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Even more peace, earth, and justice type events. If your event isn't listed here, don't worry, there's a special pre-election issue in the works. **1. African Film Series - Feb 22 - Mar 8th2.**

**2. ViPirg and Friends Events**

**3. Compost Education Centre Workshops**

**4. Pebbles & Petals Ritual for Tooker**

**5. EcoNews Excerpts**

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**7. Island Cycles Newsletter Excerpts**

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**9. High Tide Entertainment - music**

**10. Discussing Fernwood's Future**

**11. UVic Greens Update**

**12. Employment Opportunity - ICA**

\* From: RICHARD DEAN <rddean@shaw.ca>

the documentary The Corporation will be shown on Knowledge Network March 3 at 8pm.

\* From: Murray Dobbin <mdobbin@telus.net>

Right now trade negotiators are in Geneva pushing once again to get a corporate friendly trade and investment deal on services. Click on the

following link <http://www.polarisinstitute.org> to send an URGENT fax to the most aggressive of these trade negotiators directly at their offices in Geneva.

Now is the moment to send a message from civil society activists, around the

world, telling these rogue negotiators that civil society is watching and

the WTO must keep its hands off of critical services! This set of meetings ends February 25,

2005 - so please send the fax now and encourage others to do the same. It is free and will

target the key GATS pusher countries, with just one click. Click on [www.polarisinstitute.org](http://www.polarisinstitute.org)

and look for URGENT: GATS FAX ACTION!

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### **1. AFRICAN FILM SERIES**

<http://www.traveladventures.org/continents/africa/eritreanpeople02.shtml>

Hope Emergent

African Awareness Film Series

**FEBRUARY 22 to MARCH 8, 2005 Lansdowne Campus**

FREE ADMISSION

Different but Equal

February 22, 4:00 pm ( Fisher 100

Articulates Black Africa's contribution to human civilization, highlighting the continent's artistic, technical and scientific achievements.

Discussants: Dr. Phil Bartle and

Dr. Francis Adu-Febiri, Camosun College Sociologists

Ebola War: The Nurses of Gulu

February 28, 4:00 pm ( Fisher 100

This film is an account of a heroic battle in an African Hospital against the Ebola plague, and a final triumph over the outbreak.

Discussant: Dr. Oluwasayo, MD

Women of Hope & Eritrea: Hope in the Horn of Africa ? After peace falls rain

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March 3, 6:00 pm ( Fisher 100

Documents how some African countries are bravely rebuilding their communities after devastations.

Discussants: Ms. Peggy Frank, Artist & Activist and Dr. Elias Cheboud, Social Work Professor, Dalhousie University & UVic

Searching for Hawa's Secret

March 4, 2:00 pm ( Fisher 100

Projects that a vaccine for HIV might come from duplicating whatever it is that make a small group of sex workers in Nairobi, Kenya seem immune from HIV.

Discussant: Ms. Julia Shinaba, PhD Student, Uvic

Africa 2000: Voices of the Future

March 8, 5:00 pm ( Fisher 100

Focuses on what fears, struggles and hopes dominate the lives of African youth. Is there hope for peace and sound economic development for the African nations? Discussant: Dr. Okey Amnechi, Economist

Sponsored by Department of Social Sciences and Camosun College International, Camosun College

For further information, please contact

Dr. Francis Adu-Febiri, 370-3105

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## 2. VIPIRG AND FRIENDS EVENTS

a) Graduate students at UVic have organized an interdisciplinary academic/activist conference called, "The Wars at Home, The Wars Abroad: Imperialism in Everyday Life."

**February 25-27, 2005**

Speakers will include graduate students from across the country, anarchist sociologist Richard Day (Queens) in dialogue with GLen Coulthard (Yellowknives Dene) talking about anarcho-indigenism today, Harsha Walia of No One Is Illegal, Vancouver, and Arthur Manuel (Skwelkek'welt Protection Centre).

There is a small attendance fee and registration is required, so to find out more, visit the website at -- <http://web.uvic.ca/polisci/cspt/conference/>

### b) *The Trois-Rivières Tales*

Come to the first public reading of this "mock epic" poem.

**Wednesday March 2nd 12:30 - 2:00 Graduate Centre Meeting Room, UVic**

Modelled (loosely!) on Chaucer's medieval classic *The Canterbury Tales*, *The Trois-Rivières Tales* tells the story of

three friends on a cross-Canada road trip from Vancouver to - you guessed it - Trois-Rivières.

What misadventures do they have along the way? How do they end up in a story telling competition, the winner promised a free case of ale?

Complete with an ode to Saskatchewan, doggerel sonnets, tales of tragedy and adventure, and prophetic activist visions, *The Trois-Rivières Tales* is a uniquely Canadian work.

A must-see for English students, this literary event will also be of interest to student activists and anyone with a taste for humorous verse.

Read/performed by local author Nedjo Rogers.

Everyone welcome to this free event. Sponsored by the Vancouver Island Public Interest

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Research Group (VIPIRG).

c) Join special guest Dr. Humberto Rios La Brada, the head of the Participatory Seed Breeding Program in Cuba, as he discusses plant breeding with farmers as partners, and Cuba's transformation to agricultural independence. This event will also include the screening of a short film, "Seeds in the City: The Greening of Havana" (23 min, 2003). In addition to this, Dr. Humberto Rios La Brada is also a musician, lyricist-composer, vocalist, percussionist, and arranger-producer. This event will be the Victoria release of his new CD. Copies of his CD will be on sale during the event.

**Date:: Wednesday, March 2 Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm Location: IQ Bistro, in the Graduate Student Centre at the University of Victoria**

Cost: FREE!

**d) \*\*\*\*\*Worm Composting\*\*\*\*\***

**Date: Tuesday March 1, 5:30-6:30 Cost: free! Location: SUB (room tba)**

Worm composting is a space-efficient, odor-free technique that takes place right inside the home. If you have no outdoor space to compost, are having trouble outside with rodents, or just want to minimize work, worm composting is for you. This workshop will teach you everything you need to know about the "way of the worm".

Topics will include:

Worm bin designs

bedding options

migrating worms and harvesting castings

trouble shooting

contact: Analisa - urbanag@gmail.com

**e) \*\*\*\*\*Permaculture Design Weekend\*\*\*\*\***

**Date: March 12 and 13th**

Cost: approx \$40 (depending on registration) Location: tba (this will likely be held either in fernwood, or in fernwood and on campus)

Details: Permaculture is an ecological design system used to develop homes and communities that take account of basic human needs such as food, water, and energy. It is based on the observation of natural systems, and can be applied on any scale. We can use Permaculture to weave landscape elements together in ways that reduce work, eliminate pollution, and provide in a long term, sustainable ways for local needs.

Using a combination of slide presentation, interactive exercises, walking tours, hands-on, and lecture/discussion, this workshop will

have an urban, home-scale focus and will use local examples to illustrate how you can redesign your own habitat.

Topics will include: Design principals Design process Site and sector analysis Useful plants Food forests and plant guilds

Rain catchment methods

Greywater recycling and composting toilets

No-Dig veggie production

Soil building and stewardship

Urban Chickens

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Renewable energy and appropriate technology  
Community gardening  
and more!

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**3. COMPOST EDUCATION CENTRE WORKSHOPS 1. Rain Harvesting Workshop** Roof run-off is a vastly underutilized source of domestic water. This workshop will explore the basic methods that homeowners can use to catch, store, and get the best use from rain.

Topics include: Rain barrels Tanks Ponds Swales Water conservation and recycling strategies Utilizing slope

Utilizing thermal mass

Useful precipitation stats and equations for designing your own system

**Sat Feb 26, 2-4pm Compost Education Centre, 1216 North Park St.** Free for Compost Club Members/\$10 for non members

Must call 386-WORM or email

[info@compost.bc.ca](mailto:info@compost.bc.ca)

to register

## 2. Compost Educator Volunteer Training Program

**Friday March 4, 6-9pm and**

**Saturday and Sunday March 5th and 6th from 10am to 5pm.**

□ **Compost Education Centre, 1216 North Park St**

Are you excited about how composting turns "garbage into gold" and want to know more? Would you like to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with members of the public? The Compost Educator Volunteer Training Program (the CEP), is one way you can work for positive change while learning new skills in a friendly group setting. The CEP offers participants the opportunity to learn both the finer points of composting and the best ways to educate individuals. This 17-hour training session covers such topics as:

backyard composting methods

worm composting

alternative methods of composting

organic gardening

In addition, we explore setting up displays and answering composting "how-to" questions.

Once trained, participants complete a 30-hour practicum educating visitors to the Compost Education Centre, or providing information to residents via info booths at community events. The cost of the weekend intensive program is \$100, with \$90 refunded upon completion of the 30-hour practicum. A manual is included.

For more information, or to fill out an application form, please call 386-WORM Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4pm.

Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre

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GIVE BACK TO THE EARTH

From: Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre <[info@compost.bc.ca](mailto:info@compost.bc.ca)>

#### 4. TOOKER RITUAL

As most of you know, our beloved friend Tooker Gomberg passed over on Mar. 3, 2004. As the first anniversary approaches, I'd like to invite you to participate in either a community ritual near you, OR to do your own honoring of Tooker with the suggested ritual below.

- **Edmonton**: Sun. Feb. 27, Riverdale Hall, 92 St. and 100 Ave. 2 p.m. - **Toronto**: Thur. Mar. 3, Dufferin Grove Park (firepit), one block south of Bloor on Dufferin, 5:30 p.m. soup (bring a bowl and spoon), 6 p.m. ritual.

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#### **Ottawa**

: Thur. Mar. 3, location TBA, 7 p.m.

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#### **Montreal**

: Sun. Mar. 6, Alternatives, 3720 Parc Ave (2nd fl) 7 p.m.

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#### **Halifax**

: Thur. Mar. 3, Khyber Centre for the Arts (Turret), 1588 Barrington, 7 p.m.

Whether you do a group or individual ritual, I'd love to hear how it went.

Thank you...-[angelagreenspi@web.ca](mailto:angelagreenspi@web.ca)<http://www.greenspiration.org>

Pebbles & Petals Ritual-----

Ingredients: water, pebbles, flower petals (or pine needles, leaves, etc.)

Before beginning, each participant is to carefully choose several stones and several petals.

You are invited to sit alone or in community, near a body of water (lake, stream, ocean), or set a large, clear bowl of water near you.

Prepare your ritual by taking several deep breaths. Feel your chest and belly expanding as you inhale, and contracting as you exhale. Invite calm, love and healing into the space.

As you may know, Tooker passed from this world to the next through the medium of water.

Life is born from water. Ocean water was the womb of life on this planet, and every womb that shelters a developing embryo is a small, enclosed ocean.

Water respects its own cycle. Rain wafts from the surface of the ocean to sail with the clouds, condensing into raindrops that fall to earth, run into streams and flow into rivers until they return back to the sea. All the waters on earth are connected. Every drop is part of the larger flow.

So too our life is a process of return. We come into life like a clear spring high in the mountains.

In childhood and youth, we are like a dancing stream, full of energy, playful, strong enough to carve mountains. In maturity, we are like a broad river, a bit slower perhaps, but able to carry tremendous loads and irrigate broad fields. Finally, in the end, we return our waters to the

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ocean, merging with the greater tides and currents.

As you breathe, reflect on the cycles of water, and the cycles of life.

The elements of water I invite us to reflect on include: powers of intuition and emotion; the ability to dream, love, grieve, cleanse, heal, refresh; the qualities of fluidity, purity, depth; the colors blue, purple, silver; and the moon.

Notice the water before us (a large bowl, a lake, stream, etc.) This will be our centre of beauty, our shrine, alter, and sacred space.

The stones we hold represent heavy burdens to us; burdens of loss, grief, anger, sadness, confusion etc. Consider what your own burdens are. Sit in silence for 2-3 minutes?

One by one everyone is welcome to release the burdens we carry by dropping their stones in the water. Notice how the water takes the weight and lightens your load.

Be mindful that even in your darkest moments and with your heaviest burdens there is always goodness and beauty to be gleaned, even though it may not be evident at the time.

Now gently rub the petals between your fingertips and feel them cradled in your palm. These petals represent beauty, our light-heartedness, joy, etc. Consider your own joy, what is beautiful in your world, what makes you smile, what lightens your burdens. Sit in silence for 2-3 minutes.

Scatter the petals on the water in celebration of beauty, truth, faith, love.

Notice that the rocks sink, while the petals float, weightless, bobbing with the waves. So may the water take on our burdens and sorrows, while our joys and truths hover around us, offering color and beauty to our lives.

As we sit in silence, consider what you've learned in the year since Tooker's passing. What has his death prompted you to develop in yourself? How has his passing changed your perspective of community? Has his passing inspired you to take better care of yourself and your loved ones?

I invite you to commit, in the near term, to reach out to a friend or family member who is suffering or needing support. A phone call, an email, or an invitation to visit may be all it takes to lift someone from a vulnerable moment.

When you are ready, let the color green - for growth - bathe you and renew you. Follow with an infusion of the color rose, for your own love for yourself. And end by filling yourself with the shining golden light and warmth of the sun.

Slowly bend forward and touch your forehead to the earth, giving thanks for its support. Offer thanks for the sea and sky and all creatures therein. Give thanks to Tooker for his contributions to this earth. And give thanks to all the people in your life who have contributed their unique gifts to make a better world. Finally, give thanks for your own precious life. Blessed be.

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Symbols and beauty - ritual, flowers, art, music, poetry - can wake us up to ourselves in a penetrating way, and allow for transformation, healing and awareness to dawn. They communicate beyond words.

Ritual and community gathering can give us the opportunity to genuinely touch our pain or grief, and allow the magic, the energy of the group, and our own intention to help us move, shift, or transform in some positive way.

Thank you for participating in this small way to acknowledge Tooker's passing, to celebrate your community, and to honor your own beautiful self. ?

Water is fluid, soft, and yielding. But water will wear away rock, which is rigid and cannot yield. As a rule, whatever is fluid, soft, and yielding will overcome whatever is rigid and hard. This is



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Sun 27, 1-4pm Agri-Food Road Show: Opportunities for Adding Value to Food and Beverages for Small-Scale Food Processors. Business tools, marketing channels. Many presenters. Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave, Sidney. 250-954-3770 Free. <http://www.ssfpa.net>

Mon 28, 10-2pm CRD Parks Anderson Cove to Mount Maguire. Follow a naturalist through mixed woodlands to the summit of Mount Maguire. Views of Juan de Fuca Strait, Olympic Mountains. Strenuous, steep, sturdy hiking shoes. Bring water, lunch. Meet Anderson Cove parking lot off East Sooke Road. Adults only.

Coming Up:

March 5-6. Reconnecting to Life: A Weekend Workshop in Vancouver, facilitated by Jackie Larkin and Maggie Ziegler in partnership with the Hollyhock Leadership Institute. An opportunity for refuge, renewal and a chance to get in touch with our true thoughts and feelings about our troubled world. Facing our distress in a safe and transformative environment leads to re-discovery of our passion and joy for life, an appreciation of our interconnectedness, deepened community and renewed energy for participation. \$95. For info, registration, and subsidy assistance, call 604-668-4802 or [info@hollyhockleadership.org](mailto:info@hollyhockleadership.org).

<http://www.hollyhockleadership.org>

March 17-20. Land Trust & Stewardship Seminar Series, Naramata Centre, nr Penticton. Legal tools for land protection, First Nations stewardship experiences, stewardship options on farmland and urban areas, new funding strategies, changes to environmental and species protection legislation. Site visits to local stewardship projects. Baseline Inventory Monitoring workshop, March 17-18th. Travel subsidies available. Great opportunity to network and share experiences with BC conservationists. Bring the family. Land Trust Alliance of BC, 250-538-0112. [Erika@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:Erika@landtrustalliance.bc.ca).

<http://www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca/seminarseries.html>

Mar 20-26 Green Cuba Sustainability Tour, with GroundWorks Learning Centre.

<http://www.gworks.ca>

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[guydauncey@earthfuture.com](mailto:guydauncey@earthfuture.com)

<http://www.earthfuture.com/econews> Deadline for March issue: Feb 22nd.

If you have any meetings you'd like me to list in the March EcoNews, now's the time to send them over!

Our playful, enjoyable dessert potluck mailout party for the March issue is next Friday, Feb 25th, at 7pm at 395 Conway Road (off

Interurban, one block past Camosun College). Bus #21, #8.

If you'd like to come and help us fold, stuff, chatter and laugh, you'd be most welcome!

best wishes, Guy

From: Guy Dauncey <[guydauncey@earthfuture.com](mailto:guydauncey@earthfuture.com)>

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**6. WESTERN CANADA WILDERNESS COMMITTEE NEWS**



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The following is from Joe Foy, WCWC's National Campaign Director in Vancouver:

**SPECIAL GOOD NEWS EMAIL ALERT ABOUT CLAYOQUOT SOUND**

Great news about efforts to protect Clayoquot Sound's intact wild areas from logging.

International Forest Products (Interfor) has ceased road building in the watershed of Hesquiat Lake Creek!

Shortly after we at the Vancouver WCWC office sent out our most recent e-alert asking our supporters to help protect this intact Clayoquot

Sound area, we received an e-mail from Interfor representative Ric Slaco (see below) stating that, although Interfor's road crew had started construction, they have since stopped, which is what we had desperately hoped for.

Working with our allies at the Friends of Clayoquot Sound (FOC) and you, our e-alert supporters, we are making real progress in protecting Clayoquot's wild nature. Thank you!

Please take a little time to read Mr. Slaco's email below. Then phone or email Mr. Slaco to thank Interfor for halting road construction and to let him know how important you think it is to permanently keep logging out of Clayoquot's intact areas like the forests around Hesquiaht Lake Creek. If for any reason Interfor decides to start up road building there again, please ask Mr. Slaco to inform you via email before construction starts, so we can start up our campaign to protect it again.

**EMAIL FROM INTERFOR'S RIC SLACO**

RE: Clayoquot Sound Alert I believe you have placed an alert regarding Interfor and Clayoquot Sound which is based on some misinformation coming from the FOCS (Friends of Clayoquot Sound).

Interfor is not currently building road into Hesquiat Lake Creek.

The road was started to fill in a shift for the road contractor. The crew is currently off shift and will be working at another location when they return.

Note The area is approved and under a watershed plan in a developed watershed unit. We were hoping to build road and harvest about a 12

hectare block this year. However, the decision to proceed on this plan has not been made. There is no activity at this time.

There will be no development proceeding this year in Satchie and Sulphur drainages.

Deferrals are in place for Pretty Girl and Sydney drainages.

Could you please correct your alert.

Contact: Ric Slaco Tel: 604 689 6800 Email: Ric Slaco <ric.slaco@interfor.com>

Well, that's about it for Mr. Slaco's email. I knew you'd like to see it for yourself.

Thanks for all your help. Keep up the great work defending nature!

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Poster of the "Tree of Life Celebration" On sale at WCWC's Store in Victoria (651 Johnson St.)  
Get this amazing poster of this historic event last October. It features the aerial photo, alongside a drawing of the design, of 500 people using their bodies to form a tree being cut down with the word's "Wake Up" underneath, in a giant Weyerhaeuser clearcut in the endangered Upper

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Walbran Valley.

On sale for \$5

Wilderness Committee's Rainforest Store 651 Johnson St., Victoria, BC

Mon to Sat. 10 - 5 pm

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**Ancient Forest Conference**

**Saturday, Mar.19, 2005 University of Victoria SUB, Vertigo room 10-5 pm**

The Wilderness Committee in Victoria is hosting the Ancient Forest Conference on March 19, 2005. Inspiring keynote speeches in the morning and workshops and films in the afternoon. We will take an hour lunch break halfway for mingling and eating.

The Ancient Forest Conference will draw on all areas of expertise, from scientists to activists to inform and inspire attendants to take action in defense of BC's endangered ecosystems.

Speakers include:

Dr. Tom Reimchen - "BC's Salmon Forests - nitrogen 15 and rainforest biodiversity."

Dr. Neville Winchester and Zoe Lindo - "New canopy arthropods and mites in the Upper Walbran Valley"

Valerie Langer (Second Harvest Paper Project) - "Shifting to agricultural waste and old-growth free paper"

Matt Price (Conservation Voters of BC) - "Intentional Citizenship: BC Politics and the Environment"

Ken James (Youbou Timberless Society) - "The Youbou Mill experience, rawlog exports, and tenure reform"

Diego Garcia (Friends of Clayoquot) - "Saving Clayoquot Sound"

Pat Rasmussen (World Temperate Rainforest Coalition) - "Temperate Rainforests of the World - Tasmania, New Zealand, Chile, US, Canada"

Jessica Bell (Rainforest Action Network) - "Markets Campaigns and Weyerhaeuser"

Chris Genovali (Raincoast Conservation Society) - "Large carnivore conservation"

Jill Thompson (Sierra Club of BC) "Interesting and inspiring eco-stories"

Justin Cailof (Sierra Club of BC) "Tenure reform and working with forestry communities"

Ken Wu (WCWC) - "Forest Activism and Social Movements"

and more speakers TBA... We will keep you posted with a final schedule very soon.

For more info, contact Cassbreea Savage at 250-388-9292 or [wc2vic@island.net](mailto:wc2vic@island.net), or stop by our store and office at 651 Johnson Street in Victoria

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Join 60 000 Canadians and become a member or donor to the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Canada's largest membership-based wilderness protection organization.

Western Canada Wilderness Committee Victoria office and Rainforest Store 651 Johnson St. Victoria, BC V8W 1M7

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From: "WCWC Vic" <wc2vic@island.net>

## 7. ISLAND CYCLES NEWSLETTER EXCERPTS

**Hotel tips: Get Ready for a busy cycling season** Lots of cyclists making inquiries about travelling to the Island. If you are in the hotel business, here's some tips for getting your establishment ready for the rush. For you visiting cyclists, tell us what else you like to find at your destination. Victoria's Chateau Victoria (<http://www.chateauvictoria.com/>) sets the standard for security. They've got a room in the parking garage dedicated to bike storage - makes your bike safe and weather protected. Visitors to last year's Pro Walk/Pro Bike conference were pleasantly surprised by hotels in the city asking them if they needed to check in their bikes too! Some also have air pumps and wrench sets for quick repairs. It does rain on the Island so laundry facilities or a place to air out the gore-tex are always welcome. (Tip: Hotels in Nanaimo catering to scuba divers have got this one covered).

## Who's That Coming?

Always interesting to find out who is planning their vacations around cycling on Vancouver Island. Latest include inquiries from Austria, Boston, Oregon, Ontario and the usual suspects from the lower mainland, Washington State and Alberta. Best has to be from the Napa Valley in California (that's wine country), coming to cycle in our wine region. You can check it out too at:

<http://www.islandwineries.ca/>

## Reliable Sources: Rey Carr

Rey didn't win the chocolates this month, but he's got a great site on cycling here on the Island and other places across the planet that he has wheeled to. Find him at:

<http://www.peer.ca/cycling.html>

Rey lives and rides in Victoria.

## Gulf Island Observations:

One of last year's cycling visitors sent some quick notes on cycling through our Gulf Islands:

Hello John:

We would like to thank you for all of your assistance! We spent all of last week in the Gulf Islands and had a great time!

I would make the following overall observations:

**Galliano:** lots to do, many areas, hills much more difficult than book depicts. The elevation is

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gained and lost over and over.

**Mayne:** Very friendly, outgoing people! Biking was a little easier than Galliano. Less options for eating. Nice "town" atmosphere at Miners Bay.

**Saturna:** Beautiful! Fantastic bike ride down the East side. East point was our favorite place during the entire trip. Saturna lodge was fantastic with a very good chef!

Regards: Brian and Nola

I've got a fresh supply of free maps of the Gulf Islands (including Pender), which are yours for the asking. Send your requests to: [johnluton@shaw.ca](mailto:johnluton@shaw.ca) Check out all of our free and commercial maps to help you plan your Island cycling trip:

[www.cyclevancouverisland.ca](http://www.cyclevancouverisland.ca)

### Coming events:

The **Mind over Mountain Adventure Race series** includes kayaking, mountain biking, trail running and navigation. Island destinations are featured in the program with Duncan and Maple Bay hosting in March, Ucluelet in May, the Sunshine Coast in July and Cumberland in October.

Find out more at:

<http://www.mindovermountain.com/>

[tain.com/](http://www.mindovermountain.com/)

Sponsors include VICTA members - Reckless Bike Stores and other Island businesses.

**Got an event or tourism tip? Favourite Ride?** Share it with **VICTA:** [johnluton@shaw.ca](mailto:johnluton@shaw.ca)

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Coordinator, Vancouver Island Cycle Tourism Alliance. Visit us at: [www.cyclevancouverisland.ca](http://www.cyclevancouverisland.ca)

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### 8. ISLAND BLUEGRASS NEWSLETTER (IBN)

The Victoria Bluegrass Association

Tuesday Feb 22, 2005 ? Feature Act

The Laws ? John and Michele - Singers/songwriters blending country, bluegrass folk and blues.

Orange Hall 1620 Fernwood, Victoria, BC

Doors Open at 7:30 PM ? An Open Stage precedes the Feature and if you wish to perform, you should contact: David Klassen (250) 920-2088

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The Clover Point Drifters

Saturday, Feb 26, 2005 - 9 PM White Hart Pub on Gabriola Island, BC [white.hart@shaw.ca](mailto:white.hart@shaw.ca) PH: 250-247-8588

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ITs BAAAACCK!

The 16th Annual British Columbia Bluegrass Workshops 2005 Sorrento, BC

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Bluegrass workshop week-One is Aug 21 to 26 and week-Two is Aug 28 to Sept 02

The list of classes and instructors are now on the net at

[www.musicworkshops.ca/Bluegrasshomepage/Bluegrass\\_home.htm](http://www.musicworkshops.ca/Bluegrasshomepage/Bluegrass_home.htm)

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Read the Guidelines for selecting your class. Fill out the Registration sheet. Remember to factor in tuition, meals, accommodations (Camping, Reserved Cabana or Lodge Rooms) and the number of weeks. Also be aware that the festival held between the first and second bluegrass workshop periods (August 27th) has an \$18.00 fee if you include it in your registration package ? otherwise entry to the festival is \$20.00.

For information and Registration assistance, the office will be open Monday 9:00 AM to take calls, Faxes or E-mails. From experience, the phone call is the best approach as staff will process your registration over the phone. Be patient!

Hope to see you there!

For Registration: Sorrento Centre: 250-675-2421 E-Mail: [info@sorrento-centre.bc.ca](mailto:info@sorrento-centre.bc.ca) Web: [www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca/](http://www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca/)

For Other Information:

Contact Jay Buckwold

Phone: 604-737-0270 E-Mail: [jay@musicworkshops.ca](mailto:jay@musicworkshops.ca) Web: [www.musicworkshops.ca](http://www.musicworkshops.ca)

Sorrento Centre is located in the town of Sorrento, 70 km east of Kamloops, BC and 32 km west of Salmon Arm on the Trans Canada Highway (No. 1). Driving time to Vancouver is approximately 5 hours.

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Looking for a Bluegrass radio program with a local twist? If so, I have the answer!

CFUV 101.9 FM or 104.3 Cable with host Jeb Gordon. Wednesday afternoons 4 to 5 PM

While I'm at it:

If you have been to the Victoria Bluegrass Association's Stage Night then you have likely seen Jeb Gordon in suit and cowboy hat as he handled the Master of Ceremonies' post throughout the evening. He holds the position of Treasurer for the VBA.

Jeb is one of the unsung heroes of local bluegrass promotion. Like Jeb, there are many fine people in our midst that volunteer their time and talents to support bluegrass music in the area.

They are not hard to find although you may not always recognize their valuable contribution.

You see them as dedicated staff and volunteers to the VBA, as unpaid promoters of bluegrass events and the great people who come to support those events. You can find them as hosts to the all-important house-jams and as those who drive 25 winding road miles to Sooke to support the Legion Jam on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. You will find them selling tickets, directing traffic, giving directions, serving food, running the circle jams and the Slow Pitch. If you look closely, you will find them among the performers who offer playing tips to those who ask.

You will even find them on the Inner Harbour of Victoria playing for fun not profit. Personally, I find them in the many supporters of the IBNewsletter and in those who offer up-to-date information, positive criticism and the much-needed encouragement to continue.

So, they are out there folks and perhaps now, they will be easier to find. The IBN salutes all of these great people because without them, bluegrass music on the island would fade away.

Jack Townsend

(My thanks to Alan Law, Gilles Patenaude and Barny Hiney for those sharp eyes without which I could probably get away with anything - and not realize it.)

From: "IBNtown" <IBNtown@telus.net>

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## 9. HIGH TIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Ruthie Foster & Cyd Cassone Friday, March 11th Alix Golden Hall, Victoria (Conservatory of Music, 907 Pandora St.)

Doors 7:30pm, Showtime 8:00pm

Tickets: \$21 Adv. / \$24 Door To Schedule interviews with Ruthie Foster contact:

The Nancy Fly Agency

P.O. Box 90306

Austin, Texas 78709-0306 Phone (512) 288-2023 To receive press kits, press photos, contest giveaways, sponsorships contact:

Matt Laundrie

Phone: (250) 478-1888

Cellphone: (250) 686-1103 Email: [high-tide@telus.net](mailto:high-tide@telus.net)

Ruthie set the sales record in the CD tent at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival in both 2002 and 2003, bettering previous record holders like Ani DiFranco and Dar Williams!

Ruthie Foster's songs contain elements of blues, gospel, country and folk that give color and texture to her vocal work and fill those who hear her music with great joy. Her strong, vibrant voice and her easy, friendly manner instantly charm audiences of all ages.

Raised in Gause, Texas, a small town 180 miles southeast of Dallas, Ruthie grew up surrounded by the rich, soulful sounds of gospel and blues. Her outstanding voice and superb original music have been strongly influenced by her family. Especially her mother, Shirley Jones, who told her "Open your mouth and sing, girl!"

Foster's musical journey has taken her from McClennan Community College in Waco, Texas and a degree in commercial music to a four year tour with the US Navy Band 'Pride' to New York City and a contract with Atlantic Records.

Her experience in New York included playing venues such as The Bitter End, Cottonwood Cafe, Downtime Club, Terra Blues, Minstrel Coffee House, Hurdy Gurdy, Outpost at the Burbs and Watchung Arts Center. She opened for other artists, including Josh White Jr, Matt 'Guitar' Murphy, The Limelighters and The Fabulous Thunderbirds. She had the privilege of performing with many wonderful artists, including Guy Davis, Glen Yarbrough, Paul Schaffer and Marva Collins. Foster completed a CD project with Shanchie Records while in New York titled 'Back to the Streets: Celebrating the Music of Don Covay'. She sang back-up vocals for Robert Cray, Jimmy Witherspoon, Peter Wolf, Bobby Womack, Ron Wood, Ben E. King and a number of others involved in the project.

In November of 1993, Ruthie received word from home that her mother, who had been quite ill, needed her. She walked away from New York and Atlantic and her career in music and came home to College Station, Texas. She took a job working as a camera person and production assistant at the local TV station and spent her off hours caring for her mother. Close friends encouraged her to pick up her guitar again and she began playing the local club scene.

Foster's popularity grew very quickly in the Brazos Valley.

One January night, in 1996, her mother passed away while Ruthie was performing. She had wanted to cancel the show that night, but knew her mother wanted her to sing. She left the hospital room and went to sing for the most important person in her life. Shirley Jones left this earth as Ruthie sang 'Amazing Grace' her mother's favorite gospel song.

Foster began her music career again in 1997 with the release of her first CD of original songs, titled Full Circle on her own label, M.O.D. Records. Since then, Ruthie has performed all over

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Texas and other areas of the US and Canada. Three more albums have followed - Crossover in 1999, Runaway Soul in 2002 [produced by the legendary Lloyd Maines], and the live Stages in 2004. Her songs tell her story. And what a story it is.

**Upcoming Concerts....** Ruthie Foster & Cyd Cassone **Denman Island** Thurs. March 10th - Denman Community Hall

Doors 7:30pm, Showtime 8:00pm

Tickets: \$18 Adv./Door

Available at: Bop City Records (Courtenay) & Abraxas Books (Denman Island)

"Performing 3 - 1 hour sets!" "Maple Blues Awards Harmonica Player of the Year" Carlos de Junco & Band

Wed. March 23rd

Central Bar & Grill, 708 View St.

Showtime 8pm, Doors 6:30pm

Tickets: \$15 Advance

Listen to his music at:

[www.carlosdeljunco.com](http://www.carlosdeljunco.com)

Playing a ten hole diatonic harmonica, Carlos has developed the unique ability to play chromatically by using a recently developed "overblow" technique taught to him by jazz virtuoso Howard Levy. Overall, this approach to the diatonic harmonica, although much more difficult to achieve, is in many ways more expressive and communicative than the mechanised tone produced by the chromatic harmonica. Carlos is one of the few pioneers of this overblow method, bringing musical credibility to what has still been considered by many in the music industry - a fringe folk instrument. The sophisticated sound produced by del Junco is at once sensitive, soulful, and sexy while never forgetting the rawness inherent in blues music.

(For All Victoria Concerts) Tickets available at: Lyles Place (cash only) 250-382-8422, & McPherson Box Office (service charge) 250-386-6121

From: "High Tide Entertainment" <high-tide@telus.net>

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## **10. DISCUSSING FERNWOOD'S FUTURE**

I have been sitting as a board member of the Fernwood Community Center for about 3 1/2 years and I have been a resident of Fernwood for nearly 20 years.

I was very disappointed that you published an article from Kevin Neish in a recent Left Coast News about a' proposed hostile takeover of the FCA by the FCC" in order to "mortgage the FCA building". Mr. Neish has only recently been added to the FCA Board and his article is rife (intentional or not) with misinformation.

Nearly a year ago, several progressive and visionary Fernwood residents (from both the FCA and the FCC) organized the Fernwood Economic Development and Revitalization Committee. Their agenda was to revitalize the Fernwood square and create a positive climate in our neighbourhood. It soon became apparent to them, especially as they applied for funding grants, that the split between the FCA and the FCC was not only outdated and artificial but counter-productive as well. Professionals were hired to consult the Fernwood citizens about the topic of unification. A transition committee was struck

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and worked many hours after a well attended and successful Visioning Forum last May at the FCC. In November, after a few months of working out the details (including legal consultation to ensure all aspects of the merger were covered and done properly) the motion for the FCA to ACCEPT THE FCC was put towards the FCA membership. This is not the story of a hostile takeover. The community consultation and the surveys that were done previously indicated that most Fernwood residents would like the FCA and the FCC to become one--that it is an unnatural split in our community.

That night of the November FCA meeting, most people in the room were in favor of the unification, but there were a vocal few who were so vehemently opposed, that we voted to table the motion so these people (some who had come on board late and missed the entire previous consultation) could have their fears allayed and concerns addressed.

These same people have, to my understanding, harassed the FCA Board members who were on the Transition team to the extent that they have resigned. This is very unfortunate as they are the new wave of young Fernwood residents with progressive ideas and lots of energy. Fortunately, as they are keen community volunteers and loyal Fernwoodians, they have come to our Board and we gladly accepted them. They are really adding a lot to our organization and I am relieved that they have not given up on their community, considering how badly they were treated at the FCA.

Could you please retract the article by Mr Neish? The only building that the transition team had considered mortgaging is Fernwood House, which is wholly owned by the FCC--the FCA building is not even owned by the FCA (it is leased from the City) and so it cannot be mortgaged! And, as you have just read, the "hostile takeover" is merely a projection of Kevin's paranoid mind, and not at all what is really happening. Fernwood really does not need any more bad press. Outside of a few hostile people, we are a safe and happy community. Sincerely, Margaret Hantiuk, (Board member, FCC)

From: Margaret Hantiuk <mmhantiuk@shaw.ca>

\* From: "K Neish" <neish@victoria.tc.ca>

The proper venue for debating the FCC/FCA amalgamation will beat the March 9th FCA special general meeting, 7:00 at the Belmont Church, 2033 Belmont Rd.

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## 11. UVIC GREENS UPDATE

Please forward any and/or all of this e-mail widely. There are some great events, and really important opportunities for action in here...

1. Our next meeting is a week monday:

<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens/weeklymeetings.htm>

2. Don't forget about our local constituency

nomination meeting, and our 'Rock the Vote' keg

'o b33r live bands and jam session party this Saturday (first 2 events on the following page)!



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<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens/events.htm>

3. An important update from the David Suzuki Foundation, and timely action \*you\* can take right now to ensure Canada moves in the direction of cleaner more efficient cars!!

<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens/action.htm#DavidSuzuki>

4. Second, were you aware that the GPBC added recognizing same-sex marriage to its platform a full 10 years ago?

Parliamentary debate on Bill C-38 (Civil Marriage Act) begins in the House of Commons within days. For those who are unaware, this bill protects religious freedom by ensuring that clergy perform only those marriages they chose to perform, and ends exclusion and discrimination by ensuring all Canadians are able to solemnize their love in a civil ceremony.

Please take (literally) 15 seconds to send a letter to all MP's, who are being incredibly bombarded by a very, very vocal minority against this common-sense move.

<http://www.equal-marriage.ca/contactcampaign.php?candidatename=All+MPs&candidateemail=All+MPs>

5. Green Party of Canada call to action!

The Green Party of Canada is organizing in advance, in case of a federal election. Wouldyou like to run in Victoria, or get involved onthe Victoria EDA ("Electoral District Association") board? Check out the following!

<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens/action.htm#GPC>

6. CRYSTAL METH--FREE PUBLIC FORUM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005 7:15 - 9:00 PM

<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens/events.htm#CrystalMeth>

7. THE SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE -

An Explanation, Demonstration and Discussion

7:00 P. M. Wednesday, February 23, 2004

<http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/greens/events.htm#STV>

Thank you to each one of you for your vision and great efforts, and thank you for your support of justice, equality and a greener future!

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**12. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria

930 Balmoral Road, Victoria BC V8T 1A8ph: 388-4728 email: admin@icavictoria.orgwww.icavictoria.org

Vacancy Posting

Date: February 14, 2005

Position Title: Coordinator, English Language Services for Adults (ELSA)

Position Description: This full time permanent position provides overall supervision, direction and leadership for ICA's ELSA Program and the attached childminding service. The position is divided into a half-time instructor and half-time program coordination. The successful candidate is responsible for supervising teaching staff, child-minding staff and a part-time administrative support position; developing and monitoring budgets, writing proposals and reports to funders, ensuring that the program operates within the parameters of this government funded program, program and student evaluation. Additionally, the position is responsible for instructing adult immigrant English as a Second Language students, and providing leadership in the instructional area for staff. The position reports to the Executive Director. Experience and Qualifications: Candidates for the position of ELSA Coordinator are required to have an undergraduate degree and a TESL Canada recognized certification, and a minimum five years of demonstrated successful experience in settlement language based ESL program management and classroom teaching experience. Experience and knowledge in the areas of human resources and immigrant and multicultural services, and knowledge and practical application of the Canadian Language benchmarks in the areas of ESL delivery and assessment are required. The successful candidate must demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills, the ability to function productively and lead in a cross-cultural environment, excellent time management skills and proficiency in desktop computer applications.

Personal immigrant experience and second language knowledge would be assets. Equivalent education, training and experience will be considered.

This position is open to male and female applicants. This position requires membership in the BCGEU.

Salary: \$24.44 per hour plus benefits as per the Collective Agreement. The position typically experiences lay-offs for July and August, and winter and spring breaks.

Hours per week: 35 hours per week, 8:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday

**Closing Date & Location: February 28, 2005, 930 Balmoral Road, Victoria BC.**

Submit cover letter and resume to Executive Director by 4:30 pm February 28, 2005. Resumes submitted without cover letters clearly outlining qualifications and suitability for the position will not be considered. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

From: Alvaro Moreno <amoreno@icavictoria.org>--

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□ **corporate privatization doesn't guarantee personal privacy.** □ **Victoria Street Newz** - □  
<http://streetnewz.communitypipe.org>

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"Our lives are frittered away by detail. □ **Simplify, simplify.**"

*Henry David Thoreau, 1817-1862*

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