



ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

September/October 2025

“Know nature and to keep it worth knowing”

www.abbymissionnatureclub.ca

Meetings are held on 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*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/FIELDTRIPS

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Macro Photography: Exploring Small Worlds by Justin Chan



Macro Photography opens up a diverse hidden world of arthropods! With high magnification, these small and often-underappreciated insects and spiders become larger than life, filling the frame with colourful and intricate detail. Justin Chan is a macro photographer and naturalist based in Vancouver. He will share photos of macro subjects, such as jumping spiders, bees, butterflies, beetles, and more. He will then dive further into the miniscule with ultra-macro subjects, such as springtails, mites, pseudoscorpions, and other mesofauna. Macro photography equipment and techniques will be covered after each section. He will also discuss how paying closer attention to the little things, and sharing your photographs on platforms, like iNaturalist, can contribute to citizen science, and even reveal new discoveries.

Justin Chan is a naturalist with a passion for macro photography, with a primary focus on spiders and insects. One of his photos (see photo) of a spider received the runner up prize in the 2024 Canadian Wildlife Photography of the Year, in the Terrestrial Life category, which has been published in *Canadian Geographic* and other publications. When not working as an illustrator, he can be found out with his camera looking for bugs!



October Fieldtrip - Fish Theme

Viewing of Spawning Channels - Watch for more details and location.

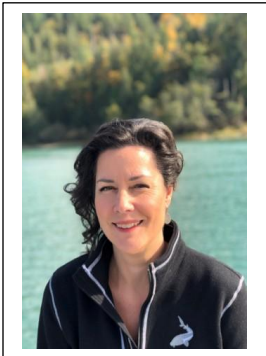
Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

The White Sturgeon - KEEPING THE LEGEND ALIVE

by Ms. Sarah Schreier



The presentation will be about the history of the society, their programs, and info about sturgeon.



Ms. Sarah Schreier is Executive Director of the FRSCS. For over 25 years, Ms. Schreier has provided analysis and advice to a number of organizations and sectors related to healthcare, basic research, fisheries management issues and most recently, White Sturgeon research. Ms. Schreier studied business and communications at the University of Ottawa, and Royal Rhodes University, in British Columbia, Canada. In her role as ED, Sarah oversees the FRSCS Strategy Deliverables and provides direction to help facilitate White Sturgeon research initiatives and management plans. Sarah provides leadership to ensure we continue to build and strengthen partnerships among key stakeholder groups and government leaders. Sarah is a frontlines resource

for media on sturgeon related issues and is often invited to present the 'sturgeon story' and our science to local groups, schools, community groups, professional associations and National and International conferences. Ms. Schreier brings extensive experience managing dynamic, long-term relationships among individuals, sectors and diverse communities to make a difference for our environment.



Saturday, November 1, 2025 -Mushroom Identification

Time: 10-1pm

Place: Aldergrove Regional Park

Leader: Quirien Mulder ten Kate

Register: gmuldertenkate@gmail.com

Meet at picnic area and washroom entrance off Huntingdon Road. More information to follow.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 @ 7:30 pm



Habitat Restoration of Watersheds in the Fraser Valley by Rachel Drennan

Join us as we take a deep dive into the habitat enhancement and restoration efforts FVWC has undertaken over the past year! Through compelling photos and stories, we will showcase the transformation of our project sites, highlighting the challenges faced, the restoration techniques put to the test, and the lessons learned along the way. Discover how adaptive management keeps our ecosystems thriving and ensures each site has the best chance of long-term success. Most importantly, we hope to explore how we can work together to amplify our work. Collaboration is key to building a healthier, more resilient environment for all. We look forward to connecting with you and exploring new opportunities to join forces on future projects!

Rachel Drennan is a Professional Agrolgist with expertise in ecological restoration and environmental stewardship. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of the Fraser Valley and a professional certification in Ecological Restoration from the University of Victoria.

Since joining FVWC in 2009, Rachel has played a pivotal role in fostering partnerships and engaging with all levels of government including First Nations, federal, provincial, and municipal authorities, as well as community groups and local leaders. Her work encompasses the development of habitat restoration plans, funding applications, volunteer coordination, and the oversight of FVWC's diverse restoration initiatives.



Dedicated to the restoration and long-term monitoring of riparian ecosystems, Rachel brings extensive experience in salmon habitat restoration and streamside bioengineering, ensuring the sustainability and resilience of local ecosystems.



Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Nature Club Christmas Social

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!**



2025 BC Nature Conference and AGM

Nature in the Rainshadow



The Nicola Naturalist Society hosted the 2025 BC Nature Spring Conference and AGM in Merritt, 22-24 May 2025.

Nine members of the Abbotsford Mission Nature Club attended the Conference. Like all previous conferences this one did not disappoint. We heard many fascinating speakers went on amazing fieldtrips, some to areas not open to the public.

The fellowship with like minded individuals and the presentation of the well-deserved BC Nature Club Service award to our very own WENDY DADALT!

WENDY FOR BC NATURE CLUB SERVICE AWARD



Wendy has been a key player in the Abbotsford Mission Nature Club for 33 years! She had a major role in starting the club back in 1992, which was then called the Central Valley Naturalists. Wendy attended the early meetings with a baby in tow and has had a very active role on the executive ever since.

Wendy was instrumental in the development of many of the nature club's projects and activities. She was the program coordinator from 1992 until 2012. Also, many field trips were planned and/or led by Wendy; her knowledge of the natural world enhanced the experience of the participants.

In 2013, Wendy took on the task of chairing the committee for the BC Nature Spring Conference and AGM. Her organizational skills and knowledge of proper protocol guided the committee, which resulted in a successful event in Abbotsford.

Wendy was instrumental in forming the Hogan Family Nature Park in 1995, under the auspices of the Abbotsford Mission Nature Club. She continues to monitor the area, advising the club as to the state of the park and maintenance required seasonally.

Willband Creek Park is the club's major community involvement project. In 2017, Wendy's expertise in the grant application process resulted in the club receiving \$90,000 to build a viewing platform, which has become the focal point of the park with vistas of the ponds, birds, and surrounding mountains. She is also an advocate for Sumas Mountain Regional Park and McKee Peak in Abbotsford.

Wendy has facilitated strategic planning sessions and led various workshops i.e. Future Planning of the Club and Charting a Course for Tomorrow. For the past 5 years, she has been co-chair of the club.

Three years ago, Wendy invited Quirien to join the AMNC executive and to help organize speakers for our monthly club meetings. She states: "It became apparent quickly how instrumental Wendy is in keeping the executive functioning effectively and efficiently. For example, facilitating successional training discussions, identifying executive member's strengths and future interests, being well connected to many other environmental organizations and experts and having



strong communication and collaboration skills are only a few of Wendy's strengths. Her commitment to making a difference in her community, especially when it comes to environmental protection and public education sets an example for others to follow."

The Abbotsford Mission Nature Club is privileged to have Wendy. She always inspires us with her enthusiasm, vision and knowledge. Her input is very precious to us, and we can't imagine the club without her!

CONGRATULATIONS, WENDY!

A glimpse of a few of the summer outings



Mt Thom



Devil's Lake

