



# THE HIGHLANDER

Spring/Summer 2012

Newsletter of the Highlands District Community Association (HDCA) & the Highland Heritage Park Society (HHPs)

**Purpose of HDCA:** is "to foster community in the District of Highlands and engage all Highlands residents and property owners in the process."

**Purpose of the HHPs:** is to promote knowledge of Highlands history as well as the preservation and ongoing care and maintenance of the Caleb Pike Homestead and Heritage Orchard.

## COMING EVENTS

Come out to the events, meet your neighbours and participate. Support YOUR community volunteer organizations.

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:30 - 9:00 PM

Old Schoolhouse, 1589 Millstream Rd.



## Solar Energy: Politics, Policy and Practice

Ever wondered about what would be involved in tapping the 'free' energy from the sun to generate your own electricity or heat your water?

The HDCA is hosting an evening aimed at addressing these precise questions. Respected Colwood Councilor Judith Cullington has offered to kick off the evening by speaking about their program aimed at installing 1000 solar hot water systems in Colwood. She will share stories on the challenges encountered and the lessons learned. Afterwards our own Ann and Gord Baird will share images and stories on their journey in creating their internationally famous Eco-Sense home right here in the Highlands. They will explain how they came to integrate Solar PV and Solar Thermal technologies into a passive solar earthen home. The Baird's home has earned international recognition as the greenest home ever rated on the world's greenest building program.

So, bring your questions and curiosity and come on out and join us!

Contact: Scott Richardson at 478-2526 or [scott.richardson@shaw.ca](mailto:scott.richardson@shaw.ca)

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 - 7:30 PM

Old Schoolhouse, 1589 Millstream Rd.



Film Sponsored by HDCA and Highland Stewardship Foundation

## Local Food, Local Economy, Local Living...

The Film 'The Economics of Happiness' will be shown at the Schoolhouse at 3:00 p.m. The film provides a compelling and inspirational look at two divergent trends, globalization and localization and the impacts of each on the environment, communities and individuals.

The film will be followed by a discussion and potluck dinner. Come for all or any part of the event, and share ideas with your neighbours about living more locally within our community.

For more information, contact Libby (250) 478 2526 or [libbymcminn@shaw.ca](mailto:libbymcminn@shaw.ca)

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

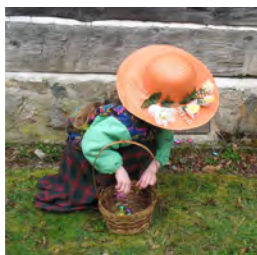
**6:00 – 9:30 PM**

Old Schoolhouse, 1589 Millstream Rd.



**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 AM**



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**

## **Spring Potluck Dinner and Scottish Country Dance**

**Potluck Dinner (BYOB) 6:00 PM    Dancing 7:30 – 9:30 PM**

Please bring something tasty for all to enjoy. Please supply your own plates, cutlery and beverage; coffee and tea supplied. No charge, but please register with Bob ([bobmcminn@shaw.ca](mailto:bobmcminn@shaw.ca)) because space is limited.

Mary Ross provides the music and Bob Anderson will guide us through the steps so that even beginners can enjoy the dancing.

## **Highlands Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**All Highlanders (and guests) Welcome**

Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Rd.

Please bring "nut-free" treats to hide, or, finger food to share.

Beverages provided. Everyone is welcome! Rain or shine.

*Organized by the HDCA*

*For additional info. Contact: Marcie @ 250-474-4725*

**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Caleb Pike House  
1589 Millstream Road**



*Scotch Broom*



*Scotch thistle*

## **HDCA Annual General Meeting**

The HDCA will welcome new members and (briefly) hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All are invited.

Immediately followed by the Feature Presentation:

### **The Growth of Invasive Species on Southern Vancouver Island**

*"After habitat loss, biological invasion constitutes the greatest threat to biodiversity, and it has already had devastating consequences for the planet."*

*Jeffrey A McNeely, Chief Scientist, The World Conservation Union.*

What are the invasive species, their threats and their rate of growth? How do we identify them and learn to cope with or control them?

At this presentation Rachelle McElroy, Coordinator of the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee and Carolyn MacDonald Chair of the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) will; each come to share their perspectives and inform attendees what practical steps the rural landowner can take to slow the spread of invasive species.

**Refreshments will be available.**

*For more information contact: Scott Richardson @ 250-478-2526*

**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



## **HDCA Community Clean Up of Highlands Public Land and Main Road Sides**

Volunteer clean up of garbage, tossed metal, tires, & miscellaneous items from **main road sides & municipal parks**. Garbage bags provided. To reserve a section of a main road prior to the Saturday or, for more info, please call Marcie @ (250) 474-4725.

Join in a "pot luck" breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30 AM at the Pike House, 1589 Millstream Rd.

There you may select a section of main road, get some garbage bags, a pair of rubber gloves, have breakfast and meet your neighbours and friends.

If you cannot bring your collected garbage back to the Pike House, then please leave it on a main roadside location where it can be safely retrieved by 1:00 PM Sat. afternoon.

**Thanks for your care!**

Main roads are Millstream; Finlayson Arm; Millstream Lake; Munn and Ross-Durance.  
Organized by HDCA.

## **Select Saturdays March - July**



**Caleb Pike House - 7:30 PM  
1589 Millstream Road**



**\$5.00/person (free for open stage performers and those 16 and under) - coffee, tea, and goodies provided.**

## **Highlands Folk Music**

Highlands Folk Music Coffee House is continuing in its 14th year to provide great music in the beautiful Highlands. In January Highlands Coffee House brought two concerts, two nights in a row, presenting **Valdy** and **Karel Roessingh**. Great music and smiles, and great conversations during coffee break time, filled Caleb Pike House.

Evenings at the Highlands Coffee House are filled with great music, and feature a variety of musicians, good desert and people who enjoy music and a good place to go with friends and family.

### Upcoming:

March 10: **Allen Dobb**

April 14: **Hokum Steamers band**

May 12: **Quaaleedh band**

May 19th : the Annual **Highlands Children and Youth Coffee House** (everyone please get ready)

June 9th: **Jack and May**

June 23: **Summer Blues Bash with Ken Williams & friends**

July: **Mufaro Marimba band** returning

Zhinoos and the great group of volunteers at the Coffee House, Linda, Gordon, Ted, Denis, and Val invite you to drop on by.

Contact: Zhinoos at: [zhinoos9@gmail.com](mailto:zhinoos9@gmail.com) or call 778-678-2409.



## Share Your Ideas!

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 PM Pike House



## HIGHLANDS FLING 2012

We are planning something a little different this year that would deliver a little more fun and a little less work.

**What would you like to see in the way of food at this year's Highland Fling?**

Please let us know and join us at the Caleb Pike House **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** @ 7:30 PM for a short brainstorming session.

To share your ideas or be part of the team contact: Sheila @ (250) 474-1685

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



... and the last Sunday of every Month

## Highlands MARKET!!!

**Caleb Pike House Grounds**

Come check out the best kept secret in the West Shore. Our very own Highlands market has been offering locally grown food, produce and local crafts for 25 years.

Runs the last Sunday of every month from May through September.

*To request a table or further info contact: Leslie Wagner 250 474-3453*

The Pike House...



Highland Heritage School House...



**Available for Rental...**

**The Highland Heritage School House  
And Pike House**

Are you or someone you know looking for a character venue for a personal or community event?

The Pike House and the Highland Heritage School House are available for rental for birthday parties, weddings, or other private celebrations.

*For rental rates and bookings, please phone 474-7601.*

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For more on Highlands District Community Association see: [http://www.highlands.bc.ca/volunteer\\_orgs/hdca/](http://www.highlands.bc.ca/volunteer_orgs/hdca/)

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