



Transition Salt Spring

Responding to climate change. Re-imagining community.

Good day!

ÍY SØÁĆEL (SENĆOFEN - pronounced hay SKWEH chul)

‘Uy’ skweyul (Hul’ q’umi’num - AY skwayul)



**LONG DROUGHTS
& A DRY FALL**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**Transition
Salt Spring**



PHOTO SOURCE: CBC



Here on Salt Spring...

- Unusually cool wet spring
- Warmest, driest fall on record

250+ SECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

FORESTS 1



FRESHWATER 2



GOVERNANCE 3



7 LAND USE & SETTLEMENT PATTERNS



6 BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE



5 TRANSPORTATION



4 FOOD & AGRICULTURE

AMAZING PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER!





544

PEOPLE ATTENDED **11** WEBINARS



1977

NEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS



3000

PARTICIPANT INTERACTIONS
WITH THE CLIMATE ACTION
COACH PROGRAM



15

PUBLISHED
ARTICLES



4500

HOURS OF PAID
EMPLOYMENT



1500

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN OUR
MONTH-LONG CLIMATE ARTS FESTIVAL



\$20,650

IN LOCAL CLIMATE
COACH REBATES



500

CONVERSATIONS
WITH ISLANDERS
AT THE FALL FAIR



58,253

US GALLONS SAVED WITH OUR
RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE



\$50,000

NEW FUNDS TO CONTINUE WORK
IN THE MAXWELL WATERSHED

We are GROWING!

New office at SIMS
a meeting,
gathering,
learning, and
working space.



OUR STAFF



Erinne Harper



Dalene Gye



Andrea Seb



MKey



J. Miranda



Morgan



Kari Clark

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Jim



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**TSS is now a
registered
charity!**

**Your donations
now costs
you less**



**EMPOWERING
LOCAL CLIMATE
ACTION**

**2022
INITIATIVES**

THE MT MAXWELL (Hwmet'utsum) WATERSHED PROJECT

A PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT & THE SSI CONSERVANCY



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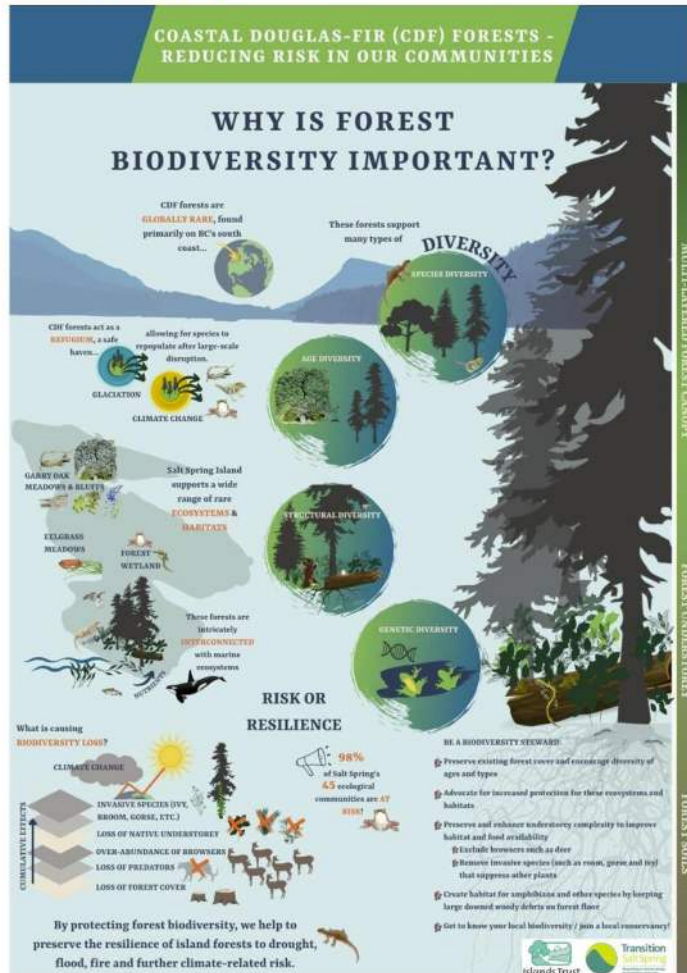
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Forests harbor most species on Earth and provide valuable ecosystem goods and services to humanity. 🌿🌍

📖 Infographic explains Why 🌲 forest biodiversity is essential.

Learn more via transition salt spring society ✅

#ForNature #Biodiversity



👍❤️ 2,791

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Reactions

Events

- Events Home
- Academic Dates +
- Dates & Deadlines
- Information Sessions
- Thesis Defences
- Dissertations

NRESi Colloquium - Beyond Climate Change: A case study looking at the vulnerability of our coastal forests - Dr. Ruth Waldick

The project has been recognized provincially, federally as well as internationally.

The
Climate **Changers**

CBC
BRITISH COLUMBIA

All Points West with Robyn Burns



THE CLIMATE CHANGERS:
Protecting Salt Spring's
water supply from fires
and droughts



Play Segment

9:29

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=588148286082161>



CBC.CA

**Scientists work to protect B.C. island's
crucial freshwater source from fire,
drought | CBC News**

**And has also been
featured in the media**

**In 2022,
Ruth Waldick
received the
Islands Trust
Stewardship Award
for ecosystem
restoration and climate
resilience work.**





**Mt Maxwell Watershed
project received funding
in the fall of 2021**

Areas of research and study:

- **Fire Risk**
- **Forest Restoration**
- **Watershed Rehabilitation**

Climate Adaptation Research Lab!

- Long-term monitoring has been established to:
 - To look at rehabilitating historic land use that has made the area vulnerable to climate change
 - To test restorative techniques that will protect the region from fire and drought





The Mt Maxwell Project aims:

- To develop strategies to improve and protect the island's drinking water and reduce fire risk.
- Increase our local capacity for climate resilience.

The project focuses on a trial area:

- Where a community of practice can be established
- Where restorative techniques can be developed and applied in other Coastal Douglas-fir regions.



The project includes 51 community members and regional experts, 17 community and regional partners including local and federal government.



PHOTO SOURCE: PIERRE MINEAU

Thank you to
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and supporters
of the Mt. Maxwell
Watershed Project



Islands Trust



THE MATTHEW
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FUND





**Empowering islanders to
make climate-resilient
decisions in their homes
and lives.**

Served over 3000 islanders with information and education on home retrofits and energy savings.

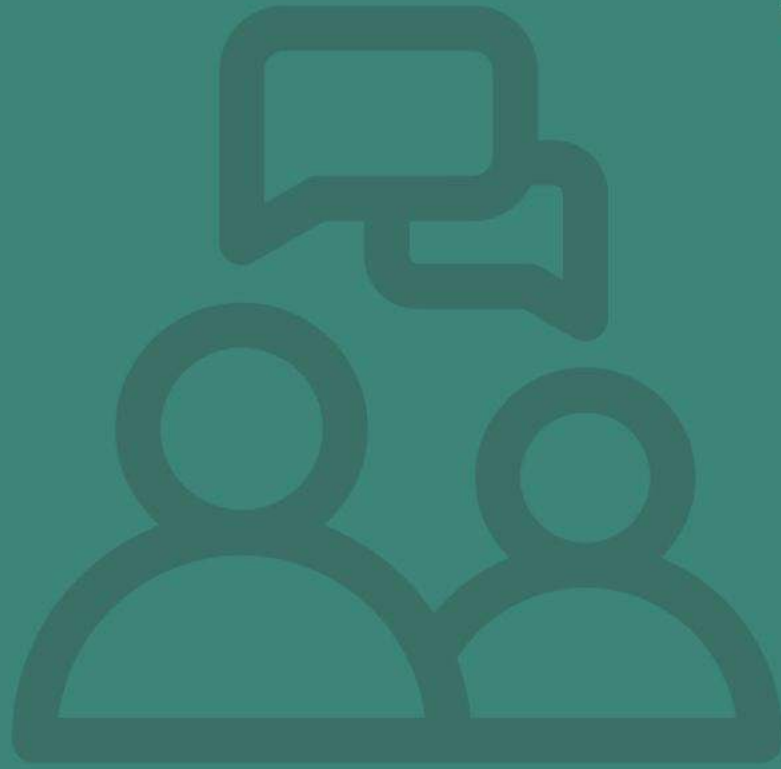
- \$20,650 in local rebates
- Stored 58,253 US Gallons of winter rain for summer use
- 6+ educational events with 644 highly engaged invitees, and 1,000+ replays





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**COMING
TOGETHER...**



**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**



SALT SPRING ELECTIONS

≡ **CANDIDATES FORUM** ≡

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28

Via Zoom

6:30-8:30 PM

Hear from all the candidates to inform your choices for Islands Trust Trustees and CRD Area Director



Register for this free public event here

<https://form-can.keela.co/all-candidates-town-hall>

GOVERNANCE

- 300 people registered, over 200 in attendance



Local Government
on Salt Spring Island



for the
Salt Spring Island
Local Elections 2022

**All Candidates
Forum**

Linda Adams, BSc, RPP, MCIP



SGI INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

- Requested by Islanders
- Multi-Modal
- Climate Response
- Right Sized/Practical for SGI
- Inclusive Community Input



TRANSPORTATION

- 100+ attended



LET'S GET THERE GREEN!

Transportation Solutions for the Gulf Islands

By Donation

Register Here!
www.tinyurl.com/gettheregreen



ROB FLEMING
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure



ADAM OLSEN
MLA



GAYLE BAKER
CRD Transportation Commission



JUSTINE STARKE
SGI CRD Service Delivery



JEAN GELWICKS
Island Pathways



TRISTAN FORD
BC Transit



BOB MACKIE
Island Pathways

- Result: Minister commits to survey for bikeway from Fulford to Vesuvius

THURSDAY MARCH 31, 6-8PM VIA ZOOM

FOOD SECURITY

Intro to Gardening with Lena Del Mar

Resilient Gardens with Linda Gilkeson



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Salt Spring

- GET STARTED! -

An Intro to Growing Food for Total Beginners with Lena del Mar

Register here: <https://revenue-can.keela.co/intro-to-gardening>



RESILIENT GARDENS FOR A CHANGING CLIMATE

With renowned gardening expert
Linda Gilkeson

Food
Gardens &
Landscapes

WED, JULY 13
6:30–8:30 PM
VIA ZOOM



Contribute
what you
can!

» Register at www.tinyurl.com/TSSresilientgardens

**Permaculture
Courses with
Nick Jones &
Delvin Solkinson**



CLIMATE EVENTS SUPPORTED BY TSS

- End Climate Delay Rally
- Salish Sea Trail Bike Rally
- Fracking the Peace Video



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CLIMATE JUSTICE

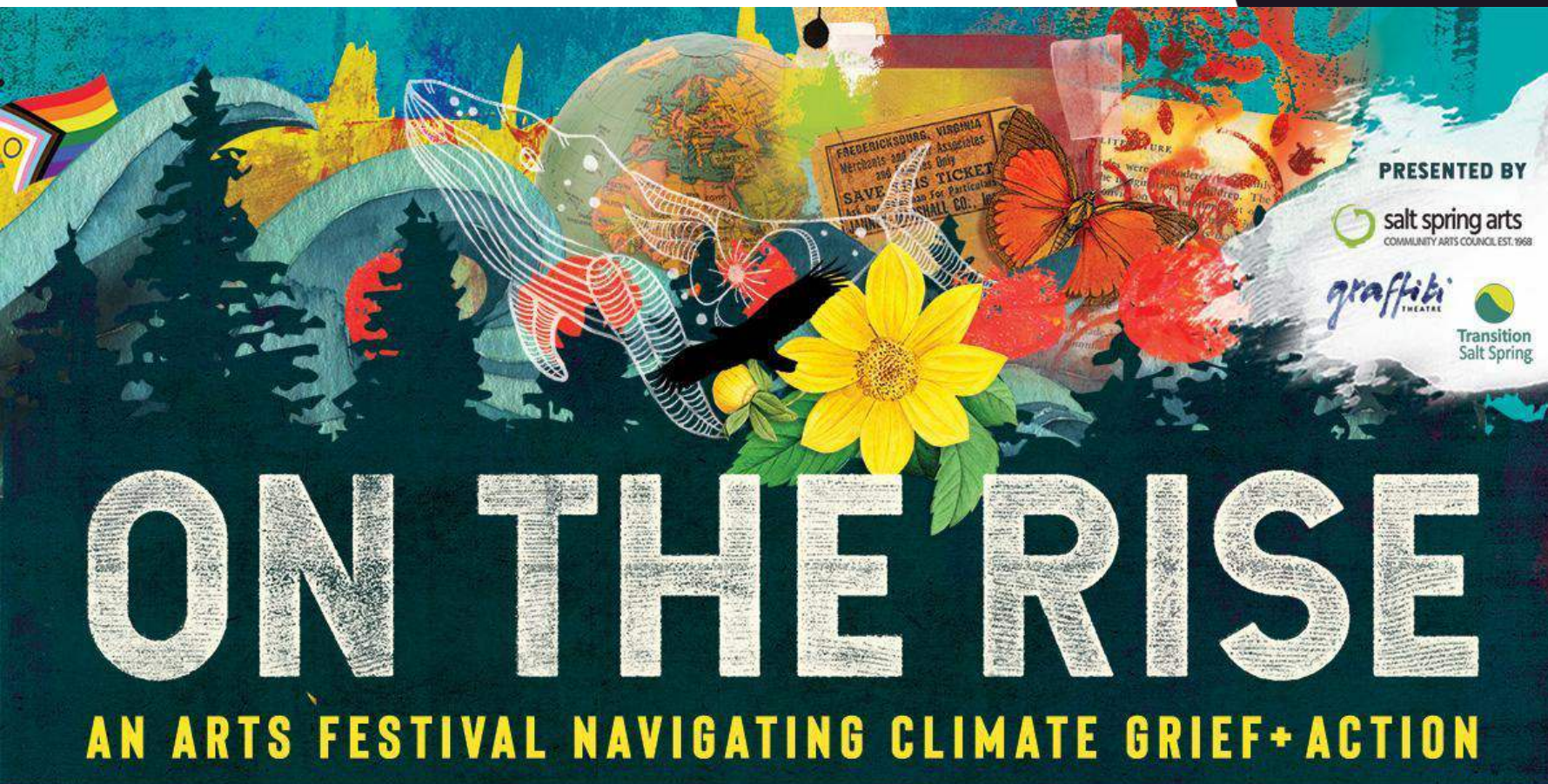
- Reconciliation
- Affordable Housing (Speculation & Vacancy tax)

TSS AT THE FALL FAIR

- Engaged over 500 people in discussions
- Highlighted the importance of our forests and personal actions to reduce climate impacts



PHOTO SOURCE: NATASHA KONG



PRESENTED BY



ON THE RISE

AN ARTS FESTIVAL NAVIGATING CLIMATE GRIEF+ ACTION

SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST

FOR A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS: WWW.TRANSITIONSALTSRING.COM/RISE

Partnership with
Graffiti Theatre
and the Salt Spring
Arts
Council to mount
ON THE RISE a
month-long
climate action-
themed arts
festival in 2022

Over 20 community events from art workshops to dance, poetry and theatre performances, ending in a processional through downtown Ganges followed by a community celebration.


ON THE RISE
AN ARTS FESTIVAL NAVIGATING CLIMATE GRIEF+ACTION
SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



*Indigenous Teaching
at Xwaaq'um*

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 9AM - 1PM


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Cabaret Theatre

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 7:30PM - 9:00PM

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Art Making Workshops
FOR COMMUNITY PROCESSION

SEPT 10 & 17TH 10AM-3PM @ SSI MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



Art Installation

SEPT 3RD, 10AM - SEPT 27TH, 5PM


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SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



Textile Art Show

SEPT 1ST, 9AM - SEPT 30TH, 5PM

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SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



Grief Circle 2

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 7:00 - 9:30 PM

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SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



Storywalk

SEPT 2ND - SEPT 8TH

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SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



Self-Guided Art Walk

SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST

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SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



Pride on the Rise Dance

OCTOBER 1ST, 7:30PM - 1:00AM

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SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST



Community Procession

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1PM - 3PM

LOCATION: MEET AT MAHON HALL @ 12:30 PM



PHOTO SOURCE: CHRIS MARSHALL

VILLAGE
BUILDERS



BRITISH COLUMBIA
ARTS COUNCIL



salt spring island
foundation



Salt Spring Island
**NATURAL
CEMETERY**

**SALT SPRING
EXCHANGE**

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**EMPOWERING
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**2023
INITIATIVES**



CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK (CAN)

- Meeting with stakeholders quarterly
- Collaborating on projects and initiatives to advance Climate Action Plan goals



SSI Climate Action Network
Forestry, Healthy Forests, Jobs, and, yes, Doughnuts

EMPHASIS ON ADVOCACY

- Facilitation across silos
- Agencies working together
- Pushing for climate action in policies and programs





**More funding for
incentives to help
residents take
more climate
action**

**THE MT MAXWELL
(Hwmet'utsum)
WATERSHED PROJECT**



2023 CLIMATE ACTION REPORT CARD

| | |
|--|----|
| Forest Fire Adaptation..... | ?? |
| Land Clearing..... | ?? |
| Watershed Adaptation..... | ?? |
| Food Security..... | ?? |
| Intergovernmental Collaboration..... | ?? |
| On-island Transportation Emissions..... | ?? |
| Sea Level Rise Development Rules..... | ?? |
| Buildings Emissions..... | ?? |
| Climate-friendly Land Use Bylaw..... | ?? |
| Low-footprint Housing Policies..... | ?? |
| Open Burning Emissions..... | ?? |
| Greywater Reuse Policies & Programs..... | ?? |

CLIMATE ACTION REPORT CARD

- How far have we come?
- Where are we falling behind?
- Who has to step up?

**WE COULD NOT DO
THIS WITHOUT YOU**



THANK YOU!

Joan Gage

Save a Tape
program at
Country Grocer



7
Transition Salt Spring
Sustainability Group
(local food, renewable energy)

Cary Debenham Event Promo Design



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With renowned gardening expert
Linda Gilkeson

Food Gardens & Landscapes

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WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 6:30–8:30 PM, VIA ZOOM



Andrea Palframan

**One Cool Island
campaign and
monthly
articles**

PHOTO SOURCE: GARY MCNUTT

Oonagh Duncan

**Past Director and
Communications
Committee Lead**





Rob Lowrie

**Past Climate Action Coach
and Video Production**

Gayle Baker

Past Director



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CRD
Making a difference...together



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Environment and
Climate Change Canada

A special thank you to



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CONNECTING *your giving* WITH ISLAND NEEDS

and for the new Climate Action Fund for
large donations and bequests



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**THANK YOU TO
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VOLUNTEERS &
SUPPORTERS**

You are the heart of Transition!



Transition Salt Spring

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“ Because I care about a future where the earth is healthy, and future generations can exist, I support the work of Transition Salt Spring.

Jax Wightman



“ As a climate activist and MP, I rely on the grassroots work of committed people around the country. But it is hard not to boast about the climate activists of Salt Spring Island!! Transition Salt Spring is amazing- effective, positive and professional. I am so very grateful!

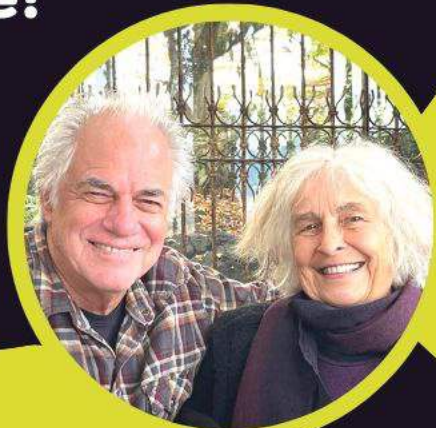
Elizabeth May



“

We support TSS because they bring us solutions to Climate Change problems: ways to mitigate the effects and, of course, ways to stop making it worse!

**Bill & May
Henderson**



“

I support TSS because it is coordinating the implementation of Climate Action Plan 2.0 as an equitable, scientific and inclusive Salt Spring Island climate resiliency process.

Shannon Cowan



“

We donate monthly in support of Transition Salt Spring because shifting our current ways as a community is vital to the health of future community members and our larger society. We believe in a healthier future.

**David Norget &
Tisha Boulter**



“

I donate monthly to TSS because instead of only analyzing our climate crisis, Transition offers us a rich - and always growing - array of practical programs to help us all address climate change together.

Gayle Baker





GIVE THE GIFT OF

*Local Climate
Action*



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**It's easy to
donate at
transitionsaltspring.com**

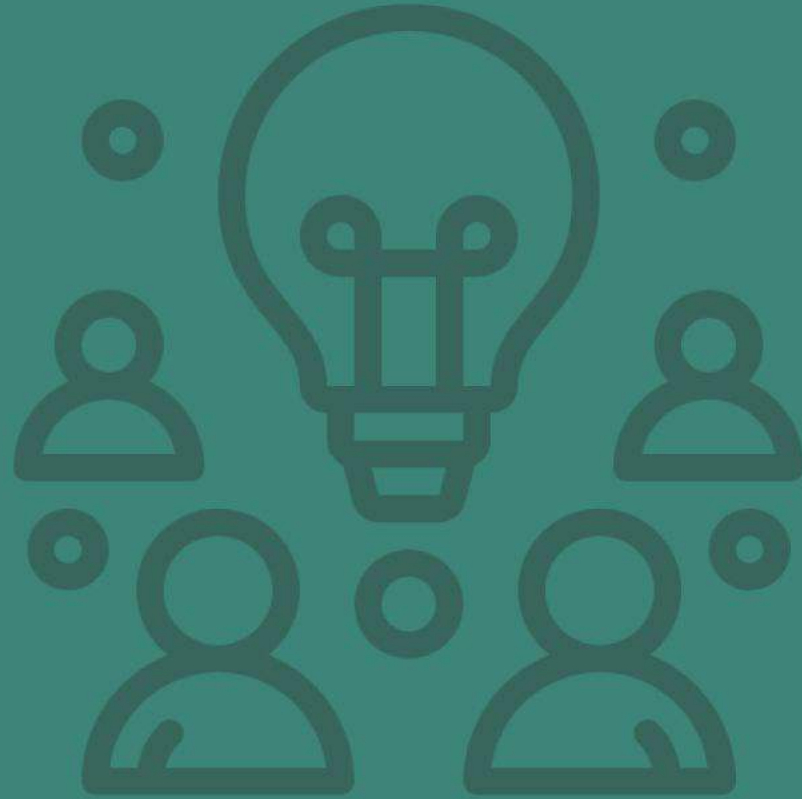


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We look forward
to paddling
together with
you in 2023

**THE BACKBONE
OF TRANSITION**



**WORKING
GROUPS**



TSS is empowering individuals to come together in small working groups.

We provide these groups with:

- > marketing & communications**
- > bookkeeping services**
- > financial reporting**
- > insurance policies**
- > and even some financial help to get started!**



Native Plant Stewardship Group





Welcome to the Rainbow Road Park Allotment Gardens



Our community garden was officially opened on April 15th, 2012.

Generous supporters are: CREW, PARC, Salt Spring Island Natural Growers, Salt Spring Island Garden Club, Salt Spring Island Security Services, and many volunteers and more. Thank to all of you from our grateful organic gardeners!

For more information, please contact: transitionsaltspring.com

Do You Have Clubroot in Your Garden?

Two informational posters on a corkboard. The top poster is titled 'Do You Have Clubroot in Your Garden?' and features a diagram of a plant root system with a clubroot. The bottom poster shows a close-up of a plant root with a clubroot. Both posters contain text explaining the symptoms and prevention of clubroot.

WE THANKS ALSO TO IslandSavings

RAINBOW ROAD PARK ALLOTMENT GARDEN GROUP

TSS ELECTRIC VEHICLE GROUP



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Marine Stewardship Group



The Wonders of the Salish Sea

Discover our unique ecosystem with scientists, naturalists, and environmentalists.

, 11, 25, and May 2, 2022
M, PDT, via Zoom
for the series, or by donation

Information and
wondersofthes

*Hosted by Transition Salt Spring Society, gratefully located on the ancestral
unceded traditional territory of the Hul'qumi'num and SENĆOŦEN speak*

Outreach for Salish Sea Citizens

- Wonders of the Salish Sea 2022 and 2023
- Four online events with over 150 attendees per event.

SALT SPRING SEALS

20th Anniversary

Documentary Screening



Wednesday June 22nd 2022

7:30- 8:30 pm

The Fritz Cinema

Filmed over a year from World Ocean 2021 to 2022 we follow the story of the Seals and their special relationships, past, present and future, with the Ocean on their 20th anniversary. Donations from this event will go to the Salt Spring Wildlife Foundation and to local indigenous organizations working with the Ocean.

Tickets:

<https://bit.ly/SSISeals>



778-686-6942

Outreach for Salish Sea Citizens

- Fellowship of the Sea, a documentary Film about The Seals

Outreach for Fulford Bay Residents

- Fulford Bay WENA, NEC Marine Stewardship - Facebook Group
- Fulford Bay Stewardship Water Quality Sampling Pilot (FBSWQSP)
- Dead Boat Disposal Society/Coast Guard/Ministry of Environment
- Biodiversity





Biochar Working Group



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