

Transition News...

What's new in the transition toward resilience?

Transition is a grassroots community wide effort to increase local resilience, self reliance, and alternatives to fossil fuels in our lives. The Transition initiative engages community through the head, the heart and the hands.

What's New with Transition Salt Spring

- **There are now 15 official Transition Communities (TC's) in Canada with many others mulling it over. These are:**

Peterborough, ON, Guelph, ON, Dundas, ON, Victoria, BC, Nelson, BC, Ottawa, ON, Cocagne, NB, Powell River, BC, London, ON, Poplar Hill/Coldstream, ON, Vancouver, BC, Barrie, ON, Salt Spring Island, BC, Cowichan, BC and Golden Ears (Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows). For a complete listing of transition communities worldwide visit:

<https://www.transitionnetwork.org/transition>

- **The March 6th "Let's Grow More Food" event**

was attended by over 120 people, and was an exciting afternoon of networking and sharing inspiration and ideas to create a more food self-reliant Salt Spring. At the beginning participants filled out forms detailing the land, tools, skills, seeds, and other resources they needed or had to share - these results were circulated to all participants. Through this survey we found that there was twice as much land available as there were people who needed land, and that there are an abundant number of people willing to be mentors to new gardeners. Dialogue topics included crop-mobs to get big jobs done in a flurry, creating a forest garden, compost education, feeding the soil, ocean harvesting, matching volunteers and students with community gardens, year-round growing with greenhouses, creating a website

to share harvests, tools, land, etc, harvesting and preserving this island's abundant fruit, creating seasonal celebrations and rituals, raising chickens and rabbits, and starting a CSA (community supported agriculture). If you would like to be a part of the local food movement and want to be involved with any of these projects please contact letsgrowsaltspring@gmail.com, and visit <http://www.saltspring.sharingbackyards.com> to list land available or needed to grow food. A Let's Grow follow up event is being planned - stay tuned! See attached report for full details

- **Who is involved in Transition Salt Spring?**

The current initiating committee includes: Jean Gelwicks, Peter Lamb, Marion Pape, Margery Moore, Shoshanah Ray, Terry Oliver, Daniel Ruane, Elizabeth White, Katharine Byers, Jon Healey and Andrew Haigh. As working groups on various transition themes evolve others are becoming involved in organizing and coordinating these. If you want to be involved in such a role, please contact us at transitionsaltspring@gmail.com indicating your area of interest.

Looking for concrete ways to get involved?

Invite us to present: If you have a group or organization that might want to hear more about Transition Salt Spring and what we are about please contact us at transitionsaltspring@gmail.com.

Important events coming soon!

GO BETTER @ All Saints Anglican Church

A Transportation Action Forum

1 - 4 pm, Saturday, April 10th

ELECTRIC VEHICLES, BIKES, SCOOTERS. PLUG-IN HYBRIDS

If you are interested in the possibility of converting an existing vehicle or are wondering how we might build local infrastructure and gain government support for electric vehicles please plan to attend the forum. This is a practical, hands on kind of event that we expect to result in some action. We have resource persons to assist discussion and electric vehicles to demonstrate

Tending the Wild and Forest Farming WORKSHOP

Dates: April 18th, 25th, May 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

During the community open space event on “Let’s Grow More Food”, a group formed around the ideas of indigenous wild ecosystems caring, wild foods production systems and the more scientific concept of “forest farming”. See attached file for more information.

CLIMATE WARS @ ArtSpring

7:30pm, Sunday, April 25th

This features award winning author , journalist and speaker GWYNNE DYER speaking about his latest book.