

JUAN DE FUCA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST SOCIETY
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Welcome to the **Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society's** newsletter, sent to members and others who support our goals.



“A Forest for All Seasons” Everyone is Welcome:

Sunday, March 30 is the date for the “A Forest for All Seasons” event. Wendy Morton and her helpers, Anne Boquist and Pia Carole, have over forty poems ready for the public to enjoy. The poems will be hanging in trees along the Southside Trail in the Admiral’s Forest located at 8514 West Coast Road. You are invited to read them as you take a leisurely stroll. It’s kind of an art display, too, with the poetry sheets illustrated with the art and whimsy of our talented team. The poetry sheets are for sale and will be mailed to purchasers after the event.

This is a free event and has been widely publicized within our area and to the Greater Victoria community. Media are expected as our fundraising efforts need their assistance. Members are encouraged to attend as this will help us demonstrate community support for acquiring the forest. We look forward to providing you and others with an opportunity to walk the forest trail and read the poems. We have also prepared a list of other activities people might enjoy while they are visiting the area such as places to have lunch or coffee or beaches and trails to wander.

The event is on, rain or shine: we are on the West Coast, after all. Parking is at “Seaward”, 8485 West Coast Road,

“A Forest for All Season’s” Volunteer’s Needed:

We also need volunteers to make the event happen. We need help with setting-up (starting about 9:30 am), hosting and taking down and we figure we’ll be on the site for about seven hours. The hosting part is 10:45 am to 3:15 pm and we need at least 8 volunteers at the event while visitors are there. Two shifts, each shift working about 2 hours means 16 people to host.

Please get in touch by email at jdflandtrust@gmail.com and let us know when you are available. You can talk to our secretary, Heather Phillips, at 250 642 3297 if you need persuading, or more information about how to help.

A Reminder...

The property is not open to the public at this time. When the JdF CLT has an event or hosts visits to the Admiral’s Forest, it is by permission from the family and the trustees for the estate. Neighbours who visit the property have their invitation from the family. If we want the property for the public, we are going to have to find the money to buy it and take responsibility for it.

What’s New?

1. The Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society is now a member of the Land Trust Alliance of BC. Through this membership, we have insurance for our society’s activities. The Land Trust Alliance of BC will also keep us up to date and provide advice on relevant matters.

For example, we have a binder prepared by West Coast Environmental Law describing the how and why of green covenants.

To find out more about the Land Trust Alliance on-line, go to www.ltabc.ca

2. Letters endorsing our project have been received from Scout's Canada and Camp Barnard, the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society, OPSRRA, and the Garden City Horsemen's Club. With strong interest in outdoor adventure and recreation, these other non-profits want the public and potential funders to know their organizations will benefit from having the Admiral's Forest open to the public.

3. The Rural Observer March edition published Arnie Campbell's item about "Buying a Forested Park for the Community" and Sid Jorna's short biography of Rear Admiral John Charles. There is also an item on "A Forest for All Seasons" published on-line by The Victoria Vine www.victoriavine.com. Look for "Poetry in the Admiral's Forest" by Heather Phillips.

4. Thanks to Regional Director Mike Hicks, a grant-in-aid is in the works to help with some costs of our society's start up and event.

Coming Events:

We've booked a table at the Sooke Region Resources Volunteer Fair on April 12. Let us know about other events where we can catch people's interest for the Admiral's Forest project.

We are working out a calendar so we get to as many as possible. This means more opportunities for you to help make this project happen.

Friends and Members:

The principal purpose of our society is to acquire lands in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (west of Sooke) for the benefit of our communities and to either:

- Donate such lands to the municipal, regional or provincial government to be used as park land, or
- Hold such lands and operate not-for-profit educational and recreational programs from facilities established on the lands for such purposes.

Here are the options for donating towards purchase of the Admiral's Forest:

Mail a cheque to the JDF Community Land Trust Society c/o 2459 Kemp Lake Rd., Sooke, B.C. V9Z 0R3. Remember that until we get a charitable status number we can't issue a tax receipt.

Donate on-line through our web site: jdflandtrust.ca

Please pass this newsletter along to others who you think might be interested in becoming a member and/or donating towards the purchase of the Admiral's Forest.