



Garden City Conservation Society

7th Annual Gathering

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

You're welcome! Join in!



Welcome to the **Annual Gathering** of the Garden City Conservation Society—always a happy and creative evening. Once again it's at the **Red Barn** (Terra Nova Farm Centre), 2631 Westminster Hwy, Richmond. There's free parking there and at the Terra Nova Natural Area to the east and on the road.

It's FREE with membership, which is just \$10/year and open to all who support **our purposes**.

You can join/renew via our [membership page](#) (using PayPal or a paper form) or at sign-in on June 18.

Event features, Wednesday, June 18, 2014:

- Sign-in *begins* before **6 pm**. (Sign in by 6:45 if possible.)
- Appetizing **Light Dinner** (*not* a full dinner) and good company, pre-6 pm on.
- Optional Terra Nova Slough **Eco-Tour** with Michael Wolfe, **6:10 pm**. (See below.)
- Brief Annual General **Meeting** at **7:05 pm**.
- **Interactive Presentations**, **7:25 pm**. Then any quick announcements. At 8:30 pm, chatting & cleanup.
- [RSVP with our online form](#). (If no computer access, call 778-320-1936 after 10 am.)



Terra Nova Slough Eco-Tour & more with Michael Wolfe

At 6:10 p.m., Michael Wolfe will gather an Eco-Tour group at the Red Barn entrance. If you choose to do the tour, you'll head a short way west to the Terra Nova Slough, and you'll experience conservation by being mindful of what you see. It's like a treasure hunt. You'll find yourself valuing what the group notices and Michael discusses. By 6:50 p.m., you'll be back at the Red Barn. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, you'll have grown through what you've felt, seen, heard, smelled, touched and tasted.

Michael is vice president of the Garden City Conservation Society. It is fitting that in the photo (above) nature is celebrating with Michael, who is so much part of nature one might not spot him.

Interactive eco-wellness presentation: Later, Michael Wolfe will lead a discussion on Eco-Wellness. He will share some pre-planning, invite insights, and facilitate realistic goals for the 2014-15 year.



Carol Day—YVR fuel threat

Garden City Conservation director Carol Day (left) hardly has time to run her sign business these days. Her big current challenge is as chair of VAPOR, addressing the YVR fuel consortium's plans to bring Panamax tankers to a dock and tank "farm" near Riverport.

Carol will briefly illustrate a couple of catastrophic risks, an effect of the fuel company's reluctance to evaluate fuel delivery options for *conservation* value.

Rather than lecture, Carol will let the group's questions set the agenda from there.

The Singing Dress with Sharon MacGougan

Drawing on indigenous Mexican culture, Sharon MacGougan will tell the story of the singing dress, which she is wearing at right. That will lead naturally into discussion of elements of conservation.

Besides being a director of the Garden City Conservation Society, Sharon is a social activist, kung fu instructor, retired music teacher, grateful respecter of nature, facilitator of personal healing, and author of *The Mayan Mysteries*.



Sophika Kostyniuk—Right to a Healthy Environment



For the David Suzuki Foundation, a starting point for conservation is the right to a healthy environment. They wish to share that outlook with all Canadians, and they've chosen to begin with Richmond as a model.

Garden City Conservation is always happy to be supportive of other conservation groups, so we're pleased that Sophika Kostyniuk (left), the energetic and personable National Organizing Manager, jumped at the chance to chat with us about it at the Annual Gathering. With Sophika's help, we can apply the "right to a healthy environment" goal to life in our community.

Maybe we can also learn from how the pros plan a campaign.

Jim Wright—Conservation and the Garden City Lands park enhancement

Besides giving his annual update, Garden City Conservation president Jim Wright (right) will do an illustrated analysis of the current city plan to enhance the Garden City Lands park.

With Jim's insights and the group's discussion, you'll feel informed about what's going well and what's not. *Your awareness is important for the future of the Garden City Lands.* As always, two key factors for stewarding are respectful listening to Nature and best available knowledge.



At the Annual Gathering, let's treat each person we see like nature: let's ensure that everyone we meet there will be better because of it. Let's again share the welcoming of the Annual Gathering, a great tradition.