



# Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

## Recycling Report

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### Rain or Shine, Art Brings Vibrancy and Colour to Earth Day 2013

The local business and non-profit members, community volunteers, and event organizers that came together to form the 2013 Earth Day Planning Committee have been busy since November, and the results are about to bloom on Saturday, April 20 in a community expression of Earth Arts that will fill Memorial Peace Park, the Greg Moore Youth Centre, and the ACT Arts Centre & Theatre with vibrancy and colour.

From the Maple Ridge Seniors' Society's **Zumba Flash Mob** to the **environmental children's crafts** throughout the site and the first **Haney Farmers Market** of the year, there is truly something for everyone.

For film buffs, the **Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council** is teaming with **Cinema Politica** and **Ridge Meadows Recycling** to show films in the ACT Studio Theatre. For literary lovers, we have the inaugural **environmental poetry contest**, **soapbox poetry** and the Maple Ridge Library's **Storytime Corner**. For visual art lovers, there will be a special display by the **Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour** artists, an **interactive public art mural** being created on the Bandstand, and a **Recycled Fashion Show**. And if performing arts is your thing, don't miss the roving performers, about six different dance flash mobs, a puppet show, and lots of talented local musicians including event headliners **Penelope Above**.

Repeat favourites from last year include the **Family Freecycle**, taking place this year in the **Greg Moore Youth Centre**, the Cycle Recycle **Free Bike Draw** at **1pm** in front of the Leisure Centre, and the **Electric Vehicle** display in the new park area just south of the Farmers Market. While the event starts at 10am, the official Earth Day **Opening Ceremonies** will begin at 11am in front of the ACT and directly after, at 11:30am, the Arts Council will be screening the eco-art film, **Reflections: Art for an Oil Free Coast** in the ACT's Studio Theatre.

Rain or shine, the park will be filled with activity, colour, and artistic flair! For more information and a full schedule of events, check out "Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge" on Facebook or visit [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org)

## Earth Day Freecycle!



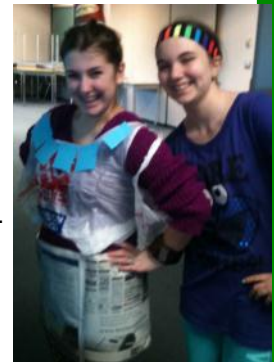
Our second annual Freecycle collecting & giving away gently used books, toys, & clothing will take place in the **Greg Moore Youth Centre 10am-2pm on April 20.**

Select businesses along 224<sup>th</sup> Street will be collecting donations and people can also bring any donations to the BIG drop-off event on **Friday, April 19 between 4-7pm in front of the ACT** or to the event itself on April 20.

## Students Step Up for Earth Day

### School District 42 Student Advisory Council's Recycled Fashion Creation & Show

Gather in the ACT Lobby between 10:15-10:45am to express your design talent and create an outrageous & fashionable outfit made entirely with recycled materials! Members of the District Student Advisory Council will model the outfits at the start of the Earth Day Opening Ceremonies at 11:00.



### Maple Ridge Environmental School Shares their Found Art

Students from the local Environmental School will be at Celebrate Earth Day sharing their passion for the outdoors with Found Art, where students are asked to gather natural items from their surroundings and bring them together to create an interesting piece.



# Candace Gordon takes the time to Reinvest



*Candace Gordon,  
2012 Citizen of the Year  
& Founding Member  
of Ridge Meadows  
Recycling Society*

*Candace Gordon is the embodiment of the committed volunteer who works tirelessly on projects and causes that are close to her heart and changes a location from a town to a community. She has founded and/or volunteered extensively with the MRPM Arts Council, the Haney Farmer's Market, and, of course, Ridge Meadows Recycling. She is now focused on Food Security through Golden Ears FEAST.*

Reinvesting is a core concept of not only recycling, but of sustainability itself. It is the key to changing a linear path to a cyclical one. Like the Mobius loop, now the symbol of recycling, reinvesting causes the cycle to continue indefinitely.

Cycles are seen throughout the environmental movement - the reuse of materials in recycling and the food waste cycle created through composting are great examples, but the cycle of reinvestment can also be applied to our community.

When we invest in our community through volunteering, or invest in our youth through mentorships, we are keeping the community active, alive, and moving forward and continuing the cycle of learning, volunteering, and mentoring. We are re-investing the work we have done, and the investments made into our own lives back into the community for future generations. Reinvesting in our community also adds to our local economy.

Ridge Meadows Recycling reinvests in the community in a number of ways. Through school workshops and events, Maple Ridge residents grow up with an awareness of environmental concerns and are invested in recycling as a solution to waste management.



With National Volunteer Week April 21-27, how will YOU choose to "Reinvest"?

**"If you want to be happy, do not aim for happiness. Be of service to others and it will come to you."**

*-Candace Gordon*

## Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour 2013



This year's Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour will take place from 10am - 4pm on Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5. Many artists along the tour will be giving demonstrations and sharing their talent at Earth Day, including art using found or recycled materials, landscapes, claywork, and soapstone carving.

With so many pieces about, carved in natural elements, or inspired by nature, it's a "natural" fit for this group to be involved in celebrating Earth Arts!



**Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour... Explore Our Creative Side**

**May 4 & 5, 2013 10 am - 4 pm**

Come celebrate with us  
**Earthday** Environmental Films  
 at The ACT | April 20



[www.theactmapleridge.org/earthday](http://www.theactmapleridge.org/earthday)



## Eco-Films with the Arts Council & Cinema Politica

One of our main partners for Earth Day 2013, the MRPM Arts Council is partnering with Cinema Politica and the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society to screen films at the ACT Studio Theatre on Earth Day in preparation for BC Arts & Culture Week:

**10:00am - The Clean Bin Project**

**11:30am - Reflections: Art for an Oil Free Coast**

**1:00pm - Rainforest: The Limit of Splendour**



## MR Library's Storytime Corner in the BIG Fish Tent!

Look for the HUGE, inflatable Fish Tent to find the Maple Ridge Library's Storytime Corner! With help from the Alouette River Management Society, we were able to borrow the colourful, 50-foot long tent from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Come inside and enjoy enviro-lit and crafts and a VIP Storytime ...or two! Book exchange by the Community Literacy Committee.



"Could we ever know each other in the slightest without the arts?"  
 -Gabrielle Roy, Canadian Author

Maple Ridge Library and Community Literacy Committee  
**Earth Day Activities**  
 April 20, 10 - 2 at the Storytelling Tent  
 Enjoy story time or exchange a favorite book for something new.

**FREE ACTIVITIES**

**FVRL Storytelling with:**  
 Randy Kamp - 11:30  
 Marc Dalton - 12:00  
 Ernie Daykin - 1:00

**CLC Book Exchange:**  
 Bring a book to trade.  
 Take home a new-to-you book.

**Please join us...**

**Storytelling Tent Partners**

Stories influence our lives; they build links, identify common threads, and help us share experiences. Good stories engage us keeping us spellbound for hours.

For more information:  
 ...on the Storytelling Tent visit [www.communityliteracy.ca](http://www.communityliteracy.ca)  
 ...on all Earth Day activities visit [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org)



## Haney Farmers Market

The Haney Farmers Market is back for another full season of fresh food, lively music and fun.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> the Market will be featuring local artists who have painted colourful fruit and vegetables on our fluttering banners and flags as part of Earth Day's focus on art. Come to the Information Table and visit R Rooster in his robe of many colours and hear an exciting announcement about June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Regular vendors will add to the fun of Earth Day with Sizzlin' Smokey Dogs, Green Plate Specials from Big Feast and hot sweets from Gramma Dee's. There are delicious cookies, pies, cakes and squares from the dedicated bakers of our Market.

The regular Market will take place in from May 11 through to November 9. and is currently taking applications for food and craft vendors. We welcome local growers. All products must be locally made, baked or grown by the vendor.

Visit [www.haneyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.haneyfarmersmarket.org) for application forms.

## Interactive Public Art by Art Innovators



Don't miss joining **Jacqui Convey of Art Innovators** in front of the Bandstand to make your mark and help create a giant, interactive public art piece!

Designed for all ages and abilities, participants choose, re-create and colour one square of a giant patchwork mural designed by Jacqui depicting nature, the community, and green ideas.

She will then piece them all back together to create community art that resonates. "Many hands make beautiful work!"



## Don't Miss at Earth Day:

Stream of Dreams Fish Painting  
Hands-on Displays & Activities  
Electric Vehicle Display  
Soapbox Derby Race Car Display  
Art demos by Art Studio Tour artists  
Cycle Recycle FREE BIKE DRAW!

Kids' Eco-Crafts  
Flash Mobs  
Roving Performers  
Local Singers & Musicians  
Soapbox Poetry  
Puppet Shows

(Bio-degradable!) Balloon Twisting  
Facepainting  
The Wonderful World of Worms  
Bring Back Play Funmobile  
Community Literacy Book Exchange  
Event Headliners PENELOPE ABOVE

## Upcoming Events

### Goodbye, Chums AND Grand Re-Opening of the Bell-Irving Fish Hatchery

Sunday, April 21, 11am-3pm at the Bell-Irving Hatchery, 11450 - 56th Street, Maple Ridge

*Don't miss the annual chum fry release and celebrate the brand new Bell-Irving Hatchery!*

### Cheers to the Planet - Eat, Drink, and Be Eco



Saturday, April 27, 6 - 9pm at Meadowridge School  
*Join the CEED Centre's annual eco-gala fundraiser to celebrate the best in local, organic, and sustainable wines, brews and spirits paired with outstanding cuisine from renowned local chefs.*

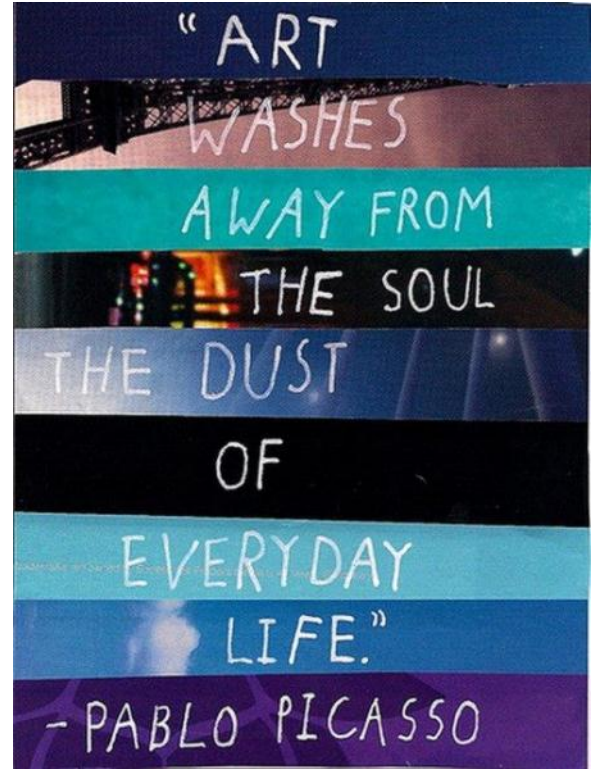
### Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5 - [www.artstudiotour.ca](http://www.artstudiotour.ca)  
*For two days, artists and artisans from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows open their studios to visitors. This is a unique opportunity to meet the artists, you will find painters, potters, jewelers, sculptors, fabric artists and more.*



### Ridge Meadows Home Show

Friday - Sunday, May 3-5 at Planet Ice and the Albion Fairgrounds  
*For more information visit [www.ridgemeadowshomeshow.com](http://www.ridgemeadowshomeshow.com)*



### Cre8

Thursday, May 2, 3:30 - 8:30pm at the ACT  
*Learn from industry experts in five great workshops for youth!*



### Mission Statement

*"Ridge Meadows Recycling Society is a community-based, non-profit organization that advocates zero waste, operates responsible waste reduction services and provides environmental education. We employ people with developmental disabilities to work on site, thereby assisting their integration into the community."*

### Goals

*"To empower the residents of Maple Ridge to become interdependent stewards of the environment."  
"To operate an organization that offers as full a range of integrated, environmentally sound waste reduction services as possible."*



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