

March/April 2016

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:

Are you interested in assisting with stewarding Nanaimo area streams and rivers. Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT) has two upcoming **STREAM KEEPER WORKSHOPS**: March 5/6 and Apr 9/10. Contact NALT for more info 250-714-1990

Join other volunteers for the **2nd Annual Barsby Park Clean Up**, March 12th from 10-12:00 pm. Contact Diana for details 250-755-6447



Congratulations to Diana Kirsch, one of the winners of the 2015 Green Nanaimo Awards. Diana is recognized for her valuable contribution to the City's environment by effectively enhancing, preserving and protecting it & encouraging environmental stewardship.

Invasive Species Attack: Work Parties

Maintaining our natural areas and restoring the integrity of our native ecology depends on you. Please join us. Wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves if you have them and pre-register by calling 250-756-5200 or visit IREG

John Barsby Clean-Up

Sat, Mar 12 10 am—12 pm Barcode 148447

Pipers Lagoon Park—Daphne & Blackberry

Thu, Mar 24 1 pm — 3 pm Barcode 148445

Sugar Loaf Mountain Park—Broom

Sat, Apr 16 9:30 am—11:30 am Barcode 146626

Oceanview Park—Broom

Sat, Apr 23 9:30 am—11:30 am Barcode 146628

Northfield Park—Broom

Sun, Apr 24 9:30 am—11:30 am Barcode 146623

Earth Day Invasive Plant Drop Zone:

Saturday, April 23 10am-3:00pm

Location: Bowen Park Wall Street Parking lot

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS at BOWEN PARK:

WATER DAY: Sunday, March 20
10-5:00 pm

visit www.teamwatersmart.ca
for details

WILDFOODS FESTIVAL & EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

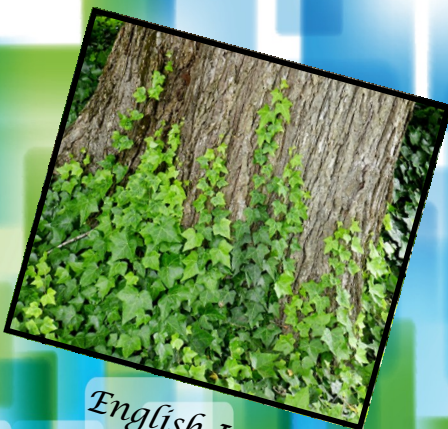
Saturday, April 23 11-3:30 pm

Looking for volunteers to help collect wild greens for event. Please contact NALT if available 250-714-1990

ENGLISH IVY commonly planted to provide quick cover of earth or walls and buildings or migrating from potted planters that have ended up in our parks tossed over a fence, has definitely made it's mark - smothering plants on the forest floor in juvenile form and suffocating trees in adult form. **Plant Purple Wintercreeper Euonymous or Salal or instead.**

SCOTCH BROOM originally from Scotland and brought to BC in the 1850's as garden ornamental has since taken over many of our roadsides and undeveloped cleared lots. The most ideal time of year to remove broom plants is when they are in Bloom. Contact your local Broombusters to find out more information or come join one of our Work Parties. **Plant Forsythia or Deciduous Yellow Azalea instead.**

www.broombusters.org



English Ivy



Scotch Broom