

Dear firstname,

We wanted to share some exciting news about the great work local students recently accomplished in our community.

Over the past weekend, students from **GISS** and **UVIC** teamed up with the [TSS Climate Adaptation Research Lab \(CARL\)](#) to restore a forested area in the Maxwell Creek Watershed that has been negatively impacted by human activity over the past century.



The students worked with experienced volunteers to arrange downed timber into "[assembled nurse logs](#)" designed to mimic a fallen old-growth tree, which can hold more moisture and accelerate the breakdown of woody material, potentially providing nutrients to seedlings and understory and creating wildlife habitats.



Not only did the students gain practical skills, but they also learned about the

importance healthy forests play in protecting our drinking water and homes from fire.

If you're interested in learning more about how to care for the forests around your home, consider joining our webinar, "[Why Healthy Forests Matter](#)," followed by an in-person field trip walk.

[LEARN MORE](#)



[UPGRADE YOUR OLD WOOD STOVE](#)

Do you have an old smokey wood stove that needs upgrading?

Sign up for our Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program rebate pre-screening to check your eligibility. Rebates of \$300-\$1000 will be available to upgrade to a Heat Pump or EPA-2020 Wood Stove or Insert.

Rebate applications will be reviewed first come, first serve with limited funding available. Changing out one old, dirty, inefficient wood stove is equivalent to the PM2.5 pollution reduction of taking five old diesel buses off the road (Source: US EPA). We want to get these old stoves out of our communities to help protect and preserve our air quality.

[Check Your Eligibility Here](#)



Wonders of the Salish Sea

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

March 27, April 3, 17, & 24, 2023, 7 to 9 PM, PDT, via Zoom
\$25 for all sessions or by donation

Information and registration at wondersofthesalishsea.com



Hosted by Transition Salt Spring Society



Wonders of the Salish Sea takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples

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Starting next week

WONDERS OF THE SALISH SEA

Dive into the fascinating world of the Salish Sea with
this four-part series of talks featuring expert speakers!

From killer whales to forage fish and octopuses, learn about the unique ecosystem and inhabitants of the area. Discover cutting-edge research on using poop-sniffing dogs to study the health of endangered killer whales and efforts to restore kelp forests. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to learn and be inspired!

Monday Evenings: March 27, April 3, 17, and 24

7-9pm - Live on zoom

\$25 for all four sessions (or by donation)

>>SIGN ME UP!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Climate Action Coach is looking for
on-call volunteers!

Join our Climate Action Coach program and empower your community by creating positive household changes. Seeking volunteers for flyer distribution, event support, and more. Help make a local impact!



>>Contact the Climate Action Coach to learn more!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Check out other Climate Action events and news happening on Salt Spring.

GARDENING WORKSHOPS

with Eland Bronstein

Starting on March 18th

@ Duck Creek Farm

Looking to grow your own produce this year? Join Duck Creek Farm's four-part garden workshop series to learn all about gardening from seed to harvest. The workshops will cover everything you need to know to help your garden thrive. You can expect hands-on learning in the field and classroom-style instruction, along with helpful resources to take home. With Eland's 10 years of farming experience and Duck Creek Farm's bio-intensive market garden, this series is sure to give you the tools you need for a successful harvest.



[Buy TICKETS here](#) OR send an etransfer to [Eland](#) (also send an email letting him know).

Plastic-Free Salt Spring!

Are you concerned about how much plastic is used on our Island? Consider joining

the TSS Plastic-Free Salt Spring Group!

We are a small group with big ideas:

- A green directory for businesses replacing take-out cups and those that can refill visitors' water bottles.
- A plastic-free month in July.
- Alternative packaging in our stores for food and other items.
- Petitions for acceptance of large rigid plastic items at our local recycling depot.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with [Tom Mitchell](#) if you have any questions.

Do A Good Deed – Get Rid of a Weed!

Saturday, March 25th, 10 am til noon

@ Duck Creek Park

Everyone is welcome to join our TSS Native Plant Stewardship Group Community Work Party and remove Invasive plants from Duck Creek Park. We'll start in the middle of the park, in the field with the large maple trees, and demonstrate the technique for getting rid of Spurge Laurel. This toxic, fast-spreading non-native plant poses a threat to people and pets, as well as our local ecosystems. With enough help we can also tackle some of the broom, ivy and tansy ragwort spreading in this popular park. Bring loppers, gloves, a snack and water.

Transition Salt Spring Green Drinks

Thursday, March 30th, 5pm - 7pm

@ The Mateada (in Creekside Mall)

Please consider joining us in the relaxing, newly renovated Mateada for a casual, fun, information-exchange conversation on good ideas for the planet. Solar, heat exchangers, wood stove upgrades, low water usage strategies, active transportation, e-bikes, e-busses and e-cars, wherever your interest lies. Short video at 5:30 ish.

Bring Your Invasive Plants

Saturday, May 13, 10am - 3pm @ the Community Gospel Hall

Sunday, June 4, 10am - 3pm @ the Fulford hall

SS Fire and Rescue and Firesmart, and the Native Plant Stewardship group of TSS will be ready to receive your woody invasive plants—broom, gorse, holly, daphne—on the above days. Reminder, it's best to cut broom in bloom, but please cut gorse, holly and daphne anytime of year.

Update from the Rainbow Road Allotment Garden Working Group

The Rainbow Road Allotment Gardens discovered Japanese Knotweed in the garden and nearby CRD/Parc land in the spring of 2022. After 10 months of research and consultation, the group successfully convinced CRD/Parc to use mechanical methods for management of the Knotweed with a review of the program in one year, and they are forming a Knotweed Alliance to work on a detailed action plan.

SUPPORTING ISLANDERS TAKING CLIMATE ACTION!



Did you know that Transition Salt Spring is now registered as an official charity? After March 1, 2022, any donation you make to TSS is eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Help us, help islanders take climate action.
Consider becoming a donor today!

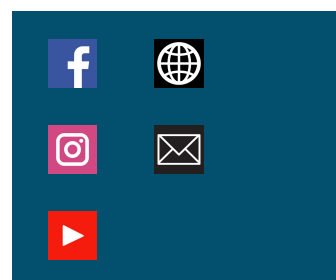
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