

ENVIRONMENT FAIR MARCH 1, 2008

EVENT HOST

Cowichan Action on Climate Change

Supporting positive actions within our community to lower carbon emissions.
Peter Nix 748-7954 cowichanglobalwarming@shaw.ca

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS & SOCIETIES

BC Sustainable Energy Association

Promoting the understanding, development and adoption of sustainable energy, energy efficiency and conservation in B.C.
5-4217 Glanford Ave. Victoria. www.bcsea.org 250-744-2720 pronald@bcsea.org

Bench Elementary Make a Difference Club

A group of students who are making a difference for the visually impaired, Myanmar, the homeless in Duncan, and the environment. Their environmental project is to ban plastic grocery bags in the Cowichan Valley, B.C. and eventually Canada.
Debbie Smith Home: 743-5196, Work: 743-5552. usanadeb@shaw.ca

Be the Change Earth Alliance

Empowering citizens to understand the fundamental causes of the ecological crisis facing us, and engage in personal actions to meet these challenges. Elizabeth Gorla 746-0596, www.awakeningthedreamer.org , e.gorla@shaw.ca or info@bethechangeearthalliance.org

Chemainus Biodiversity Education Project

A volunteer-based collaboration to foster stewardship of local biodiversity and ecosystem health through experiential learning using the local environment as an "outdoor classroom."
POLIS Project, University of Victoria, University House 4, Box 3060, Victoria BC, V8W 3R4
Kathy Wachs 416-0382, Kelly Bannister 246-9722, Karla Ryan 245-9135
www.polisproject.org/projects/biodiversityeducation biodiversitymatters@gmail.com

Chemainus Community Garden Organizing Committee "Ground-breaking" work is being done to get a community garden up and running at Chemainus Elementary School. Carol Querengesser 246-1917 rise-shine@shaw.ca

Chemainus Residents Association

Our mission is to focus on all issues, including the protection of Echo Heights, which could affect the quality of life for residents of Chemainus. Rosemary Ratcliff 246-2002 www.chemainusra.org chemainusra@telus.net

City Green Solutions

Expert energy advice, customized retrofit planning, and access to incentive grants. Serving the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island, the Kootenay Region and Haida Gwaii. 1-866-381-9995 to book an energy assessment.
www.citygreen.ca, outreach@citygreen.ca

Coastal Invasive Plant Committee

Coordination & Education for Invasive Plant Management in Coastal B.C.
Wendy Tyrrell - Coordinator 250-857-2472. www.coastalinvasiveplants.com info@coastalinvasiveplants.com

Connecting Cowichan

Organizing walks in the Cowichan Valley to build community, talk about land use and local economics, have fun. Zane Parker www.cowichan.blogspot.com. connectingcowichan@gmail.com

Council of Canadians, Cowichan Valley

Promoting an independent Canada, with strong social programs, a healthy environment, sound economy, secure energy resources and publicly owned water. Nancy Clegg 250-743-1042 www.canadians.org clegg@shaw.ca

Cowichan Community Land Trust Society

Dedicated to the conservation and protection of natural areas in the Cowichan Valley.

#6 - 55 Station Street Duncan, B.C. Phone/Fax: 250-746-0227 <http://www.island.net/~cclt/> cclt@naturecowichan.net

Cowichan Green Community

Promoting energy efficiency, healthy housing and environmental sustainability in the Cowichan Valley. Where environment and community meet. 277 Craig Street, Duncan, B.C.

Phone/Fax: 250-748-8506 cgc@island.net www.cowichangreencommunity.org

Cowichan Stewardship Round Table

A forum to share information, identify communities of interest, rank projects at a watershed scale, pool resources, attract funders, and enable a new way of conducting stewardship business. Interdisciplinary, ecosystem based, and blending a technical and management working group. Inclusive membership open to other organizations, private sector, and individuals, who express interest in the process, can add value, and build consensus. 746-2509 kmiller@cvrd.bc.ca Environmental Manager CVRD

Cowichan Valley Naturalists' Society

Speaking for nature because nature cannot speak for itself. Box 361 Duncan, BC V9L 3X5 Phone 250-746-6141 Linda or John www.island.net/~cvns/ cvns@naturecowichan.net

Cowichan Valley Recycle

Locally owned and operated source for recycling and gifting of items you no longer need. www.cvrecycle.ca cvrecycle@yahoo.ca

Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island Society

Promoting conservation and solutions for meeting Vancouver Island's energy needs in socially and environmentally responsible ways, so as to facilitate economic and social development. Ian Gartshore 250-754-0698 www.esvi.ca

Georgia Strait Alliance

Caring for our Coastal Waters. The only citizens' group focused on protecting the marine environment in and around the Strait of Georgia. 195 Commercial St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5G5. Office: 250.753.3459 Cell: 250.668.2146 Skype: amber.hieb www.GeorgiaStrait.org

Ladysmith Green Team

Local citizens concerned about local issues and working towards making our community sustainable.

John Wilson 250-245-5800 ladysmithgreenteam@hotmail.com

North American Indigenous Games Green Team

Community volunteers working with NAIG organizers to reduce the environmental impact of the 10-day event. Aaron Richard 250-732-3619 cowichanrecyclists@gmail.com

O.U.R. Ecovillage

25 acre model demonstration sustainable village and educational institute. Brandy Gallagher 743-3067

www.ourecovillage.org info@ourecovillage.org

Quamichan Watershed Stewardship Committee

To restore and maintain the health of the Quamichan Watershed so that it can once again serve its historical role as an important fish and wildlife habitat and recreation area. Donna Hert 250-746-8863 donna Hert@telus.net

Shawnigan Lake Watershed Watch

Dedicated to preventing further damage to the watershed and restoring it. Mary Desmond 743-2278 slwwa@uniserve.com

Sierra Club BC

Exploring and protecting the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.

Leyla Nikkel 250-386-5255 www.sierraclub.bc.ca info@sierraclub.bc.ca

Social Planning Cowichan

Bringing the community together to create solutions to issues affecting the quality of life for everyone in the Cowichan Region. Current projects are the Regional Affordable Housing Directorate and the Regional Child Care Task Force.
Candace Spilsbury 746-1004 or 710-4959 www.socialplanningcowichan.org info@socialplanningcowichan.org

Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society

To operate, maintain, manage, and preserve the Somenos Marsh Conservation Area for nature study, observance of flora and fauna, protection of wildlife habitat and for the advancement of public education to create a deepened and broadened understanding of wildlife habitat and of the need for responsible eco system management".
Bob Isbister 746-7030 www.somenosmarsh.com info@somenosmarsh.com

Somenos Women's Institute

Working For Home and Country. Ruth Fenner 246-2120 www.svanciswomensinstitute.bc.ca

TLC The Land Conservancy of British Columbia

Protecting important habitat for plants, animals and natural communities, and properties with historical, cultural, agricultural, scientific, scenic or compatible recreational value. TLC's 27-acre Keating Farm Estate on Miller Road near Duncan, part of the Agricultural Land Reserve, has significant features. Keating Community Farm Co-operative is exploring its great agricultural potential.

Deborah Hudson dhudson@conservancy.bc.ca www.conservancy.bc.ca 250-479-8399

Treffery Creek Streamkeepers

Teens operating as part of the Young Naturalists Club of the Cowichan Valley.

Marilyn Rummel, Pascale Archibald 709-2395. www.naturecowichan.net sweetpmarie@hotmail.com or marilyn@harpcanad.com

Young Naturalists Club of the Cowichan Valley

For children ages 5 to 11 and their families. We hold Explorer Days every month, September to November and January to May, usually beginning at 10 am and usually on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Box 361, Duncan, BC V9L 3X5 Linda or John at 250-746-6141 cvns@island.net www.island.net/~cvns/youth.htm

Vancouver Island Diet

Promotion of local food producers, local food movement, local diet, 100 mile diet.

Sharon Jackson 250-746-9451 www.vancouverislanddiet.com info@vancouverislanddiet.com

Vancouver Island Water Watch Coalition Promoting the protection of community water/wastewater systems, community watersheds and the environment. Mike Coates/Rodger Oakley, www.vancouverislandwaterwatchcoalition.ca
mcoates@cupe.bc.ca or oakleyr@shaw.ca

Volunteer Cowichan

Raises awareness of the power of service, encourages people to volunteer, provides information about volunteerism and recognizes the contribution of volunteers. Ph: 748-2133, Fax: 748-3509 www.volunteercowichan.bc.ca

West Coast Environmental Law

B.C.'s legal champions for the environment, provide environmental law research, representation and education services to promote protection of the environment and public participation in environmental decision-making.

1-800-330-9235 www.wcel.org admin@wcel.org

Western Canada Wilderness Committee

Canada's largest membership-based wilderness protection organization with almost 70,000 members and donors.

www.wcwcviictoria.org 250-388-9292 outreach@wcwcviictoria.org

GOVERNMENT

BC Conservation Services Mark.Kissinger@gov.bc.ca

CVRD Environment Commission

Community members helping guide the development of the comprehensive regional environment plan for today and the future. kemiller@cvrd.bc.ca Kate Miller, Environmental Manager Ph :746-2500

Town of Ladysmith

Ladysmith is in the process of forming an environmental commission to direct and provide input to the Town on environmental issues. The Commission positions will be advertised in March and will consist of nine members.
250-245-6400 www.ladysmith.ca rmalli@ladysmith.ca

BUSINESSES

BC Hydro

Providing reliable power to 94 % of British Columbia's population. Energy-saving ideas. www.bchydro.com/powersmart

The Community Farm Store. Corfield Coffee Bar

Promoting organic food, local when possible. 101 - 330 Duncan St., Duncan at the Duncan Garage 748-6227

Cowichan Bio-Diesel Co-op (CB-DC)

Dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a more ethical, sustainable, community-based economy through public education and the local use and production of bio-fuels from recycled vegetable oil. PO Box 1043, Duncan, BC V9L 3Y2 www.smellbetter.org 748-2694 info@smellbetter.org

Cowichan Recyclists

A local, emission-free recycling pickup service done by bicycle and trailer, for Duncan businesses.
250-732-3619 www.cowichanrecyclists.com cowichanrecyclists@gmail.com

Discovery Honda

Offering the optimum gas electric Civic hybrid at 60mpg average. www.discoveryhonda.com
6466 Bell McKinnon Rd., Duncan 748-5814

Dr. Björn's Auto

Plant oil fuel systems, Diesel vehicle conversions, SVO and WVO systems 3380 Kilipi Road, Cobble Hill, B.C. V0R 1L4.
Björn 250-743-7575 www.plantdrive.ca drbjornsauto@shaw.ca

E Bike Solutions

Tomorrow's eco friendly transportation, available today.
Reinholt Teichgraber 748-4916 www.valuride.com ebikesolution@live.ca

Earthen Homes

Rammed Earth Builders / Non Toxic Custom Cabinetry
PO Box 74 Duncan B.C. V9L 3X1 748-8632 www.earthenhomes.ca office@earthenhomes.ca

EcoGreen Interiors

Interior design focused on 'green' -not just energy conservation, but also interior finishes & air quality supporting our earth's environment. 3055 Quennell Road, Nanaimo, BC V9X 1K5
Loreen Graw, www.ecogreeninteriors.com info@ecogreeninteriors.com 250-245-9806

Ecosip Industries Inc.

Manufacturer of a Green Building System called Structural Insulated Panels (SIPS). 250- 746-9866
2915 Allenby Road Duncan, BC 250-885-5072, www.ecosipsinc.com jordan@ecosipsinc.com

The Eco Store

Providing planet conscious products for personal & household use.
460 Pine Ave Duncan BC 709-8668 www.theecostore.ca theecostore@shaw.ca

EA Energy Alternatives Ltd.

5 - 4217 Glanford Ave., Victoria, BC, V8Z 4B9, 800-265-8898, sales@energyalternatives.ca, www.EnergyAlternatives.ca

Experience Cycling

Your bicycle shop. www.experiencecycling.ca 482 Trans Canada Hwy. Duncan 746-4041 will@experiencecycling.ca

Global Warming Down-to-Earth Solutions Inc.

Consulting company working out viable solutions to issues of global warming and climate changes. PO Box 1324 Ladysmith, BC Ph: 250-245-0102, Cell: 250-714-2972, mrgntnster@gmail.com

Islanders Trading

New initiative. Agent promoting and distributing eco products and services. Linda Billings, 743-1585, islanderstrading@yahoo.ca

Janitors' Warehouse

Providing solutions for a cleaner, healthier and safer environment. #1-2900 Allenby Road, Duncan, B.C. Kevin Norbury/Rob Chapman/ Ken Poirier. 250-748-2199 www.janitorswarehouse.ca knorbury@janitorswarehouse.ca

Lockhart Industries

"Better heating from the ground up". P.O. Box 784, Duncan, B.C., V9L 3Y1, 748-1731 www.lockhart.ca, lockhart@lockhart.ca

Peaks Coffee Roastery

Organic specialty coffee roasted in the Cowichan Valley. Dana Meiner, 250-709-2387 www.peakscoffee.com peakscoffee@shaw.ca

Pop Bottle Creations

Items made from plastic pop bottles. 6151 Denver Way, Nanaimo BC 250-390-2428 jimschultz@telus.net

Shore Energy Solutions, Ltd.

Tangible solutions to reduce energy use in housing, businesses, and transportation through presentations, reports, project management and contracting. Ian Gartshore, 1-877-754-0698 (toll free), www.shoreenergy.ca, 4energy@telus.net

Thistle Consulting Services

Options and solutions for sustainable development education, communications, programs and policies. 2689 Cedar Road, Nanaimo, Laurie Gourlay, 250-722-7231, www.Thistledownfarm.ca, Thistle@shaw.ca

Tony's Trailers

Design and build bicycle trailers etc., Tony Hoar tonyhoar@shaw.ca 743-9915 www.tonystrailers.com

Transglobal Hemp Products Corp.

Commercializing industrial hemp on V.I. by building value added mills locally after farming hemp since 1996 with retail franchise and websites. www.transglobalhemp.com, Brian Johnson, 250-732-3427, thpc@shaw.ca

Urchin Bags

One-of-a-kind bags made from used and scrap materials. Clare MacKinnon. 250-709-8822 www.urchinbags.com info@urchinbags.com

Waterline Art Studio

Illustrating/writing nature books for ages 4-9. Box 2120 Ladysmith, BC Debra Thomlinson, 250-245-0260, www.waterlinestudio.ca

U-Fix-It Bike Works

Recycling bike shop and learning center. www.cowichanvalley.cmha.bc.ca, Dave Ehle, 746-5521 dlehle@hotmail.com

We Go Solar www.wegosolar.com 246-4305
Renewable energy source for solar, wind, microhydro, solar hot water & more.

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***We hope this will be a zero waste event,
please use the compost bins, and recycling bins available in the hall.***

Earth Hour 2008

Created to take a stand against the greatest threat our planet has ever faced, Earth Hour uses the simple action of turning off the lights for one hour to deliver a powerful message about the need for action on global warming. This simple act has captured the hearts and minds of people all over the world. As a result, at 8pm March 29, 2008 millions of people in some of the world's major capital cities, including Copenhagen, Toronto, Chicago, Melbourne, Brisbane and Tel Aviv will unite and switch off for Earth Hour. And hopefully where you live.

Carbon Calculator Web Sites:

<http://www.filecluster.com/Business-Office/Personal-Finance/Download-Carbon-Footprint-Calculator.html>
<http://www.resurgence.org/carboncalculator/>
<http://www.open2.net/choices/ecocal/ecocal.htm>
http://csf.concord.org/esf/Software_EFCDownload.cfm

After this event for further info please contact

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