



Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association Derby Rag

May 2018

Learn about the Langley Bog

Heritage Area, Derby Reach Regional Park

Viewing Platform (15 minute walk into the park)

10716 Allard Crescent, Langley

Thursday June 7, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Join Biologist and local expert, Jeremy Smith, to learn more about the Langley Bog at the viewing platform on the Houston Trail at Derby Reach Regional Park.

Learn about the plants and animals that can be found in the bog.

Questions and conversation from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a formal talk at 6:30pm.

Register by sending an email to:

outreach@drbipa.org

Or drop in between 6-7:45pm



Bays Blackhall 1930-2017

On the morning of April 16, 2018 the Langley Bog took its designation of ombrotrophic very seriously indeed. It was wet! Despite the weather, people gathered at the Viewing Platform off

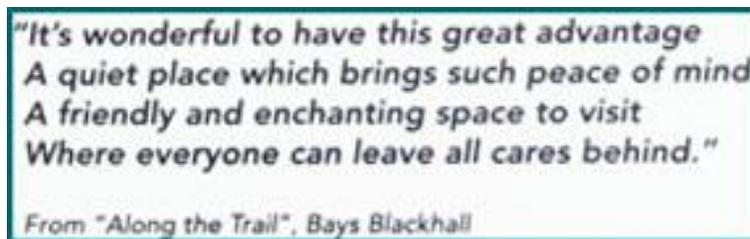
the Houston trail and overlooking the Bog for an event hosted by Wendy DaDalt of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks to honour Bays Blackhall.

This was to acknowledge her contributions to the area, not only to the Regional Parks but also to many organizations in Fort Langley. Together under dripping umbrellas, Bays' husband Bob, close family friends, representatives from some of the organizations she championed, and of course representatives from Metro Vancouver Regional Parks all shared short anecdotes about Bays. Three past and present members of the Board represented DRBIPA. We like to think two magnificent Sandhill cranes were listening since way out in the middle of the bog, and in the middle of the speeches, they rose up together and stretched out their wings. It was a fitting tribute to the person who helped save their summer home. To conclude proceedings Wendy and Bob unveiled a plaque that dedicates the platform to Bays and includes one of her original poems....a simple but very moving moment.



A second plaque has been mounted at the entrance to the Viewing Platform that acknowledges the contributions of the generous donors who made the platform possible.

The [Story of the Houston Trail](#) provides a first hand account of the Houston Trail beginnings written by Bays herself.



Volunteers Needed

Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association is looking for some community minded people to volunteer with us.

We have a number of upcoming events that we need help with such as:

Bedford Paddle at Brae Island Regional Park, July 14 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm

Volunteers are needed to assist with the handing out life jackets, signing in participants, and organizing the kayak and voyageur canoe rides.

Apple Day - October

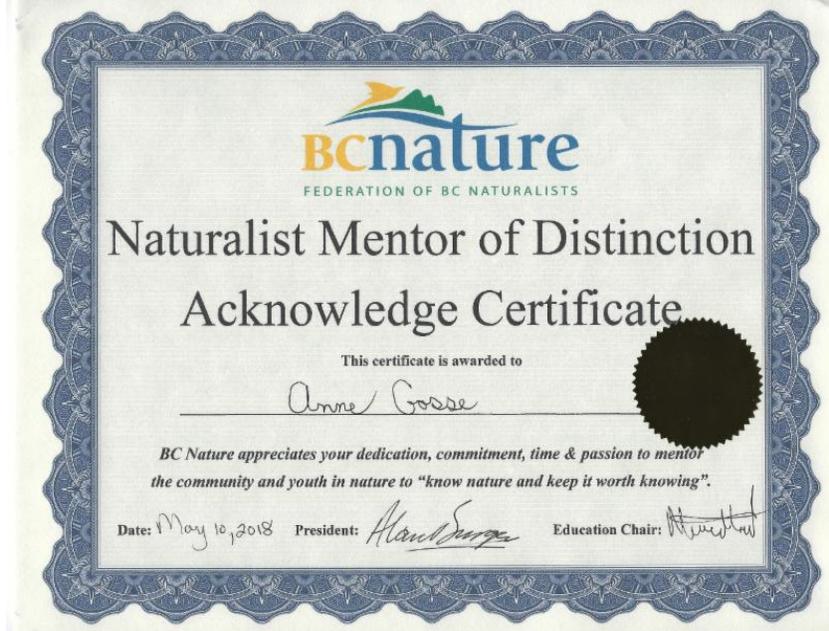
Volunteers are needed to assist with the festival, including set up, apple cutting, apple tasting, Information, and tear down. An appreciation BBQ for all volunteers follows the event.

Langley Bog Committee - TBA

If you or your group are interested, please contact us at outreach@drbipa.org



Congratulations to Board Member Anne Gosse



Naturalist Mentor of Distinction awarded to Anne Gosse at BC Nature AGM May 11, 2018

Anne Gosse brings her love of nature combined with enthusiasm to the Langley Field Naturalists. She uses this enthusiasm to encourage members and the public to become more involved in the appreciation of our environment. Anne joined the LFN club 15 years ago, moving to Langley from White Rock and soon became the LFN field trip leader. By her skillful selection of interesting trips and excellent leaders, her tenure as trip leader led members on many nature adventures. Because Anne is an excellent birder, she led many of these trips herself, keeping an online blog after each trip, illustrated by her wonderful photos; a must-read for all participants.

Because Anne loves the Tofino area she organized BC Nature's Tofino's Field Camp for three years. She successfully planned all the details of the camp: accommodations, food, speakers and trip leaders. This exceptional trip which enriched participants with nature knowledge of the area always had a wait list.

Anne gives generously of her time bringing her love of nature to kids. She led several birding walks for Brownie troops and recently co-led outdoor school kindergartners on a birding trip to Brae Island. In the LFN display booth at Country Celebration at Campbell Valley Park, she enthusiastically engaged kids in hands-on activities. With her ready smile, leadership and love of nature, Langley Field Naturalists are fortunate to have Anne as a Naturalists Mentor.

