in support of same-sex marriage.

Visit the petition at: <http://www.petitiononline.com/cs4em>

1. WOMENS' DAY CONTINUES

IN HER SHAPE: Women Looking at Women.from Ann-Rosemary Conway thegoddessworks@shaw.ca

to March 31

Three High Art Priestesses Celebrate International Womans Day with amonth long art show. March 5 to March 31

At Martin Batchelor Gallery 712Cormorant St. (Across from City HALL)

385-7919 Open 10 -5 P.M. Mon. to Fri.

Ann-Rosemary Conway, Karen Gilmore and Marcia Stacy celebrate TheDivine Feminine in a dynamic exhibition as they invite us to explore the essence of woman through "Icons of Empowerment' NArratifMotifs and Reflections of the Timeless Soul.

The Divine Feminine is expressed in paintings, mixed media, collage, allegorical jewelry, story-telling Art Dolls, poetry and Embossed Sculpture.

This collaborative vision takes us on a journey from the Goddesses ofmany countries and eras, from the courageous women of antiquity to today, and on to the hopes for a more inclusive tomorrow.

From: rose henry <phoenixstar20032003@yahoo.com>

2. EARTH ART AT XCHANGES

"Footprints", an exhibition of work by Victoria artist Rachel Hellner, opens Friday March 4th from 7-9pm.

The show continues until March 20th at

Xchanges Gallery420 William Street

Victoria, BC V9A 3Y9(250) 382-0442www.xchangesgallery.org

Gallery hours:

Saturdays and Sundays 1-4pm or by appointment

Footprints is a collection of paintings that explores the sometimes damaging relationship

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between people and their environment, from the scars caused by countries at war to the marks people make on the natural world. Some of the pieces are made exclusively from scavenged materials into constructions the artist calls "Recycled Landscapes".

Born in London, England, Rachel is a graduate of Central St Martins College of Art and Design. She is currently completing her Masters at UVic and is teaching Art at the College of the Rockies in Cranbrook, BC. Rachel will donate a portion of the proceeds of her show to the Green Party of BC.

From: Xchanges Gallery <info@xchangesgallery.org>

3. UVIC GREENS

Next meeting will be in **SUB B024 (in the basement, under Cinecenta), on Monday, at 11:30 to 12:45** . Hope to see you there! :)

Orion

EXTRA! EXTRA!

The Green Party of BC (GPBC) now has a media relations officer, Don Toffaletto, who actually ran a news room at a radio station before. So this is his profession.

After Monday's speech by Adriane, taped by New VI, it was exciting to get a rise out of the Liberal government. These guys know we're eating away at their vote. As Don wrote to me: "...we don't exactly have them on the run...but this is a good sign. they're reacting to our agenda through media. fyi.cheersdon

CKNW News Noon March 8, 2005

Energy Minister Richard Neufeld is firing back at Green Party leader Adriane Carr who told a crowd at UVic last night the BC Liberals have missed the boat on wind energy and have become too focused on oil and gas. Neufeld says there are a few wind farms in the works in BC and he points out his government has invested two million dollars in hydrogen cell research.

"All this took place under our administration, not under the last administration I didn't see Adriane Carr talk about wind energy up until just recently so it absolutely amazes me that she's become the expert when she really isn't the expert; she should review what's going on in British Columbia."

Neufeld says BC Hydro has been purchasing energy from so-called, 'green producers'."

Moa ha ha ha ha... (that's Orion's evil laugh)

"Make Poverty History" Campaign

Endorsed by Bono, Oxfam, RESULTS, and many more. Over 1000 signatures so far...<http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/e/signup.html>

en francais:

<http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/f/signup.html>

Carrie introduces Bill C-420 for Second Reading; kicks off debate on health care freedom

<http://www.petitiononline.com/engC420/petition.html>

29 Nov 04 - Colin Carrie today kicked off the debate on Bill C-420, his Private Member's Bill aimed at amending the Food and Drug Act.

"I encourage all members to support this bill because Canadians are demanding better access to natural health products in a number of ways," said Carrie. "We want better access and more

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comprehensive information and labelling so that Canadians will know how these products can make them healthy and keep them healthy." [Read the text of the debate from HANSARD]

http://www.parl.gc.ca/38/1/parlbus/chambus/house/debates/034_2004-11-29/HAN034-E.htm#OB-1038861

From Conservation Voters of BC:

Proud to be breaking new ground - check out our NEW tracking tool to record what your MLA is saying about air, water, land, and critters.

- Does MLA Bill Bennett really want BC to build its first coal fired power plant just as Ontario has figured out these plants give kids asthma and is phasing them out?

- Does the Hon. Kevin Falcon really believe that the solution to traffic congestion is more roads, when building more roads always leads to more traffic congestion?

- Will MLA Jeff Bray succeed in getting subsidies for public transit?

Tune into to the exciting world of BC environmental politics, brought to you by Conservation Voter's MLA tracker:

<http://www.conservationvoters.ca/mlas>

(Oh, and we need your help with this - send us relevant statements from your MLA that are on the public record, and we'll put them up).

greens@uvss.uvic.ca<http://uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens>

<http://www.Care2.com> Free e-mail. 100MB storage. Helps charities.

Make a Difference: Stop Canada's cruel and senseless baby seal hunt!<http://www.care2.com/go/z/saveseals>

From: uvicgreens@wildmail.com

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**4. BOOK LAUNCH - TEN THOUSAND ROSES: THE MAKING OF A FEMINIST REVOLUTION**

By Judy Rebick

A riveting account of the real stories of Canadian feminists by one of this country's foremost feminist activists.

In Ten Thousand Roses,

-----> Judy Rebick, feminist activist <-----  
weaves together

an insightful and stirring oral history of  
four decades of  
struggles, defeats, and triumphs that

define the Canadian women's movement as  
one of the most successful in the world.



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potential node for the Regional Trail System. Additionally, the Marsh impacts our local water quality and quantity. It is a tributary to French Creek.

The Friends of Hamilton Marsh are seeking to work with the Town of Qualicum Beach, the City of Parksville, the RDN, Ducks Unlimited, the Nature Trust, the Canadian Wildlife Society, and others, to seek a positive alternative to logging. Ideally the Marsh would be left as a natural or a conservation area.

If you have concerns about the wildlife in the area and/or our local drinking water, which will be under a serious strain this summer, please join the Friends of Hamilton Marsh. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at the Civic Centre in Qualicum Beach at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) to discuss the issue of the Marsh and the means to protect it.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 16th **Time:** 7:00 p.m **Location:** Civic Centre, Qualicum Beach (Windsor OAP Room).

Contact: Ceri Peacey (752-4720) Email: FOHM@hamilton-marsh.com Web: <http://www.hamilton-marsh.com>

Many volunteers are needed. Everyone welcome.

Please forward this email to all of your friends and neighbours.

From: richard boyce <rcboyce@shaw.ca>

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## 8. COMMUNITIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Invitation to speak out about Land & Water BC [WWW.LWBCWATCH.ORG](http://WWW.LWBCWATCH.ORG)

Concerned residents living near the soon to be sold Crown forest known as the "Lost Trails Wetlands" near Qualicum Bay have invited groups and individuals to come out on March 16, 2005 and join in their opposition to the sale of valuable public lands by LWBC (Land & Water British Columbia, the Crown corporation tasked with selling and leasing Crown lands and waters). The goal is to improve communication between citizens' initiatives, regional governments, and NGOs and allow them to more effectively influence provincial land use decisions.

After 2001, LWBC was ordered to double its provincial revenue contribution to \$77 million annually. The corporation's increased sales have created problems in regions like south-eastern Vancouver Island. Here only 5% Crown land exists and this small land base often provides the public with major benefits (recreational, wildlife, aesthetic, clean water, fisheries, ecological diversity etc.).

Citizens have been frustrated by the speed of LWBC's sales, discouragement of public participation, and disregard for public values. In some cases, communities have even been forced to buy back public lands from their Crown corporation.

The March 16th event is triggered by LWBC's impending sale of 183 acres of the Lost Trails Wetlands and the corporation's insensitive public consultation process. Impacted citizens here hope to rally similarly treated individuals and groups, to create a network for sharing information, aid, and expertise, and to better inform the public of LWBC actions and intentions. The following have signaled their interest in speaking on **March 16**: Ken Wu and Annette Tanner of WCWC (Victoria and Mid Island Chapters), the David Suzuki Foundation, Andrew Gauge of the West Coast Environmental Law Society, the Comox Valley Land Trust, Regional



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District directors, First Nations, Naturalist Groups and members from various community groups in Courtenay, Nanoose, Parksville, Qualicum, and Shawnigan Lake. The list is growing. Participants and visitors will meet at 10:00 AM at the end of Larkdown Road, at a trailhead into the Lost Trails Wetland forest (The Larkdown turnoff is 200m west of the E&N crossing on the 4-lane, 3km north of the Little Qualicum River). Speakers will begin at 10:30 at a location in the forest that is currently for sale. After speeches there will be an opportunity for questions and the opportunity for a walk to see other threatened areas within the Crown Parcels. The event will conclude at approx 2:00 PM with the launch of the new website.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information contact Ed Jewer (250) 752-1833 or visit [WWW.LTWETLANDS.ORG](http://WWW.LTWETLANDS.ORG) . Please request updates before attending.

From: Ed & Elidah <eejewer@shaw.ca>

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### 9. HAPPY HOUR WITH GREGOR ROBERTSON

NDP Candidate for Vancouver- Fairview and founder of Happy Planet. Come meet Gregor Robertson. Environment

alist, successful business owner and NDP candidate.

**March 16, 5:00 - 7:30 Central Bar and Grill, 708 View Street.**

Appy's & no host bar \$50

Please call 721-8804 for tickets

From: Edward may <ed@fanweb.org>

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**10. ETHICS BUYING CLUB** First off, a quick update on EBC's March 2nd order. Another successful order with only a few items 'missing in action'. A great big thank you to Judy, Noah, Deb, Jess, Jen, John, Daniela, Rowena, Phil and Dave for helping to make it possible. And thank you to all our members who placed orders - we had an even larger total order than our previous order. We also had some great deals on fresh, organic produce and we're hoping to have lots more produce for our next order! Speaking of which, the next order will be sometime in May (exact date TBA).

Everyone is invited to our upcoming meeting - a chance to contribute ideas and suggestions and to meet other members of the collective. **Date: Thursday**

**March 17th. 6pm (dinner), 6:30pm (meeting), 8pm (finish).**

#### Place

: Green Cuisine (lower courtyard of Market Square). We have the small room next to the cash register reserved for us.

#### Agenda

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1. reflections on March 2nd order
2. ideas for improving order compilation process
3. website plans
4. volunteering
5. EBC vision and future goals
6. other?

Even if you can only make part of the meeting, feel free to stop by. There's a play area for kids in the corner. Hope to see some of you on the 17th!

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in peace,

heather

[www.ethicscoop.ca](http://www.ethicscoop.ca)

Ethics Buying Collective

From: Heather Steel <[heather@islandveg.com](mailto:heather@islandveg.com)>

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### **11. ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE COWICHAN THEATRE**

The Celtic Rhythm Dancers and the Cowichan Folk Guild are joining forces to present a St. Patrick's Day celebration for all ages at the Cowichan Theatre on

**Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM.**

Talented singers, dancers and musicians will fill the stage with traditional and modern Irish song and dance, weaving together an upbeat tale set within an Irish kitchen party theme. A magical story is told through the eyes and dreams of well-respected local Irish entertainer, Owen Finnegan, a leprechaun of the highest order.

There'll be plenty of shenanigans and charms cast about with ample doses of blarney, laughter, good music and spirited dancing. A ceili is sure to break out at some point. The planned performers to date include Ari and Mack Jonsson and Gabriel Pinchbeck who will be playing some lively jigs and reels, Gaelic singer Mary Murphy who will be accompanied by guitarist Paul Keim ([www.maryandpaul.com](http://www.maryandpaul.com)) - plus the advanced group of the Celtic Rhythm Dancers who will be performing a varied programme of Irish Dance (with even the hardshoes hitting the boards).

Directed by Judy Hogg, a dance instructor in the Valley for over 27 years, the School boasts over 100 dancers who enjoy a non-competitive, recreational environment where the accent is on fun as well as finesse and students enjoy instruction in both traditional and contemporary Irish dance steps in addition to original choreography.

Plan not to miss this very entertaining, whimsical Irish celebration on March 17th. Tickets are on sale now! Adults: \$12, Students, Seniors and CFG members: \$10 at the Cowichan Ticket Centre or phone 748-7529.

Sincerely, Nikki Nilsson Business Manager Cowichan Folk Guild Islands Folk Festival (July 22-24, 2005)

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P.O. Box 802, Duncan BC

[www.folkfest.bc.ca](http://www.folkfest.bc.ca)

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From: <[info@folkfest.bc.ca](mailto:info@folkfest.bc.ca)>

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### **12. MAYOR ALAN LOWE'S OPEN DOOR**

The Mayor's "Open Door" is held the 3rd Friday of each month (except December). It begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. No appointments are made in advance as it is on a 'first come - first serve' basis. Citizens are given 10 minutes to discuss their issues privately with the Mayor.

#### **2005 Open Door Dates**

- **March 18th**
- **April 15th**

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- **May 20st**
- **June 17th**
- **July 15th**
- **August 19th**
- **September 16th**
- **October 21st**
- **November 18th**
- **December - NO OPEN DOOR**

Info: [mayor@city.victoria.bc.ca](mailto:mayor@city.victoria.bc.ca)

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13. SHAMROCK THE VOTE!

Raise a cold frothy glass of beer for St. Patrick and help raise some campaign funds for the Hillside Greens and their Candidate Steve Filipovic. **Friday 18 March Norway House 1110 Hillside Ave 6PM - Late**

Live local music, food and drink.

\$5

Info: 382-8378 victoria@greenparty.bc.ca

From: ariel lade <alade@telus.net> ~~~~~

14. ANCIENT FOREST CONFERENCE

The Wilderness Committee, Victoria Chapter is proud to present the Ancient Forest Conference! **Saturday, March 19, 2005 University of Victoria Student Union Building, Vertigo**

- Registration will be from 9:00-9:30 AM.- Conference will be from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM with 45-minute lunch break (light snacks and coffee provided).

This conference will give you some of the knowledge, skills, and inspiration you need to help protect our ancient forests. The BC provincial election is coming up, May 17, and in that context we will explore the science and politics of BC's ancient forests.

The goals of the conference are to: 1. Present KEY ideas and players in the ancient forest protection movement. 2. Introduce NEW ideas and scientific findings. 3. And teach activism skills.

Some of the newest and most interesting scientific findings in VI's ancient forests will be presented; it'll remind you that you are part BC politics; it'll inspire you with stories of grassroots campaigns; and it'll show you some of the skills you need to get out there and make the long-lasting changes that are needed.

Be sure to register early, tickets are only \$9.00 for students, and \$15.00 for everyone else. The price also includes coffee, tea and light snacks. As a special deal, the conference fee will be

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waived with the purchase of a yearly membership (only \$30.00)!!

To pre-register:- call 388-9292 and pay by credit card- drop by our store at 651 Johnson Street in Victoria. - or mail your information and

payment to:

WCWC 651 Johnson Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1M7 Please include, your name, address, email and payment (Cheques made out _____ to "WCWC").

For more information call Cassbreea at (250) 388-9292 or stop by 651 Johnson Street in Victoria.

A list of the speakers and topics is below:

Dr. Tom Reimchen (UVic Biology)- "BC's Salmon Forest - the uptake of nitrogen from salmon carcasses in enhancing rainforest productivity and biodiversity."

Dr. Neville Winchester (UVic Biology)- "Ancient Coastal Rainforests: Conservation Lessons from the High Canopy."

Kathryn Molloy (Conservation Voters of BC, Board) - "BC politics, the upcoming provincial election, and the BC's forests."

Ken James (Youbou Timberless Society)- "A millworkers's perspective: The Youbou Mill story, raw log exports, community forestry, and tenure reform."

Ken Wu (WCWC) - "Ancient Forest Mish-Mash: Forest activism, conservation biology, protected areas, and the Eco-Election Campaign."

Diego Garcia (Friends of Clayoquot Sound) - "The struggle continues to save Vancouver Island's largest intact ancient rainforest: Clayoquot Sound."

Pat Rasmussen (World Temperate Rainforest Coalition) - "Temperate Rainforests of the World - Tasmania's ancient eucalypt forests, New Zealand's

kaori forests, Chile's alerce forests, US redwoods, and Canada's red cedars."

Faisal Moola (Raincoast Conservation Society) "Large carnivore conservation and the ancient forests of BC."

Jessica Bell (Rainforest Action Network) - "Markets Campaigns to defend ancient forests: Direct Action protests and consumer pressure."

Jill Thompson (Sierra Club of BC) - ""Everyday Citizens Making a Difference: Grassroots Activism in BC."

Valerie Langer (Second Harvest Paper Project) "Long Term solutions - Transforming Paper and Construction Material Production and Use."

Justin Calof (Sierra Club of BC) - "Tenure reform and working with forestry communities."

Ken Wu (WCWC) - "How to build a wilderness campaign and grassroots organization."

And more speakers TBA...

We look forward to seeing you - don't forget to register early! Thanks,

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15. THE GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ

ALL OUT SATURDAY MARCH 19TH

Rally at 1:00 pm Centennial Square

Featured speakers: MAJED JARRAR - Currently attending Pearson College, Majed hails from Fallujah, Iraq, the site of the worst American bombing since the invasion of Baghdad. Majed will share with us both the horror and the hope of Iraqis today. He will also impress upon us the importance of the Global Day of Action, as a key way of letting Iraqis know they are not alone in their opposition to the US/UK occupation.

TERI BARCLAY - From Seattle, Teri is a member of the growing Military Families Speak Out, an American organization of people with loved ones serving in the military in Iraq. Her son has recently returned from Iraq. Teri will bring us up to date on the increasing opposition to the war within the US, including inside the military itself.

BILL GEIMER - Now residing in Sooke, Bill held a senior post in the US military in the 1960s, but resigned shortly after America's war on Vietnam began. He remained in the US and gave legal assistance to Americans wishing to file conscientious objector applications, or move to Canada. He will encourage us to put pressure on our government to allow today's American war resisters to remain in Canada.

There will also be musicians and an update on how the Global Day of Action has unfolded in other cities in the world and Canada.

Bring your banners, placards, and noisemakers, and join millions around the world who say "The world still says no to war. Troops out now!"

This Day of Action has been called by the World Social Forum.

Groups sponsoring this event in Victoria include: Council of Canadians (Victoria Chapter), Green Party, International Socialists, University of

Victoria Students Society, Victoria Peace

Coalition, and War Resisters Support Campaign.

For further information or to help organize and promote this event, call 385-3934.

Planning meetings take place every Thursday, 5:00 pm, at the University of Victoria Student Union Building, Room B024 (basement level).

From: Valerie Lannon <vlannon@pacificcoast.net>

GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION

On this 2nd-year anniversary of the illegal U.S. invasion of Iraq, join people all around the world to say - YES to PEACE and JUSTICE! NO to WAR and OCCUPATION!

Saturday March 19th Gather 11.30 a.m. @ Peace Flame Park (south end of Burrard Bridge)

Rally with music and speakers @ 1.p.m. @ Sunset Beach

(off Beach Ave @ Bute)

Families are encouraged to attend; there will be balloons and other entertainment at the rally site.

Organized by StopWar.ca - A Labour/Community Peace Coalition of over 160 member organizations: www.stopwar.ca . <contact@stopwar.ca> 604 737-1299

-All events organized or endorsed by StopWar.ca, a broad-based coalition with over 160 endorsing organizations and prominent individuals.

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Greetings, We now have 32 listed actions in Canada for the Global Days of action against the war! I have also taken the liberty of adding our events to the global listings which are on the CPA site at: [http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/M19\\_21International.htm](http://www.acp-cpa.ca/en/M19_21International.htm) The international group pulling together the listings is looking for help. If there are any events that you may know of please input the info or send a message to the UK Stop the War Coalition who is hosting the listings. See: <http://www.stopwar.org.uk/march20/> for contact info.

Many of the groups in Canada are calling asking for more resources about the occupation. Lots of people are encountering more questions about the nature of the occupation and some arguments about the elections. We are developing a simple two page flyer with myths and realities of the occupation which will be available by Monday on the CPA site. Please let us know what sort of specific questions you think we should address in the flyers.

Keep those postings coming in to [cpa@web.ca](mailto:cpa@web.ca)

Peace

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16. **HidE & go HoMeLess**

A controversial documentary film made entirely by youth that explores the issue of homelessness and poverty in Victoria. Close to five hundred attended the first screening, so it's back by popular demand!

Saturday, March 19, 7 PM At the Movie Monday theatre in the Eric Martin Pavilion South entrance, 1900 Block Fort St. (between Trent Street and Lee Ave)

Parking on Lee Ave. is ok in the 1 hr zone Bus #11 or #14

Map located on <http://www.islandnet.com/mm>

In September 2004, as part of a non-profit agency that addresses issues related to community-based and global poverty, a handful of young people set out to make a documentary film about poverty and homelessness in Victoria. None of the filmmakers had any experience with filmmaking and all of them faced particular issues in their lives that made securing employment difficult.

Despite the film being created on low-end equipment, some of which was found in the bottom of an old filing cabinet, the filmmakers managed to create a professional looking film that was provocative enough to cause controversy even before it was produced. The non-profit agency that employed this particular group of youth felt that the film's political content could jeopardize the agency's charitable tax status. As a result, the filmmakers were given the option to either remove any political content from the film or lose out on its production funding, a value of approximately \$1000. Not wanting to weaken the film's underlying message, the filmmakers

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decided that they could do without the production funding and reached into their own pockets to produce it.

Admission by donation - all proceeds to benefit:

Victoria Street Newz: an alternative not for profit print media that provides a voice and income opportunities for economically marginalized and/or socially disadvantaged people while, at the same time, offering employable skills training and increased self-esteem.

Mask Removal Productions: a not for profit production company that provides marginalized youth with the opportunity to create documentary films about social issues.

For further information contact Roderick Taylor at 360-2913 maskremovalproductions@telus.net

Venue made available by Movie Monday

From: "Roderick Taylor" <roddie@telus.net>

17. VANCOUVER ISLAND VEGETARIAN ASSOCIATION

Sunday, March 20: RAW Cowichan Valley potluck. For more details contact David.Fern@gems4.gov.bc.ca and see <http://www.islandveg.com/viva-raw/>

Sunday, April 3 at 7 pm: Room 158 in the Faculty of Law Fraser Building, the University of Victoria Student Animal Legal Defense Fund is pleased to

announce our hosting of ecofeminist and author Carol J. Adams. She will be presenting her slideshow on The Sexual Politics of Meat. Her presentation

will be followed by a book signing and vegan reception. Join us as Carol J.

Adams presents the Sexual Politics of Meat Slideshow that discusses the images of women and animals in contemporary popular culture. The slideshow provides an ecofeminist analysis of the interconnected oppressions of

sexism, racism, and speciesism by exploring the way popular culture presents images of race, gender, and species to further oppressive attitudes. It also

suggests forms of resistance against the construction of individuals, human or non-human, as "meat." Drawing upon images from popular culture, it

answers the question: how does someone become a piece of meat? The slideshow demonstrates how a trinity of interrelated forces--objectification,

fragmentation, and consumption--impacts our cultural and personal

consciousness about women and animals. For more information please see our website at www.law.uvic.ca/saldf or contact Shannon Elliott at sde@uvic.ca.

Sunday April 17th (date and time tentative): Vegetarian Q&A by dietician Vesanto Melina who is author of Food Allergy Survival Guide, Raising Vegetarian Children, The New Becoming Vegetarian, Becoming Vegan, and Healthy Eating for Life to Prevent and Treat Cancer. For more info or to volunteer to assist email viva@islandveg.com

Send your announcements to viva@islandveg.com From: "Trevor Murdock"

<Veg@MoreThanSolutions.com>

18. VICTORIA SECULAR HUMANISTS

Glenn Hardie will present "The Essence of Humanism: Free Thought versus Religious Belief" at a meeting of the Victoria Secular Humanists on

March 20 at 10:30 at Swan's, 506 Pandora Street.

Free.

Contact 480 - 1929 or 360 - 1068.

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From: Max Halber <max_halber@shaw.ca>

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**19. TO STV OR NOT TO STV**

Hello Friends and Fellow STV Organizers:

The Environmental Law Centre at the University of Victoria presents:

"To STV or Not to STV?" An Interactive Workshop on the Single Transferable Vote

**MONDAY, MARCH 21**

**7:00 PM**

**FRASER BUILDING (ROOM 159) University of Victoria**

I would be eternally grateful if you could distribute this e-mail far and wide. If your organization has an e-newsletter, we would love to be included in it. If you have access to a printer, perhaps you could hang our poster on your office door or in the lunch room.

I've copied the text of the press release into the body of this e-mail. I'm also sending the press release and poster as attachments.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Jennie Milligan  
Student, Faculty of Law 250.721.3553

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"To STV or Not to STV?" - An Interactive Workshop on the Single Transferable Vote

Victoria, BC - February 28, 2005

Over recent months, British Columbia has quietly been involved in what has been called "the most significant event in Canadian democracy." A group of 160 ordinary citizens were selected to form the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, and were given the extraordinary task of identifying the voting system best suited to the province.

On March 21, the public is invited to the University of Victoria to participate in an interactive workshop exploring the group's choice: the Single Transferable Vote electoral system. The issue is of critical importance to all British Columbians, who will be asked to vote on the future of BC's electoral system in a referendum on May 17.



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The discussion will be moderated by Andrew Petter, Dean of Law at the University of Victoria and former Attorney General of British Columbia. Panelists scheduled to attend include Ben Berger, Professor of Law at the University of Victoria, as well as Citizens' Assembly Members Wendy Bergerud and Diana Byford. All attendees will learn the inner workings of the STV system by participating in a mock election.

The event will take place at 7:00 pm in Room 159 of the Fraser Building at the University of Victoria. For directions, see <http://www.uvic.ca/maps/index.html>.

The workshop is being hosted by the Environmental Law Centre, a student group at the University of Victoria. Admission is free. For more information, please call 250.721.3553. The Environmental Law Centre (ELC) is a non-profit society at the University of Victoria. The primary mission of the ELC is to provide research and advocacy on public interest environmental issues. The ELC has a multi-pronged structure, drawing on the expertise and involvement of students, professors, legal practitioners, and environmental activists. For more information on the Environmental Law Centre, please visit our website at <http://www.elc.uvic.ca/>.

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### 20. EXPANDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

HSD's Studies in Policy and Practice proudly presents this public lecture "Expanding Women's Rights through the International Criminal Court" by Dr. Louise Chappell, Ruth Wynn Woodward Endowed Chair in Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University (Spring 2005) and Professor, School of Economics and Political Science, University of Sydney, Australia.

#### Tuesday March 22 HSD A240 - 7pm U of Victoria

This lecture will consider the ways in which women's activists, especially the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice, have shaped the Rome Statute to bring about gender justice under international law. It examines developments in the recognition of sex-based crimes such as rape and forced pregnancy, as well as the move to have women better represented in all the key functions of court.

While the talk will focus on the progress made by women's activists in relation to the ICC, it also points to ongoing challenges to gender equality under the law from religious and state actors hostile to these developments.

For more information, please contact [rsgold@uvic.ca](mailto:rsgold@uvic.ca)

From: "Greg Awai" <[scvipirg@uvic.ca](mailto:scvipirg@uvic.ca)>

### 21. ECONEWS EXCERPTS

All month: CRD Parks outings and explorations, for all ages. 478-3344

<http://www.crd.bc.ca/parks>

Every Monday 7:30pm: ?Healthy Home?. TV Series on KNOW TV

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Every Friday, 9pm: NOW magazine, KCTS TV, Channel 19

Every Sat, 1:30pm: Tour of Merve Wilkinson's Wildwood Forest, Ladysmith. Jay, 250-245-5540

Directions -- <http://www.ecoforestry.ca/WildwoodMap.htm>

Every Sat, 10:30am. Tours of OUR EcoVillage, Shawnigan Lake. Call Brandy, 743-3002.

Every Sun, 3pm. Free vegetarian food at Pandora (Harris Green) between Open Door and McDonalds [foodnotbombs@ziplip.com](mailto:foodnotbombs@ziplip.com)

Mon 1-2, Winds of Change. Mon 5-6, Gorilla Radio. Fri, 9-10am The Real News.CFUV 101.9FM./104.3 <http://cfuv.uvic.ca/word.html>

Neighbourhood Plastics Recycling: see <http://www.pacificmobiledepots.com> for schedules

Tue 15, 7:30pm Che Guevara: The Man and the Mystique. Talk by Dr. Carlos Pazos of Cuba, friend and colleague of Che. Performance by Pearson College Singers. Benefit Night for Physicians for Global Survival. Alix Goolden Hall; Tickets \$10/\$5 at Munro's, Ivy's, Koinonia, UVic bookstore, VIPIRG, YM/YWCA, Global Village Store and Tanner's. 479-9189

Tue 15, 7:30pm Camas Landscapes of Southern Vancouver Island, with Dr. Brenda Beckwith. Swan Lake Nature House. Vic NHS.

Thur 17, 10-2pm Upper Thetis Lake and Beyond. Meet lakeside parking area west of the main parking lot. Adults only. CRD Parks

Thur 17, 7pm Geoff Johnson on Permaculture at the organic growers SIOPA meeting, 852 Cormorant. Free, 642-3671.

Thur 17, 7pm Wind Power: Gerry and Betty Paschen will tell how a group of like-minded people in Alberta pooled their money, know-how, efforts and hard work to erect a Wind turbine in Pincher Creek. In the process WindSong Inc. was created, and many things learned. Friends of Renewable Energy BC. Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone [forebc@shaw.ca](mailto:forebc@shaw.ca) 384-0366.

Thur 17, 7pm ?Subdivide and Conquer?. Film about urban sprawl, and alternatives. KNOW TV. <http://www.subdividefilm.com>

Fri 18, 1:30pm World Federalists, Victoria Branch. A Positive Look at the Single Transferable Voting System. Tea, Coffee-by donation. James Bay United Church 5ll Michigan. I. Walker 418-8687

Fri 18, 7:30pm House concert with Ian Tamblyn, <http://www.tamblyn.com>. Advance tickets only: \$15. Ian works as a naturalist guide in the Arctic and Antarctic; may have slides as well as songs. John or Lynn ([john\\_f\\_taylor@telus.net](mailto:john_f_taylor@telus.net)), phone (598-3584), or catch us at the Folk Club Sunday nights. Repeats. Sat 19, 7:30pm

Sat 19, 10-5pm Ancient Forest Conference. Many inspiring keynote speeches, with workshops and films to inform and inspire you to take action in defense of BC's endangered ecosystems. Dr. Tom Reimchen, Dr. Neville Winchester, Zoe Lindo, Valerie Langer, Matt Price, Ken James, Diego Garcia, Pat Rasmussen, Jessica Bell, Chris Genovali, Jill Thompson, Justin Cailof, Ken Wu. Cassbreea Savage. Western Canada Wilderness Committee, 388-9292 [wc2vic@island.net](mailto:wc2vic@island.net). UVic SUB, Vertigo Room

Sat 19, 1pm Gonzales Hill: Past and Present. Meet parking lot end of Denison Road, off Beach Drive. 8 years+ CRD Parks

Sat 19, 1pm Global Day of Action Against the Occupation of Iraq, Centennial Square. Answer the call from the World Social Forum to protest the occupation of Iraq on March 19/05, the second anniversary of the US/UK invasion. Endorsers include UVic Students Society, Green Party, Victoria Peace Coalition, War Resisters Support Campaign, International Socialists. 385-3934

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Sat 19, 1pm Young Naturalists Field Trip, with Helen Oldershaw (Friends of Beacon Hill Park). History of Beacon Hill Park while exploring the amazing flora and bird life in the park. Families meet gate to petting zoo. VNHS.

Sat 19 & Sun 20 Core Shamanism as a tool for Personal Healing and Empowerment. \$170, \$150 if registered before March 5 Marianne S"mann-Wyss, 382-3582 msw@islandnet.com <http://www.islandnet.com/~msw>

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