

[ Volunteer Profile ]



*Donald Ringuette*

Donald Ringuette is a new addition to our GLT volunteer team. Donald has been quietly working in the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands for the past year, clearing and maintaining the trails by hand. Donald uses his bike to access the trails and wears a green hard-hat!

If you see him on your trail this summer, don't hesitate to introduce yourself and thank him for all his hard work. Without the help of dedicated volunteers like Donald, Greenways Land Trust wouldn't be able to participate in as many projects as we do!

Thank-you for all your helping hands! •



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[ Spring 2009 ]



The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has recently purchased some land in Campbell River formerly occupied by Ocean Blue Cedar Products. This property is located to the west of the North Island highway (19 A) and to the north of Robinson Road. NCC has partnered with Greenways Land Trust (GLT) to restore this site to its pre-mill state as part of the greater Campbell River estuary restoration plan.

**New Land Purchase for Campbell River Estuary Restoration**

*Stay tuned for information on how to become involved with this property as a volunteer.*

This enhanced habitat will be available for numerous species of flora and fauna which will use the area for feeding, breeding and shelter. However, we are going to need a lot of help from volunteers to complete this restoration.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has been active in restoring environmentally sensitive areas within the Campbell River watershed since 2000. NCC has a demonstrated ability to coordinate with local partners, government, local First Nations and community groups to restore key habitats in and around Campbell River. Their previous projects on Baikie Island have been highly successful in engaging the local community and achieving important conservation goals. •

The restoration plan includes "day-lighting" the creek and establishing marsh flats long the edge of Baikie Slough. The creek will include a number of features and structures as well as riparian planting. The marsh will be planted with species native to the area and consistent with past estuary restoration. The upland will be planted and include connective trails, interpretive information and parking.

[ Our Mission ]

To enhance the community through the creation and management of greenways networks, based on principles of stream and land stewardship and development, within public and private property partnerships.

## [ Fall Fish Counts ]

The fences were operating from October 14 to November 22, 2008. It was a fairly dismal fall this year with very low returns to spawn. For those of you that don't know, the Willow Creek is used as a baseline indicator stream to compare the other stream data. No fish stock enhancement has taken place in Willow Creek.

**Simms: 5 Co, 1 Cn, 1 Ct / Woods: 6 Co / Casey: 0**



### Kiosk Construction Continues

Check out our new signs! In 2008, GLT organized the construction of four kiosks to place in our local watersheds. Two kiosks were placed on either side of the highway adjacent to the Haig-Brown Heritage Property. One kiosk focuses on the restoration efforts in Kingfisher Creek by the Haig-Brown Society and partners. Including channel construction and planting, restoration projects weren't as common in the late 90's and the Kingfisher Creek restoration is an example of these early attempts.

The Haig-Brown property receives many visitors that tour the property just to experience the river that was the focal point of many of Roderick Haig-Brown writings. The display kiosk that is located on the cottage side of the property is the first information display on the property. It describes family history, stream ecology and conservation values. Our goal was to provide some information for visitors to learn and be able to take away with them to their local communities.

The final two kiosks are located near the trail entrances in Nunns and Willow Creek. They focus on encouraging people to use the trails and explore the areas!



### March is Nesting Time!

This newly constructed house is ready and waiting for a pair of Red-shafted Northern Flickers. In recent years it has been determined that our native Northern Flicker is suffering from nest competition from the European Starling.

However, Flickers, being members of the woodpecker family, are industrious and very responsible parents. They are willing to excavate a nest cavity for their young where it appears that Starlings are not.

This future flicker house was constructed by Greenways Land Trust President Richard Hamilton. The house was then filled with hamster bedding from the floor to the roof. In January it was placed in a tree more than 10 feet off the ground and given a northern exposure. Within only a few days it was observed that the hamster bedding has been removed from the house to a level below the hole, and could be seen scattered around the ground underneath.

The owners of the back yard where the flicker house has been erected are eagerly awaiting the next development.

Stan Goodrich, Director of GLT

## [ Spring Walks ]

### Quinsam Trail

A trail along the Quinsam River from the campground of Elk Falls Provincial Park to the hatchery provides good opportunities to view salmon and flora.



### Willow Creek Planters Attack!

This spring Willow Creek Stewards and local volunteers helped to clean-up the Willow Creek Estuary and Trust Lands. The amount of plants and the weeding will make a real difference to the site and its biodiversity! Over 400 native plant, shrubs and trees were planted.

Thank-you to all the volunteers that helped out!



### New GLT Swag

GLT made some much anticipated swag purchases over the winter! We went crazy and ordered t-shirts, pins, shopping bags, hats and stickers! Drop by the office to take a browse, try on a t-shirt and walk away wearing your GLT swag with pride.

## [ Upcoming Events ]

**Broom Bashes**  
Occur throughout the summer

**Greenways Gallop**  
May 9th

**Bike - to - Work Week**  
May 13th

**GLT AGM**  
June 10th

**Oceans Day**  
June 6th

**Beaver Lodge Appreciation Day**  
June 20th

**Canada Day Tree Give Away**  
July 1st

**Shoreline Clean-up**  
September

**Haig-Brown Festival**  
Sept 27th



## [ Fawn Lilies of Spring ]



with pairs of long, thick, white-spotted leaves growing from the base. The flowers are pink and sometimes almost look fluorescent. The leaves show up in springtime and the flowers open in early summer. They ripen into long capsules full of tiny black seeds. Several First Nations groups ate pink fawn lily bulbs and sometimes steamed them with fish grease.

**The Spring time** usually revolves around spring cleaning indoors, but don't forget this is an excellent time to get back out on the trails and see what's happening. The flowering of the pink fawn lilies along the Quinsam River is a must see. Pink fawn lilies grow to over 30 cm tall,

## [ Stewardship News ]

### Greenways Land Trust

GLT main activities included stream enhancement projects through local stewardship groups, interpretive watershed walks, stewardship activities in the Beaver Lodge Forest Land and the Haig Brown property such as trail maintenance, invasive species removal and restoration projects. Finally GLT participates on the city's Environmental and Developmental Advisory Commissions and we attend public events and organize outreach programs such as our annual Broom Bash.

### Simms Creek

Simms Creek Stewards completed a project to add spawning gravel to Simms Creek downstream from the counting fence location to just upstream from the estuary.

### Nunns Creek

Nunns Creek Stewards projects included coho fry release, fertilization with pink salmon carcasses, bridge and kiosk construction, and large woody debris placement in Nunns Creek

### Storie Creek

Storie Creek Streamkeepers did some repair work on one of the rock weirs and some riparian planting. They operated the Woods and Casey Creek fences for downstream smolt counting in the springtime and upstream adult 'fences' in the fall. They introduced 100 adult pink salmon into Casey Creek to spawn and deposited 100,000 pink eggs to fulfill their pink salmon enhancement program.

### Willow Creek

This year for the Willow Creek Watershed Society included a couple of important projects that will allow everyone to enjoy the natural beauty around us without loving it to death. A bridge was constructed to enable safe passage to the heart of the Nature Trust. As a companion project planting is to be completed in the Nature Trust to increase natural diversity, narrow trails, close numerous side trails and improve trail ends near the creek.