



### Katimavik Lends Greenways a Helping Hand

Over the past several months, GLT has been working with youth from all across Canada in a partnership with Katimavik. Katimavik is a program organized and funded by the federal government that gathers youth from all over the country and stations them in various locations to contribute to their host community and gain work experience. Greenways Land Trust has been involved with Katimavik youth for several years, and currently there are five participants working with GLT.

The participants are busy doing many activities to improve the area around Campbell River, working in various locations including Nunns Creek Park, Baikie Island, The Haig-Brown House, the Disk Golf Course, and the GLT of-

...fice. They do many different types of work, including building fences, planting trees, writing press releases, and many other things. The most



Guillaume Cossette, Breanna Sinclair, and Rebecca Feltham hard at work reshaping Baikie Island.

...common task for the Katimavik participants, however, is removing invasive plant species such as Blackberry

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and Scotch Broom. “After spending so much time pulling it out, I can’t say that I care too much for Broom,” says Breanna Sinclair of Fiske, Saskatchewan. “It’s a horrid and wretched plant.”

The current Katimavik group arrived in Campbell River on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and will depart for Ontario on March 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be replaced by another incoming group of Katimavik participants, who will continue their work throughout the spring.



### Local Teens Get Involved as Youth Stewards

The first Youth Stewards Program has come to a successful completion. Six teenagers, all from the Campbell River area, worked with Greenways Land Trust as environmental stewards since the fall of 2005. Throughout the program their work included improving the natural quality of local streams. The Youth Stewards participated in every level of stewardship, from organization and planning to actually getting their hands dirty in the field.

Together with local Stream Stewards, the Youth Stewards participated in projects that benefit salmon and other local wildlife: They enhanced natural stream, placed hatchery eggs in the streams, assisted in tracking salmon, and removed in-

...vative plant species. In addition to all of these tasks, the Youth Stewards were welcome to attend all Greenways Land Trust meetings.

Each Youth Steward were trained when they joined the program. Training focused on demonstrating the duties of Stream Stewards and making the Youth Stewards understand why the work is important. Training activities included kayaking, a treasure hunt, and guided watershed walks. Here the youths learned about beavers, plants, stream dynamics, and more.

In addition to making a positive mark on Campbell River, their work counts toward the volunteer hours required for their High School Graduation. As further in-

...centive to contribute to their community, the Youth Steward that dedicated the most volunteer hours during the program was awarded a prize of \$250. Greenways Land Trust would like to congratulate Karolina Donaldson for winning this award.



Youth Stewards Kayaking as part of their training exercises.

### Chefs Competition Celebrates Sustainability and Benefits Greenways Land Trust

Over 225 volunteers, nature enthusiasts and seafood lovers recently gathered at the Campbell River Community Centre for a celebration of local food sources and sustainability. The third annual Chef’s Competition fundraiser was held on February 18, welcoming people from all over the region to come enjoy excellent local foods and support Greenways Land Trust.

Five local Chef’s were present to showcase their talents and demonstrate exactly how good local seafood could be. Chefs from the Royal Coachman, Riptide, April Point & Painter’s Lodge, Kingfisher, and Strathcona Park Lodge all competed to create a feast for the eyes and

the palate. The voting was close, but after the ballots were counted Chef Dave Larsen of Painter’s Lodge & April Point was awarded the coveted People’s Choice award.

The evening was rounded out



Above: Event Coordinator Silky Pearce presents Chef Dave Larsen with the People’s Choice Award

with a three-course meal from the Riptide, live music from Jazz Town and Jazz Noir. Live and silent auctions also raised money for GLT and added variety to the evening.

Silky Pearce and Greenways Land Trust coordinated the event. “It was a lot of work, but in the end it was very successful,” says GLT Vice-President Jerry Fletcher. “I’m very happy with the way everything worked out in the end.”

Reaction to the event was generally very positive. The event enjoyed a great turnout, excellent food, and approximately \$5000 was raised for GLT. Funds raised will be used to improve salmon habitat through education and in-stream projects.



### Chef’s Competition Thank You

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