Mar15, 2023 Green Notes

Dear Friends,

1. I don't suppose many of us do actual spring cleaning, but we might be turning out cupboards and throwing out some unwanted clothes or household items. If so, spare a thought for the landfill, and instead consider donating them to a thrift store or perhaps the Whale of a Sale (if the ACW goes ahead with that this year).

   You could even take to the Repair Café any items that may appear to be broken, so that they become "reusable." The Gibsons Repair Café (which also comes to Sechelt from time to time) has an active FaceBook page:
   https://www.facebook.com/groups/303349460168226/

   In the sprit of "reducing" consider joining "Buy Nothing" in Gibsons (https://www.facebook.com/groups/137230795097818/) or give away items on FaceBook Marketplace "Free Stuff" https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/104032149633515/free/ .

   Finally, our list of recyciing facilities is posted at the St Hilda's website at https://www.sthilda.ca/programs/where-can-we-make-a-difference/pages/garbage-recycling-composting Incidentally, if anyone has some time to go through this list and see if the links are still active, that would be super helpful. If you do decide you can help in this way, please let me know, so we don't duplicate effort.

2. The major oil companies continue to make outsize profits during this time of artifically high oil pricing due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, OPEC manipulation, and rising demand from China. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/bakx-oil-profit-cashflow-climate-iea-1.6750496 If you feel that the companies should use some of these "exorbitant" profits (as CBC puts it) to help rectify the damage to our infrastructure from extreme weather events instead of simply paying out a windfall to shareholders, you will be pleased to hear that the Town of Gibsons has voted to support the Sue Big Oil campaign: https://www.coastreporter.net/local-news/gibsons-commits-to-the-sue-big-oil-campaign-6681409. The next phase of the campaign will focus on Sechelt and the SCRD.

3. Maybe like me, you live in hopes of the temperature soon warming up enough for us to get outside and start some spring gardening, Anyone interested in climate-friendly gardening, food security, and other like topics might want to sign up for the Verge Permaculture Newsletter here: https://vergepermaculture.ca/verge-friday-newsletter/. And as you reach for the rake, leaf blower, and lawn mower, please remember the principles of No Mow May, a movement that started in the UK, and has taken hold here in Canada: https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-uk-movement-no-mow-may-gains-traction-across-canada-as-municipalities/. We want to give those pollinators a chance to do their work—learn to love dandelions!

Thanks for your support and action,
Christine