

Conservancy Notes

31 January 2002

(submitted by John Millen)

Discussions have been continuing with Mr Jenks, owner of 4064 Investments, towards the purchase of the 80 acre Chickadee Lake parcel. We have exchanged our (different!) appraisals of the value of the property. On the adjacent Lake Road property, which the Association bought in 2000, we have begun a survey of its natural features with the intention of preparing a map of the property and its surrounding ecosystem.

The Baseline Report and Map for our project on the protection of the Morrison Marsh South property have been completed. These, with the draft Management Agreement and Covenant have been given to the land owner. This has been a major effort, partly supported by an EcoAction Grant, requiring a large amount of volunteer time from our members. We hope that the exemplary work will assist others to more easily prepare covenants for the protection of natural values.

Denman Conservancy Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 25, 2001 at the Old School 7.30 pm

All Welcome

At the AGM, Reports from the Directors will bring members up to date on all our activities. A feature presentation will be a review of our 10 years of progress in securing the conservation of environmentally sensitive lands on Denman. We will be holding an election for members of the Board of Directors. Any member who wishes to stand for election to the Board should contact Patti Willis or Juan Barker, our co-chairs.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

There will be a special resolution put forward to amend Part 5 Directors and Officers, of the Bylaws.

Islands Trust Fund has awarded the Association a small contract to prepare a Management Plan for the Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve. The biological survey and mapping will be done by Denman Island professionals. A Public Consultation Meeting is planned for March when we expect to have draft map and Plan for discussion.

Elsewhere you will see notices for our spring Natural History Lectures. The next in the series will be by Jenny Balke on February 23.

DENMAN CONSERVANCY NOTES

7 March 2002
(Submitted by John Millen)

The Annual General Meeting was held 25 February, and twenty seven dedicated folk attended.

There has been so much done by the Conservancy in the past year that it took till 9.20 pm to get through all the Committee reports. Most of these activities have been covered in this space before, so I will spare the reader.

Highlight of the year was securing the Lindsay Dickson property for conservation, culmination of the project that has been at the centre of our efforts for more than ten years.

The extensive support of the Association by the community is appreciated when reports of the year's activities are brought together and so much volunteer effort is recognised. Our paid membership this year reached 180.

The ten directors for this year are:

Juan Barker, Anne de Cosson, Concha Dennis, Patrick Fawkes, Marilyn Jensen, Des Kennedy, Bentley LeBaron, Denise MacKean, John Millen and Patti Willis.

AGM Minutes and our Annual Report will be available in our folder in the Dora Drinkwater Library.

This year's Home and Garden Tour will be held on June 22 and 23. Co-ordinators are Veronica Timmons and deNeen Baldwin.

Surveys and mapping for the Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve management plan have been done and ideas will be presented for public discussion on Wednesday March 13, 7.30 pm in the Back Hall.

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April 2002

(submitted by John Millen)

The Conservancy Board has reappointed its Executive for 2002:

Co-ordinators Juan Barker and Patti Willis,

Treasurer Concha Dennis and

Secretary John Millen.

Preparations are underway for this year's Home and Garden Tour, our big annual fundraiser. It will be held this year on June 22 and 23.

Special thanks to Dennis Forsyth and Peter Karsten for their work building the new Notice Board box for us on the porch at the General Store. Thanks too to Mike Comeau for permission to locate it there.

The planning meeting for the Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve on March 13 was well

attended and the Plan itself is nearing completion. Major contributors are Jenny Balke (ecology) and Jim Matthew (map preparation). A contract from the Islands Trust Fund is providing funds to pay for their work.

We are planning an Earthday Walk for Sunday morning April 21. The special attraction this year will be a Springtime walk in the woods. We will be offering a guided walk in the newly established Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve.

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May 2002

submitted by John Millen

Recent visitors to Denman from 'Blooming Acres', an Ontario institutional farm, were so pleased with workshops provided to them here they have donated \$250 towards the purchase of the Chickadee Lake parcel. With the \$50,000 pledge from Mountain Equipment Co-op as well, our fundraising campaign is so energized we are expecting great things this summer.

The Islands Trust Fund Board has approved our Management Plan for the Lindsay-Dickson Nature Reserve and DCA is expecting to be contracted to be site manager soon.

DCA supports Conservation Hornby Island's project to purchase the 430 acre Link-Parsons property for Park and Conservation purposes. DCA has sent letters supporting the project to local MLA Stan Hagan and Parks Minister Joyce Murray. This property comprises the slopes and the bench below Mount Geoffrey that is the most prominent half of the entire view of Hornby Island as seen from the Hornby ferry.

Remember our Home and Garden Tour weekend is 22 -23 June. Tickets are available at the Denman Craft Store.
