

# CHILLIWACK FIELD NATURALISTS

May – 2016

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geese, red-eyed vireo and, in bloom, chocolate lilies, striped coral root, trillium, calypso orchid & chickweed monkey flower. Thanks for leading & the photo, Scott.



## MEETINGS

### 1. Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Our AGM at the Rendezvous Restaurant featured speakers Teresa and Denis Gagne on the Botanie Valley. Their slide show wowed the audience with an array of wild flowers and other plants. We were inspired and will field trip there in June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mark it on your calendar!

### 2. Tuesday, April 19, 2016

At our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Val Whetter Speaker Series Susan Eaton spoke on the work of Team Sedna. This team of women scientists, journalists, moviemakers, artists, educators and scuba divers plan to snorkel the North West Passage. Using under water robots, seabed & bird life surveys, and hands-on aquariums it focuses young women on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) with an “A” for “Arts” to bring climate change “STEAM-ing” into our psyche.

CFN President Helen Turner & Sedna’s Susan Eaton Photo: J Perrin



### 3. Stein Valley – Sun. May 1, 2016

On a perfect sunny day 8-CFNER’s visited this wilderness park with spectacular scenery and outstanding historical, cultural and spiritual values. Wild flowers, birds, butterflies, pictographs, rosy granite, ferns, lichen and shrubs detained us every few

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on time! Lytton Cable Ferry Photo: Janne Perrin

steps. We large camping hiking out. Joachim’s leadership got back to safely and

### 4. Earth Day, GBHNR– Sat. April 23, 2016

The CFN display board attracted several inquiries. Nine people joined the 9 AM Bird Walk. Spying a Hairy Woodpecker going into his nest in a hole in a snag delighted the birders. The Heron Monitors saw chicks in the nest for the first time on April 22.

- Janet Pollock

## THIS 'n THAT

1. Executive elected at the AGM are: Helen Turner, president, Janne Perrin, VP, Scott Denkers, secretary and Janet Pollock, treasurer.

2, Terry Letcher has stepped up to the job of field trip coordinator. Thank you, Terry.

3. A bushtit pair was building an eye level nest at Camp River Wildlife Area April 2.

4. Robertson Elementary School’s NatureKids learned about Frogs April 26 courtesy of CFN’s Janne Perrin.

5. The South Coast Bat Action Team’s Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program Grant application to research species-at-risk in the Wahleach watershed was successful. They thank us for our support and seek our participation. Denis will liaison with them.

6. Check out our [Facebook page](#) for fabulous photos of flora and fauna seen on our field trips.

7. EFV NatureKids is piloting a new program for older kids (12 to14-years) headed by Laurie De Jong. See [CFN](#) website for more information.

8. Fraser Valley Conservancy visited Heather Larstone’s Naturescaped yard in March. She credits Denis Knopp and CFN for the inspiration that began in 1992.

## FIELD TRIPS

### 1. Surrey Bend Regional Park – Sun. March 20 & Sat. Apr. 23, 2016

Vic Guinet joined the Abbotsford-Mission Nature club in March and Fernando and Paulina Selles, the Langley Field Naturalists in April to visit this newest Regional Park in BC. Owned by Metro Vancouver & City of Surrey, its official opening was on April 16 2016. Located at 17529 112 Ave in Surrey, it comprises 384 ha (850 acres) of Fraser River Floodplain without dykes, making it one of the largest



Bleeding Heart Photo: Paulina Selles

stretches of land subjected to annual floods during the river freshet. Because of this, it has a large variety of habitats including wetlands, riparian forests and drained land unprotected from floods. Surrey Bend RP is nearly the same size as Stanley Park.

- Fernando Selles

### 2. Thatcher Mountain– Sun. April 10, 2016

This mountain, easily accessible from Hope, has many wetlands; an old homestead and a mixed forest that attracts spring migrant birds. Highlights were red-breasted sapsucker, 2-pairs of nesting Canada

