



**Denman Conservancy Association**

# NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 60, Denman Island, B.C. V0R 1T0

March 2007

## **NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**of DENMAN CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION  
will take place on**

**7:30 pm on Monday, March 26, 2007**

in the **Back Hall of the Denman Community Hall**

The AGM business will include:

- ❖ The Directors' Report, Treasurer's Report, Committee Reports
- ❖ A Special Report on the challenges of managing our recently acquired properties
- ❖ Election of Directors

Please use the rear entrance direct to the Back Hall

### **Sustainability!**

What do yummy cakes have to do with sustainable development? Mary Poppins would certainly have endorsed this combination on February 27th when the Denman community was treated to a dose of strong economic medicine sweetened by the pleasure of fabulous desserts.

Neil Dawe of the Qualicum Institute gave his talk *Sustainability: The Possibilities are Endless* to about 70 islanders in the Seniors' Hall that evening. For this listener Neil's most compelling point was that sustainability and economic growth are now mutually incompatible because we have used up too much of our natural capital and are now operating "in the red" as it were.

His advice for islanders? Be more self-sufficient, grow your own, food that is.

DCA thanks all those organisers and bakers who made this event possible!

## **New Board Members Needed**

This year four members of the Board are retiring. Any Denman residents wishing to volunteer to serve on the Board should contact David Freeman 335 2535 or Denise MacKean 335 1608.

## **How to save your Land**

DCA has printed a brochure that describes the alternatives open to a landowner who wishes to preserve the ecological values on their land, in perpetuity. Copies of "How to Save Your Land" can be obtained from John Millen 335 2868...or come to the AGM!

Contributors to this Newsletter: Denise, Laura, John, Patrick, Carol, Susan-Marie.

## **Chocolate Factory Covenant Registered**

In late January DCA completed its fourth covenant. It is on the Denman Island Chocolate Factory property protecting the top, slope and foot of the bluff. Owner Daniel Terry has been working with the Conservancy since he bought the land to ensure the long-term protection of this special place.

## **Robert Bateman and Merve Wilkinson Return to Denman**

DCA will be hosting an evening with Robert Bateman and Merve Wilkinson on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior's Hall. Don't miss these two West Coast icons and their presentations!

DCA needs Staff

## No Complaints Really

DCA finds itself in the happy position of having to hire a person to take on some of the many tasks associated with land ownership and property management.

Being holders of four covenants, managers of Islands Trust Fund land and owning three substantial properties ourselves, our responsibilities have rapidly increased of late. So we are in the process of looking for someone to fill a paid position that requires a wide range of skills; both office oriented and in the field with a strong suit in communication. We will be advertising and interviewing soon and hope for a good selection of on-island applicants. Don't be shy.

– Denise

## Walks and Talks

Arranged by Patrick Fawkes

Our spring season has already begun with the talk given by John Tayless on March 3 on the Spring Herring-spawn Carnival.

Upcoming:

- March 17 Bird Nestbox building Workshop  
Peter Karsten at the Old School  
Conservancy Room
- March 24 Waterfowl Migration Walkabout  
Patrick Fawkes, Mike Morrell, Joan Scruton

In May will be 'Birds and their Songs', a 'Wildflower Walk' and a trip to Tree Island. Watch for notice of details in the Grapevine.

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## Annual General Meeting What's New?

The Board has made plans during the past year to properly manage the substantial additional responsibilities DCA has assumed.

This year, for the first time at an AGM, the Treasurer will present a budget as well as the usual statement of accounts and a report on the fundraising campaign for Central Park.

For the Settlement Lands, Central Park and the Railway Marsh Covenant Area we will be preparing Management Plans during the forthcoming year. We will be asking for your input.

Remember to attend the  
DCA Annual General Meeting  
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## Calling Volunteers! Volunteers!

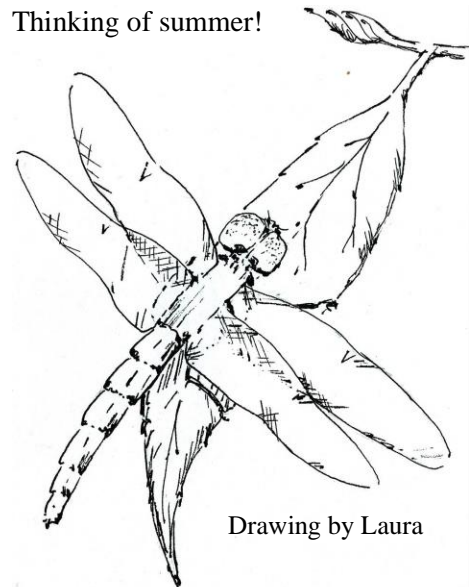
In March 2005, the Denman Conservancy Association (DCA) established an award in the name of Doug Olstead to honour and thank him for his generous contribution to Denman Island and in particular to DCA.

At the Annual General Meeting of DCA, in March 2006, the first "Doug Olstead Award" of **two hundred dollars (\$200)** was given to Robin Michin for his volunteer work at Recycle. Robin was extremely pleased to receive this recognition. Unfortunately, this year, there will not be an award because no student has applied. DCA urges young people to get involved and apply for this award.

Volunteer opportunities abound on Denman; assist a "not for profit" group at the Christmas Craft Faire, help with the House and Garden Tour, assist with trail building, beach clean up, help a senior or a shut-in for free, or work at Recycle. These are just some suggestions. Scholastic excellence is not a primary factor to apply for this award.

Any interested student or a person knowing a student whose name should be brought to the attention of DCA should do so in writing before Dec. 31, 2007 to Box 60 Denman Island, B.C. V0R 1T0. Contact Carol Freeman for further information 335-2535.

Thinking of summer!



Drawing by Laura