

What's happening Autumn 2016





Volunteer Diana pulls
food forest garlic

Summer Reflections

Agriculture and Native Plant Nursery

The first summer of the Food Forest is drawing to a close. With the help of dedicated volunteers, and fantastic summer students we have got the social enterprise aspect of the Food Forest off the ground, selling greens, herbs and flowers on a weekly basis. We have had a consistent presence at the Saturday market and have enjoyed a regular demand for our early Food Forest offerings from local restaurants pilgrimme, Crane and Robin, Babes in the Woods and Martine's Catering. We began selling native plants at Galiano Trading which has worked well so far and will continue into the fall.



Musicians at Pebble Beach

4th Annual Musical Walkalong for Learning

August 27

This year we raised \$13,000 which will be used to improve and enhance our environmental education program and offer bursaries to under-served youth. 74 walkers joined in on the fun. Our top fundraisers raised over \$1,000 each - way to go! There were 9 musicians throughout the trail system. Celebration performers included T. Nile and Philip Buller. A big thanks to everyone who came out, donated, or played music to make this a very special day.



Students row long boats along Trincomali cliffs

4th Annual UVic Restoration Field School

July 3-11

The Galiano Learning Centre was home to an enthusiastic undergraduate class again this July with Professor Eric Higgs leading another inspiring course. For the first year, students were able to take full advantage of the off-grid camping facility to aid in their learning experience. With presentations from regional experts and community members, the students soaked up a diversity of knowledge and shared their insights gained through the course with the community on the final evening. For more course information see **our website** or the **course website**.



Galiano Community School doing forest restoration



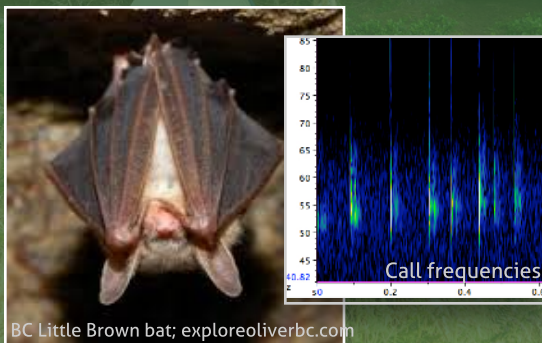
Learning Centre participant campground

Learning Centre Education Programs

We had a great summer at the Learning Centre! In July and August we were visited by Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. We run this program in partnership with Parent Support Services and have been doing so for years. We spent 3 days with them in each month exploring the food forests and garden at the Learning Centre, exploring the intertidal zone and Forests of Montague Harbour Provincial Park and exploring at Morning Beach. This is a great partnership and the grandparents and grandchildren really enjoy coming to Galiano for our programs. We look forward to working with them again next summer.

Another highlight of the summer was our annual Galiano Kids Campout. We ran a sustainability game this year where the kids had to complete different tasks to earn action tokens and gather resources to create a sustainable society to live in. The kids learned a lot and had tons of fun. We can't wait to do it again next year.

We were also visited this summer by a number of neighbourhood houses from Vancouver. One group did a half day sustainable agriculture education program in the Food Forest. They played games, did anothotyping with plants, planted cover crops and had a great time learning about food production. We will be offering more of these in the future.



BC Little Brown bat; exploreoliverbc.com

Restoration Programs

Invasive Species Management continued this summer, with Scotch Broom removal at Mt Sutil, Laughlin Lake, Cable Bay and more. Summer students made this possible! Our rockfish conservation project focused on additional dock signs and direct outreach at events and with visiting fishers this summer.

German intern Frieda Weinert focused her university project on bat monitoring at the Learning Centre and other locations. Using specialized equipment generously loaned from biologist Paul Grant, Frieda was able to analyze the frequencies of bat calls to identify which species are on Galiano. Frieda hopes to return next year to continue this work for her Bachelor's thesis. Read Frieda's Island Tides reflections [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Learning Centre Dedication Ceremony

September 24 1-3:30pm

Join us for a special dedication ceremony to recognize and celebrate the great contributions of Ken and Linda Millard and family, and for the unveiling of the new Learning Centre name and sign. Potluck gathering and photo slideshow. Harp and vocal music by Esther-Ruth Teel.

RSVP to Jenna Falk (250)539-2424 or development@galianoconservancy.ca



Agriculture and Nursery Operations

We will be moving the Nursery closer to the Food Forest in the fall and are looking for volunteers to help with this monumental move. Come learn about Food Forests, Hugelculture, Bokashi and/or about growing native plants! We are looking for Volunteers to help with watering, weeding, harvesting, food processing, sowing seeds, and making cuttings. A great chance to learn some new skills!

Skill-based Herbalism and Fermentation Workshop

Dates TBA

Join Reed and Cedana later this fall and take home some new skills around herbalism and fermentation. More details to come soon.



Other Fall Education Programs

Coming up this fall we are partnering with AMES to offer a 3-day program based out of the Learning Centre to the middle years at the Galiano School and Penelakut School.

We are developing a restoration field school with SEEC that will launch in Mid November with a 3-Day visit to the Learning Center as well as Pebble Beach and the plantation forest in DL 63.

We would Like to welcome Britt McLeod as our new Environmental Educator. Britt comes to us from Salt Spring Island and will be starting at the end of September.



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Get Involved

Supporter Appreciation Event

The Conservancy's programs are made possible through the support of volunteers and donors. We are so grateful for this and are hosting a special appreciation event the afternoon of Saturday October 29th to bring you together for a relaxing, fun afternoon to say thank you. More details to come soon.

Interested to get involved?

- speak with us to discover how your volunteer interests and skills fit best

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Support a strong foundation

As a registered Canadian charity and land trust, the Galiano Conservancy relies on the support of its community and membership to operate. Your ongoing support is much appreciated and makes a world of difference - particularly in this time of organizational change. Giving options are diverse and can be fit to what works best for you and your family. For instance, we have formed a new Giving Circle to support key operations. Please contact us for more information. All gifts are tax receiptable.

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