



ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Jan/Feb 2025

“Know nature and to keep it worth knowing”

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Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m.
at the Ravine Park Hatchery, 2395 Crescent Way, Abbotsford
by the Abbotsford Arts Centre

*The objectives of the
Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club*

- *To enjoy and interpret natural history*
- *To promote an understanding and an appreciation of natural ecosystems*
- *To promote the concept of stewardship of natural resources*
- *To participate as naturalists in public consultations related to questions of environment and development in the Abbotsford and Mission area*

January 8, 2025 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.(VIA ZOOM) link below

“Pollinators in the City: How urban environments can support native bees”

Presented by Christine Thuring

Christine Thuring is an inter-disciplinary plant ecologist with expertise in green roofs and urban ecology. She is a founding board member of the Native Bee Society of BC, and currently serves as president/ co-chair. Christine holds an MSc Horticulture (2005) from the Pennsylvania State University and a PhD Landscape (2016) from the University of Sheffield.



Paul DaDalt is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: AMNC Jan 2025 Zoom meeting, pollinators in the city

Time: Jan 8, 2025 07:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85406810583?pwd=CakRfOgGcawXWZwksB4Dr6dask75al.1>

Meeting ID: 854 0681 0583

Passcode: 865071

Sunday afternoon @ 1pm, January 19, 2025 - Fieldtrip to Peach Creek



Join us for an easy 5 km walk along the Peach Creek / Vedder Rotary trail to view the new / restored salmon habitat areas created by the Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition and many volunteers last summer and fall.

We will meet at 1 pm in the parking lot at the south end of Lickman Road and walk to the Buxton Wetlands project.

We will spend some time learning about the project and its vision, then return along the Vedder River to the parking lot.

This project is led by Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Governing Council. They are supported by Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition; Province of BC Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship; DFO Centre for Salmon Habitat Expertise; Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance; Semá:th First Nation; City of Chilliwack; Community supporters and volunteers.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/bzY3yL3Hvkrtyip8>

<https://fvwc.ca/2024-notice-of-construction-salmon-habitat-restoration-buxton-wetlands/>

To register contact John Vissers at 604-308-0520 or johnvissers@gmail.com

Saturday, February 8, 2025 - Fieldtrip



GEORGE C. REIFEL MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

Time: 9:00 am at the Sanctuary Gift Shop

We will walk the trails around this popular wildlife refuge. Snow Geese and other wintering birds have returned. Always a good chance to find owls such as the Great Horned. Bring lunch and water. Small entrance fee for non-members of BC Waterfowl Society. Bring an extra sweater and hat as it can be chilly out there.

Leaders: Vince and Ruthanne Clements will lead us again

The AMNC has reserved a number of parking spots. We encourage carpooling.

Contact Hank/Alice at haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283 if you plan to attend.

February 12, 2025 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 p.m

"Wolves in the Yukon: A personal Journey"

By Bernie Walter a member of the AMNC

Bernie Walter spent 30 years in the Yukon and 10 years in the high Arctic. In Oct. 2003, he was adopted by an Arctic wolf pup and they were friends for seven years. Join Bernie in a recounting of his wonderful adventures up north with pictures and movies.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS/FIELDTRIPS - 2025

March 12, 2025 - Andrea Gielens: "Conservation Collaboration: A Tale of three species"

Explore the biology and reintroduction efforts to save three small but iconic BC species and the science and advancements that have led to challenges and successes over the past 20 years

Andrea manages our captive breeding and release programs for the Oregon spotted frog, the Coastal Western Painted turtle, and the Taylors Checkerspot butterfly

March 19, 2025 (tentative) Fieldtrip to Greater Vancouver Zoo and tour the breeding facility.

April 9, 2025 – (tentative) Patricia Fantillo (Fraser Valley Conservancy) “Habitat Healers”

May 14, 2025 - Carmen Sprang: “Garter snakes and the hibernaculum area along a Delta dyke”

Carmen will share her three years of experiences and observations of the garter snakes and the hibernaculum area along a Delta dyke. The Spring emerge this year has been quite a contrast to last year's. We are going to hear the reasons.

WORK PARTIES

Bird Box Monitoring

During the winter months we will be cleaning/monitoring and recording 60+ swallow boxes at Willband and along the Matsqui Trail. Wood duck boxes at Willband and Fishtrap Creek will also be cleaned/monitored and recorded.



Invasive Plant Removal

This is an ongoing activity when the weather is favorable. The shrub and trees by the kiosk at the viewing platform are visible again. The City with their equipment flailed areas that we had mapped for them, but we still need to try and get rid of areas along the trails.

Abbotsford Mission Nature Club Board

Interested in getting more involved? We are looking for a few more members to join the board. Do you have an interest in communications or social media or any other area. You are welcome to sit in on a board meeting to get a feel for what goes on behind the scenes. Meetings are held monthly, are informal and enjoyable. No obligation!



FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to all who donated and went home with some amazing goodies, we raised \$375 for the puzzles and \$349 with the baked goodies

