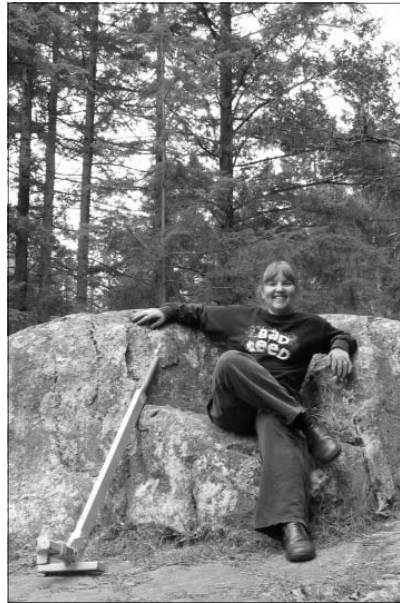




President's Message

by Alexandra Mancini

My involvement with the Lighthouse Park Preservation Society started four short years ago when I received a copy of the August 2005 LPPS newsletter as part of a bulk mailing. Having lost my job two months earlier as part of a major restructuring, I had reflected on whether and how to change my direction in life and decided to become more involved in local activities. When the newsletter arrived, over a relaxing cup of tea, I read the whole thing cover to cover. The lead story written by Marja de Jong Westman was entitled "R & R - Restoration & Rehabilitation". She described the ongoing efforts by the LPPS to reverse the environmental deterioration in the Park due to human impact and the spread of invasive plant species. That's interesting, I thought, I had no idea that English ivy was a problem for our forests. On to page 2, with articles on the Sentinel Satellite Cabin and River Otters at risk. Page 3 had synopses of three guest lectures that had been sponsored by the Society that spring and page 4 had a fascinating article on aerial plankton in the Park.



Alexandra relaxing after a broom pull

Wow, what a delightful read all the way through! I was quite impressed by the caliber of the scientific information presented in the newsletter and the variety of activities provided by this Society. This seemed too good to be true - an opportunity for me to get involved in my community, with a focus on environmental stewardship for a park that our family had enjoyed since we moved to West Vancouver in 1992. So I circled the invitation on page 5 to the ivy pull on September 24, 2005 and thus my relationship with the LPPS began!

I was delighted to join the Board of Directors for the Society the following year and a year later I assumed the role of organizing the invasive plant removal program as successor to Elspeth Bradbury, who had previously managed this program. For me personally, it has been a rewarding four years in so many ways. I have learned so much from my fellow Board members and other volunteers. I love the invasive plant removal events - a great sense of accomplishment and lots of fun. Through the collaborative relationship between our Society and the District of West Vancouver Parks Department, I have made many new friends in our community. Having been dubbed the "Queen of Invasives" by my new friends, I was delighted to receive the "Bad Seed" t-shirt in the photo from some of the Parks staff who attended a workshop on invasive plants hosted by the Greater Vancouver Invasive Plant Council in 2009.

It is indeed a daunting task to take on the role of President, following the excellent leadership provided by Marja de Jong Westman over most of the past decade, but I pledge to give my best effort in continuing the Society's many programs. I encourage you to read Marja's address to the 2009 Annual General Meeting (enclosed). I think you will agree that our Society does make a difference in maintaining biodiversity and preserving the precious old-growth parks in our neighbourhood. Many thanks for all the support our volunteers and members have provided over the past eleven years and I hope you will continue your support for our Society.

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Lighthouse Park Preservation Society is a membership-based non-profit organization formed in 1998 to:

- protect the natural integrity of Lighthouse Park;
- promote public awareness of its natural features;
- and support the development of biological zones near the park boundaries.

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WEST VANCOUVER
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EDUCATIONAL TALKS & WALKS

**“VANCOUVER.....
Eagle Capital of the World”
with
David Hancock**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31st, 2009
2-4 p.m.
Presbyterian Church, 2893 Marine Drive

David is a biologist, film maker, writer, publisher, and the founder of the Hancock Wildlife Foundation which promotes the conservation of wildlife and its habitats through science, education and stewardship. David's illustrated talk will cover his extensive experience and research with bald eagles in B.C.



Photo: Ralph Hocken

**MUSHROOM WALK
with
Terry Taylor**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2009
2-4 p.m.
Lighthouse Park

Terry Taylor is a naturalist who has been intimately studying the inter-connected workings of West Coast rainforests for many years, especially the role fungi and mushrooms play. Meet Terry at the upper kiosk in the parking lot to join him on an interesting walk.



Photo: Elaine Graham

TRAIL RESTORATION

Saturday, October 3rd - 9:00 a.m.

This Fall we shall continue our restoration work along Beacon Trail. Please join us to add more plants. Meet us in the upper parking lot, or along Beacon Trail.

Please bring gardening gloves, a shovel and a wheelbarrow if possible. In the fall of 2008, we put in 750 native plants, 500 of which were home grown and included several species that we have propagated for the first time. If you would like to know more about our propagation group please call Elspeth at 604-926-9390.

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

IVY PULLS

Saturday, September 19th & 26th

October 24th, & November 7th

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Wear old clothes and work gloves. These ivy pulls will be at various locations in the Six-Park Network. Meeting locations to be announced. For more information, call Alexandra at 604-922-1485.

MONTHLY BIRD COUNTS

Meet at the upper kiosk in the parking lot on the

first Sunday of every month -

Sept. 6th, - 8:00 a.m. - Note new times

October 4th, November 1st, December 6th, 2009

January 3rd, February 7th, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

Contact Suann Hosie at 604-926-9094 if you would like to participate.



Joy Davidson & Karen Vail hold a miner's lettuce, *Montia sibirica*, grown on Joy's balcony for planting in Lighthouse Park. This native plant with pink-striped white petals is also known as candy flower.



Students, staff and parents from Mulgrave School helped to remove the non-native, invasive plant, lamium, *Lamium galeobdolon*, from Lighthouse Park.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & ANNUAL FEES

Individual \$15.00 yearly or 3 years at \$40.00

Senior (60+ yrs) \$10.00 yearly or 3 years \$25.00

Family \$25.00 yearly or 3 years at \$65.00



Please note: the expiry date of your membership in the Lighthouse Park Preservation Society is shown on the bottom right hand corner of your address label. If you wish to renew your membership, become a member, or make a donation please send a cheque to: 5605 Keith Rd.

W. Vancouver, B.C. V7W 2N4.



Lighthouse Park Preservation Society Display



Photo: Elaine Graham

We are pleased to announce the completion of an interpretive display of the natural history of Lighthouse Park. Researched and written by geologists and biologists from our Board, with the help of the park naturalist, it is illustrated with professional photography, has been digitally assembled by a local graphic designer, and printed onto twelve durable panels, each 3' x 2' in the form of two hinged triptychs, which stack to a height of six feet. One side of the display depicts the forest, the seashore and the rocky bluffs, with a panorama of the park along its base. The reverse side focuses on the park's biodiversity, the loss of species to the park and surrounding neighbourhood, the park's geology and its wetlands.

First exhibited on Earth Day in April at the West Vancouver Community Centre, the display is designed for use at events in the community and the park. Its next appearance was at the TD Bank on Marine Drive, in appreciation of their generous donation of \$3,000.00 towards this project. Payment for the display also came from funds donated in memory of Jenny Anglin, a West Vancouver resident who enjoyed walking in Lighthouse Park for many years, as well as funds donated in memory of former lighthouse keeper, Donald Graham, who helped found the Society.

The development of the display has provided a solid body of resource material, which can be adapted and used in a variety of ways to promote public awareness of Lighthouse Park's natural features and the support of its preservation. The display, which can be used in a table top format, is available to members wishing to use it at group meetings such as garden clubs, church events, etc. Please contact Elaine Graham at 604-925-1071 to make arrangements for this.

Look for the display next at the Coho Festival on Sunday, September 13th. Anyone wishing to help man the display for an hour or two on that day, should contact Karen Vail at 604-922-8853.

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