

# Celebrating 25 years keeping Burns Bog *Wild Forever*



Spring 2013



Richelle Giberson speaks at the 2012 Pilgrimage to Burns Bog

Check inside for our *annual events schedule!*

**The Pilgrimage,  
Jog for the Bog,  
Summer Day Camps**

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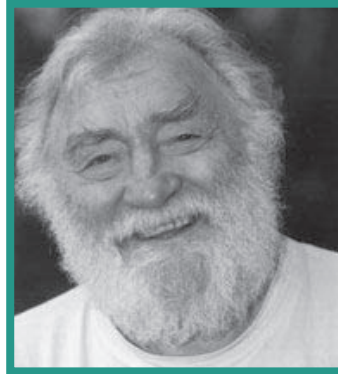
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**Happy 80th to our  
honorary chair,  
David Bellamy!**



A lecture series in his name begins at Buckingham Palace this March.



**In memory of  
Jacqueline  
Alice  
Hendriksen**

**A word of advice:**



Did you know that most fabric softeners are made from petroleum-based chemicals, depleting non-renewable resources? One way you can reduce your chemical exposure & help the planet is by eliminating them from your routine!

# Annual General Meeting

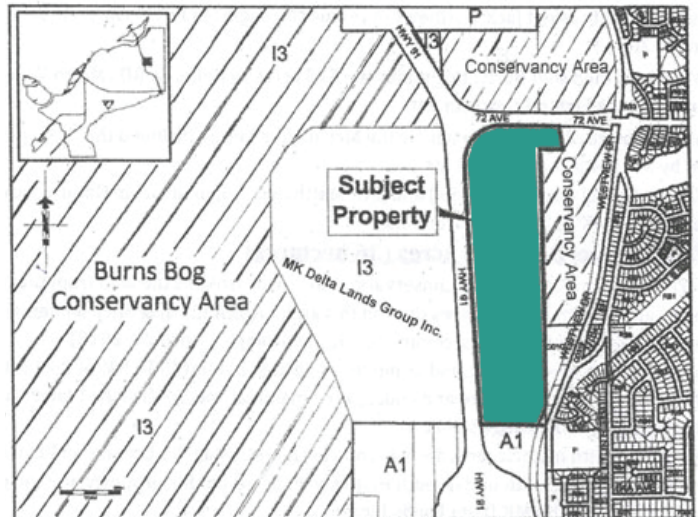
**Thursday March 28, 2013, 6:30pm**

**@ George Mackey Library**

8440 112 Street, North Delta, BC V4C 4W9

## MK Delta Lands Update

MK Delta Lands is moving forward with their proposal for a 1850-unit condo development in Burns Bog at Highway 91 and 72nd Ave. The proposal includes a retail complex, hotel, supermarket & other stores. The Society strongly opposes this development. It will compromise the water table of the bog, and require enormous amounts of fill (50 acres need to be raised 2.5m!) which will pollute the groundwater with sediment.



With the rezoning application formally submitted in January, public hearings will occur sometime in 2013. We have gathered over 3000 signatures opposing this development, and will submit them to the Corporation of Delta. Go on our website and sign up for our e-newsletter to be informed when the public hearing has been scheduled.

Help us keep the pressure on. Call or write to the Corporation of Delta and tell them what you think!

Call Delta Council at: **604.952.3155**  
or email: **jhopkins@delta.ca**  
or fax: **604.946.4148**

For more information you can check out our MK Delta Lands Fact Sheet and sign our petition at [www.burnsbog.org](http://www.burnsbog.org)



Our 2013 day camp registration is OPEN! This is a rare opportunity for environmental education & outdoor activities for kids aged 5-12. The camps are planned so that all children have the opportunity to learn about the bog & their relationship to nature, while having FUN! Each day has a range of activities which include crafts, science, games, team activities.



**Day Camps in the Delta Nature Reserve**

With four counsellors plus volunteers, our camps are well-supervised at all times. Our Education Co-ordinator Janis Hindman manages the camps and trains our camp counsellors. Staff and volunteers pass Criminal Record Checks and a first aid certified person is always present.

Book early to make sure you get the summer camp your child wants. Visit our website at [www.burnsbog.org](http://www.burnsbog.org), contact us at **604 572 0373**, via mail (call and we'll send your form), or via email at [info@burnsbog.org](mailto:info@burnsbog.org)!

## Coming Events

- Sunday, April 21** Pilgrimage to Burns Bog
- April 21-23** AWARE workshop on fen restoration in Warsaw, Poland
- Sunday, July 28** Jog for the Bog & International Bog Day
- July 2 - August 30** Summer Day Camps
- Friday, November 8** Gala @ Eaglecrest Coyote Creek

## Summer Day Camp Schedule

- July 2nd-5th (ages 5-9):** Themed Days
- July 8th-12th (5-9):** Planet Bog
- July 15th-19th (ages 8-12):** Survivor
- July 22nd-26th (5-9):** Crawling Critters
- July 29th-Aug 2nd (5-9):** Survivor
- Aug 6th-9th (8-12):** Themed Days
- Aug 12th-16th (5-9):** Things with Wings
- Aug 19th-23rd (8-12):** Stinky, Slimy Science
- Aug 26th-30th (5-9):** Pirates and Dragons

*Thanks to TD FEF, Delta Firefighters, BC Hydro, Service Canada & BC Gaming for their support.*

## Pilgrimage to Burns Bog

This year's pilgrimage is shaping up to be a huge event, with a lot of great guest speakers and musical talent lined up. See you there. As always it is a free, family-friendly and cross-cultural event. This year it will be held **Sunday, April 21st at 1pm**. Speakers include:

- **Fred Bass**
- **Guy Gentner**
- **Anne Murray**
- **Ben West**
- **Joe Foy**
- **Aline LaFlamme**
- **Eliza Olson**

There will also be music by Singers of the Sacred Web and Nick Epperson!

For more information, visit:

[www.pilgrimage2burnsbog.org](http://www.pilgrimage2burnsbog.org)

## Building for the Future: A 25th Anniversary Gala



You're invited to join us and celebrate twenty five years of saving Burns Bog, on Friday, November 8, 2013! The evening at Eagle Ridge Coyote Creek (7778 152nd Street, Surrey) includes dinner with a silent and live auction. Phone 604 572 0373 for information.

Tickets \$95 @ [www.burnsbog.org/gala](http://www.burnsbog.org/gala)

**"The HouseSmart Guy"**  
M.C.: Shell Busey



**Guest Speaker**  
Dr. Art Hister

## A Very Special Thank You to our 2012 Supporters!

A huge thank you to **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation** who helped us make peatland education more accessible this year. We were proud to give a big Christmas present to Richmond and Delta school districts: our teacher's resource "For Peat's Sake." Two copies were donated to every elementary school, totalling **over 100 books!**

Another big thank you goes out to our friends at **Vancity Branch #19 North Delta** for donating \$10 000 for the building of new boardwalks in the Delta Nature Reserve. If you would like to volunteer and help build with us this year, please join our mailing list at [www.bursbog.org](http://www.bursbog.org)!

*Congratulations to both Wally & Eliza on receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal!*

### Got stuff lying around? Here's our **Wish List:**

- Insulated water cooler for day camps
- Toilet paper
- 8 1/2 x 11 Paper, white or coloured
- Goodies for volunteers
- Volunteers to help guide fieldtrips
- Coffee
- Wood for boardwalk - preferably cedar 2" x 6" x 10 ft
- Nails 3 1/2" galvanized
- Used books for our August book sale

### Leave a Legacy

Do you want to help the Burns Bog Conservation Society but you can't right now? You can leave a gift to the Society in your will. Planned giving lets you make larger gifts than you could otherwise out of your current assets.

It may let you receive a stream of income for life, earn higher investment yield, or reduce your capital gains or estate taxes. Your financial advisor can help you decide your options.

Not sure if you can help raise money for the Society? Just swing by our office to get your "Dough Raising Card". Show it to your COBS sales assistant at the four B.C. locations listed below. COBS will donate to us every time you shop there.

Thank you to those of you who used your "Dough Raising Card". 5% of purchases you made from July 2011 to June 2012 came to the Society for a total of \$108.30.

**Scott Road & 72nd Centre**  
7243 120 St., Delta, B.C.

**Marine Way**  
160 – 7517 Market Crossing, Burnaby, B.C.

**Ocean Park**  
12857 16th Ave., Surrey, B.C.

**Semiahmoo**  
141A – 1711 152nd St., Surrey, B.C.

You can also come into the Society office (or call us at **604 572 0373**) and get a Mohawk card, and they will donate every time you buy gas!

Here is my gift to continue saving our disappearing Peatlands  **YES! I am signing up to become a member**

Here is my annual membership fee (Taxes included):

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