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Newsletter

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Fall
2019

From the Editor's Desk

The autumn is often a time for new opportunities with the Western Environment Centre and its members! This issue describes the many ways that interested citizens can get involved in incorporating environmentally sustainable practices into their daily lives and encourage others to do the same.

Read about the exciting workshops that have been happening and continue to happen through the fall, workshops on a variety of topics such as seed-saving and reducing food waste in the home. There is also an update on the two community gardens, gardens that have brought families and individuals together in the sharing of gardening tips and lore. WEC also has started participating again in the Wonderful Fine Market. This year the Market has a new venue and is now being run from Club 64 on Broadway. Come check out the locally grown and made products!

Also noted in this newsletter is the second seasons of the Green Drinks speaker series that will be starting again in November. In this series, WEC brings together experts and professionals from the Grenfell Campus and from the broader community to give short informal presentations on various environmental and food sustainability topics.

This past summer, I had the opportunity to read a highly intriguing book by the renowned German forester Peter Wohlleben, *The Hidden Life of Trees*, a book that seeks to change our way of looking at trees and by extension the natural world. A transformation of mindset is absolutely critical if populations are to embrace truly meaningful change to ensure our collective future. You can read my review of the book towards the end of this newsletter.

This particular autumn offers a unique opportunity for citizens to make a difference, one that happens only once every four years in Canada. The federal election is set for Monday, October 21st. Individual citizens can make changes in their daily lives, but a federal election gives people the chance to change our government's approach and course of action. Sometimes, the voting outcome of elections can be quite close; that is why every vote matters.

WEC prides itself on being non-partisan. We are hosting a debate among the federal candidates for the riding of the Long Range Mountains, a debate that will be devoted to environmental issues (there is more information about the debate on the third page of this newsletter).

What we do ask is that our readers and members make a concerted effort not only to get out and vote but also to ensure that the environment and particularly climate change are at the forefront of your criteria for choosing a candidate. This requires that all of us consult reliable news sources, that we be judicious and critically minded of the information that we receive through social media, and that we read objectively from different perspectives on specific environmental issues. Making an informed decision requires some work, certainly, but that is absolutely necessary for fulfilling our civic responsibilities and our commitment to the environment. With rights come responsibilities. Please vote.

Edwin Bezzina

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WEC welcomes comments and questions!

Feel free to write to the editor (info@wecnl.ca). We'd love to hear from you.



Cover Photo: Large Bonne Bay Pond in August (photo E. Bezzina)

WEC's Mandate

(this mandate includes some changes that were made recently)

The Western Environment Centre (WEC) is a charitable, non-profit, non-governmental organization. WEC is based in Corner Brook but we aim to serve the whole western Newfoundland region. In partnership with other community groups, businesses, and government agencies, our organization strives to:

- 1) Engage communities in environmental issues in a balanced, objective, and informed manner
- 2) Build capacity and involvement in projects related to environmental sustainability
- 3) Create a community of environmentally active citizens.

Project Focus Areas

WEC activities are focused in three main areas:

1. Food Sustainability

Community gardens and greenhouse

Food skills workshops

Humber Valley Fruit Rescue

Humber Heights Community Compost

School Garden/Greenhouse Partnership

Participation in the Wonderful Fine Market

2. Climate Change and Energy

Collaboration with Climate Watch NL

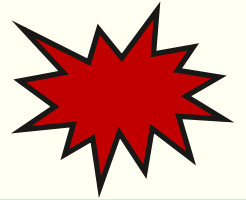
3. Public Policy Engagement

Participation in government-led consultations

*Engagement in public dialogue on current events/
issues*

Check out WEC's blog!

Released last April, the blog offers posts, articles, commentaries, WEC policy statements and positions, photos, news clippings, and much more! The blog's URL is www.wecnl.ca/wec-blog.



How to become a WEC member (and how to encourage friends to become members)

Please fill out the membership form on the back page of this newsletter and then send it by post to our surface address or by scanned copy to our e-mail address (info@wecnl.ca). Becoming a member is a fabulous first step to becoming environmentally involved in your local community!

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Five great ways to get involved in WEC

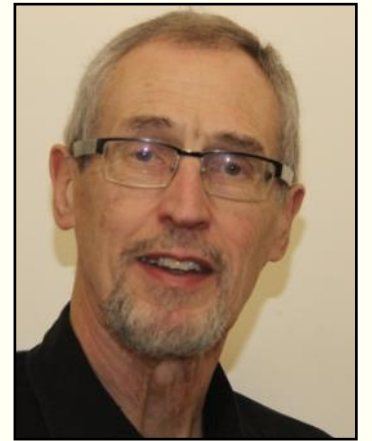
1. Join one of the working committees
2. Join the Facebook group and invite others to do the same
3. Attend WEC events and workshops
4. Become a WEC volunteer
5. Participate in the WEC community garden

Meet Our New Board Members

Stephen Blackwood teaches philosophy at Grenfell Campus, including environmental ethics. He has a deep concern about environmental issues, in particular climate change and the need to build environmentally sustainable economies and living spaces. As a new WEC board member, he is looking forward to getting involved in environmental issues on a more practical and local level.



Although **Mervyn Dean** was born in England (in the middle of the last century) he considers himself a Newfoundlander by descent — in 1989 a Boeing 767 descended from 39,000 feet to deposit him on the tarmac at St. John's. He immediately moved to the west coast of the island and has been here virtually ever since. Mervyn is a retired physician and an enthusiastic vegetable gardener, with an interest in food sustainability and concerns about climate change and its effects. He lives in Corner Brook with his wife, Sherry, and Sammi, a miniature poodle.



Tahazzud Hossain moved from Halifax to Corner Brook in 2018 to serve the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as an Environmental Protection Officer. He graduated with a Master of Environmental Studies degree from Dalhousie University. Previously, he obtained a B.Sc. in Environmental Science, a Master in Resource and Environmental Management, and a M.Sc. in Environmental and Energy Management. He started his career as an Environmental Consultant. His main areas of interest are environmental impact assessment, industrial sustainability, energy management, and climate change. He loves cycling, gardening, fishing, kayaking, playing football, and exploring nature.



Marcia Huyer moved to Corner Brook in 2018 from Ontario. Marcia holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Victoria. In the spring of 2019 Marcia joined the WEC board. She is happiest in the woods and has an interest in foraging, gardening, and community engagement. Marcia worries about the effects of climate change but remains hopeful.



One Way to Prepare for the Upcoming Federal Election

In partnership with the Environmental Policy Institute (Grenfell Campus), WEC is hosting a federal debate on the environment for the riding of the Long Range Mountains. It is of part a nation-wide endeavour to coordinate 100 Debates on the Environment across the country.

100 DEBATES on the ENVIRONMENT

**WHERE DO YOUR
FEDERAL CANDIDATES
STAND?**

**JOIN US FOR A DEBATE IN
THE RIDING OF LONG RANGE
MOUNTAINS**

**OCTOBER 3rd
7:30PM TO 9PM**

Grenfell Campus
Arts & Science Bldg
Room AS 2026
Corner Brook, NL

We'd like your input!

If you have a **question that you would like us to ask the candidates**, please send it to info@wecnl.ca by **Thursday, September 26th**.

Our committee will review all submitted questions and choose the **best four** to ask during the debate.

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Elections Canada and the Issue of Climate Change in the Federal Election



Over the past few months, Elections Canada has generated some controversy among environmental groups. Because one of the parties in the federal election has questioned the role of human societies in generating climate change, Elections Canada stipulated that environmental education groups like ours that promoted discussion on climate change could be viewed as partisan, arguing that such discussion favoured one of the other political parties. Elections Canada has since then clarified its position, but there are still some restrictions. WEC's Vice-Chair wrote the following letter in response.

Climate Change is Real!!! - Shout it as loud as you can, because others can't (for a while).

Lucky for you this newsletter costs less than \$500, in fact it is free. And therefore I am telling you that *climate change is real and humans caused it!!!* Just in case you didn't know. But since you are reading the newsletter of an environmental charity, I have the suspicion that you might already know that.

In July of this year, Election Canada told charities though that because the People's Party of Canada, a fringe right-wing party led by former Conservative Cabinet minister Maxime Bernier, denies the reality of human-caused climate change, any paid advertising over \$500 that states the reality of climate change or demands immediate action and policies to address it could be seen as indirectly opposing that party. Groups that want to advocate on behalf of the climate crisis would have to register as third parties in the election.

This is insanity! In countries like Finland the course of action to combat climate change was one of the most important issues during their election campaign. By contrast, in Canada the right of free speech is being limited, even though it is clear that 99% of scientists and climatologists worldwide have agreed that human-generated climate change is a scientific fact.

Let me say this loud and clear. Climate change is the defining issue of our time. And it should be the defining conversation in our election.

So let's make sure this never happens again. This is how you can reach Elections Canada by phone: 1-800-463-6868 (toll-free in Canada and the United States) and this is their contact page <https://csep-pesc.elections.ca/en-CA/intake>

Please voice your opposition to restricting groups to bring attention to climate change and to demand decisive political action on climate change during the 2019 election.

And when you are done letting Elections Canada know how you feel about their decision to restrict conversations about climate change you can help by spreading the word and making this a priority in our election. Because you *are* allowed to talk about it as much as you like in emails, on websites and in social media posts. So let's rev up the engines and let's start to ask how the parties are planning to bring us on track with the goals we set out in the Paris Climate Accord. And I dare them to "plan, consult, plan, evaluate, support, partner or analyze." That is not enough. What we need to do needs to be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. In other words it needs to be S.M.A.R.T!

Settle for nothing less. Make this a priority in the election. Add your voice to the conversation now.

Simon Jansen

Make your Voices Heard! Come out and Support the Student Strike!

On September 27th, 12pm, students, staff, faculty and the public in Corner Brook will be carrying out a climate strike at Grenfell Campus to bring awareness to the climate crisis which is affecting people across the globe. From 12:30 to 4:00p.m., there will be speeches by professors, artists, and community members. There will be information from many environmental community groups as well as groups on campus such as the environmental affairs committee and waste management committee. This is a student-led initiative and they want all members of our community to stand in solidarity with their youth!

This strike is connected with similar strikes happening across the globe in September to bring people together who want to feel supported and ensure that policy makers and politicians both around the globe and in their communities know that this is something many people are worried about. The goal is to help connect as many community groups, members, and partners with one another as possible to make a more environmentally conscious city for all!

For more information, contact Samantha Young Phone: (709)765-1621; sky365@grenfell.mun.ca or Sianna Bulman (250) 714 - 2070 smbulman@grenfell.mun.ca



A group gathered for a climate strike at the Jungfernstieg, a main boulevard in Hamburg, Germany. Credit Axel Heimken/DPA, via Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

Check out the wonderful website of the David Suzuki Foundation!

The David Suzuki Foundation website not only showcases its well-researched scientific and policy endeavours, but also provides the environmentally conscious citizen with so many tips on how to make your life and your home more environmental sustainable, how to get friends and family involved in nature, how to write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, how to protect wildlife, how to grow your own food, and so much more.



<https://davidsuzuki.org/>

Green Drinks Returns to Corner Brook

We are happy to report that we will soon be ready to launch **Green Drinks for a second season!**

We'll be partnering with **Bootleg Brewery** again, with support from the Scholarship in the Arts funding program at Grenfell Campus. The environmental subject matter of this speaker series is conceived in a broad sense and can include not only discussions and input by environmental scientists, but also academics who work in environmental literature, environmental history, and so on. The talks will be held on a Wednesday night about once a month at the Bootleg Brewery at 92 West St. in Corner Brook. The event involves brief presentations by a Grenfell Campus faculty member and a community presenter (e.g., government scientists, or people from various local and provincial organizations). Both talks are then followed by a question period and lively discussion.

We are still working out ideas for topics and speakers, so if **you'd like to contribute any suggestions**, please let us know at info@wecnl.ca



Helping WEC as You Recycle

Here is a creative way to donate to WEC financially. WEC has an account at Scotia Recycling on 55 Maple Valley Rd (709-634-2025). When dropping off your recyclables, donate by telling the people at the desk that you wish to give the proceeds to the Western Environment Centre. Visit the Scotia Recycling website:

<http://scotiarecyclinggroup.com/services-by-location>. For information on recycling on Corner Brook, visit <http://www.cornerbrook.com/default.asp?mn=1.24.100> or phone their recycling line at (709) 637-1630.



The Humber Valley Fruit Rescue

This WEC project is now in full swing for the fall! **Do you need help harvesting berry bushes, apple trees, or any other fruits and vegetables on your property?**

Our fruit rescue program will send **trained volunteer pickers** to your property. Once the produce is harvested, it is shared three ways - to the volunteers, the homeowners, and to charity.

For more info about getting fruit picked on your property, or to sign up as a volunteer picker, please email either info@wecnl.ca or hvfruitrescue@gmail.com



Read the recent article for the CBC!

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/western-newfoundland-fruit-rescue-1.5292206>

Photo Kody Gardner/CBC

WEC and the Wonderful Fine Market

We were excited to attend the **season opening of the Wonderful Fine Market** earlier this month at its brand new location, Club 64 on Broadway in Corner Brook. The Market is open most Saturdays until Christmas, from 10a.m.-2p.m.

It was great to see a variety of vendors, including **fresh local produce, baked goods, photos, coffee and crafts of all kinds**. We'll be participating in the Market intermittently on Saturdays **from 10 am - 2 pm** with **vegetables from our community gardens, as well as bee friendly wildflower seeds!**



Come by to say hi and find out more about everything we're up to this fall.
Katie Temple

Update on WEC's Workshops

WEC has had a very busy and fruitful season of workshops! We started off the year with four great food skills workshops between January and March, and over the past few months have held eight more on a variety of topics.

One workshop in April involved a partnership with Food First NL and focused on reducing food waste at home. We shared many tips with the twenty participants at Pasadena Place under the action slogan of plan, act, and react. Planning ahead when grocery shopping and meal planning is important, as well as figuring out ways to store food properly. Organizing your fridge and freezer are important, too! The last part of the workshop was a demonstration on how to make your own beeswax food storage wrap and each participant was able to make their very own wrap to take home.

Another well-attended workshop in April presented a useful guide for waking up the garden for the spring. Two entertaining and highly experienced gardeners from Rocky Harbour, Michael Burzynski and Anne Marceau from Rocky Harbour, shared their knowledge from their three decades of bountiful gardening in the uniquely challenging climate of the Northern Peninsula.

Also, in the spring we held a composting workshop as well as two workshops on raising backyard hens. Many communities in Newfoundland and Labrador are beginning to enact backyard hen by-laws, and many people are excited to learn how to care for chickens so that they can have access to fresh eggs right from their own backyard.

Between July and September, we held three wild edible hikes, in partnership with Jessica Galliot of Northern Foodcraft. Participants learned how to identify and use countless wild edible plants, most of them very common and easy to find all around the west coast. Jessica talked about ethical and sustainable foraging, and about the numerous nutritional and even medicinal benefits of many wild plants.

Over the coming months, we have more food skills workshops in store for you, including two already in the works in partnership with the Corner Brook Public Library as part of their wellness series. In late September, we'll hold another food waste workshop and in early October, we'll have a session on seed-saving, including how to plan for a seed-saving plot in your garden.

So far this year we've reached about 200 participants with our workshops, as well as many more participating online, particularly with our new Facebook page Western NL Food Skills. Come find us there, or look us up on Twitter, Instagram or our website: wecnl.ca!

Katie Temple

Community Garden Update

Both the Heights and the Blow Me Down Community Gardens have seen lots of great work accomplished this past summer. With a generous contribution from the provincial Community Healthy Living Fund as well as the Western Regional Wellness Coalition, both gardens have seen some excellent upgrades.

The walkways have been laid with landscape fabric and crushed stone to ensure they are drier and safer to walk on. Such materials also contribute to the suppression of weeds. Both gardens have received large loads of compost, as well as various natural fertilizers and other soil amendments, which gardeners could avail of to improve the fertility of their soil and thus improve yields.

Stone benches from NL Flagstone have been installed and they have given the garden a lovely aesthetic feature, as well as great place for gardeners to rest. These indestructible benches will last for a very long time! The watering systems have also been upgraded with new hoses and new watering cans. Additionally, new tools were purchased and fruit trees were planted..

Over the summer, we were also lucky to receive a grant from Canada Summer Jobs to hire Sarah Courtney, a student from the College of the North Atlantic. Sarah spent eight weeks working at the gardens, doing plenty of work to maintain the site overall and helping out any gardeners that needed an extra hand with weeding. Sarah cleared lots of brush, sifted lots of compost, and poured lots of crushed stone!

We are currently enjoying the harvest season and slowly starting to think about putting our garden plots to sleep for another season. We're thankful for the great support from multiple sources this year. We have all benefitted and we look forward to continuing to work with community partners to make our future gardens a success!

Katie Temple



Happy gardeners at the Humber Heights Community Garden (photos courtesy K. Temple)

A Donation of a Quilt for WEC!

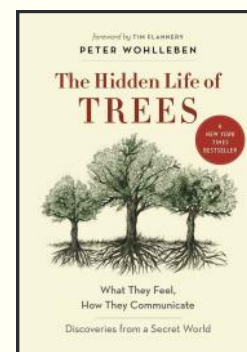
Come to the Rotary Arts Centre to have a look at the wonderfully worthwhile art eco-project being undertaken by local artists Chris Short and Anna House. Participants are invited to write on the small pieces of cloth provided indicating what they could change in their daily lives so as to help foster an environmentally sustainable future. The artists will then weave the pieces of cloth into a beautiful quilt! The project is part of an art exhibit currently open to the public in the Tina Dolter Gallery at the Rotary Arts Centre, entitled "What Will Remain." The exhibit will be on display until October 7th.



From left to right: Chris Short, Katie Temple (WEC's Executive Director), and Anna House (Photo Whitney French, Rotary Arts Centre).

Book Review. Peter Wohlleben, *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate. Discoveries from a Secret World.* Translated by Jane Billingham. Vancouver and Berkeley: Greystone Books, for the David Suzuki Institute, 2016.

This is a book well worth reading! Renowned German forester Peter Wohlleben takes us on an excursion into the remarkable world of trees, explaining in detail and with verve the mechanisms, social habits, and networks they have developed through millennia of evolution. Wohlleben invites us to imagine and think about the attributes and characteristics of trees in a broader way, exploring their means of communication, their language, their senses, and their cooperation and integration with other species. In doing so, we come to a deeper understanding of trees and we begin to realize that the differences between ourselves, animals and trees are not so vast as we once believed. From that realization can emerge among us a new and more powerful drive to preserve the natural world.



Wohlleben's book has achieved a good balance between being accessible to the non-specialist but also anchoring the chapters in sound science. He draws upon his decades of experience managing forests in the Eiffel mountains in Germany. To that experience he has incorporated the results of numerous academic studies to support his observations. It is noteworthy that the work was published for the David Suzuki Institute, an environmental organization that bases its work on solid scientific research. Moreover, the book includes a foreword and afterword by noted scholars in ecology and climate change science.

The structure of the book's chapters admittedly does not follow a clear tangent, but after reading the book, one cannot help but think of trees in a different way. How do trees "communicate" with each other? Take the example of the Africa acacia tree. When a giraffe starts eating its leaves, the tree emits a chemical into the air that signals to other acacia trees nearby that a threat has appeared. The other trees pick up the signal and start releasing their own toxic chemicals to ward off the giraffe. Thus the giraffe moves on. Trees even develop a form of social networking ("friendship" is the word used) through their root systems, exchanging nutrients with their own species and even sometimes with competitors. Trees do so in order to survive, because they are less successful when alone. Older trees will protect their "young" by the use of larger canopies, which serves to limit the sunlight that the younger trees below can photosynthesize. This prudent "upbringing" actually "ensures the well-being of the little ones," because it slows the growth of the younger trees and thus, surprisingly, makes the inner woody cells of the progeny smaller in size and containing less air. As a whole, this kind of growth helps to make the tree more flexible and thus resistant to breaking in storms; the "tough little trunks" also are protected from the threatening incursions of fungi.



A 4,000-year-old beech forest in Peter Wohlleben's forest district in Hümmel. (Photo: Peter Wohlleben)

Trying to make trees seem more like humans and animals may seem like an exercise in anthropomorphizing conjecture. Is Wohlleben privileging his explanations above other ones and cherry-picking his examples? That is the natural reaction a modern reader might have, because it is very hard for us to think of trees other than as relatively inanimate objects or as economic resources. Wohlleben also notes that we have difficulty assigning human or animal attributes to trees because trees live on a such a different time scale. The lifespans of some trees can exceed that of humans by over a hundred times. Things happen more slowly for trees in their life cycles, and thus it is difficult for us to see those features with the naked eye. To be sure, Wohlleben is careful to qualify when an observation is not an absolute certainty; nor does he argue that trees have consciousness in the same way that animals or humans do.

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Book Review. Peter Wohlleben, *The Hidden Life of Trees* (continued from the previous page)

Wohlleben also uses quotation marks for such things as the “lungs” and the “blood” of trees. But he is not quite speaking in terms of metaphors either. He wants us to think of our characterization of human or animal attributes in a broader, in a different way, to think outside the box. Perhaps future scientific research will unearth new evidence to reduce the conceptual gap between humans, animals, and trees.

Even more convincingly, the book presents the numerous ways in which trees cooperate with each other and even with other species for their mutual survival. New and exciting research documents the ways in which tree roots benefit from nearby fungi beneath the surface. Fungi can be deadly for trees, but in other species the root hairs of the trees will grow into the fungal threads below and derive nutrients and water from them. A sprawling formidable network is created underground as the fungal web connects with the roots of other trees.

Strong trees even depend on weaker ones and they support each other to maintain a healthy forest, by using root systems below to transfer sugar acquired through photosynthesis from one tree to another. With some exceptions, the book accentuates the theme of collaboration and cooperation not only between trees but also between trees and other species. In a forest, the weak trees are as important as the strong. The synergies among all living organisms here are manifold. In what was quite an eye-opening revelation for this reader, Wohlleben notes that this cooperation seems to contest the Darwinian notion of the struggle between species and the survival of the fittest. Darwin may not have clung to the two notions above as dogmatically as his followers did, but perhaps it is better if we start accentuating the complex synergies and collaborations between and within species instead of perceiving with indifference the extinction of species as part of the “natural order.” Perhaps in that way we would appreciate nature’s beauty more and thus work harder to preserve it.

In presenting such an understanding of trees, Wohlleben is not advocating that we stop using them for our benefit. He writes, “[...] we use living things killed for our purposes. Does that make our behavior reprehensible? Not necessarily. After all, we are also part of Nature, and we are made in such a way that we can survive only with the help of organic substances from other species. We share this necessity with all other animals” (p. 242). He is calling for better forestry practices; he also advocates the preservation of old-growth forests, because they best show us astonishing synergies and the diversity of species. Wohlleben calls upon his readers to spend more time in the forests, particularly the older ones, to connect with those synergies.

If we can see trees even as a bit like us, then perhaps we would be inclined to be more judicious in our use of them. The Western world has never been taught to think in this way. This reviewer, a practicing Christian, has always found it regrettable that while one of our key foundational texts, the Bible, could speak so profoundly and with such impact about forgiveness, compassion and pure altruism, this text could not extend this strong charitable impulse to respecting the dignity of creation and all the living things in it. Appreciating the “hidden life of trees” can help us move in that direction. The endeavour may appeal more to the emotions than to the mind, but our current and future ecological survival could be won not just through the application of reason and empirical science but also through the heart and through sentiment.

Edwin Bezzina



The Great Bear Rainforest, British Columbia, one of Canada’s old-growth rainforests discussed in Wohlleben’s book (Photo Nature Conservancy of Canada; photo Paul Nicklen/National Geographic)



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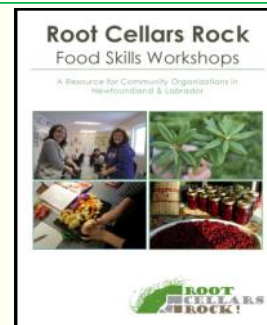
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The Food Skills Workshop Kit!

The workshop kit is a free resource created by Food First NL designed to support community groups across the province with hosting hands-on workshops building local food skills and preserving traditional food knowledge. Topics include: container gardening; composting; edible wild plants; seed saving; preparing local vegetables; using culinary herbs; canning; and root cellars. Download the workshops for free and start using them in your community today:

<http://www.foodfirstnl.ca/our-resources/food-skills-workshops>



The St. Lawrence Coalition

From their mission statement: The St. Lawrence Coalition was created to persuade government bodies to issue a moratorium on oil and gas exploration and exploitation in the Gulf of St. Lawrence as soon as possible. The St. Lawrence Coalition aims at bringing the gulf communities together, which share the same concerns and appreciate the natural resources of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Our coalition is inter-provincial as five provinces are involved: Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Québec, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

website: <http://www.coalitionsaintlaurent.ca/en/coalition>

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Annual Membership Form

Type of Membership: New Renewal Lapsed
Annual membership fee: \$10.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number (with area code): (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Would you like to be added to our e-mail list? Yes No

What environmental issues interest you the most?

Wildlife Energy Urban Planning

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Other: _____

Would you be willing to help out with WEC events? _____

Would you be interested in sitting on any of the following WEC committees or working groups:

BikeShare Community Compost Market

Newsletter Community Garden

Are you interested in becoming a Board Member? Yes No

How did you hear about WEC? _____

Do you have any additional information for WEC?

To learn more about WEC, visit www.wecnl.ca or join us on Facebook or Twitter.

Benefits of Membership

- Receive updates on WEC events and activities
- Receive our newsletter
- Free entry to workshops
- Become part of a growing organization that is committed to protecting the environment in Western Newfoundland and elsewhere

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Memberships are valid for 1 year (Jan – Dec).

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