



NEWSLETTER

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

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Raven Purchase Successfully Funded

Denman Conservancy Association (DCA) has confirmed its agreement to purchase two adjacent lots totalling 32.02 hectares (~80 acres) from Raven Forest Products Ltd. 'Subject to' conditions were removed on June 30th.

The "Pickles Waterfall Wetland" properties are contiguous with Denman Island Provincial Park land at the Pickles Bridge and are across Pickles Road from the Inner Island Nature Reserve. The land also has a common boundary with DCA's Settlement Lands. These lands are home to the SARA listed Red-legged frog (*Rana aurora*) and contain habitat for many other species at risk.

This project was made possible by the Government of Canada through the Natural Heritage Conservation Program, part of Canada's Nature Fund, and the Provincial Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation's Acquisition Grant, as well as DCA's Acquisition Fund, a grant from Islands Trust Conservancy's Opportunity Fund, in-kind support from Nature Conservancy of Canada and funds generously provided by DCA members and supporters including Denman Island Chocolate and the Denman Climate Action Network. The purchase will be completed by September 30th.



The waterfall cascading down from the Raven Lands to the Pickles Marsh



View of the major wetland looking South.

The Douglas fir forest on the land is about 40 years old and has grown in very well. There are two significant wetland areas, the larger of which is a sedge fen draining via a seasonal stream which flows down a cascade into Pickles marsh, which is part of the headwaters of Beadnell Creek.

DCA looks forward to creating a Management Plan for the lands and providing public trails for the Denman community to explore.



Closed canopy forest with Cedar tree

Home & Garden Tour 2022

Having missed a year – you know why – DCA has started planning for its major fundraiser, our classic Country Home & Garden Tour. The event will be scheduled for June 2022.

We are seeking someone to be our contract Tour Coordinator and this fall we will begin our search for proud gardeners and those with interesting homes to be on the Tour. Suggestions welcome: contact DD Fuchs (335-1413) or Susan-Marie Yoshihara (335-0253).



That was then.....? Looking forward to June 2022

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Directors are all Denman Island residents

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Our DCA Book Sale Returns

Yes! DCA's Blackberry Faire Book Sale will be held at the Faire on September 5th.

We need donations of gently used books. Call Doug Bell (335-2576), DD Fuchs (335-1413) or Susan-Marie Yoshihara (335-0253) to arrange for pick-up or drop-off of donated books.

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Photo by Andrew Fyson

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly is rare and endangered. They are monitored each year on Denman Island and this year also on Hornby Island where they have recently been reintroduced. This year they were mostly found in Denman Provincial Park. Many Checkerspot Butterflies were observed in the Park Rd area in May and there were still some flying as late June 7.



Be nice to Beavers – the drought is tough for them!

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