

EARTH WEEK EXPANDS IN 2002

PEACE, EARTH & JUSTICE WEEK

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REFERENCE

This year, the 13th Annual Earth Week is being celebrated as a week for Peace, Earth and Justice, from Earth Day to May Day, April 19 to May 1. Thousands around Victoria and the Islands are joining millions around the world to show and further our commitment to the Global Village. The calendar is featured below. More details, events and Web links can be found online at www.pej.ca. (See the "PEJ Week" link.)

Peace

On July 1, 2002, a permanent International Criminal Court will be established, to end the impunity of people who commit genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Law will be extended as never before. "Where law ends, tyranny begins". John Locke.

Earth

Slow but certain climate change and 300 years of global industrial growth are causing massive changes to all life, and to our economic, political and social ways. We must now take every opportunity to set right the mistakes of the past. "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see." Sir Winston Churchill.

Justice

The legal and moral microscopes for public eyes are being turned on Enron, Anderson, Xerox, Meryll Lynch and many other corporations. Organizations like the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the General Agreement on Trade & Services, etc. are receiving the same intensifying scrutiny as governments, as citizens around the world take increasing responsibility for political and economic directions. "We must be still, and still moving/ into another intensity/ For a further union, a deeper/ communion." T.S. Eliot.

CALENDAR

Earth Day to May Day

April 19 to May 1

Leading Up to PEJ Week

All April

Native species of Vancouver Island: a photographic exhibit by Victoria nature artist Todd Carnahan. This collection of regional imagery includes hummingbirds, treefrogs, mating dragonflies, flora, and more. The show runs all month at Moka House in Cook Street Village. Fine prints available in the Oak Bay Studio Tour (May 4-5). Information: Todd Carnahan, 595-1180.

Every Wednesday @ 7-8 pm

Join the **Peace Vigil** to take a stand against the war in Afghanistan and all the other wars. Every Wednesday 7-8 pm at the Cenotaph at the Legislature (corner of Belleville & Government). Sponsored by the Victoria Peace Coalition. Information: Jane Brett, 477-1944, www.vicpeace.ca.

Every Saturday and Sunday

Cyclists! Organized rides. Information: Mike Poplawski, 882-1239.

Every Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Enviro-Mental TV show with Rick Searle & Briony Penn on The New VI TV Channel 12. Information: www.thenewvi.com.

Through the Week, April 22 to May 1

Grocery Bag Week. Our event involves 300+ students in our school designing Earth Day messages and slogans on paper grocery bags donated to us by Thrifty Foods (Colwood). During the two weeks prior to Earth Week, students receive grocery bags and the theme of Earth Day is discussed in class, then reflected in their art on the bags. Bags are then returned to Thrifty's by

the beginning of Earth Week for distribution to customers. Information: Ted Waring or Grant Treloar at 474-3449, Lakewood School.

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee is having a store-wide sale with 10% off store merchandise all Week long. The Victoria store is located at 651 Johnson Street. Information: 388-9292, wc2vic@island.net.

Sound Off Contest. A BCGEU-sponsored contest for MayWorks 2002.

Tired of the grating sound of broken Liberal promises and broken contracts? Sick of hearing Gordon Campbell's same old mantra of cutback . . . sell off . . . privatize . . . layoff . . . budget deficit? Wonder if the neo-conservative message will sound the same played backwards? Ready to rant, rave, rap, scratch, and generally revise what we're seeing and hearing from this Liberal government?! Here's the challenge: Start with a recorded sample of Premier Campbell and/or one of his MLAs making/breaking election promises, and put a new spin on it all by: 1) creating a short sound/music/audio collage remix (using spoken word, music, effects or ambient sound . . .), or 2) make a brief video remix using 'found' TV footage, original documentation, or your own photos or animation. Make it humorous, ironic . . . editorialize in your own style - but have fun making it fun!

Prizes: \$300 best audio remix / \$300 best video remix. Plus, a selection of best Sound Off entries will be posted on the BCGEU website. Entry details:

Anyone can enter. No limit on number of submissions. Audio or video remix must be no longer than 1 minute 30 seconds. Remix must include samples of Premier Campbell and/or one of his MLAs making/breaking election promises. Audio entries must be submitted on cassette tape or CD. Video entries must be submitted on VHS tape. Play words forwards, backwards or sideways - but no profanity please. Be aware of copyright restrictions on sampling existing music recordings or original artwork. Artists are workers too . . . Deadline: April 29, 2002. Submissions & Information: Communications, BCGEU, Teresa.Marshall@bcgeu.ca, 4911 Canada Way, Burnaby BC V5G 3W3.

April 19-21

"Celebrating Green Space II" Juried Art Show. Over 50 artists on show! Opening: Friday, April 19th 7-9pm: Karel Roessingh playing jazz, hors d'oeuvres and wine! Saturday, April 20th 10am-5pm Sunday, April 21st 10am-4pm. At the Metchosin Community Hall, 4401 William Head Road. Free. Sponsored by Western

Communities Arts Council & APRM. Information: Celestina, 4 7 8 - 7 6 8 5, www.island.com/~wcac/.

April 26 - May 6

Gabriola Dancing Man Music Festival. Evening concerts start at 7:30 pm. Cost: \$10-15/concert. Information: Colleen Switzer, 250.247-8178, www.gabriola.island.org.

Friday, April 19

7 to 9:30 pm
Peace Film Fest at Camosun Lansdowne Campus, Fisher Building. The first film is "Bombies" (2001), re: the terrible aftermath of dropping cluster bombs during the secret air war in Laos, 1964 to 1973 (57 minutes). At 8 pm a short Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Peace Centre, sponsor of the Film Fest. At 8:30 the NFB Film "Aftermath: The Remnants of War" (2001), filmed in Russia, France, Bosnia and Vietnam. This documentary features personal accounts of those involved in the cleanup of war (73 minutes). Information: Kealey Pringle, 592-8307.

8 pm
G8 Teach-In. "G8 and Corporate Globalization" by Murray Dobbin, Council of Canadians. This is the keynote address for the Teach-In With US or Against US: War, Poverty and the G8. David Lam Auditorium, MacLaurin Bldg, UVic. Free admission. (The G8 Teach-In is sponsored by the Victoria Peace Coalition, Council of Canadians, UVSS and VIPIRG, and continues throughout Saturday.) Information or to volunteer: Susan Clarke, 478-6906, www.vicpeace.ca.

Saturday, April 20

8:30 am
Wildflowers and Birds on Jocelyn Hill, with Carrina, Maslovat and Rick Schortinghuis. To join call Rick 652-3326.

9 am - 4 pm
A Year-Round Harvest? One-day course with Linda Gilkeson. Camosun Interurban campus. \$50. Information: 370-4563.



ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Fairfield Plastics Recycling Day. All sites accepting hard and soft plastics, including styrofoam, in a five-way sort. Semi-rigid vinyl (PVC) is not acceptable. Sort Categories are (1) All hard plastics, (2) Large block styrofoam packaging, (3) Loose styrofoam (peanut) packaging, (4) Clean styrofoam meat trays/food containers/egg cartons and (5) Plastic bags/sheeting, cling wrap, etc. Entire program run by donation. Suggested donation lists available at all sites. Information: Neil at 382-7627.

Locations:

St. Matthias Church, Richardson at Richmond - 9:30 to 11:00

Olive St. Common, north end of Olive Street - 10:30 to 12:00

Sir James Douglas Sch. Parking Lot, off Thurlow - 12:00 to 1:30

Red Cross Parking Lot off Fairfield Road - 1:00 to 2:30
Chapman Park on Chapman, east of Linden - 2:00 to 3:30

10 am

G8 Teach-In. Panel and Discussion Groups- The Axis of Oil: Bush's War on Terrorism. David Lam Auditorium, UVic. The G8 Teach-In is sponsored by the Victoria Peace Coalition, Council of Canadians, UVSS and VIPIRG. Continues at 1:30 pm. Information or to volunteer: Susan Clarke, 478-6906, www.vicpeace.ca.

10 am - 3 pm

Gardening for Wildlife. Native Plants Sale and Demo. Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary. Plants, seeds, books, bird

feeders, nesting boxes, presentations. \$3/day or \$5/week-end includes the cost of all workshops and presentations. Over 100 species of native plants and seeds, books, bird feeders and nesting boxes. Also on Sunday. Information: 479-0211, tmorrison@swanlake.bc.ca or www.swanlake.bc.ca.

11 am to 5 pm

Cowichan Earth Day Festival, 2002. A day to celebrate a Green, Local, Sustainable economy. Specialty food, cooking demos, arts & crafts, Slow Food workshop, kids stuff, speakers, entertainment, movies, bike fair, composting and wood-carving demos, First Nations Feast (\$35). At the First Nations Quw'utsun Cultural Centre, Duncan. Free admission. Table rental \$35/\$20. Information: 743-4267 or ffcfisle@island.net.

12 noon to 1 pm

Rally - Wake Up Washington. At least 14 sponsors so far, this mass rally will take place at Westlake Park (4th & Pine, downtown Seattle). Bring your alarm clocks to: 1) Oppose launching a wider war, including potential use of nuclear tactical weapons; 2) Demand stronger, even-handed U.S. action in the Palestinian/Israeli crisis; 3) Defend human rights and support civil liberties. Information: Dick Blakney, INOC, 206.522-4934 or www.epilogicconsulting.com/cascadiac

12 to 2 pm

Sundance Elementary School walks with **Elijah Cheney** and **The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** for "**The Walk For The Cure**" . . . in honor of Elijah Cheney. Begin in the Sundance auditorium at 12 pm, for Veggie Dogs and

Juice. We will hear important information regarding Jr. Diabetes; how to identify early signs and ways to keep it under control after diagnosis. At 12:30 a short walk (rain or shine). About 1:00 pm we will meet back at Sundance auditorium for 40 min of fun, fun dancing to the uplifting songs from Solstix Marimba Ensemble. Information: Kelli-Rae Clark, 381-8946.

1 pm

Tie A Yellow Ribbon Garry Oak meadows are a highlight of the Victoria landscape. Spring is this ecosystem's showiest season. Celebrate Earth Day early by exploring flora and fauna of one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Denison Road off Beach Drive.

Saturday 1 p.m.

Gonzales Hill Regional Park (Oak Bay). All ages. Sponsored by CRD Parks. Information: 478-3344, crdparks@crd.bc.ca or www.crd.bc.ca/parks/programs/april.htm.

1:30 pm

G8 Teach-In. Globalization of Poverty. David Lam Auditorium, UVic. The G8 Teach-In is sponsored by the Victoria Peace Coalition, Council of Canadians, UVSS and VIPIRG. Continues at 4 pm. Information or to volunteer: Susan Clarke, 478-6906, www.vicpeace.ca.

1:30-4:30 pm

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: Georgia Strait Alliance Annual General Meeting at the Mary Winspear Community Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave. Sidney, Activity Room 3. Members are invited to meet GSA's Board and staff at a

Wine & Cheese Reception following the Annual General Meeting at the Marine Ecology Station, Port Sidney Marina 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Information: Peter Ronald, 381-8321, www.georgiastrait.org.

2-4 pm

The Face of Our Waters. Take a moment to meditate on the state of our water supply. Visual displays, information booths and opportunities to do something about it. Get information and be spiritually challenged. Sponsored by and located at the Garden City United Church, 4054 Carey Road in Victoria. Free. Information: Bob Comerford, 383-8314.

4 pm

Mobilization for G8 meeting in Kananaskis. David Lam Auditorium, UVic. The G8 Teach-In is sponsored by the Victoria Peace Coalition, Council of Canadians, UVSS and VIPIRG. Information or to volunteer: Susan Clarke, 478-6906, www.vicpeace.ca.

7 pm

Peace Film Fest at Camosun Lansdowne Campus, Fisher Building. Begins with "Deep Water Danger" (1996), narrated by David Suzuki, featuring the contentious underwater torpedo testing range at Nanoose Bay, BC (18 minutes). 7:30 is "Long Night's Journey Into Day: South Africa's Search for Truth and Reconciliation" (94 minutes). A Grand Jury Prize Best Documentary in 2000. Sponsored by the Victoria Peace Centre. Information: Kealey Pringle, 592-8307.

ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, April 21

9 am

The Victoria Natural History Society presents **Spring Wildflowers** around Cowichan Lake. Meet Helmcken Park-and-Ride. Information: Marilyn Lambert, 477-5922.

10 am - 3 pm

Gardening for Wildlife. Native Plants Sale and Demo. Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary. Plants, seeds, books, bird feeders, nesting boxes, presentations. \$3/day or \$5/weekend includes the cost of all workshops and presentations. Over 100 species of native plants and seeds, books, bird feeders and nesting boxes. Also on Saturday. Information: 479-0211, tmorrison@swanlake.bc.ca or www.swanlake.bc.ca.

11 am - 4 pm

Barter & Trade Fair. Shine: Fernwood Square (by Belfry Theatre) or Rain: Fernwood Community Association (1923 Fernwood Road). Event is free, open to the whole community. You are free to carry goods, or rent a table for \$5 (green or federal). People are encouraged to bring goods and services to barter (exchange directly without money) or trade in Green dollars if both parties are LETS members. Come with a list of things you need and are offering. Information: Keith at 920-7992 or www.lets.victoria.bc.ca.

11 am - 5 pm

A&B Sound's eCycle Day. All Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island stores accepting recycled electronics today. Acceptable Items include: computer hard drives, undamaged monitors and peripherals, stereos, speakers, radios, walkmans, cell phones, pagers, cameras, camcorders, VCRs and car audio. Sorry, but no TVs. A&B Sound is working toward a solution, to offer TV recycling in future programs. Items will be collected at no charge. Limit 5 items per person. Information: Colleen Gallagher-Hogg, 604.439-4508.

11 am - 7 pm

You are invited to **Earth Day 2002 in Nanaimo**, at the Harbourfront Plaza (Between Library & Port Theatre), A Celebration of Green Energy. We welcome your expertise, and your sharing of knowledge of Green Energy Alternatives at this 5th Annual Earth Day Celebration. Our theme is to assist in understanding and participating in energy choices to benefit and preserve the environment. We also want to enhance cooperation among environmental groups and businesses. Confirmed participants/sponsors include: Nanaimo Florist "Exclusively Yours", Nanaimo Recycling Exchange, Green Communities Nanaimo, Society Promoting Environmental Conservation, International Association of Educators for World Peace, Intertribal Connections Society (ITC), Georgia Straight Alliance, EcoConnections, and Transforming Wolf Enterprises Co. Information: Norman Abbey, 250.754-2554, www.greencommunities.bc.ca/nanaimo.

1 pm

Seaside Blooms With A View. Tower Point is alive with blooms poking their heads above seaside meadows. Enjoy Earth Day while walking a shoreline trail with beautiful views both at your feet and on the horizon. For the wildflower novice. Meet at the Tower Point parking lot off Olympic View Drive. Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin) 8 years and older. Sponsored by CRD Parks. Information: 478-3344, crdparks@crd.bc.ca or www.crd.bc.ca/parks/programs/april.htm.

EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22

6-9 pm

Potluck supper @ New Horizons, illustrated labyrinth walk in Irving Park, for alumni & friends of Vancouver Island Earth Institute. Please bring a potluck dish to share and your own plate and cutlery. Voluntary Simplicity, Deep Ecology, Choices for Sustainable Living, Neighbourhood Sense of Place, Global Economy. James Bay New Horizons Seniors Activity Centre at 234 Menzies Street. Use #30 and #31 buses. Information: Rainey, 380-5055.

7:30 pm

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy invites you to learn about **The Earth Charter, An Ethical Vision for a Just, Sustainable and Peaceful World** on EARTH DAY at the the Multi-Purpose Room, of the Gulf Island Secondary School on Salt Spring. Come and hear how you can support this initiative. Tickets will be on sale at the door (sliding scale suggested donation \$5. to \$10). Information: Jean Gelwicks, gellam@saltspring.com.

Tuesday, April 23

11:30 am

Bike to Work Week Kick-Off Brunch, Victoria City Hall. Information: Susanna, 920-5775 to learn how to form a team.

Wednesday, April 24

4 pm

Voluntary Simplicity & Deep Ecology Discussion Circle Organizing Meeting. To sign up for a discussion circle and decide on meeting times and locations for circles held at UVic in May and June. The discussion circles are groups of 6-8 people meeting for 8 weekly sessions to discuss a chapter a week from resource books published by Northwest Earth Institute. Discussion Circles around the following topics: Voluntary Simplicity, Deep Ecology, Global Economy, Bio-Regionalism, and Sustainable Living. Attendance free, resource book \$20. At UVic's Interfaith Centre, Campus Services Building, Room 150. Information: Henri Lock, 472-4159.

7-8 pm

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7:30 pm

Winning Back Public Spaces - A lecture by Danish Urban Designer Jan Gehl \$5.00 Victoria City Hall Council Chambers. Event sponsored by the Planning Institute British Columbia- South Island Chapter, The City Program, Simon Fraser University. With assistance of Geography, University of Victoria, City of Victoria. AIBCS Continuing Education System: lectures count towards 1.5 learning units. Information & RSVP: Heike Schmidt, 383-0304, www.pibc.bc.ca/events.htm.

8 pm

Global Warning: Climate Change and BC. First of special three-part series. Information: KNOW TV.

Thursday, April 25

12-1 pm

Women In Black Vigil. SILENT VIGIL for an end to Violence and War. Meet at City Hall, along Douglas Street. ALL Supporters welcome. Respect the silence and wear dark clothing. Douglas @ Hillside. Signs provided. Sponsored by the Barnard-Boecker Centre Foundation. Information: Terry Wolfwood, 595-7519, victoria.tc.ca/~wr855/WIB/events.htm.

Friday, April 26

8 am

Natural History Walk in Uplands Park, with Joy and Cam Finlay. Wildflowers, birds. Meet at Cattle Point Information: 479-9833.

1:30 pm

G8 and Global Justice. Sponsored by the Victoria World Federalists. First Met United Church, Quadra & Balmoral. Information: Philip Symons, 592-6484.

7:30 pm.

Earth Song. The Pender Island Choral Society to perform Gabriel Faure's Requiem as framework to other eclectic choral pieces within theme of Peace, Earth & Justice. We proudly announce the world premiere of Shanti by renowned Vancouver composer, musician and baritone, Brian Tate. Piece commissioned by Pender Island Choral Society, to be performed in the Chinook language with drums, shakers, piano and triangle. The Choir also performing world premiere of A Child: Song for Wabe Banash by singer, song-writer, Zorah Staar. Children from the Pender Island Elementary School will be joining the adult choir for this important concert. At the Pender Island Community Hall!! \$12.00 Adults - \$6.00 Under 12 years. Information: Clare Mathias, 250.629-9965.

Saturday, April 27

April 27-28.

Restoring garry oak ecosystems - progress and prognosis. An exciting two days of learning and looking at the restoration of Garry Oak ecosystems. With an impressive array of speakers addressing all aspects of restoring this highly endangered ecosystem. Day One: a series of 12 presentations, plus displays by native plant nurseries, conservation organizations and others. Day Two will consist of field trips. Will be held in room 168 of the Elliott Building, University of Victoria (Free parking). There are a variety of options and costs. Information: Marilyn Fuchs, marilyn.fuchs@goert.ca.

10 am

Animal Signs. Spring is a busy time for wild creatures. Nest building, youngsters to look after, songs to sing and food to gather keep everyone busy. Take a walk through the woods and by the lake to observe these signs of the season. Meet in the gravel parking lot at the southwest

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end of Beaver Lake. Saturday BC Transit # 70 or 75. Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich). All ages. Sponsored by CRD Parks. Information: 478-3344, crdparks@crd.bc.ca or www.crd.bc.ca/parks/programs/april.htm.

12 Noon to 4 pm.

Walk for Global Justice: United under the theme Building Solidarity and Peace, the 21st Annual Walk for Global Justice will take place on Saturday, April 27th. Meet at Victoria City Hall's Centennial Square @ Noon, or 1 pm at the BC Legislature, for a full afternoon of great music and thought-provoking speakers, including Jim Sinclair, President of the BC Federation of Labour and The Be Good Tanyas. Formerly the Earth Walk. All for free. Information: www.justicewalk.ca, info@justicewalk.ca, 592-8307.

* **1-4 pm Petition Blitz to United Nations**, calling for International Decade of Endangered Species. Sign the petition with thousands of others at the International Year of the Tiger Foundation table at the Legislature (Walk for Global Justice). Information: Cecile Davidson, 384-9733, www.internatyearofthetiger.org.

* **1-4 pm Amnesty International Group 27** invites people to sign appeals at the Walk for Global Justice. Amnesty International published several concerns regarding the "anti-terrorism" legislation in the US. Group 27 will send on signed appeals for prisoners whose rights are infringed by the "anti-terrorism" legislation to the US authorities. Information: Margarete Haimberger, 361-4874, www.wray-times.com/group27.

* Join **The 2nd Annual EarthWalk Yoga-thon** at the Legislature Grounds. Nine Local Yoga Teachers lead 12 Sun Salutes each for a total of 108 Sun Salutations. A Fun All Ages Event Will Proceed Rain Or Shine (Call Contacts for indoor location if rainy— but the Walk happens rain or shine.) Donations to Sri Ram Orphanage and The Sierra Club. Donations appreciated. Information: Jenni Pritchard, 360-0808 (Joan) or 882-3865 (Nancy).

1 pm.

Tour of Merve Wilkinson's Wildwood forest. Tour and discussion to focus on ecoforestry work of Merve Wilkinson. The essence of ecoforestry is to understand the ecology of forests and learn to perceive what the forest can supply us without altering its basic ecological functions and intrinsic values. Sponsored by Ecoforestry Institute and The Land Conservancy. Online map available (277 K). Suggested donation \$5. Information: Jay Rastogi, 250.245-5540, www.eco-forestry.ca.

1 pm to Midnight

The Georgia Strait Crossing Concerned Citizens Coalition (GSXC-CC) is hosting a fund raiser to cover intervention costs in the National Energy Board hearings on the proposed gas pipeline to the island. We have The Good Energy Fair at the Shawnigan Lake Community Hall. Activities are listed below. We invite your organization to enter a display highlighting alternative energy sources. No fees involved but we are asking environmental, commercial companies to purchase dinner/dance tickets which are \$25.00/person. Organizations interested in attending call ASAP. Schedule Activities: 1-1:45 Music main stage, garage sale, silent auction 1:45-2:45 Info session 2:45-3:30 Music 3:30-4:30 Guest speaker 4:30- 5:00 Music 5:00-5:30 Set up for

dinner 5:30-7:00 Dinner 7:00-12:00 Dance. Information: Don Skerik, skercrow@cow-net.com.

7:30 pm.

Earth Song. The Pender Island Choral Society. See the description for Friday, April 26 @ 7:30 pm.

8 pm - Midnight

The First Annual Peace, Earth & Justice Fest will be held Saturday night at the Alix Goolden Hall, 907 Pandora (Victoria Conservatory). This incredible licensed concert includes performances by the Be Good Tanyas, Harry Manx, Beautiful Losers (formerly the Dan Weisenberg Trio), Lama, Poi Pixies black light dance troupe, Poets for Peace including Linda Rogers, and more! Advanced tickets at Lyle's, Munros, Bolen Books, Old Town Strings, James Bay Coffee & Books, Fairfield Bookshop and Gordie's Music in Fernwood. \$15 waged, \$10 low-income. Information: Oliver Swain, 413-5657 pager.

Sunday, April 28

April 27-28. Restoring garry oak ecosystems - progress and prognosis. See the description on Saturday, April 27.

9 am

Spring on the Wing. Spring is a great time for birding. Join guest naturalist and expert birder, Dave Allinson for a slow walk amongst morning birdsong. Bring your binoculars and bird identification book if you have them. Meet by the map kiosk at the parking lot off William Head Road. Devonian Regional Park (Metchosin). 12 years and older. Sponsored by CRD Parks. Information: 478-3344, crdparks@crd.bc.ca or www.crd.bc.ca/parks/programs/april.htm.

9 am

Victoria Natural History Society Botanical Exploration to Royal Roads with Hans Roemer. Meet at the boathouse on the edge of Esquimalt Lagoon. Information: www.naturalhistory.bc.ca/VNHS/.

1:30 pm

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7 pm

Celebrating Women's Voices. A Benefit Concert for Afghan Women and Children Come Join Local Actors, Musicians, Singers, Dancers, Poets and Performance artists in an Evening of Artistic Celebration of Women's Freedom & Strength! Garry Oak Room, Fairfield Community Place, 1335 Thurlow. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show at 7. Tickets: \$15.00 waged / \$10.00 unwaged and students. Tickets available at Munro's Books, Bolen Books and at the door. Co-sponsored by Women for Women in Afghanistan and Focus On Women Magazine. All proceeds to benefit Women's in Health & Education programs in Afghanistan Middle Eastern Dance ~ Jazz Singer Sara Marreiros ~ Poi Pixies Dance troupe ~ Beat Poetry ~ Theatrical Comedy and more! Information: Carole Pearson, 418-1135.

Tuesday, April 30

7 pm

EcoNews Dessert Potluck Mailout Party, 395 Conway Road. Bus #21, #8 Everyone welcome. Information: Guy Dauncey, 881-1304 or www.earthfuture.com/econews.

MAY DAY

Wednesday, May 1

12:00 Noon

Victoria's Communities Solidarity Coalition's hosting a street party at Centennial Square! This government has brought us: unaffordable education attacks on Hydro, Hospitals and Water, no justice for the poor, torn up contracts, broken promises, Regressive Taxation, No Representation, Mean-spirited Attacks on Seniors, Abandonment of the Environment. Everyone has a stake in the future of this Province. SPEAK UP - ORGANIZE - FIGHT BACK. Information: Bob Wilson, bwilson@heu.org.

7 to 8:30 pm

"Green Tea Party". A healthy home seminar with discussion on healthy, environmentally friendly cleaning products and household indoor air quality. Green Tea will be served! Sponsored by Silk Road Tea Company. Location TBA. Information: Please RSVP to Emily Eng at 381-9995, as space will be limited, www.citygreen.ca.

7 to 9 pm

Basic Composting Workshops: Would you like to speed up the composting process? Get rid of fruit flies? The best techniques for building and maintaining a compost pile? Backyard composting 7 to 8 pm. Indoor worm composting 8 to 9 pm. Free! Instructors: Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre staff.. Workshops designed to get you: started composting; monitor the state of your compost

bin; identify problems; offer solutions; and give alternative methods of composting. Information: info@compost.bc.ca. To pre-register, please call 386-WORM. (Maximum number of participants per workshop is 20.)

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And Beyond!

May 3 @ 9 pm

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee will be hosting a concert this evening at Steamers Pub in Victoria. Stay posted for details. Information: Heidi, 388-9292, wc2vic@island.net.

May 4 @ 7 pm

The BC Teacher's Federation has endorsed the Earth Charter! An Earth Day event telling Salt Spring about the Earth Charter. Joanna Macy is holding an evening session at the multi-purpose room of the High School, Rainbow Road. Tickets on sale at the door (sliding scale suggested donation \$5. to \$10). For more than 30 years, Joanna has inspired people of good will who seek to create a culture that sustains the human spirit and all life on earth. With a PhD in religious studies, Joanna is a respected eco-philosopher and scholar of Buddhism, systems theory, and deep ecology. Her books include World as Lover, Thinking Like a Mountain, coming Back to Life, and Widening Circles. Information: Jean Gelwicks, gellam@saltspring.com.

May 5 @ 5:30-8:30 pm

LETS Potluck and New Member Orientation at 565 Michigan Street. Come and check out Victoria's Local Exchange and Trading System and our Green Dollar community currency. Bring goods or services to trade, a food dish to share, an ingredients list and your own plate, cup and utensils. Information: Keith at 920-7992 or www.lets.victoria.bc.ca.

Plus many other Peace, Earth & Justice Week initiatives on the Islands . . . in the community, home, school, workplace and wilderness.

Thanks to all participants.

Locales not mentioned in calendar are in the Greater Victoria region. Free admission unless specified.

See you this year and next! Earth day, every day into the new millennium. Let the spirit soar!

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