

Newsletter February 2017

The Derby Rag



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Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association AGM



Environmental Treasures: Bogs and Other Wetlands

Dr. Rolf Mathewes

**Professor Biological Sciences
Simon Fraser University**



February 23, 2017

Fort Langley Community Hall

Everyone Welcome. Come learn about your neighbourhood bog.

PROGRAM

AGM 7:30 pm

Break 8:00-8:15 pm

Presentation 8:15 pm

It's free

APPLE BAKE-OFF Bring your best Apple Baking 7:00-7:15 pm

Taste & Vote for your Favourite Creation during the break

Please no nuts or dairy products

Come for the fun, stay for the food and linger to learn about the likes of Langley's secret treasure chest.

This year DRBIPA's Annual General Meeting features the renowned speaker Rolf Mathewes.

Dr. Mathewes is a professor of Paleocology and Palynology in the Department of Biological Sciences at Simon Fraser University. His presentation, **Environmental Treasures: Bogs and Other Wetlands** will highlight why wetlands are worthy of preservation. His talk coincides with the completion of a public Viewing Platform off the Houston Trail in Derby Reach Park overlooking the little known Langley Bog.

As past years, there will be the Apple Bake-Off: a smorgasbord of tasty apple delights for sampling and voting on your favourite. Enter your best Apple Baking for a chance to win the Public Choice Award and a handsome prize. Please no nuts or dairy.

Program

7:15 Assembling the Apple Treats

7:30 Annual General Meeting

8:00 Tasting and voting on the Apple Treats

8:15 Special presentation: Environmental Treasures: Bogs and Other Wetlands

9:00 Winner of the Public Choice Award for the tastiest Apple Treat announced.



2017 Slate of Candidates

- Tom Mackie
- Joan Martin
- Teresa Easton

**Notice to members of a Special Resolution that will be brought forward at the AGM:
To revise S. 1 (1) e and S. 23 (1) in the bylaws**

[DRBIPA Constitution and Bylaws 2017 Proposed Update](#)

Full details can be found on the website www.drbipa.org

2017 Board Recruitment



JOIN THE DERBY REACH/BRAE ISLAND PARKS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The purpose of Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association (DRBIPA) is to promote appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of Derby Reach and Brae Island Regional Parks while preserving and enhancing their natural and historical features, in partnership with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. DRBIPA's current activities include producing the annual Heritage Apple Day event; maintaining a heritage orchard in Derby Reach Regional Park; building a viewing platform overlooking the Langley Bog; and coordinating a series of free guided walks for the general public. The board's primary focus in 2017-2019 will be habitat restoration and conservation (including the Langley Bog) and park usage and trails.

Board member duties

- Serve a two-year term
- Attend monthly board meetings: the first Monday of each month, from 7:30 – 9:30pm, at the Fort Langley Community Hall (no meetings in August)
- Time commitment: at least 10 hours per month, evenings and weekends
- Participate in at least one DRBIPA initiative
- Volunteer for Heritage Apple Day: on the planning committee and/or at the event
- Support DRBIPA's mission
- Act as an ambassador for DRBIPA and Derby Reach and Brae Island Regional Parks
- Actively participate in discussions and decision-making
- Be prepared for board meetings

Skills & experience

- Passionate about the environment, nature, wildlife, recreation, history, culture, and being outdoors
- An appreciation for Metro Vancouver Regional Parks
- Respect for diversity and inclusiveness
- Non-profit board experience an asset but not essential
- An understanding of, or commitment to learn about, board governance
- Team player
- Strategic thinker

Benefits & recognition

- Opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to Derby Reach and Brae Island Regional Parks and to your community
- Provide input to Metro Vancouver (MV) on how to best use and maintain the two parks
- Work with a fun group of people who enjoy wildlife, recreation, history, culture, being outdoors, and hands-on activities
- Opportunity to take leadership of projects
- Learn new skills and take on new challenges
- Learn more about the rich history and biodiversity of the parks
- Invitations to MV volunteer appreciation and educational events, and skill-building workshops

For more information or to apply, please contact:

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Full details can be found here: [2017 Board Recruitment Package](#)



Derby Tales Round the Campfire

DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK

Township of Langley

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Noon – 3 pm

Gather round a crackling campfire for tales of nature and life in the wilderness. Bake bannock and bring a mug for hot chocolate.

Meet across from the Heritage Area at 10748 Allard Crescent, 4 km west of Fort Langley.

All ages

Free, drop-in

For information, visit metrovancoveronline.org or call 604-432-6359 Mon – Fri (8 am – 4:30 pm).



SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A LIVABLE REGION

Become a Member of DRBIPA

Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association (DRBIPA) invites you to become a member. We promote education, conservation, and recreation that is compatible with conservation.

Benefits of Membership include:

- Involvement in your community and your local regional parks

- exclusive access to expert speakers on walks in the parks
- fun activities that support conservation in the park
- volunteer at our signature event – Heritage Apple Day
- taste great treats at our Apple Baking contest at our annual general meeting

Your Park Association is a busy group! We work closely with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks to promote and protect the finest regional park system on our continent. Become involved!

Membership is \$10 per family.

Please see the membership form here: [DRBIPA MEMBERSHIP](#)

Visit our website

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