

CHILLIWACK FIELD NATURALISTS

Summer– 2018



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MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 20, 2018:

Speaker: Emily Johnson - Marine Rescue Centre.
No report submitted but a follow up trip to the Marine Rescue Centre is planned for the summer of 2018.

AGM. Tuesday, April 17, 2017:

Speaker Jenn Burt – Sea Otter and Kelp

Jenn grabbed member attention by her many hands on props of Kelp, a brown algae. Kelp is a primary producer for a complex food web providing everything from habitat for fish to food for people. With Sea Otter's return, there was a huge resurgence in the kelp forest as sea urchins decline –a prime food for sea otters. Some controversy exists between the crab industry, cultural traditions and livelihoods.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Speaker: Lee Beavington – Learning in Place, the Importance of Outdoor Education

According to Lee, a PhD student in Outdoor Education, modern kids spend 8-hours a day on tech stuff and less than 30 minutes outside. Lee suggests buying the gear – rubber boots, waterproof clothing and going out daily. Get up, open the door and look up as nature is the best teacher. Time in nature also improves health, IQ scores and overall well-being. Reach out to your family to meet a tree, lie in the forest and indulge in wild play.

FIELD TRIPS

Wilband Creek Park: Tuesday, April 10, 2018:



A good turnout of members for this trip despite the rainy day. The restoration work and new viewing stand project spearheaded by the Abbotsford Mission Nature

Club was a joy. Many interesting water birds including Canvasback and Northern shovelers- were enjoyed. Luckily we were at Lepp's Café for lunch when the real rain began.

UBC Botanic Garden: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Denis, Mel, Marg and Bona and I as well as Anne McIntyre came along on the tour. Ben Stormes,

curator, led a great tour and we were all pleased. He explained the purpose of the garden in preserving species rather than a show garden, told us about their collections and collecting policy and how they try to access seed from over its range in order to get a good genetic representation. Ben took us to the Gary Oak gardens, Pacific Slope garden and the native plant garden. Afterwards, he also led us through the alpine gardens and the eastern North American gardens showing us species in NA and then on the way out, their related Asian varieties. Like the speaker on outdoor education, he went over proven effects of forests on humans. –Lee Larkin

THIS AND THAT

Camp-Hope Slough Wildlife Area:

1. The pollinator planting was well attended with over



Stephanie Christensen and son Sorren

20 people helping out including Young Naturalists, Scouts and CFN members. After planting a couple of

thousand plants the participants enjoyed a pizza lunch. Project Grant was from the Chilliwack Foundation and lunch was provided by CFN.

2. Sammy Penner, The Nature Trust BC' Lower Mainland Field Operation Technician, has new crew starting May 1st. Denis Knopp, steward, met them at Camp Slough Wildlife Area May 9 to talk about planting.

Membership

Our present membership is 26. Urge your friends to join. Bring them as a guest to a meeting or trip.

Field Trips:

[Fernando Selles](#) is our new Field Trip Coordinator. If you have a trip idea please contact him.

But both the Abbotsford –Mission Nature Club and the Langley Field Naturalists have many trips. Schedules from these clubs are forwarded to CFN members with your quarterly newsletter. Please contact AMNC or LFN to attend. Several trips, complimenting our speakers, are being arranged (see our events calendar).

Bird Brochure:

CFN plans to put together a Birds of Chilliwack brochure to distribute in schools. This was done by the Langley Club and generated much interest in nature as well as with the their club. It is proposed the \$ from the large bequest we received from Val Whetter in (2014) be used for this purpose.