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## **PENDER'S FOURTH ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DAY OCTOBER 10**

VICTORIA — The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Stewardship Day Fair, Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Pender Islands Community Hall. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the fair ends at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free and residents and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

A number of interesting and informative presentations will be featured on the hour from 12 noon to the conclusion of the event.

Biologist Christian Englestoff's year long research project will reveal fascinating information on the home life of the Western Painted Turtle on the Penders. It is scheduled for 12:00 noon.

At 1:00 p.m. one of the featured presentations entitled "Supernatural Pender" will be a view of the Penders through the lens of a biologist photographer. It will invite you to meet your wild but secretive neighbours and discover their weird habits. Hummingbirds, orchids, turtles, tree frogs, deer and arbutus trees will be included in this family oriented 30 minute slide presentation narrated by Todd Carnahan of the Habitat Acquisition Trust.

Then, at 2:00 p.m., the Islands Trust Fund's Kate Emmings and the Pender Islands Conservancy Association's Sylvia Pincott will discuss special features and the availability of the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Plan (NAPTEP) to property owners on the Penders.

Complimenting the presentations will be displays by more than a dozen organizations including the Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT), Solar BC, Wildlife Nest Tree Watch, the Pender Organic Garden Society, the Islands Trust Fund Board, and the Eco Homes Network.

"This year we are hoping to provide information about the land and water we live with and the astonishing array of wild life and biodiversity found in our unique part of the world," said Gary Steeves, Local Trustee for North Pender Island. "We live in one of the most diverse yet fragile environments in this country and we need to share the wonders of this place and how we can live in the spirit of preserving and protecting it."

"The sustainability of our island and all who live here is our shared community vision and is at the heart of stewardship. We encourage everyone to attend our Stewardship Fair," said Derek Masselink, North Pender Island Trustee.

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