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NOMINATE OUTSTANDING WOMEN FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY CELEBRATING WOMEN & THE SPIRIT OF THE CRANES

DELTA, BC, Tuesday, January 24, 2006: The Burns Bog Conservation Society is accepting nominations of local women to acknowledge their outstanding achievements at the Society's fifth annual *Celebrating Women & the Spirit of the Cranes* event. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, February 4 at 4pm. This year's event takes place on Saturday, March 11, 2006, at the Kennedy Seniors Center in Delta.

Canadian research has found that the non-profit sector is made up of mostly women, women like this year's guest speaker, Faye Wightman, who is the president and CEO of Canada's largest community foundation, the Vancouver Foundation. According to Eliza Olson, Society president, "There are so many outstanding women in BC who enrich our communities with their time, passion and creativity. We need help finding them."

The six nomination categories cover the non-profit, business and public sectors in Arts, Business, Education, Community Spirit, Science/Technology and Fledgling Chicks, for notable women under the age of 29. To nominate a woman or to purchase event tickets, visit: www.spiritofthecranes.org or call 604-572-0373. Tickets for the event are \$65 on or before February 25 and \$75 after.

This year's theme is the Siberian crane, the third rarest of the crane species. The event's highlights will include a Siberian themed banquet, keynote address by Faye Wightman, a silent auction, prizes and a live performance.

The award ceremony is timed to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8 and the return and nesting of the sandhill cranes in Burns Bog. "Through the ages, cranes have been featured in the folklore of Japan, China and North American First Nations. Cranes symbolize industriousness, loyalty and creativity – the same qualities of the women who make a difference in our communities," explains Event Chair, Debbie Wilkins.

The Burns Bog Conservation Society was formed in 1988 to see to the "conservation and protection of Burns Bog forever." Funds raised will support the Society's public education program.

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