

A side dish of

Stewardship

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Ken Millard during forest restoration

Thanks to supporters like you, the Galiano Conservancy has been able to preserve rare habitat, protect endangered species, engage thousands of students in environmental learning and conduct innovative forest restoration on the island that we love...now entering our 27th year!

We're on track for a sustainable future. Following the unexpected passing of Conservancy founder and director Ken Millard on September 27, 2015, our team has taken critical steps to sustain our work and implement succession within these new and challenging circumstances. We have focused our efforts on building operating funds to support administration and management work that Ken previously volunteered. The new annual Giving Circle program supports key operations and has been successful so far.

We have hired Tanya Inglis for transition support as we move into 2016 with a renewed organizational structure and operational strategy. Our programs remain in good hands and we continue our conservation, restoration and education activities at the Learning Centre and across Galiano. Your support in this time of loss and change is greatly appreciated. We are inspired by the incredible potential and continuing progress at the Learning Centre and look forward to continuing this journey with you into the future. Here is a quick update for the holiday season giving you a few select highlights from 2015!



UVic graduate students Lily Burke and Darienne Lancaster off Galiano during rockfish monitoring surveys, October 2015

Projects and Programs

Rockfish Conservation - Monitoring and Education

The rockfish conservation project has seen metal signs up at docks, educational materials dispersed in the region, direct outreach at fishing spots, trail camera monitoring of RCA fishing activity, and population dive surveys this fall with 60 dives inside and outside RCAs around Galiano, Valdes, and other gulf islands. Survey analysis begins this winter at UVic and we intend to extend this project into the next 2-3 years to further our marine conservation goals. Onwards!



Food Forest Workshop Participants,
October 2015

Sustainable Food Production

The Galiano Community Food Forest site was prepared and planted this fall with sold out permaculture food forest workshop. 35 participants from Galiano and off island came to learn about food forestry from our permaculture experts, Richard Walker and Javan Bernakevitch. Phase 2 of the project will be underway in 2016.

We have put the Learning Centre garden to bed after a very busy season. In our greenhouse and garden, we propagated and grew 45 different crops from seed for a total of 250 plants. We offered agricultural programs to 60 participants and directly served food from our garden to over 160 people. Surplus food was given to the Galiano Food Program's Soup for Seniors. Yum!



GCS students backpacking to the Learning Centre,
September 2015

Environmental Education Programs

The fall session for our preschool Nature Buddies program just finished and was well attended with 38 kids and 30 adults. Our school-age programs are diversifying and we piloted a geocache navigation adventure course and a back country experience course this summer to great success. Our 3rd annual Walkalong for Learning raised over \$11,000 for our bursary fund. We had 1,286 participants in 2015 from 15 schools, NGOs and Universities, including the 3rd annual UVic Environmental Studies restoration field course taught by Prof. Eric Higgs.



UVic students taking lunch during
restoration field course, July 2015



The Learning Centre as a Renewable Energy Demonstration Facility

With 4.6KwH capacity in solar panels installed in May 2015, the Learning Centre building at the campground is nearly fully functional now for day and overnight programming for participants of all ages. With several intensive field courses held over summer 2015, the Conservancy collaborated with the University of Victoria and Access to Media and Education Society focusing on issues of climate change, ecological restoration and sustainability, native medicinal plants and more.

Participants learned how much energy was required for their activities, and could see first hand how the completely off-grid energy system operated. We are thrilled to have the new Learning Centre building to support programming now.



Photo: Eric Higg



Photo: Brian Mitchell



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Get Involved

Our volunteers are invaluable

Here is a list of some ongoing and upcoming projects. Contact us if you are interested in learning more or getting involved.

- Galiano community food forest
- Galiano native plant nursery
- restoration of Crystal Cove
- assisting educators to deliver programs to youth
- fundraising and outreach for the Learning Centre and our programs
- speak with us to discover how your 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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