

## **Tuesday Excursions**

2018-2019 Schedule

DATE	HIKERS	WALKERS	RAMBLERS
Tue Sep 11	<p>The 2018-2019 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the Group Campground. Bring your lunch and a favourite blackberry goodie to share. Don't forget a bowl and a spoon.</p> <p>There will be a short walk in Ruckle Park before lunch. Car pool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the group camp parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.</p>		<p>Blackberry Fest at Ruckle Park at 12 noon. Ramblers please arrange your carpooling</p> <p>No organised Ramble before.</p>
Tue Sept 18	<p>Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead a moderate hike with some steep sections up and around Mt Maxwell from Armand Way. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Dukes Road/Fulford-Ganges junction at 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead us on a Channel Ridge walk, with some moderate hill climbing. This will be a one way walk going north to Sunset Drive, getting down to the beach and a short walk along the beach to Carol and Mike's home for lunch on their deck on Sunset Drive. After lunch we will have cars parked and ready to take us back to the trailhead where we started in Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the trail head near Broadwell Rd. and Tern Rd at 10:20 am.</p>	<p>Marjorie and Brian Radford lead a ramble to Blackburn Meadows. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park or 10.10 at Fulford Ganges Rd and Blackburn Rd. Bring a Lunch.</p>

Tue Sept 25	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead a 3 hr hike in Ruckle Park. Meet at Artspring at 9:45am or at Beaver Point Hall at 10am.</p> <p>The hike will be medium to hard. If it has rained a lot, we may choose a different entrance. You could bring gaiters and poles, if it rains. We will come out at the Day parking lot or Grandma's beach depending on the time and we will have already placed a shuttle car at the day parking to take the drivers back to Beaver Point Hall to get their cars. I will cancel by 8am if there is a bad rain/wind in the area.</p>	<p>Wendy McLean will lead a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area. We will walk along Blackburn Rd. to the Conservancy for a short walk and then take the path to the Blackburn Centre. From there we will follow Blackburn Rd. to the trail that takes us up to Frazier Rd., up the trail (steep with many stairs) to Wendy's home where we will eat lunch on her deck. We will return by the same route. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet Wendy at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges Rd at about 10:15 am.</p>	<p>Betty Ball will take us to Mouat Park. Meet at 10 am Centennial Park, after Lunch at Barbs Bu</p>
Tues October 2	<p>Join Kees for a hike along the Peter Arnell linear trail to Bryant Hill with return over the road. This is an easy to moderate hike, meet at Artspring at 9.45 or top of Stewart Road, behind the concrete barrier at 10.00am</p>	<p>Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through Duck Creek Park and then a walk along the road to Vesuvius Beach where we will stop for lunch. This is an easy pleasant walk through the forest alongside Duck Creek. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Leader needed. Ramblers meet at 10 am Centennial Park.</p>
Tues October 9	<p>Susan will lead a moderate hike up Mt. Maxwell. We will have lunch at Baynes Peak or if that is busy another lookout on the descent. Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring to carpool or at the parking lot at the end of Armand Way at 10:00.</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.</p>	<p>Ann King leads a Ramble in Crofton along the Board Walk. Meet at Portlock Park at 9.45 am to carpool, and walk on to the 10.30 am ferry. Lunch at Mikes Cafe. Maybe return on the 1.25 pm ferry.</p>

Tues October 16	Angie will lead a hike from Sunset Road to the Channel Ridge trails. Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring to carpool or at the trails entrance between Pringle Farm Rd. & West Eagle Drive at 10:00.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk on the Tsawout FN reserve. Walk down Bridgeman Rd and onto the upper trail of the reserve, looping around the W boundary and returning along the beachside trail, lunch on the beach, and back up the road. A few short steep rocky sections. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at Beaver Point Hall parking lot at 10:20 am	Sterling and Maureen Mceachern lead a Ramble to Chanel Ridge. Lunch at Sea Site Kitchen. Meet at Centennial Park for carpooling 10.am
Tues October 23	Karen and Marc will lead this moderate to steep hike along footpaths, from Collins Road to the summit of Mt Erskine, weather and fairies permitting. Start at the Jack Fisher trail on Collins Road. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 to car pool	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk through Burgoyne Park. We will walk the fields and trails and explore a bit of the south side of the bay and perhaps walk out to Daffodil Point depending on the conditions of the fields at the time. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the Burgoyne Bay Park parking at 10:20 a.m.	Bryan Adderly will lead the Ramble to Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park in Cedar .This is an interesting site and umbrella friendly. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 to catch the 9:20 Ferry from Vesuvius to Crofton. Returning may be the 2:45 from Crofton. Lunch at The Cow and Gate,
Tues October 30	Hike the Hope Hill trails with Jean Attorp and Carol Melton in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points along the way, weather permitting. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead a walk up Reginald Hill. This walk has a lot of up hill, but is on pathways, and the views are great. We will take it slowly. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to carpool to the parking area where Morningside road meets Reginald Hill road, or meet us there at about 10:20 am.	Marjorie and Brain Radford will lead a Leaders Choice Ramble. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am.

Tues Nov 6	Hike the historic Chris Hatfield trail and into Ruckle Park with Joy. This is a moderately easy trail, with some tricky sections by the ocean. Meet at Artspring 9:45 am or park at the end of Meyer Road 10 am.	Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk in Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the corner of Sir Echos Way and Sunset Drive at 10:20 a.m. There is a parking area that hides behind the blackberry bushes.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern at Fernwood ,Lunch at Fernwood café. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park for car pooling.
Tues Nov 13	Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Prevost (near Duncan). Views from 3 summit locations give a full 360 degree vista – hope for a clear day. If weather conditions intervene, an alternate hike to Christie Falls near Ladysmith will take its place. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 am to carpool for the 9:25 am ferry from Vesuvius.	Anne Beaumont will lead an off island walk to the Buttertubs Marsh in Nanaimo. The walk is a 2 km trail around the Buttertubs bird sanctuary. The path is level and umbrella friendly. Afterwards we will stop at the Crow and Gate English style pub in Cedar for lunch. We will leave from Portlock Park at 8:30 to carpool to Vesuvius for the 9:25 ferry. We will (hopefully) aim for the 3:35 ferry from Crofton.	Ramble with Betty Ball at Kingslane Area. Lunch at the Pizza Place up town. Meet at Country Grocers Parking lot at 10 am, across from the Liquor Store.
Tues Nov 20	Trail work day Location TBA. Will confirm location Day before. Bring the usual tools, loppers, hoe's, Rake etc..... Otherwise Meet 9:45 Artspring	The Walkers will join the Hikers in the trail work day. Bring the usual tools, loppers, hoes & rakes, and meet at Artspring at 9:45	Trip to Goldstream Park to see the Salmon Run. Meet at 8/30 at Portluck Park for carpooling .Lunch at the Malahat Chalet. Frauke will lead.
Tues Nov 27	Charles Kahn will lead a hike along some of the new trails in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at the Artspring at 9:45 to car pool or at 10:00 at the barns at Burgoyne Bay.'	Kees Visser will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the second parking lot just past the barn on the south side of the road at 10:20. It is an easy walk going up the trail west of the farm to Merganser Pond and then crossing over to the ocean side trail to Bear Point and then south towards Beaver Point, and then back to the parking lot.	Ann will lead us to Osborne Bay regional park in Crofton. meet at Portlock at 8.30 am to carpool, and catch the 9.20 ferry from Vesuvius. Lunch in Crofton.

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<b>Tues Dec 4</b>	<p>Tudor will lead this hike in Ruckle Park. Meet at Artspring 9.45 am (Southenders meet at Heritage parking lot 1000, the lot near the barns.) This will not be a strenuous hike. Leave Heritage parking lot for Grandma's Beach and follow trail along the ocean to Kings' Cove then inland and back to the road near start. Bring binoculars; widgeon and harlequin ducks already in plus usual sea mammals. Parts of the hike may well be slippery so be prepared.</p>	<p>The walkers hope for no snow or rain as they follow Andrea up and over Mt. Bruce with its communication towers and hang gliding platform. This is not a long or strenuous hike, although we definitely do move gently up, through pretty woods. We begin at the East Block of Mill Farm Regional Park (see map Salt Spring Island On Foot) and will come back down via Mt. Bruce Road. Meet at Artspring at 10 a.m. to carpool and at Drummond Park at 10:20 for the south enders. Heavier cars might be better for Musgrave Road.</p>	<p>Ramble on Epron and Byron Rd. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park for carpooling. Potluck Lunch will be at 221 Byron Rd. Bring some Food for you and a friend.</p>
<b>Tues Dec 11</b>	<p>Christmas Lunch at All Saints Church at 12 noon. Catered by El Loco Taco. Tickets at Soapworks, \$20. Cash Bar.</p>		
<b>Tue Jan 8</b>	<p>Peter will lead a hike from the Burgoyne Bay Parking lot to the large Arbutus tree and possibly a bit up the slope of Mt Maxwell, and then on to Daffodil Point, then looping back to the Burgoyne Parking lot. It will be a slightly shorter hike, with possible lunch at Daffodil Point. You will be back before the major rains will start (we hope). Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring and 10:05 in the Burgoyne Bay Parking lot. Kees hike up Mt Maxwell postponed due to storm damage.</p>	<p>Let's start the New Year with a long but level and leisurely walk throughout the roads and pathways in and around Ganges, this time with a surprise turn. Lunch at Churchill beach. Meet your leader, Jenny, at ArtSpring at 10:00.</p>	<p>We'll meet as usual at 10:00 am at Centennial Park to carpool to Portlock Park, where Jill Willmott will join us and lead one or maybe two short half-hour walks through the woods at the top of Trincomali heights. Although the ground is not hilly it is uneven, and so walking sticks are recommended. Lunch will either be at the Fernwood Cafe or the Seaside Restaurant-- whichever gets the majority vote!</p>
<b>Tues Jan 15</b>	<p>Karen and Marc will lead a moderate hike around Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve and Bryant Hill Park, taking a somewhat less travelled route with a little off-</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to pick a leader and a walk.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial park to carpool to Drummond Park. Donna and Paul will take us on a ramble, finishing at Rock Salt for lunch.</p>

	<p>piste. The trail conditions are generally good Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking area near the end of Mereside Road at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ron's hike from Blackburn Reserve is postponed due to storm damage.</p>		
<b>Tues Jan 22</b>	Cancelled due to weather	<p>Join Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason for an off island easy walk in Hemer Provincial Park south of Nanaimo. Bring your binoculars for spotting birds, and we will go to the Crow and Gate for lunch. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool at 8:30 and we will catch the 9:25 ferry at Vesuvius. We will plan to catch the 3:35 ferry back from Crofton.</p>	<p>Bryan Adderley will lead a ramble in the valley between Mt Belcher and Mt Erskine, lunch at Penny's on the Green. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.</p>
<b>Tues Jan 29</b>	<p>Beth Hall will lead a hike off island to Cobble Hill, south of Duncan. We will hike up and over Cobble Hill Mountain, have lunch at Kingzette Lake, better known to locals as "The Quarry," and return over Cobble Hill by a different route. This is a moderate hike with some steep sections, and good views at the top. Note that the route after lunch also includes some uphill, as it's up and down one way and then up and down return. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 to carpool.</p>	<p>Jacqueline Thomas will lead a walk in Ruckle Park, combining several of the shorter walks, in and around the campsite and Isaac point etc. (about 1.5 hrs) then lunch. Moderate walking but likely to be wet underfoot in many parts. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to carpool or at 10:20am at the parking lot just after the farm buildings on the right.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial park at 10 am. Kathy Darling will lead the ramble in the Ganges area, then local lunch.</p>
<b>Tues Feb 5</b>	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead a moderate hike up and down Reginald Hill (some steep and slippery sections) poles will be helpful.</p> <p>Then we will do the Triangle trail on the Tsawout lands, with lunch on the beach overlooking</p>	<p>Dick and Patsy Tipping will lead us on a round trip walk through the Tsawout First Nation Reserve, starting at the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive. It is a fairly easy hike with some elevation gain, through woods and along</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial then Ann will lead us around Mouat Park, back to town for lunch</p>

	Russell Island. Keep the binoculars handy. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at 10:05 a.m. at the parking area at the end of Morningside Drive by the mailboxes and before the gate into Reginald Hill.	shoreline with lovely views. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool and then meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m. From there we will drive to the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive with the fewest possible cars.	
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<b>Mar 5</b>	Jan & Larry lead a hike up Reginald Hill to replace the postponed KDOL work party.	Work party to KDOL postponed due to snow	Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am, and Kathy Darling will lead a ramble on Langs Rd.
Mar 12	Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike in Ruckle Park starting at Beaver Point Hall. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 to carpool or Beaver Point Hall at 10:05. Postponed to later date: Bill Goddu will lead us deep in the heart of the Musgrave, Big, Big Trees, Old homesteads, bluffs and waterfalls. Moderately strenuous. meet at Artspring at 9:45, Drummond park at 10:00.	Meet at Artspring at 10 and carpool to the trailhead at Broadwell and Tern in Channel Ridge. Elaine will be waiting there for the walk to start at 10:20 a.m. As on the Channel Ridge Trail Map, we'll walk to #28, up to #21 and then over towards #25. There is some hill climbing but we'll take breaks if people need a breather. We'll come up at #32 and end up at Canvasback Place and Elaine's deck for lunch and a beautiful view of Vancouver Island. We'll walk back along the trail over to Merganser and then head down Canvasback and over to your cars parked at Broadwell and Tern.	Meet at Centennial park at 10 am to carpool to Drummond park. Paul and Donna will take us to the waterfall, and back to their house for soup. Bring a sandwich if you like.
Mar 19	Meet at 9:45 at Artspring or at 10:00 behind the concrete barrier at the top of Stewart Road. We will hike in Arnell Park for about 30 minutes and then along the linear trail to Jennifer	Ron Hawkins will lead us on a short but scenic hike from Old Divide Road, through Blackburn Reserve, a southerly arc below the Yoga Centre then up Blackburn Rd. to	Meet at Centennial park at 10 am, then McEacherns will take us on a ramble.



	Road and back to the car. We will have lunch near Jennifer Road. This is likely a shorter hike than usual due to snowy conditions.	Cranberry and back below towering ancient walls to Old Divide. No lunch stop. Back by noon. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 or at the intersection of Old Divide and Salt Spring Way at 10:15.	
Mar 26	Susan Fussell will take us on a shorter hike up the north side of Burgoyne Bay to a lovely lookout for lunch. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 and Burgoyne parking lot at 10:00.	With Angie Trarup starting at 10:00 AM from Artspring we'll walk through Moat Park exiting at SS Pool, then along Atkins, to Lower Ganges, Booth Canal, Harrison, and Baker. Lunch at Baker Beach. Return the same route with variations along the way. Estimated time less than 4 hours.	Meet at Centennial then Ann will lead us around Mouat Park, back to town for lunch.
Apr 2	Karen and Marc will lead this moderate to steep hike along footpaths, from Collins Road to the summit of Mt Erskine, weather and fairies permitting. Start at the Jack Fisher trail on Collins Road. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 to car pool		
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		Road, behind the concrete barrier.	
<b>Apr 9</b>	Hikers and Walkers - It's time to construct the lower portion of our new KDOL Trail at the Buddhist Retreat. Bring tools that will work for grubbing out the trail (e.g. hoes, rakes). Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00 am.. You are going to LOVE this new section of trail!		Meet at Centennial park at 10 am, and Owen will take us up North Beach Rd, lunch at Fernwood.
Apr 16	Nick and Jenny will lead a wandering hike on Channel Ridge. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool for departure at 9:45 or at the end of Epron Rd. at 10:00.	Dick and Patsy Tipping will lead us on a round trip walk through the Tsawout First Nation Reserve, starting at the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive. It is a fairly easy hike with some elevation gain, through woods and along shoreline with lovely views. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool and then meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m. From there we will drive to the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive with the fewest possible cars.	Meet at Country Grocer (near liquor store) at 10 am and go with Ev Pringle. Lunch at Uptown Pizza.
Apr 23	a strenuous hike up (about 500 meters climb) through the forest for about 90 minutes followed by lunch on the open meadow with spectacular views. After lunch we will hike down the open meadow, down through the forest on the west side, and finally back along Mountain Road to the cars. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00 to car pool. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Rd.	Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead us on a walk along the Chris Hatfield trail to Cusheon Cove and then to Yeo point following the ocean side trail south to Kings Cove for lunch. We will then retrace our steps back to the cars. Carpool from Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the east end of Meyers Rd. at 10:20 a.m. and bring binoculars if you have them, there may be birds and other sea life to observe.	Meet at Cenrtennial at 10 am, and carpool to Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges Rd. Marjie will take us on a ramble at Blackburn meadows. Bring a sandwich.
Apr 30	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike on Mt. Tzouhalem, taking in the flower reserve and summit. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 am to carpool on the 9:25 am Vesuvius ferry.	It would be a shame not to see the spring flowers so we are going to Mt. Tzouhalem Flower Reserve and shall also do the trail to the cross lookout. Meet at Portlock at 8:45 to carpool to the 9:25 ferry.	Meet at Centennial at 10.00 am. Bryan Adderley will lead us on a ramble in the valley between Mt Belcher and Mt erskine. Lunch at Penney's .

May 7	Join Joy on a hike that combines several smaller trails in the North end of SSI. It involves some steep downhill, clambering over potentially slippery rocks along the sea shore, lunch at the beach and several walks along roadways. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am. Hike begins at Channel Ridge on Sunset Drive (#1) at 10 am.	Andrea Rankin will lead a walk around one or two of the loops on the south side of Burgoyne Bay. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:20.	Meet at Centennial park at 10.00am, Ann will take us to Dunbabin Park
May 14	The Broom Pull will take place at Burgoyne Bay from the parking lot to Daffodil Pt. All members are invited. Volunteers should wear long sleeved shirts and bring tools they deem useful (pruners, loppers, small saws). Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. Bring a packed lunch so we can work until about 2:00 p.m. Car pool from ArtSpring at 10.00 a.m. or meet at 10:15 a.m. in the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.	Meet at Centennial Park at 10.00am, and Kathy Darling will take us for a ramble, and we will finish at Moby's Pub.	
May 21	Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate hike on rural roads and pathways from Beaver Point to Fulford. Meet at ArtSpring at 0945 to carpool to Southridge Drive, the first right up the hill off Beaver Point Road after the intersection with the Fulford ferry road. Please bring double the normal number of cars as we will leave half the cars at Southridge. Southenders meet at Southridge at 10.00.	An easy walk with Yvonne Gibbon through Duck Creek Park and then a leisurely walk down to Vesuvius Beach for lunch. There is a beach store on the way if you want to purchase food or drink to take to the beach. We will then walk back to Duck Creek Park to our cars. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 to carpool or at 10:20 at the park entrance on Sunset Drive.	Meet EARLY at Centennial Park at 8.45am to carpool to the 9.50 Fulford ferry. Walk on, then walk to Canoe cove, and lunch at the Stonehouse pub.
May 28	Leslie Gardiner will lead a long but moderate hike to the summit of Mt. Sullivan and then to a scenic lookout over Sansum Narrows for lunch. The return trip will include the summit of Mt.	Charles Kahn leads us on walk around the beautiful shoreline trails of Maracaibo to suit the abilities of the participants. Expect some up and down and uneven ground, as this is Salt Spring.	Meet at Centennial Park at 10.00am to carpool to Duck Creek with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Lunch at Seaside Restaurant.

	Bruce. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 9:45am or Drummond Park at 10am to carpool to the trailhead.	This is a private reserve, not accessible to non-residents without sponsorship by a resident; Charles has this permission. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m.	
June 4	Hike Cowichan River footpath, Skutz Falls to Stoltz Pool with Barry and Sheila. Moderate but long (shorter if pouring). Meet at Portlock for carpooling and 8:30 departure.	Betty Ann and Wally will lead a walk up Reginald Hill. This walk has a lot of up hill but the views are great and we'll see wildflowers along the way. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to carpool to the parking area where Morningside Road meets Reginald Hill road, or meet us there at about 10:20 am.	Meet at Centennial, then Frauke will take us to Bullock lake farm. Bring a sandwich.
June 11	Bill Goddu will lead us deep in the heart of Musgrave, Big, Big Trees, old homesteads, rocky bluffs and waterfalls. Moderate pace. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00	Sue Lehmann leads an off-trail walk on Mountain Rd. We'll be following deer trails along the shoreline. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:15 to car pool. Meet Sue at the start of the trail, about 6 km along Mountain Rd. Mountain Rd. is a winding dirt road with wider spots to pull over if you meet an oncoming car.	Meet at Centennial at 9.30am to carpool to 10.50 Vesuvius ferry. Bryan Adderley will take us to Crow and Gate for lunch, and back on the 3.35pm ferry.
June 18	Strawberry Festival in Ruckle Park. This year's event is being organized by the Walkers. Meet at noon for lunch in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! There will be a short walk in Ruckle Park before lunch. Car pool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the picnic area parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.		

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Tue Sep 13	The 2017-18 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the Group Campground. Bring your lunch and a favourite blackberry goodie to share. Don't forget a bowl and a spoon. Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.		
Tue Sep 13	Meet at the group camp parking lot at 10 am for a short hike before the Festival.		No Ramble before the festival
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Tue Oct 3	Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a moderate loop hike on Maple Mountain trails (some steep sections). Lunch stop will be later than usual. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 am. for carpooling to Osborne Bay Park near Camp Qwanoes on Smith Road.	Doreen Fenton will lead a walk up Mount Erskine from the trail head up from Juniper Pl. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10:20am. There are some rocky steep sections but we will take it slow and easy, and enjoy the incredible view points along the way. Take Rainbow Road, turn on Juniper Pl. and follow it up to Spring Gold Way and follow that up to Trustees Trail where you turn right and continue on until you come to the end of the road and the trail head.	Ramblers meet at 10 am at Centennial park and go from there.
Tue Oct 10	Join Ashley Hilliard on a hike into the northern portion of Ruckle Park. This is a moderate hike but sturdy footwear and poles (if you like them) recommended. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the start at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m. (left off Beaver Pt Rd onto Bulman, then right at junction with Meyer).	Kathleen Maser will lead us on a walk back through history - the fascinating story of Cusheon Cove. We will meet at the Myer's road trail head and enjoy the Chris Hatfield trail to Cushion Cove. Chris himself will greet us there, lead us around the site, which was recently acquired by BC parks as an addition to Ruckle Park. This is land steeped in history, from extensive middens to the archaeological findings of	Ramblers meet at Centennial park.

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		Salt Spring's largest saw mill operating in the early 1900's and through to its recent history, a salmon fish farm and hatchery. Time will be spent with Chris in his museum where the number of artifacts, all dug up by this man himself, rival those of Barkerville. We will have our lunch on the property, perhaps in the orchard of 100 year old apples trees, then hike back to Myers Rd. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or 10:20 am at the trail head at the southeast end of Meyer Road.	
Tue Oct 17	Gale & David Buffett will lead a moderately strenuous hike up Mount Maxwell exploring various trails. We will be parking at the corner of Armand Way and Seymour Heights; starting at the trail head at the end of Seymour Heights. Plan for a lunch stop at the summit before descending down to Armand Way and back to the cars. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 am & those traveling from the south end can meet at 10 am at the corner of Dukes Road and Fulford-Ganges Road.	Join Jenny Meyer walking along the trails, pathways and roads in and around Ganges. A few special stops along the way. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Ramblers meet at Centennial Park.
Tue Oct 24	Hike the Hope Hill trails with Carol Melton and Jean Attorp in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points, if weather permits. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk on the Tsawout FN reserve. Walk down Bridgeman Rd and onto the upper trail of the reserve, looping around the W boundary and returning along the beachside trail, lunch on the beach, and back up the road. A few short steep rocky sections. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at Beaver	Ramblers meet at 10 am at centennial park.

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		Point Hall parking lot at 10:20 am.	
Tue Oct 31	<p>Blackburn Loops: Explore the area around Blackburn Road with Marc and Karen Munro. We'll walk a series of loops including some roads and one steep climb. It's about 12km.</p> <p>Meet at ArtSpring at 9.45 a.m. or at the parking lot at Blackburn Nature Reserve, Blackburn Road 10.00 a.m.</p>	<p>Wendy McLean will lead a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area. We will do some road walking before and after the trail. The trail is steep but only about 0.75 km long and mostly stairs. Lunch will be eaten on Wendy's deck. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet Wendy at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges Rd at about 10:15 am</p>	Ramblers meet at 10 am at centennial park.
Friday Oct 27	<p>7-9pm at the Lion's Hall, public welcome, Daniel Donneck, an expert birder living in Saanich, Salt Spring's contact for the Audubon Christmas Birdcount, will be speaking about his experiences with birding with some lovely photos he has managed to catch of his favourite birds.</p>		
Tue Nov 7	<p>Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate off-island hike to Stoney Hill (Maple Bay area). A new access road and CRD trail give a new look to a hike we used to do . . . several beautiful lookouts to Salt Spring Island! Meet at Portlock in time to leave no later than 8.45 am to carpool on the 9:25 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.</p>	<p>Elaine Senkpiel will lead us on a Channel Ridge walk, with some moderate hill climbing and some steep sections. Walking poles may be handy, and we will have lunch on Ekaine's deck. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the trail head near Broadwell Rd. and Tern Rd at 10.20.</p>	<p>No leader yet. Meet at 10 am at Country Grocer Parking Lot. North Beach and Fernwood. Lunch at the Café .</p>
Tue Nov 14	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead a 3-4 hour partially new hike (to some) in Ruckle Park starting from Beaver Point Hall, east through the woods to the big trees, and Merganser Pond, over a beautiful mossy hill, down along the coast for some great views and on to the day parking lot in Ruckle Park. If time permits we can also go around the campground and around to Grandma's beach (Harlequins maybe?) and return to the day parking.</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.</p>	<p>Meet Betty Ball at 10 am at Country Grocer parking lot. Walk Norton road, Kingslane. Lunch at the Pizza Place Up Town. Meeting at 10 am Country Grocer Parking Lot</p>

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	<p>For the required car shuttle, we will have already parked a shuttle car in the day parking lot (before 10:05am) to return the drivers around 2-3pm to Beaver Point Hall. Poles will be handy especially if it has been raining.</p> <p>Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m, or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05 a.m.</p>		
Tue Nov 21	<p>Climb from the end of Mereside Road up to the Bryant Hill trail then take the connector to Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. We will have lunch with a lovely view to the south, hopefully. Then it is all downhill.</p> <p>Susan Fussell will lead this easy to moderate hike.</p> <p>Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking area near the end of Mereside Road at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Rob Mason will lead us on a walk along the Chris Hatfield trail past Yeo point to lunch at King's Cove, then retrace our steps to Meyers Rd. It is an easy walk with some small rocky parts along the ocean.</p> <p>Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00am or meet at the trail head on the east end of Meyers Rd at 10:20am.</p>	<p>Harold Page walks new pathways. Meet at 10 am Centennial Park. Coffee or Lunch at Barbs Buns.</p>
Tue Nov 28	<p>Cancelled Rain: Sue and Al Lehmann lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry Oak meadows. Some sections will be steep and may be slippery. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Rd. Drivers be aware that Mountain Rd is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.</p>	<p>Cancelled Rain: Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.</p>	<p>Kathy Darling and Frauke lead a walk on Long Harbour Rd. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Bring a Lunch.</p>
Thurs Nov 30	<p>At the Salt Spring Library, 7-9pm, Salt Spring Resident, Lo Camp, well known Biologist, Wilderness Guide, and raconteur will speak about his experiences in Hiking and guiding in the Canadian Wilderness</p>		
Tue Dec 5	<p>Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead a moderate hike up and down Reginald Hill (some steep and slippery</p>	<p>From Artspring to Baker Beach and back - somewhat circular route through parks, across fields</p>	<p>Meet Betty Ball at 10 am at Country Grocer Parking Lot. Ramble on Norton Rd,</p>



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	sections), then around the loop trail on the Tsawout lands, with lunch on the beach overlooking Russell Island. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at 10:05 a.m. at the parking area at the end of Morningside Drive by the mailboxes and before gate to Reginald Hill.	and along paths and byways. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. Leader - Andrea Rankin (537-1904)	Kings Lane. Lunch at the Pizza Place Up Town.
Tue Dec 12	Sheryl Taylor-Munro will lead hikers (and fast walkers) on the quieter roads in Ganges. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church. 110 Park Drive, for a hike/walk before the Christmas lunch.	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk in the Ganges area before the Christmas luncheon. The route will be weather dependent, but it will include some road walking and some trails through the forest. Meet at the Anglican church parking lot at 10:00am.	Christmas Lunch
Tue Dec 12	<p>Get together with your Club friends for a friendly gathering at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church in Ganges (110 Park Drive at Lower Ganges Road) 11-1:30. Tickets for this year's event are only \$20. Tickets are available from SS Soapworks (next to the Library) until Dec 8th. Catering is by El Loco Taco offering a Do-It-Yourself Taco Bar or you can put your lunch on a plate if you prefer. There is something for everyone - meats, vegetarian or gluten-free. Hot items: Any combination of Grilled Beef, Chicken, Pork, White Lime Rice and Refried Beans. Toppings to choose from include: Salsa, Lime Pickled Onions, Cabbage, Cheese, Cilantro, Fresh Limes, Jalapenos, Baja Sauce, Fresh Guacamole. And lots of Corn Tortillas to wrap if you wish. Coffee, tea, punch &amp; a selection of sweets are included. Cash bar (beer &amp; wine). Short outings led by Lorrie Storr and Sheryl Taylor-Munro are scheduled before the luncheon.</p>		
Tue Jan 2	For those not quite ready to leave the holidays behind, but are keen to get a bit of exercise, we'll begin 2018 with something a little different. Beth Hall will lead a moderate hike up and down through the Channel Ridge trails, with some steep, slippery sections, covering 8.5 km and finishing at her house in time for lunch. Bring your own sandwich (or ??) and Beth will provide mulled	Meet at Artspring at 10am and pick a leader and a walk.	No Ramble

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	wine (or soft cider) and dessert. That way, we can ease into the new hiking season and ease out of the holiday season at the same time. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 a.m. or the Canvasback entrance to the Channel Ridge trails at 10:00 a.m.		
Tue Jan 9	Climb from the end of Mereside Road up to the Bryant Hill trail then take the connector to Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. We will have lunch with a lovely view to the south, hopefully. Then it is all downhill. Susan Fussell will lead this easy to moderate hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking area near the end of Mereside Road at 10:00 a.m.	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk in the Andreas Vogt reserve and Bryant Hill area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble with Harold Page along the New Pathways around Ganges. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Lunch or coffee at Barbs Buns
Tue Jan 16	Hike some Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve trails with Jean Attorp. Moderate uphill hiking before lunch; downhill after lunch. Depending on the weather leading up to mid-January, there may be some tricky creeks to cross. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Carry on from Drummond Park to the end of Maxham Road to meet Leader Jean.	Join Wendy McClean walking along the trails of Mouats Park and up to Bishops Walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Sterling McEachern will lead a Ramble in Vesuvius Area. Meet at 10am at Centennial Park .Lunch at Sea Side Kitchen.
Tue Jan 23	Cancelled – Rain: Lynn Thompson will lead a moderately strenuous hike from Mt. Maxwell to the Shepherd Hills and back. There are some sections off-trail and a bit rough. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or the corner of Fulford-Ganges Rd. and Cranberry Rd. at 9:50 am.	Cancelled – Rain: Kees Visser will lead a moderate walk at the Peter Arnell Park plus a part of the Linear Trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 or at Stewart Rd behind the concrete barrier at the Peter Arnell Park trail head at 10:15 a.m.	Kathy Darling takes us up to Channel Ridge. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park ,Lunch at Vesuvius Café

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	If we get snow in the interim I can switch to a lower location.		
Tue Jan 31	Burgoyne Bay hike with Ashley Hilliard: Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool to the start point at the end of Furness Road (near the Salt Spring Brewery), or join there at 10:00 a.m.. We will hike along the trails in Burgoyne Bay Park, passing the boulders, to Daffodil Point. From there we will circle back. Bonus at the end: a visit the Brewery tasting room (if they are open that afternoon). This is a moderate hike but the trails will be muddy in sections.	Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through Duck Creek Park, then along the road to Vesuvius beach where we will stop for lunch. This is an easy pleasant walk in the forest alongside the creek. Meet at Artspring at 10.00 a.m. to carpool or the Duck Creek trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10.15 a.m.	Ev Pringle takes us to the Churchill Rd Area. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Lunch at the Harbour House.
Thur Feb 1	7-9pm at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave. Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club is sponsoring a presentation by Janie Wray, the lead researcher, at the BC Whales Research Facility near Hartley Bay in the Great Bear Rainforest on monitoring whales by sound and by tail/fluke markings. Surprising new information has come out of their research. Go to <a href="http://www.BCwhales.org">www.BCwhales.org</a> and <a href="http://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/researchers-puzzled-by-humpback-whale-wave-off-b-c-coast">http://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/researchers-puzzled-by-humpback-whale-wave-off-b-c-coast</a>		
Tue Feb 6	Sue and Al Lehmann will lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry Oak meadows. Some sections will be steep and may be slippery. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Rd. Drivers be aware that Mountain Rd is a single lane winding dirt road.	Kees Visser will lead a moderate walk at the Peter Arnell Park plus a part of the Linear Trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 or at Stewart Rd behind the concrete barrier at the Peter Arnell Park trail head at 10:15 a.m.	Marjorie and Brain Radford lead a Ramble at Shepherds Hills Rd. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am for Carpooling.
Tue Feb 13	Tudor will lead a hike in Ruckle Park. This will be an 'easyish' hike. We will join the trail near the farm at Trail marker #10 and up to the high point #6 then to the ocean #5 and along to	Rob Mason will lead a moderate walk along Reginald Hill road to the Tsawout Reserve where we will walk the Tsawout trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to carpool to the parking area	Ramble on Northend Beach Rd with Frauke Prystawik. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am for Carpooling ,or Fernwood Dock. Coffee or Lunch at Fernwood Café.

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	grandma's beach via #2 & #1 and back to the cars. Bring binoculars, we might see whales! Hazards, muddy stretches and greasy rocks. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or the Heritage parking area at Ruckle Park (just after the turkeys) at 10:15	where Morningside road meets Reginald Hill road, or meet us there at about 10:20 a.m.	
Tue Feb 20	Angie will lead an easy 4 hour hike from ArtSpring to Vesuvius, starting from Mouat Park to the Farmers Institute, across private fields (with permission) to Lower Ganges Road, then along the Pathway to Booth Canal Rd. and the end of Harrison Rd. The trail will take us to Baker Beach for lunch, returning via Quarry Rd. and Baker Ridge Trail to Baker Rd. on to Lower Ganges Rd. to Foxglove and back roads to ArtSpring. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45	Elaine Senkpiel will lead us on a Channel Ridge walk, with some moderate hill climbing and some steep sections. Walking poles may be handy, and we will have lunch on Elaine's deck. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the trail head near Broadwell Rd. and Tern Rd at 10.20 am.	Betty Ball takes us on a Ramble to Tripp Rd. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am for Carpooling. Coffee or Lunch at the Golf Club.
Thur Feb 22nd	7-9 pm at the Library. Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club is pleased to sponsor a presentation by Charles Kahn titled "The Beautiful Gulf Islands". This month we will see the launch of the 4th addition of his well known guidebook "Hiking the Gulf Islands". Charles is well known for his writing, hiking, kayaking, his work to acquire land for public recreational use, and last but not least his efforts in developing and maintaining walking trails on SSI.		
Tue Feb 27	Gary Quiring will lead an adventurous hike in Mt Tuam Crown Lands from the ocean. Steep sections with lots of rough terrain. Great trees and views are the reward. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00	Come and join Kathleen Maser and birder, Ken Mugridge on a walk to scout out the birds of Ruckle Park. There are a number of exciting species of waterfowl that shelter in the bays throughout our winter months. Don't forget to bring your binoculars. We will depart from ArtSpring promptly at 10 am, or meet us at the middle parking lot at Ruckle about 10:20 am.	Leaders choice Ramble with Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. to carpool.

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Mar 6	Mar 6: Jan & Larry McIntyre will lead a moderately strenuous hike with lots of ups and downs from Peter Arnell Park to Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve via the Bryant Hill linear trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Stewart Rd at Peter Arnell Park behind the concrete barrier at 10:00. This will be a one-way hike so we'll send a few cars up to the Andreas Vogt parking area to facilitate a shuttle at the end of the hike.	Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a walk.	Mar 6: Leader's Choice Ramble with Deborah Miller, Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
Mar 13	Dave and Amy will lead a hike up Mt. Erskine from the Toynbee Road side. The trail is steep at times and can be slippery. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10 a.m. at the three way intersection where Cranberry, Mt Maxwell, and Toynbee Roads meet.	Donna Way will lead the Daffodil Walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:20 a.m. This is a relatively easy walk with some hilly sections.	Ramble with Sterling at Burgoyne Bay. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Lunch at the Rock Salt Café in Fulford.
Mar 20	David & Gale Buffett will lead this hike which explores several trails as we ascend the south side of Mount Maxwell from Burgoyne Bay, taking advantage of several look outs. There are steep sections on the trail and it will be a steady climb prior to lunch. We plan to have lunch either at or near the summit before the afternoon descent. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking lot at Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park at 10:00.	Lorrie Storr will lead us on an 8 km walk from Beaver Point Hall to Kings Cove. There are a few rocky bits, but they are short and we will take it slowly. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.	Off Island Trip to Hemer Provincial Park Nanaimo with Frauke. Lunch at the Crow and Gate Pub. Meet at Potluck Park at 8:30 for carpooling. We will take the 9:25 ferry.
Mar 27	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderately strenuous hike from Mt. Maxwell to the Shepherd Hills and back.	Dick and Patsy Tipping will lead a walk up Mount Erskine from Trustees Trail. There are some rocky steep sections but	Ramble with Kathy Darling in Channel Ridge. Lunch at the Seaside Kitchen. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.

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	There are some sections off-trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the corner of Fulford-Ganges Rd at Cranberry Rd. at 9:50.	we will take it slow and easy, and enjoy the incredible view points along the way. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10:20 a.m. Take Rainbow Road, turn on Juniper Place and follow it up to Spring Gold Way. Follow that up to Trustees Trail where you turn right and continue to the end of the road and the trail head.	
Apr 3	Charles Kahn will lead a relatively easy hike up Mount Bruce from Musgrave Road through the Mill Farm Park Reserve with a possible visit to the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve. The length of the hike will depend on the wishes of the group.. Meet at Art Spring at 9:45 to carpool or at Drummond Park at 10:00	Barry and Sheila Spence lead an off-island walk with some uphill sections on Holland Creek Loop Trail, above Ladysmith. Meet at Portlock Park for 8:35 am departure to carpool on Vesuvius Ferry. Likely return on 3:35 pm ferry.	Ann king leads a walk around Ganges, lunch at Dagwoods.
Apr 10	rom Burgoyne Bay up to the outlook above Bold Bluff, and returning along the coast. It will be a long hike, count on return by 2:30. There will be a steep ascent at the start and some bush wacking. Meet at 9:45 at Art spring or at 10:00 at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.	Yvonne Gibbon will lead us on a Baker Beach Walk. Meet at 10:00 am at ArtSpring to carpool or at 10:20 am at the end of Quarry Drive. We will go through the forest down to Baker Beach and walk along the beach to Booth Bay Canal where we will have lunch. We will then retrace our steps back to Quarry Drive.	Sterling McEachern will lead a Ramble on Beddis Rd. Meet at Centennial park at 10 am and bring a lunch.
Apr 17	The TBA hike next week will be to Maracaibo. We will only be carpooling so please meet at ArtSpring no later than 9:45. The hike will be easy to moderate.  Our hike leader will be Franz Scherubl.	Jenny Meyer will lead a walk in the Fernwood area. It will be a combination of beach and road walking, with lunch on the beach under the "beacon". Consider that the beach will be wet and slippery under foot. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 am or Fernwood dock at 10:20 am	Trip to Honey Moon Bay to see the Spring Flowers with Frauke. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 for carpooling. Lunch at Cowichan Bay.
Apr 24	Karen and Marc will lead this moderate to steep hike along footpaths, from Collins Road to the summit	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park - up the road to the farm house and on the trail through the woods to	Trip to Honey Moon Bay to see the Spring Flowers with Frauke. Meet at Portlock Park

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	of Mt Erskine, weather and fairies permitting. Start at the Jack Fisher trail on Collins Road. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 to car pool.	Bear Point, walking south mostly alongside the water. There are a few short, steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet in the parking lot after the farm buildings on the right at 10:20 am	at 8:30 for carpooling. Lunch at Cowichan Bay.
May 1	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike on Mt. Tzouhalem, taking in the flower reserve and summit. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 am to carpool on the 9:25 am Vesuvius ferry.	Join the walkers on an off island, guided visit to the Mt Tzouhalem Ecological Reserve with our guide Genevieve Singleton, Ecological Reserve Warden, nature interpreter, who will lead a slow, easy walk to view the spring flowers. And in addition we will learn about the flora and fauna of the area and do a quick look for Western Bluebirds in the Quamichan Lake area. Genevieve is the Bring Back the Bluebird Project Manager, a project of the Cowichan Valley Naturalists's Society. To limit impact on this fragile ecosystem, the group will be limited to 15 members. To confirm your spot, email Rob at robwmason@shaw.ca by April 30th. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool for 8:40 am departure to get on the (9:25am) Vesuvius Ferry. Likely return on 3:35 pm ferry or earlier.	To Duck Creek with Betty Ball. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am or Duck Creek. 10:15. Lunch at Vesuvius.
May 8	A loop trail on the south side of Burgoyne Bay is the last major section of trail needing to be built in the parks. This effort replaces the broom pull for this year, as there is much work to do building the new trail and clearing the existing trails on the south side of Burgoyne. All Walkers and Hikers are encouraged to participate. Bring a lunch and wear work gloves. Saws, loppers, rakes, hoes etc. can all be put to use. Meet at the ArtSpring Parking lot at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking area by the Barns at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 a.m.		Sterling and Maureen Mceachern will lead to the Board Walk in Crofton. Take the 9:25 am Ferry to Crofton as Foot Passenger. Meet at 8:45 at Portlucck Park for carpooling to ferry. Lunch will be in Crofton.
May 15	Dave Secord and Amy Adams will lead an intertidal adventure covering lots of ground for Walkers & Hikers, but also focusing on ecology of the foreshore, especially		10 am at Centennial Park. Nice Weather bring a lunch or lunch in Fulford

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	<p>natural history of and human interactions with marine invertebrates. Taking advantage of one of the lowest tides of the year, we will meander on the beach south from the estuary at the head of Fulford Harbour to more than half way to Isabella Point. Our end point and return route (beach or partial road walking) will depend on energy levels and interests of the group. Wear comfortable gumboots or other waterproof footwear with good traction because the substrate will include mud, sand, gravel, cobble, boulder, barnacles, algae, and bedrock. Be prepared for conditions ranging from wind and rain to hot sun, since we'll be out and exposed for several hours. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am or at the head of Fulford Harbour (across from the old Fulford Inn site) at 10:00 sharp.</p>		
May 22	<p>Join Ashley Hilliard for a hike in and around the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve, which straddles Musgrave Road, in Salt Spring's mountainous south end. Carpool from ArtSpring at 0945 or join the group at Drummond Park at 10:00 am.</p>	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead the walkers to Ruckle Park from the top of Meyer Rd to Yeo Point to Cusheon Cove and back. All downhill until after Cushion Cove to the trail head. We will have a short shuttle up to the top of Meyer Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. Or meet at The Chris Hatfield Trail on the Meyer Rd turnaround at 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Kathy Darling to Walker Hook. Meet at 10am at Centennial Park. Lunch at Fernwood Café.</p>
May 29	<p>Loop hike, from top of Old Divide, SSIC Blackburn Reserve, SS Yoga Centre connector, Blackburn Rd. west, Cranberry Rd. east, with optional return possibilities to Old Divide. The ground may be wet periodically in the Reserve. No lunch stop. Those interested consider Barb's afterward. Meet at Artspring, 9:45 a.m. or just above Salt Spring Way on Old Divide Road at 10:00.</p>	<p>Join Jenny Meyer and Patsy Tipping for a road and beach walk in the Price Road area. Lunch on co-leader's deck overlooking the water. A few uphill stretches on the road and perhaps wet and slippery on the beach. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to carpool the short drive to co-leader's home.</p>	<p>Ann King leads a Ramble on the Chris Hatfield Trail. Meet at 10 a.m. Centennial Park. Lunch in Fulford.</p>
June 5	<p>Susan will lead a short hike in Burgoyne Bay starting at the parking lot, up to the boulders and then higher to a viewpoint. Lunch can be here or at Daffodil Point. Some off-trail hiking. Meet</p>	<p>Yvonne Gibbon and Sonja Baker will lead a walk through the Reginald Hill Strata to the First Nations Reserve starting at the end of Morningside. This is a moderate to easy walk with some short uphill</p>	<p>Leader's Choice Ramble with Betty Ball. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.</p>



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	at the ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	sections. Please meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or at the end of Morningside at 10:20 a.m.	
June 12	Barry & Sheila will lead a loop hike on the Cowichan River Footpath, starting at Skutz Falls. Moderate but long if the weather is good. Depart Portlock at 8:40 a.m. in carpools.	Rob Mason will lead the walkers through the Bryant Hill Park Trail and up to the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve where we will have lunch and enjoy the views. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:20 a.m.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Marjorie and Brian Radford. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
June 19	<b>Strawberry Festival</b> The hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival in Ruckle Park. This year's event is being organized by the Hikers. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.		
June 19	Walkers and Hikers will have a short walk before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the picnic area in Ruckle Park at 10:15 a.m.		Meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park to car pool for a Ramble in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Fest or meet at the picnic area at noon.

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	Hikers	Walkers	Ramblers
<b>Sept 13</b>	The 2016-2017 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the Group Campground. Bring your lunch and a favourite blackberry goodie to share. Don't forget a bowl and a spoon. Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.		
<b>Sept 13</b>	There will be a short walk around Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Festival. Car pool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the group camp parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.	There will be a short walk around Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the group camp parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.	Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park. We will Ramble in the Park before the Blackberry Festival.
<b>Sept 20</b>	Jean Attorp will lead a somewhat challenging hike to Mt. Erskine summit starting from the Collins Road trail head. The start of the trail is steep, so be prepared for a strenuous ascent and a tricky descent. There may be dry arbutus leaves on the trail, making the trail slippery. Car pool	Yvonne Gibbon will lead us on a Baker Beach Walk. Meet at 10:00 at ArtSpring to carpool or at 10:20 at the end of Quarry Drive. We will go through the forest down to Baker Beach and walk along the beach to Booth Bay Canal where we will have lunch.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern along Churchill Road. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Bring a bag lunch to eat at the beach.

	from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to the Collins Road trail head.	We will then retrace our steps back to Quarry Drive.	
<b>Sept 27</b>	Travel deep into the Musgrave in search of the elusive Jasper Mine on a moderate hike with Bill Goddu. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	The off island walk will be in Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park a short distance west of Hemer Provincial Park. The trail is part of the Morden Colliery Trail that runs along the north side of Hemer Provincial Park. This is a short ( 2+ km ) but very interesting walk. The trail is umbrella friendly. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:15 Vesuvius ferry. We should return on the 3:35 p.m. from Crofton. Lunch will be at The Crow and Gate Pub.	Ramble with the Hardings at Duck Creek Park. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park. Bring a lunch.
<b>Oct 4:</b>	Mystery Hike with Gary Quiring. Lots of uphill, lots of bush and much adventure. We may even use trails occasionally. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk through Burgoyne Park to look at the fall colours. We will walk the fields and explore a bit of the south side of the bay. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the Burgoyne Bay Park parking at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble through Blackburn Meadows with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Bring a bag lunch.
<b>Oct 11</b>	Hike the Hope Hill trails with Carol Melton and Jean Attorp in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points, if not foggy. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Marjie and Brian Radford will lead us on a walk of the mid level of Mt. Maxwell. There are a few step sections, but we will take it slowly. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the cul de sac at the far end of Armand Way at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble along Burgoyne Bay with Harold Page to see the new Totem Poles. Lunch at Rock Salt Cafe in Fulford. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Oct 18</b>	Sharon Sullivan will lead a moderate hike along the North Ruckle Park shoreline from the Hatfield Trail to the Merganser Pond, returning to Meyer Rd about 2:30 p.m. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the foot of Meyer Rd at 10:05 a.m. Come prepared for all weather.	Rob Mauser will lead us on a walk along the Chris Hatfield trail past Yeo point to lunch at Kings cove, then retrace our steps to Meyers Rd. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the east end of Meyers Rd. at 10:20 a.m.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Kathy Darling. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Oct 25</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike in the area of the summits of Mt. Bruce and Mt. Sullivan. Meet to	Andrea Rankin will lead us on a walk on and around the Kinsol Trestle in the Cowichan Valley. Meet at	Off Island Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding to Chemainus Lake. Lunch in Chemainus. Meet at Portluck

	carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m	Portlock Park at 8:15 to catch the 9:15 ferry. We hope to catch the 3:35 ferry back from Crofton.	Park at 8:15 a.m. to car pool to the 9:15 a.m. ferry.
<b>Nov 8</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike on some of the less frequented trails on the south side of Mt. Maxwell. Sturdy shoes are a must. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne Triangle at 10 a.m.	Doreen Fenton will lead a walk along the Channel Ridge Trails. There will be hills but we will walk slowly and take breaks. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at 10:15 a.m. at the corner of Broadwell and Tern.	Dorothy Kyle will lead a Ramble through Brinkworthy and beyond. Meet at the Country Grocer parking lot at 10 a.m. Lunch place will be decided after the Ramble.
<b>Nov 15</b>	Charles Kahn leads a strenuous hike up the back side of Mt. Erskine. Some of this is on trail, some bushwhacking, and some on road. Bring your hiking pole(s) and plan for a longish hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	John Heddle will lead a moderate walk in the Maracaibo area. Meet at 10 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool.	Marilyn and Bill Harding will lead a Ramble in Sidney, probably along Lochside Drive. Lunch will be in Sidney. Meet at Centennial Park at 8:45 a.m. to carpool on the 9:50 Fulford ferry. Return ferry will depend on how much time we spend rambling and eating. Arrange your carpool beforehand.
<b>Nov 22</b>	Kees Visser will lead a moderate hike with some steep sections from Peter Arnell Park to Bryant Hill Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Stewart Rd behind the concrete barrier at Peter Arnell Park at 10.	Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a moderate walk in Cowichan River Provincial Park from the 66 Mile Trestle Day Use Area to Stolz Pool along the Cowichan River Footpath, with an easy return along the Trans Canada Trail. Meet at Portlock Park for an 8:30 a.m. departure to the Vesuvius Ferry.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern in the Fernwood Area. Bring a lunch to eat at 221 Byron Rd. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Nov 29</b>	Tudor Davies will lead a moderate hike in Ruckld Park following the seaside trail to the north end of the park then returning on the inland route past Merganser Pond. Depending on the weather some sections may be slippery. Meet at Art Springs at 9:45 or the parking lot just past the historic farm buildings at 10:05.	Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.	Betty Ball will lead a Ramble in the Kings Lane area. Meet at the Country Grocer Parking lot at 10 a.m. Lunch will be up town or in town.
<b>Dec 6</b>	Hike some Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve trails with Jean Attorp. Moderate uphill hiking before lunch; downhill after lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Carry on from Drummond Park to the end	Kees Visser will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the Ruckle picnic area at 10:20 for an easy walk to Beaver Point, crossing to the Merganser Pond, and then returning to close the loop.	Ramble along Burgoyne Bay with Harold Page to see the new Welcome Poles. Lunch at Rock Salt Café in Fulford. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.

	of Maxham Road to meet the leader.		
<b>Dec 13</b>	Join Sheryl Taylor-Munro for a pre-lunch walk. Meet in the parking lot by the Golf Club at 10 a.m.		Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Potluck Park for a walk around the Track before the Christmas Lunch.
<b>Jan 3</b>	Come and work off those holiday goodies in the first hike of 2017. Beth Hall will lead a moderate hike with a few steep sections, and one "nasty" set of stairs through the Channel Ridge trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10 a.m. the Canvasback entrance to the Channel Ridge trail system.	Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. and pick a leader and destination for the first walk of the year.	The Ramblers will not meet until next week.
<b>Jan 10</b>	Kees Visser will lead a moderate hike zigzagging up Mt. Maxwell from Armand Way. It's uphill before lunch and all downhill after lunch. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the corner of Dukes Rd. and Fulford-Ganges Rd. at 10:00 am.	Michel Jutras will lead us on an aggressive walk up Mount Maxwell. We will take it slowly. We will only go as far as the first or second viewpoints staying below the snow line. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the corner of Armand Way and Seymour Heights at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble with Kathy Darling on Churchill Road. Lunch at Moby's. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Jan 17</b>	Cancelled due to weather	Gwen McDonald will lead us on a long, round trip walk through the Tsawout First Nation Reserve, starting at Menhinick. It is a long but fairly easy walk with some elevation gain, through woods and along shoreline with some lovely views. Our reward will be lunch at the Rock Salt Cafe, where you can thaw out, warm up and prepare for the return trip. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00 to carpool or at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern at Fernwood . Bring a lunch to eat at 221 Byron Rd. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Jan 24</b>	Dave and Amy will lead a hike up Mt. Erskine from the Toynbee Road side. The trail is steep at times and can be slippery. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10 a.m. at the three way intersection where Cranberry, Mt Maxwell, and Toynbee Roads meet.	Kees Visser will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the Ruckle picnic area at 10:20 for an easy walk to Beaver Point, crossing to the Merganser Pond, and then returning to close the loop.	Harold Page takes the Ramblers to the South End. Enjoy lunch at Rock Salt Café. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

<b>Jan 31</b>	Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead a hike up Reginald Hill (some steep and slippery sections) followed by a loop around the Tsawout First Nation lands. If conditions and energy levels are good, we'll also explore some of the 70 acres of Reginald Hill strata common lands, almost entirely off-trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the end of Morningside Drive (entrance to Reginald Hill) at 10:05 a.m.	Wendy McLean will lead a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area. We will do some road walking before and after the trail. The trail is steep but only about 0.75 km long and mostly stairs. Lunch will be eaten on Wendy's deck. Please arrange carpools at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet Wendy at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges Rd.	Off Island Trip to Crofton with Marilyn and Bill Harding. Lunch in Crofton. Ferry time will be announced at a later date. Meet at Potluck Park.
<b>Feb 7</b>	Cancelled due to snow.	Cancelled due to snow.	Cancelled due to snow.
<b>Feb 14</b>	Sue and Al Lehmann lead a moderate hike with some steep sections from Mountain Rd. The hike is longer than usual and there are hills to climb both before and after lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00 am. Drivers be aware that the road is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.	Pick a leader and a location. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00	Sterling and Maureen take the Ramblers to Channel Ridge. Lunch at the Golf Club. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Feb 21</b>	Join Ashley Hilliard on a hike into the northern portion of Ruckle Park through the "back door". Some side slope on uneven rocks so sturdy footwear and poles (if you like them) recommended. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the start at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m. (left off Beaver Point Rd onto Bulman, then right at junction with Meyer).	Charles Khan will lead a walk from Mill Farm and work our way onto Mt. Bruce. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00 or Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.	Leaders Choice Ramble with Frauke. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Feb 28</b>	Susan Hannon leads a moderately strenuous hike to Bold Bluff area. Note there will be wet areas and some possibly slippery steep climbs. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet Susan at the lower Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	Doreen Fenton will lead a walk in the north Channel Ridge area starting from Sunset Drive. Please carpool from ArtSpring at 10 or meet the leader at trail entrance #1 opposite 1110 Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.	Leaders Choice Ramble with Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>March 7</b>	Jean Atorp will lead a moderate hike with some steep sections from Peter	Dick and Patsy Tipping will lead us on a round trip walk through the Tsawout First	Ramble with Dorothy Kyle at Mouat Park. Coffee or lunch at

	Arnell Park to Bryant Hill Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Stewart Rd behind the concrete barrier at Peter Arnell Park at 10 a.m.	Nation Reserve, starting at Menhinick. It is a fairly easy hike with some elevation gain, through woods and along shoreline with lovely views. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to carpool or at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m. From there we will drive to the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive with the fewest possible cars.	Barb's. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>March 14</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate off-island hike to Stoney Hill (Maple Bay area). A new access road and CRD trail give a new look to a hike we used to do . . . several beautiful lookouts to Salt Spring Island! Meet at Portlock at 8:45 am to carpool for the 9:25 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.	Donna Way will lead the daffodil walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:15 a.m. This is a relatively easy walk with some hilly sections.	Off Island trip to Crofton with Marilyn and Bill Harding. Meet at Portlock Park - time announced closer to the date. Lunch will be in Crofton.
<b>March 21</b>	David Buffett will lead a hike with some steep sections from Mereside Road to Bryant Hill Park and Andreas Vogt Conservation area. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the parking area on Mereside Road at the trailhead to Bryant Hill Park at 10:00 a.m.	Rob Mason will lead a walk in the Andreas Vogt reserve and Bryant Hill area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:15 a.m.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Harold Page, Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.
<b>March 28</b>	Sharon Sullivan will lead a moderate but long hike in Ruckle Park from Beaver Point Hall, east through the woods to the ocean, along the coast to spot some flowers, around to Grandma's beach and returning through the woods to Beaver Point Hall. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m, or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05 a.m.	Kathleen Maser will lead a walk to various shore points of Ruckle Park with the intention of discovering water birds. Making bird watching easy is our goal! A pair of binoculars would be a great asset. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool or at 10:20 a.m. in the parking lot by the farm buildings in Ruckle Park.	Fernwood & North Beach Rd Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Lunch at the Fernwood Café.
<b>Apr 4</b>	Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a hike out the Blue trail on Maple Mountain. Meet at Portlock Park for an 8:35 departure by car pool to the Vesuvius ferry, and from the ferry to the trailhead at the end of	Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through Duck Creek Park, then along the road to Vesuvius beach where we will stop for lunch. This is an easy pleasant walk in the forest alongside the creek.	Join Betty Ball on a Leader's Choice Ramble. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Bring a lunch

	Chilco Road.	Meet at Artspring at 10.00 a.m. to carpool or the trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10.10 a.m.	
<b>May 2</b>	Sue and Al Lehmann lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry Oak meadows. Some sections will be fairly steep and may be slippery. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign. Drivers be aware that Mountain Rd is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park - up the road to the farm house and on the trail through the woods to Bear Point, walking south mostly alongside the water. There are a few short, steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet in the first parking lot on the right at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Kathy Darling on Churchill Road., weather permitting. Lunch at the Beach. Meet at 10 am Centennial Park
<b>May 9</b>	The annual Broom Pull will take place at Burgoyne Bay. All members are invited. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought so we can work until about 2:00 p.m. Car pool from ArtSpring at 10.00 a.m. or meet at 10:15 a.m. at Burgoyne Bay.	#colspan#	Trip to the Kinsale Tressel with Frauke. Arrange your own Carpooling. Meet at Potluck Park 8:45, to take the 9:25 Ferry to Crofton. Lunch on Vancouver Island.
<b>May 16</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate off-island hike to Stoney Hill (Maple Bay area). A new access road and CRD trail give a new look to a hike we used to do . . . several beautiful lookouts to Salt Spring Island! Meet at Portlock in time to leave no later than 8:45 am to carpool on the 9:20 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.	We are walking to the Raptors! Back by popular demand! Join Jenny Meyer to walk on the 9:20 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. We will road walk 7 km [about 1 1/2 hours one way] to the Pacific Northwest Raptors Centre, Duncan; have a guided tour at noon; lunch about 12:30 [bring your own]; and a flying demo at 1:30. We will walk back likely in time for the 3:55 ferry but be prepared that it could be the 5:05 ferry, which gives us time for a refreshment on the way back. Meet at Portlock Park in time to carpool by 8:45 a.m. or go to Vesuvius in time to walk on the ferry. Admission cost is \$13.00 senior and \$15.00 adult if	Ramble with Betty Ball along Duck Creek. Lunch at Seaside Kitchen. Meet at Parking Lot Country Grocer 10 am.

		we have 8 or more attending. Umbrella and camera friendly.	
<b>May 23</b>	Dave and Amy will lead this atypical hike, so please read carefully. Meet at ArtSpring at 8:45am or at Fernwood Dock at 9:00am sharp. We will then carpool in the fewest vehicles to a nearby starting point. This one-way hike involves trails as well as nature, in the form of low-tide foreshore exploration with intertidal biologist Dave Secord. Be prepared for muddy or sandy conditions, and for walking across slippery rocks. We will finish in time for lunch back at Fernwood, so bring food or grab some at the cafe when we return. Note earlier meet-up time!	Lorrie Storr will lead us on a walk from Beaver Point Hall to Kings Cove or Yeo Point depending how energetic the group is. The walk is between 8 and 10 km round trip. There are a few rocky bits, but they are short and we will take it slowly. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet with leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.	Marilyn and Bill Harding take us on a Ramble on the North End. Lunch at 222 Byron Road ,Meet at 10 am Centennial Park
<b>May 30</b>	Angie Trarup leads a hike along trails and byways from Ganges to Vesuvius and back. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead a walk up Mount Erskine from the trail head up from Juniper Pl. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10:20am. There are some rocky steep sections but we will take it slow and easy, and enjoy the incredible view points along the way. Take Rainbow Road, turn on Juniper Pl. and follow it up to Spring Gold Way and follow that up to Trustees Trail where you turn right and continue on until you come to the end of the road and the trail head.	Harold Page will lead an outing to Burgoyne Bay. Lunch at the Salt Rock Café, Fulford. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am
<b>June 6</b>	Hike some Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve trails with Jean Attorp.	Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through the Burgoyne Bay area and through Ted Baker's Iris farm. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to car pool or at Ted Baker's house (185 Furness Rd.) at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Kathy Darling Old Scott Rd. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am. Bring a Lunch.
<b>June 13</b>	Susan Fussel will lead a shorter hike on the Channel Ridge trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at	“NEW WALK! Join Jenny Meyer and Dick and Patsy Tipping for a road and beach walk with access	Dorothy Kyle will take the Ramblers to Mouats Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am. Lunch or Coffee in Ganges.



	the end of Epron Road at 10:00 a.m.	from Price Road. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to carpool to co-leader's home. Road walk Beddis and Price Roads. Beach walk towards the sailing club and back. Lunch on co-leader's deck overlooking the water. Only a few uphill stretches and a surprise side path".	
<b>June 15</b>	<p>Library – 7:00 pm -- Birder Extraordinaire, Ann Nightingale, Presents a Special Bird Multimedia Show: 2015 - It Was a Very Big Year</p> <p>In 2015, Ann Nightingale of Rocky Point Bird Observatory attempted to set a Vancouver Island Big Year birding record by seeing more species of birds than anyone else ever had. Over the course of 12 months, she traveled the Island from tip to tip several times, visited the offshore islands and headed seaward, tracking down both one-of-a-kind and common birds in fields, forests, and on the water. Ann's slide-illustrated talk will focus on birds, but will also highlight the amazing scenery and wildlife of the area. Ann is past-president of both Rocky Point Bird Observatory and the Victoria Natural History Society. She was the Regional Coordinator for Southern Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands for the BC Breeding Bird Atlas. In 2016, she received the American Birding Association's Betty Petersen Award for Conservation and Community.</p>		
<b>June 20</b>	Short, easy hike in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 to car pool or in the lower parking lot (picnic area) of Ruckle Park at 10 a.m. Choose a leader.	This year's Strawberry Festival is being organized by the Walkers. Contact Kathleen to help or join the hikers for a short easy hike.	Meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park for car pooling to Ruckle Park.

#### **2015-2016 Season**

	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>Walkers</b>	<b>Ramblers</b>
<b>Sept 15</b>	The 2015-2016 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the Group Campground.. Remember to bring your favourite blackberry goodie, a bowl and a spoon. A short hike in Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Festival. Leave ArtSprings at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the campground parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10 a.m.	A short walk around Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Festival. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the campground parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled	Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park. We will Ramble in the Park before the Blackberry Festival.
<b>Sept 22</b>	Hike some Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve trails with Jean Attorp. Moderate uphill hiking before lunch; downhill after lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Carry on from	Bryan Adderley will lead a Doreen Fenton will lead a short walk with some strenuous bits up Mt. Erskine. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to carpool, or at cul de sac at the top of Juniper Place (Trustees	Maureen and Sterling will lead a Ramble to Churchill Beach. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. for carpooling.

	Drummond Park to the end of Maxham Road to meet Leader Jean.	Trail on the map) at 10:15 a.m	
<b>Sept 29</b>	Dave and Gale Buffett will lead a moderately strenuous hike up Mt. Maxwell from Seymour Heights. Lunch at the look-out and return by Armand Way about 2:30 to 3 p.m. Leave Artspring at 9:45 a.m or meet at the corner of Dukes Rd. and Fulford-Ganges Rd. at 10:00 am.	Bryan Adderly will lead a walk on the Cable Bay Trail, south of Nanaimo, lunching at the Crow and Gate. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool on the 9:15 Vesuvius ferry. We will probably return on the 3:35 p.m. ferry from Crofton./	Marilyn Harding will lead a Ramble to Chemainus Lake, then to Chemainus for lunch and a walk around town. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 a.m to carpool on the 9:15 ferry. We will probably return on the 2:30 ferry.
<b>Oct 6</b>	Gary Quiring leads a Mystery hike, with the route based on the group and weather. Be prepared for an off-trail and up adventure! Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m	John Heddle will lead an easy walk to Nose Point in Maracaibo by a devious route with a slightly harder option en route. Car pool only from ArtSpring at 10 a.m	Jean Gelwicks takes us on a visit to private property on Cusheon Cove. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool. South ends can meet at the south end of Meyers Rd at 10:20 a.m. Lunch will be at the Rock Salt in Fulford.
<b>Oct 13</b>	Lynn Thompson and Al Lehmann will lead a moderate hike on Mt Bruce and/or Mt Sullivan. The route will be weather dependent and may involve some bushwhacking. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead on Mt Bruce	Wendy McLean will lead us on an exploration of Blackburn and Fraizer Rd. areas (and possibly the Conservancy property). We will go up the stairs near the corner of Cranberry Rd. We will lunch on her deck on Fraizer Rd (bring your own), then back down the stairs and home. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool, or at the corner of the Fulford-Ganges Rd and Blackburn Rd at 10:10 where Wendy will meet us.	Kathy Darling will lead a Ramble in the Welbury Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool. Lunch will be in Ganges.
<b>Oct 20</b>	Tudor Davies will lead a hike from Beaver Point Hall to Cusheon Cove. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:00. A car will be left at Meyer Road for return driver pick up.	Gwen McDonald will lead a walk up Reginald Hill. This walk has a lot of up hill, but is on pathways. We will take it slowly. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. Please see website closer to the date for details on where to meet in Fulford.	Dorothy Kyle will lead a Ramble around Brinkworthy. Meet at 10 a.m. in the Country Grocer parking lot. Bring a bag lunch.
<b>Oct 27</b>	Join Ashley Hilliard for a moderate but long hike (till about 3pm) in the Beaver Point area. Carpool from	We are walking to the Raptors! Join Jenny Meyer to walk on the 10:25 a.m. ferry to	Harold Page will lead a Ramble in Burgoyne Bay. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

	ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join the group at the foot of Meyer Rd at 10:05. Sturdy footwear is essential as we will be crossing a rocky slope.	Crofton. We will walk on the road for 7 kms [about 1 1/2 hours] to the Pacific Northwest Raptors (Birds of Prey) Centre where we will eat lunch (bring your own) and enjoy a guided tour and flying demo. We will walk back 7 kms for the 4:45 p.m. ferry. Meet at Portlock Park in time to carpool by 9:50 a.m. or meet up at Vesuvius in time to walk on the ferry. Cost for the Raptors Centre is \$14.00 Seniors and \$16.00 Adults.	Lunch will be at the Rock Salt in Fulford.
<b>Nov 3</b>	Hike the Hope Hill trails with Carol Melton and Jean Attorp in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points, if not foggy. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through Duck Creek Park and then a walk along the road to Vesuvius Beach where we will stop for lunch. This is an easy pleasant walk through the forest alongside Duck Creek. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10:10 a.m.	Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding, visiting in Vesuvius with Marshall Heinekey. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool at 9:50 a.m. Picnic Lunch on the beach
<b>Nov 10</b>	Kees Visser leads a moderate hike with steep sections and some road walking from Peter Arnell Park to Bryant Hill Park,. Meet at ArtSpring 9:45 a.m. or at the top of Stewart Road, behind the concrete barrier at Peter Arnell at 10 a.m.	Marjie and Brian Radford will lead us on a walk of the lower level of Mt. Maxwell. There are a few steep sections, but we will take it slowly. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the corner of Seymour Heights and Armand Way at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble with Maureen and Sterling at Fernwood. Meet at Centennial Park for carpooling at 10 a.m. or at Fernwood at 10:10 a.m. Lunch will be at the Fernwood Cafe.
<b>Nov 17</b>	Lynn and Al lead a hike to the Bruce Bump. This is a new route around Mt Bruce with peak-a-boo views of the Burgoyne Valley. Some of the route will be off-trail and bush-wacking. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.	Lorrie Storr will lead us on an 8 km walk from Beaver Point Hall to Kings Cove. There are a few rocky bits, but they are short and we will take it slowly. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.	Harold Page will take us on a Leader's Choice Ramble. Lunch will be in town. Meet at Centennial Park for carpooling at 10 a.m.
<b>Nov 24</b>	Sue and Al Lehmann lead a moderately strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry Oak meadows. Some sections will be fairly steep and may	Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk in Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the corner of Sir Echos Way and Sunset	Ramble around Crofton with Marilyn and Bill Harding. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:50 a.m. to carpool to the 10:25 ferry.

	be slippery. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign. Drivers be aware that Mountain Rd is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.	Drive at 10:15 a.m. There is a parking area that hides behind the blackberry bushes.	Lunch in the park or eat at the cafe by the ferry. Your choice. We will get either the 1:15 or 2:30 ferry depending on how long we walk.
<b>Dec 1</b>	Barry and Sheila lead a hike along the Cowichan River footpath, starting at Skutz Falls. The hike is moderate but may be long if the weather is good. Leave Portlock 8:30 am in carpools to ensure we are on the 9:15 ferry. With the changes at Fulford, Vesuvius traffic may be heavy so best to be early.		Ramble with Betty along the Pathway from Country Grocer to Wildwood. Meet in the Country Grocer Parking Lot at 10 a.m. Lunch will be in town.
<b>Dec 8</b>	Ron Hawkins leads a short hike along Island Pathways from Harbour House to Churchill Road. Meet at 10 a.m. in the Harbour House parking lot. We will finish about 11:20 a.m.		Christmas Luncheon at the Lions club. No organized Ramble before lunch
<b>Jan 5</b>	Sharon Sullivan leads a moderate hike along the North Ruckle Park shoreline from the Hatfield Trail to the Merganser Pond, returning to Meyer Rd about 2:30 p.m. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the foot of Meyer Rd at 10:05 a.m. Come prepared for all weather.	Wendy Mclean will lead a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area. We will do some road walking before and after the trail. The trail is steep but only about 0.75 km long and mostly stairs. Lunch will be eaten on Wendy's deck. Please arrange carpools at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet Wendy at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges roads at 10:10 a.m	Marilyn and Bill Harding ramble with us on Scott Road. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Jan 12</b>	Nora Layard leads an exploration of Channel Ridge trails starting from the Sunset Drive entry, north of Pringle Farm Road. We'll enjoy a moderate hike with a lunch stop at a view point. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10 a.m.	Kathleen Mauser will lead a walk to various shore points of Ruckle Park with the intention of discovering winter water birds. Making bird watching easy is our goal! A pair of binoculars would be a great asset. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool or at 10:20 a.m. in the parking lot by the farm buildings in Ruckle Park.	Betty Ball leads a Ramble on Norton Road. Lunch in Ganges. Meet at Country Grocer at 10 a.m.

<b>Jan 19</b>	Jean Attorp leads a moderate hike on the trails in the Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve. There will likely be wet and slippery areas on the trails, and creeks to cross. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. to meet Leader Jean at the end of Maxham Road to start the uphill climb.	Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring to pick a leader and a walk destination.	Don Elders leads a Ramble around Ganges. Lunch in Ganges. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>CANCELLED WEATHER</b> Amy and Dave lead a steep hike up Reginald Hill followed by a loop around the Tsawout Reserve. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10:05 a.m. at the end of Morningside Road by the Reginald Hill gate and mailboxes.	<b>CANCELLED WEATHER</b> Lorrie Storr will lead a walk up the Manzanita Trail to Mt. Erskine. This walk is moderate to strenuous, as there is a lot of uphill. We will take it slowly and enjoy the lovely forests and views. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool or at 10:10 a.m. at the corner of Cranberry Rd and Mt. Maxwell Rd	<b>CANCELLED WEATHER</b> Harold Page leads a Leader's Choice Ramble. Lunch at Moby's. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Feb 2</b>	Join leader Ashley Hilliard on a moderate, mostly level hike in Salt Spring's "deep south". We will explore some shoreline access points and admire some large trees along the way. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet the group at the starting point, Beaver Point Hall, at 10:05 a.m.	Explore some of the hidden, semi-rural trails near Ganges with Sheryl Munro-Taylor. We start from ArtSpring parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 12:30. There is no need to bring a lunch. This is a moderate walk, with some uphill sections. There might be some places that are a bit wet if there has been recent rainfall, so plan your footwear accordingly.	Ramble with Kathy Darling at Fernwood. Bring a lunch, which we will eat at 221 Byron Rd. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Fernwood Cafe at 10:15 a.m.
<b>Feb 9</b>	Peter Lloyd-Jones leads a moderate hike with some steeper uphill sections, from Armand Way towards and around Mt. Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the Dukes Road/Fulford-Ganges junction at 10:00 a.m.	Patricia Flannagan will lead a walk to the Mountain Road waterfall, from the end of Isabella Point Road. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at 10:15 a.m. at Drummond Park.	Sterling and Maureen McEchearn take us on an easy Ramble in Channel Ridge. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Lunch will be at the Seaside Kitchen.
<b>Feb 16</b>	Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead a hike in Ruckle Park, following the seaside trail to the north end of the park at Yeo Pt then returning via the inland route past	Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.	Ramble with Frauke on Arbutus Road and visit Thimble Farm for Helleborganza (Hellebores in flower). Meet at Centennial Park

	Merganser Pond and along the west side of the working farm back to the starting point. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10:05 a.m. at the parking lot just past the historic farm buildings		at 10 a.m. or Portluck Park at 10:15 a.m. Lunch could be at Seaside Kitchen or in town.
<b>Feb 23</b>	Sylvia Beech leads a moderate hike along the Channel Ridge trails starting from the Epron Road entrance, off North End Road. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10 a.m.	Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination	Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding along Scott Rd. Bring a lunch to eat at the Hardings' House. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Mar 1</b>	CANCELLED Sheila and Barry Spence lead an off-island hike to Maple Mountain. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:35 a.m. to walk on to the 9:15 a.m. ferry. If the weather is good we will take the longer loop, which is about 10 - 12 km; not strenuous but long, with a short, sharp, steep section.	CANCELLED Lorrie Storr leads a walk up the Manzanita Trail to Mt. Erskine. This walk is moderate to strenuous, as there is a lot of uphill. We will take it slowly and enjoy the lovely forest. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring or at 10:10 a.m. at the corner of Cranberry Rd. and Mt. Maxwell Rd.	Ramble with Kathy Darling in Vesuvius. Bring a lunch to enjoy at Vesuvius Beach. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Portlark Park at 10:15 a.m.
<b>Mar 8</b>	Susan Hannon leads a moderately strenuous hike to Bold Bluff. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet Susan at the lower Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	Donna and Paul Way lead the daffodil walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:15 a.m. This is a relatively easy walk with some hilly sections.	Ramble with Frauke in Ruckle Park. If the weather is nice, bring a bag lunch to eat in the park. If the weather is rainy, we will go to the Rock Salt Cafe in Fulford. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Mar 15</b>	Lynn Thompson leads a moderate hike to Christie Falls (Ladysmith) and possibly beyond. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool on the 9:15 a.m. Vesuvius Ferry	Barry and Sheila Spence lead a walk to Crofton Lake in the North Cowichan Municipal Forest. We hope to circumnavigate the lake if the good Lord's willin' and the creek don't rise. The exact route will depend on weather and trail conditions. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:35 a.m. to carpool to Vesuvius, where we'll park and walk on the 9:15 ferry.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Harold Page. Lunch at Moby's Pub. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Mar 22</b>	Sue and Al Lehmann lead a long hike with some steep sections from the end of	Andrea Rankin leads a moderate walk in the LePage Road area. Meet at	Ramble with Betty Ball along Duck Creek. Bring your lunch to eat at

	Mountain Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Drivers be aware that the road is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.	ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the pull-out near the end of LePage Road at 10:10 a.m.	Vesuvius Beach. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m., Portlock Park at 10:15 a.m. or at the trail entrance on Sunset Drive.
<b>Mar 29</b>	Explore the Musgrave area with Bill Goddu. Enjoy oak meadows, rocky bluffs, waterfalls, and Big Trees. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to car pool or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Rob Mason leads a moderate walk along Reginald Hill road to the Tsawout Reserve. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the parking area where Morningside Rd. meets Reginald Hill Rd. about 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Dorothy Kyle in Mouat Park. Bring a lunch or buy a take-out lunch. We will eat in Centennial Park. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Apr 5</b>	Kees Visser leads us on a longish intermediate hike on Hope Hill - one steep bit, some other ups and downs and some pleasant views. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to car pool or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Lorrie Storr will lead a moderate walk in Arnell Park and up the connector to where Jasper Road becomes Jennifer. There are some short steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet behind the barrier on Stewart Way at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble with Cathy Darling along Churchill Road. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the beach. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Apr 12</b>	Sheila and Barry Spence lead an off-island hike to Maple Mountain. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:35 a.m. to walk on to the 9:15 a.m. ferry. If the weather is good we will take the longer loop, which is about 10 - 12 km; not strenuous but long, with a short, sharp, steep section.	Willa Suintjens will lead us on a walk of the Honeymoon Bay Wildlife preserve with hopes of seeing fawn lilies and other wild flowers in bloom. We will have a restaurant lunch and then take a forest walk after lunch. Meet at 8:35 a.m. at Potluck Park to catch the 9:15 ferry. We will meet Willa at the Lake Cowichan Visitor Centre.	Ramble with Harold Page in the Burgoyne Bay Area. We will go for lunch at the Rock Salt Cafe in Fulford. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Apr 19</b>	Amy and Dave lead a steep hike up Reginald Hill followed by a loop around the Tsawout Reserve. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10:05 a.m. at the end of Morningside Road by the Reginald Hill gate and mailboxes.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park - up the road to the farm house and on the trail through the woods to Bear Point, walking south mostly alongside the water. There are a few short, steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet in the first parking lot on the right at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen at Beddis Beach. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the beach. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Apr 26</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike on Mt. Tzouhalem, taking in the flower reserve and summit.	Jenny Meyer will lead a beach walk along Walker Hook Road. Think of footwear for wet and	Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding along Scott Point. Bring a lunch to eat at the Hardings' House.

	Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 am to carpool on the 9:15 am Vesuvius ferry.	slippery conditions. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or Fernwood dock at 10:15 a.m.	Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>May 3</b>	Charles Kahn leads a strenuous hike up the back side of Mt. Erskine. Some of this is on trail, some bushwhacking, and some on road. Bring your hiking pole(s) and plan for a longish hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	We will go to Nanaimo with Anne Beaumont for a walk through Bowen Park, with its rhododendron gardens and waterfalls, then into the adjacent Buttertubs Marsh, a bird sanctuary. The walk is mostly level and we will have time for lunch at the Crow and Gate. We should be able to return on the 2:30 p.m. ferry. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:35 a.m. to carpool on the 9:15 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.	Sterling and Maureen McEachern take us to Channel Ridge. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>May 10</b>	The annual Broom Pull will take place in Ruckle Park this year. We did this several years ago and it is time to revisit this area. The broom will be fairly small unlike the broom at Burgoyne Bay. All members are invited. Volunteers should bring primarily pruners. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought so we can work until about 2:00 p.m. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10:15 a.m. at the Ruckle Park camping parking area.		Marilyn and Bill Harding lead a Ramble in the Fernwood Area. Lunch will be at the Fernwood Cafe. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>May 17</b>	Lynn and Al lead a spring hike to the Bruce Bump. Enjoy a moderate hike around Mt Bruce with peak-a-boo views of the Burgoyne Valley. Some of the route will be off-trail and bush-wacking. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.	Doreen Fenton will lead a walk of lower Channel Ridge. There is one, not too extensive, up hill. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the corner of Broadwell and Tern at 10:15 a.m	Kathy Darling leads a Ramble on Churchill Rd, with lunch at the beach. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>May 24</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a new hike in the Burgoyne Valley. The first hour will be steep uphill on a rough trail; thereafter moderate,	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk up the Manzanita Trail to Mt. Erskine. This walk is labeled moderate to strenuous, as there is a	Frauke leads a Ramble and visit to private property on Toynbee Rd. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.



	and with a refreshing end. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the Burgoyne triangle at 10:00 a.m.	lot of up hill. It does have lovely forests and views and we will take it slowly. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool or 10:10 a.m. at the corner of Cranberry Rd. and Mt. Maxwell Rd.	
<b>May 31</b>	Susan Hannon will lead a strenuous, rocky and, in places, precipitous hike along the ocean at East Sooke Park. This will be a day long commitment as we will stop on the way back for fish and chips at Cowichan Bay. Meet at Portloch Park at 8:30 a.m. to car pool for the 9:15 a.m. ferry to Crofton. If all goes well, we'll be back on the 7:40 p.m. ferry.	Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through the Burgoyne Bay area and through Ted Baker's Iris farm. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to car pool or at Ted Baker's house (185 Furness Rd.) at 10:20 a.m.	Harold Page takes us to Fulford, with lunch at Rock Salt Cafe. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Jun 7</b>	Sue and Al Lehmann lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry Oak meadows. Some sections will be steep. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign. Drivers be aware that Mountain Rd is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.	Harry Burton lead us on a south end walk of the old Monk property, once a farm extending from King Rd. to the water at the bottom of Stevens Rd. We will visit the Grandmother Tree and have lunch at Hachy's Cove. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet the leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen on Duck Creek. Bring a lunch. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.
<b>Jun 14</b>	<b>Prevost Island Excursion</b> The de Burghs and family are looking forward to hosting us on Prevost Island on June 14. Pre-registration is required. This activity is open to SSTNC members only. Please assemble at the seaplane dock at 9:45, lunch and water in hand, for a 10:00 a.m. departure. Return will be about 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 if there are at least 40. Cheques are to be made out to the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and deposited in the STNC envelope at the Information Centre. First come, first served. Note there is no refund after June 8th unless your place can be filled or the boat is full. For more information, contact John Heddle <a href="mailto:jheddle@yorku.ca">jheddle@yorku.ca</a> .		
<b>Jun 21</b>	<b>Strawberry Festival</b> The 2015-2016 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival on June 21 in Ruckle Park. This year's event is being organized by the Hikers. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring		

	a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.		
	The Hikers are organizing the Strawberry Festival. If you can be part of the team, please let Jean know. Join the Walkers if you wish some pre-lunch exercise.	There will be a short walk around Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the lower picnic area at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.	Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park. We will Ramble in the Park before the Strawberry Festival. Bring a lunch.

### **2014-2015 Season**

	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>Walkers</b>	<b>Ramblers</b>
<b>Sept 9</b>	The 2014-2015 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area. Remember to bring your favourite blackberry goodie, a bowl and a spoon. There will be a short Hike in Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Fest. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet in the lower parking lot at Ruckle Park at 10:05.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a short walk in Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Fest. Please carpool yourselves from ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10:20 am..	There will be a short Ramble before the Blackberry Festival. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park...
<b>Sept 16</b>	Bill Goddu will lead an exploration of the Musgrave Area, including Mill Farm and the Makaroff lands. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at Drummond Park at 10:05 am	Bryan Adderley will lead a walk in Hemer Provincial Park near Cedar, with lunch at the Crow & Gate. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 am to carpool on the 9:10 Vesuvius ferry, returning probably on the 3:35 pm ferry from Crofton.	Frauke will lead an Off-Island Trip to Newcastle Island, Nanaimo. Meet at 8:30 am at Portlock Park to car pool to the 9:10 Vesuvius ferry. Please arrange your ride beforehand and bring a bag lunch.
<b>Sept 23</b>	Nigel Denier will lead a moderately strenuous hike on Mt Maxwell. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 am	John Heddle leads a walk on the (rejuvenated) Jack Foster Trail. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am.	Marilyn and Bill Harding will lead a ramble at Dunbabin Park. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the Churchill Road beach. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 am.
<b>Sept 30</b>	Barry and Sheila Spence lead a moderate but long hike along the Cowichan River Footpath. Meet by 8:30 am at Portlock Park to carpool on the 9:10 am Vesuvius ferry.	Jean Gelwicks leads a walk around the Ganges Pathways, including Mouat Park, introducing the new pathway and next year's pathways - some exciting developments. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 10:00 am.	Ramble with Harold Page at Burgoyne Bay. Lunch will be at the Rock Salt Cafe. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 am.

<b>Oct 7</b>	Cheryl Taylor-Munro will lead a moderate hike, with some steeper sections, on the north trails of Channel Ridge. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the top end of Pringle Farm Road (off Sunset Road) at 10:00 am.	Marjie and Brian Radford lead a walk up Mt Maxwell. There are a few steep sections but we'll take it easy. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 am to carpool or at the corner of Seymour Heights and Armand Way at 10:15 am.	Ramble with John Heddle at Maracaibo. Bring a lunch to eat under the shelter. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at Centennial Park 10 am to car pool.
<b>Oct 14</b>	Andrea will lead a hike from Arnell Park up and over, and down to the Ford Lake area, over a bit of private property and up again, from the end of Mereside to the Bryant and Andreas Vogt domains, after which we descend the steep slope back to Arnell. Pace will not be speedy. ArtSpring at 9:45 and Arnell Park (Stewart Road) at 10 a.m.	Jenny Meyers and Doreen Fenton will lead a walk on the north Channel Ridge Trails. There will be some moderate uphill grades. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 am to carpool or at the trail head across from 1110 Sunset Dr at 10:15 am..	Kathy Darling leads a Ramble in the Welbury-Scott point Area. Bring your lunch to eat at a private home. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at Centennial Park 10 am to car pool.
<b>Oct 21</b>	Sheila & Barry Spence will lead a moderate hike with some uphill on Maple Mountain. Car pool from Portlock Park at 8:30 am to walk-on the Vesuvius Ferry.	Nieke Visser leads a walk in Ruckle Park starting at the park gate, walking down the road to the last parking lot and hugging the coast until Bear Point. We will walk inland towards Merganser Pond, probably for lunch, and returning to the gate along the other side of the farm. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 am to carpool or 10:20 at the Park gate.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Sterling and Maureen. Bring a Lunch. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at Centennial Park 10 am to car pool.
<b>Oct 28</b>	Cancelled due to weather: Come with Harvey Moore on a new route from ArtSpring - on foot through parks and fields, up Mt Erskine, then back to ArtSpring. No car transportation is needed. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	Cancelled due to weather: Jenny Meyer leads a Sidney no car walk. Take the bus to catch the 9:50 ferry at Fulford and walk all the way to downtown town Sidney. The walk takes about an hour and a half at a good walking pace. We can veer off to some parks on the way if we wish or go direct along McDonald Park Rd and Resthaven Drive. Lunch will be at the Rum Runner. Weather and time permitting, we can take in the sculpture gardens along the sea wall after	Cancelled due to weather: Marilyn and Bill Harding lead a Sidney trip, probably along Lochside Drive. There is a new Chinese Buffet at the corner to 2nd and Beacon to try for lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 8:45 to car pool on the 9:50 Fulford ferry. Return ferry will depend on how far we walk and how long we take for lunch.

		lunch. Umbrella friendly and level walk – some light rain predicted. Have cash for the bus to return to the ferry [\$2.50], likely taking the 3 pm ferry.	
<b>Nov 4</b>	Kees Visser will lead a strenuous hike up Mount Sullivan with some rough sections. Leave at 9:45 am from ArtSpring or Drummond Park at 10:00 am.	Mystery Walk - meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to choose a leader and destination.	Ramble with Nancy Holcroft along North Beach Rd. Lunch will be at the Fernwood Cafe. Meet to car pool from Centennial Park at 10 am or 10:10 at Fernwood Cafe.
<b>Nov 11</b>	No activities scheduled.	No activities scheduled	No activities scheduled
<b>Nov 18</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Prevost (near Duncan). Views from three summit locations give a full 360 degree vista – hope for a clear day. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 am to carpool for the 9:25 am ferry from Vesuvius.	Nieke Visser leads a walk to Cable Bay/Dodd's Narrows on Yellow Point, south of Nanaimo, hoping to see some sea lions and/or seal activity. Easy trail towards the coast and back. Lunch at the Crow and Gate. Meet to carpool at Portlock Park 8:50 am to catch the 9:25 am Vesuvius ferry. Please note, that this ferry route has been unusually busy since the change of the schedule. Probably returning on the 3:35 pm ferry from Crofton.	Ramble with Betty Ball along Booth Canal Road. Lunch at Penny's Pantry. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am to car pool.
<b>Nov 25</b>	Join Ashley Hilliard on a moderate hike along paths and quiet roads from Beaver Point to Fulford Village. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am. IMPORTANT: Please carpool in twice the regular number of cars, as we will leave half the cars at Southridge Dr (first right off Beaver Point Road after coming up the hill from Fulford). Southenders meet at Southridge Dr start point.	Linda Quiring leads a walk to the Jasper mine, providing us with some of its history. It will be a long journey out to the Musgrave, then over private land and an easy climb to the mine. Meet to car pool at ArtSpring parking lot at 10:00 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.	Ramble with Marilyn and Bill in Crofton. Meet at 9:30 am at Portlock Park to car pool to the 10:15 am ferry. We will go on foot. Lunch will be in Crofton.
<b>Dec 2</b>	Come with Harvey Moore on a new route from ArtSpring - on foot through parks and fields, up Mt Erskine, then back to ArtSpring. No car transportation is needed. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	Nieke Visser leads a walk in Ruckle Park from Meyer Road to Cusheon Cove, there and back. Short and relatively flat. Meet at 10 am at ArtSpring parking lot or 10:25 at the south end of	Ramble with Terence G. Ison. Walking from Centennial Park at 10 am to go south along roads, and clean and level trails. Returning to Centennial Park about 11:30 am

		Meyer Road for southenders.	
<b>Dec 9</b>	Come with Andrea on a morning hike along Blackburn, up to Frazier and return through the woods. Let's meet earlier than usual: at ArtSpring at 9:35 am and the corner of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges at 9:40 am. We shall be back at Calvin's for lunch about 11:40.	Sheryl Taylor-Munroe leads the walk. Meet at 10 am at Rotary Park (next to Thrifty's) for a brisk walk along roads and trails, returning by 11:30 for the Christmas lunch.	Ramblers who would like a walk before lunch meet at 10 am in Centennial Park. We will finish at 11:30 at Calvin's.
<b>Jan 6</b>	Sharon Sullivan lead a moderate hike through the north end of Ruckle Park from Meyer Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the south end of Meyer Road next to the trail head for the Chris Hatfield Trail just after 10:00 am. Back to the cars by 2:30 pm.	Jenny Meyer and Doreen Fenton will lead a Channel Ridge walk starting at the entrance at Merganser off Canvasback. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 10 am to carpool or at 10:15 at Merganser.	Sterling and Maureen McEachern lead a Ramble to Mouat Park. After the Ramble, we'll meet at Barb's for coffee or lunch. Meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Jan 13</b>	Mystery Hike. Meet at 9:45 am at ArtSpring to choose a leader and destination.	Mystery walk. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 10 am to choose a leader and destination.	Frauke will Ramble with you in the Byron Rd area, with a lunch stop at Frauke's House. Bring a Bag Lunch. Meet at 10 am in Centennial Park for carpooling.
<b>Jan 20</b>	Join Tudor Davies for a hike around Ruckle Park. It won't be strenuous but it will be long and the rocks may be slippery. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the Heritage parking area (just past the turkeys) in Ruckle Park at 10:05 am.	Patricia Flannagan will lead a walk to the waterfall, Mountain Road area, from the end of Isabella Point Road. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 10 am to carpool or at 10:15 at Drummond Park	Marilyn and Bill take us on a Ramble in the Eagle Ridge Area. Lunch will be at Marilyn's and Bill's house. Bring a Bag Lunch. Meet at 10 am in Centennial Park for carpooling
<b>Jan 28</b>	Carol Melton and Jean Attorp will lead a moderate hike from Maxham Road through Mt Tuam Ecological Reserve to the rhondonite mine and then along to the Mountain Road waterfall. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at Drummond Park at 10 am.	Nieke Visser will lead a walk over the Rim Trail (trail head on Mt Maxwell Road at the boundary of the park). Lunch at the view point and back via Gary's trail. Easy trails, apart from a very short steep section on the Rim Trail. If Maxwell Road is impassable, an alternative walk will occur. Car pool from ArtSpring parking lot at 10 am or meet at the T-junction at the end of Cranberry Road at 10:15 am.	Harold Page leads a south end ramble over private property for about one hour, followed by lunch at the Rock Salt Cafe. Meet at 10 am in Centennial Park for carpooling.

<b>Feb 3</b>	Kees Visser leads us on a longish intermediate hike on Hope Hill - one steep bit, some other ups and downs and some pleasant views. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am to car pool or Drummond Park at 10:00 am.	Barry and Sheila Spence lead an off-island walk with some uphill sections on Holland Creek Loop Trail, above Ladysmith. Meet at Portlock Park for 8:40 am departure to carpool on Vesuvius Ferry. Likely return on 3:35 pm ferry.	Ramble with Betty Ball on Mount Belcher. Meet at 10 am in Centennial Park for car pooling.
<b>Feb 10</b>	Deborah Miller leads a hike along trails and byways from Ganges to Vesuvius and back. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk on the Tsawout FN reserve. Walk down Bridgeman Rd and onto the upper trail of the reserve, looping around the W boundary and returning along the beachside trail, lunch on the beach, and back up the road. A few short steep rocky sections. Carpool yourselves at ArtSpring parking lot at 10:00 am to meet at Beaver Point Hall parking lot at 10:20.	Ramble with Dorothy Kyle along the Pathway to Brinkworthy. Note a change in meeting place - Meet at 10 am in the Country Grocer Parking Lot near the Liquor Store. Lunch after, where ever you like
<b>Feb 17</b>	Sue and Al Lehmann lead a long hike with some steep sections from Mountain Rd. The trail will start with an uphill piece, but most of the hike before lunch will be downhill. The uphill grind will happen after lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00 am. Drivers be aware that the road is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.	Sheryl Taylor-Munro leads a walk near Ganges, a bit off the beaten track, starting from ArtSpring parking lot at 10:00 am. No need to bring lunch because we will be returning to Ganges between noon and 12:30, so walkers can choose to go together to Barb's or .....?	Ramble with Sandy Jones in the Trincomali Area, stopping at Sandy's for lunch. Meet at 10:am at Centennial Park for car pooling. Bring a bag lunch.
<b>Feb 24</b>	Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate but long hike on a variety of the Mount Maxwell trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join at the bottom of Dukes Road at 10am.	Nieke Visser takes the walkers up the south flank of Mount Maxwell from Armand Way. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 am or at the end of Armand Way at 10:20 am	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern in the Vesuvius Area. Lunch will be at the Seaside Kitchen. Meet at 10:am Centennial Park.
<b>Mar 3</b>	Nora Layard leads a moderate-strenuous hike on Hope Hill trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join at Drummond Park at 10 am.	Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or Ruckle Park at 10:20 am and pick a leader.	Join Terry Ison for a happy ramble. Meet at Centennial Park by 10am, or at the bottom of Fernwood Road at 10.15am. We will go along North Beach Road, each deciding our own

			speed, and whether we want to make any stops. Beginning at 11.45, we can enjoy lunch at the restaurant we see at the bottom Fernwood Road. Most likely, we drive back after lunch.
<b>Mar 10</b>	Andrea will be leading a hike from the Swartz Bay ferry terminal, to Horth Hill Park; pleasant, easy hike, along well-used trails with ups and downs and some exploration. We may encounter some puddles and mud. Meet at ArtSpring at 9 am to car pool to Fulford where the cars will be parked. Walk on the 9:50 ferry. Returning on the 3 pm ferry	Donna and Paul Way will lead the daffodil walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot to carpool at 10:00 am or at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:15 am. A relatively easy walk with some hilly sections.	Enjoy a ramble with Mickey Lyytikainen along Churchill Rd. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy on the beach, weather permitting.
<b>Mar 17</b>	Gale Buffett will lead a moderate hike on a variety of trails starting with the loop trail at Peter Arnell Park. We will continue along the connector trail to Bryant Hill Park, around the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve back along the connector to Stewart Road access. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at 10 am at Peter Arnell Park on Stewart Road	Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk from Sir Echos Way in Channel Ridge. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or Sir Echos Way and Sunset Drive at 10:15 am.	Marilyn and Bill Harding will take us as foot passengers to Crofton. We will meet at Portlock Park at 10 am to car pool on the 10:35 ferry to Crofton. We will walk along the waterfront walkway and explore the town. Lunch will be at Lito's Cafe or lunch in the park if you prefer. We will take the 12:50 ferry back.
<b>Mar 24</b>	Kees Visser leads a strenuous hike from Burgoyne Bay along the boulders and mine shafts up to the rim of Mt. Maxwell, returning via the new Girlfriend Trail. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 am.	The tides look lovely for a beach hike so John Heddle will lead us on a moderate hike of the Jack Foster Trail. Stairs to the beach are in place, but there is a section of large boulders to go over on the beach that may be slippery so wear good footwear. We will meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am and car pool.	A ramble in the Booth Canal area led by Kathy Darling. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am to carpool. Lunch spot to be decided by members.
<b>Mar 31</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike in the area of the summits of Mt. Bruce and Mt. Sullivan. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or Drummond Park at 10 am.	Lorrie Storr leads another beach walk along Walker Hook Road. Think of footwear for wet and slippery conditions. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or Fernwood dock at 10:15 am.	Off Island Ramble with Frauke Prystawik to explore the Pacific Horticulture Centre in Saanichton. Details to follow.

<b>Apr 7</b>	Wander around the Musgrave Area on a moderate hike with Bill Goddu. Enjoy great views from Mt. Bruce and visit the old Mill and '70s hippy commune on Mill Farm. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00 am.	Lorrie Storr leads a walk in the Andreas Vogt reserve and Bryant Hill area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding in the Beddis Beach Area. Bring a Lunch. Car pool from Centennial Park at 10 am.
<b>Apr 14</b>	Harvey Moore will lead a hike on Mt. Erskine, starting from Toynbee Road. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	Nieke Visser will lead a walk to the Kinsol Trestle and Koksilah River trail via Cobble Hill. Lunch afterwards at Merridale Cidery. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:50 am. to catch the 9:25 am ferry to Crofton. The trail is easy. We will aim for the 3:35 pm ferry on the way back, but if weather, company and food are all pleasant, we may take the next one at 4:45 pm.	Weather Permitting - Ramble with Betty Ball in Mouat Park. Bring a Lunch. Car pool from Centennial Park at 10 am or Portlock Park at 10:10 am.
<b>Apr 21</b>	Barry and Sheila lead a Ladysmith hike along Holland Creek and on to Heart Lake; several steep sections to the lake at the top. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 am to carpool on the 9:25 am Vesuvius ferry.	Patricia Flannagan will lead a new beach walk in the Isabella Point/Fern Creek area. Wear appropriate foot wear for wet rocks and such. Carpool yourselves from ArtSpring at 10 am to meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Nancy Holcroft to Bonds Farm. Bring a Lunch. Car pool from Centennial Park at 10 am.
<b>Apr 28</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike on Mt. Tzouhalem, taking in the flower reserve and summit. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 am to carpool on the 9:25 am Vesuvius ferry	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park up the road to the park headquarters and on the trail through the woods down to Bear Point, walking south mostly alongside the water. There are a few short, steep rocky sections. Carpool yourselves from ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at the Ruckle picnic parking lot at 10:20 pm	Ramble with Harold Page at Burgoyne Bay. Lunch at the Rock Salt Cafe. Car pool from Centennial Park at 10 am.
<b>May 5</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike in the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Mystery Walk: Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to choose a leader and destination.	Jean Gelwicks will show us the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.



<b>May 12</b>	<p>Annual Broom Pull: The annual Broom Pull will take place in Burgoyne Bay once more this year. There are still some areas that need work, perhaps for the last time for a while. All members are invited. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought so we can work until about 2:00 p.m. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10 a.m. at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.</p>	<p>Annual Broom Pull: The annual Broom Pull will take place in Burgoyne Bay once more this year. There are still some areas that need work, perhaps for the last time for a while. All members are invited. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought so we can work until about 2:00 p.m. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10 a.m. at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.</p>	<p>Ramblers who are not participating in the Broom Pull can join Marilyn and Bill on a Mystery Ramble. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.</p>
<b>May 19</b>	<p>Lynn Thompson leads a moderately strenuous hike from Mt. Maxwell to the Shepherd Hills and back. There are some sections off-trail and a bit rough. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the corner of Fulford-Ganges Rd and Cranberry Rd at 9:50 a.m.</p>	<p>Anke Smeele will lead us on a walk at Victoria's Playfair Park rhodos and perennial borders. We will picnic in the park. Meet before 9 a.m. at ArtSpring parking lot to car pool, or meet at the 9:50 Fulford Ferry. To get to Playfair Park take the Pat Bay highway, turn off at Quadra street, follow Quadra St. turn left on Rock St. gathering at the Playfair Park parking lot by 11:15. After lunch, if anyone is interested, Anke will take us to U.Vic Finnerty Gardens via Cedar Hill Road for more rhodos and unique trees in bloom. Some might wish to return on the 3 p.m. ferry to Fulford.</p>	<p>Explore Cowichan Bay with Frauke. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:45 a.m. to take the Vesuvius ferry to Crofton. Lunch will be in Cowichan Bay.</p>
<b>May 26</b>	<p>Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate hike, with some side slope, in the Blackburn Lake area. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve parking lot, at 265 Blackburn Road, at 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Marjie and Brian Radford lead a walk up Mt Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at Toynbee Rd at 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Ramble with Maureen and Sterling along Old Scott Rd. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.</p>
<b>Jun 2</b>	<p>Sue and Al Lehmann lead us up the open meadows of Mount Tuam on a moderate hike from Mountain Rd,</p>	<p>Yvonne Gibbon and Doreen Fenton will lead a walk through Burgoyne Bay Park and back to tour</p>	<p>Join Kathy for a Surprise Ramble. Bring a lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.</p>

	stopping to rest and enjoy the view along the way. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign	Ted Baker's beautiful Iris Garden. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or meet at 185 Furness Rd (across from farm field) at 10:20. Bring a lunch and camera if you wish to take photos of the Iris garden.	
<b>Jun 9</b>	Jean Attorp will lead the hikers up and down Reginald Hill and around the Tsawout Indian Reserve. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the boardwalk at the start of South Ridge Drive at 10:00 a.m	Andrea Rankin will lead us on a walk. Details will be announced later. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Frauke leads a Mystery Ramble. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Jun 16</b>	The 2014-2015 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park. This year's event is being organized by the Walkers. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled prior to the festival.	Donna and Paul Way lead the Walkers who are not helping prepare the treats on a short walk around Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the lower parking lot at 10:20 a.m.	

#### **2013 2014 Season**

	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>Walkers</b>	<b>Ramblers</b>
<b>Sept 10</b>	The 2013-2014 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area. Remember to bring your favorite blackberry goodie, a bowl and a spoon. Short hike in Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Fest. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10 am.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a short walk in Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Fest. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10:20 am.	Short ramble with Kathy Darling prior to the Blackberry Fest. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Sept 17</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead his annual moderate B & B hike up Mt. Maxwell. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or from the junction of Fulford-Ganges and Dukes Rd at 10:00 am.	Doreen Fenton leads a walk in the Channel Ridge area. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 am to carpool (with Jenny Meyers) or meet the leader at Merganser (off	Leader's Choice Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.

		Canvasback and Broadwell) at 10:15 am.	
<b>Sept 24</b>	Sheryl Taylor-Munro will lead a moderate hike with some steeper sections on Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at the trail head by the top of Pringle Farm Road (off Sunset Drive) at 10 am.	Weather permitting, Bryan Adderley will lead an off island walk to Holden Lake, in Hemer Provincial Park, near Cedar. Lunch will be at The Crow and Gate. Leave Portlock Park 8:30 am to catch the 9:10 Vesuvius ferry. Hopefully, we will return on the 2:35 pm ferry from Crofton.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Harold Page. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Oct 1</b>	Kees Visser leads a moderate but long hike with a few steep sections on Hope Hill. Fantastic viewpoints and a lunch a bit later than usual (12:30 to 12:45). The hike will be done by 14:00 to 14:30. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00.	Cancelled due to accident: Brian and Marjie Radford lead a walk on the new trail in the Blackburn/Frazier area, eating lunch on the Radford deck. Please arrange carpools at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet the leaders at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges roads at 10:10 am	Join Terry Ison on a ramble around Ganges, including the trails in 3 local parks. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 am. On return, we could eat our lunches in the park. Or if it's raining, we could buy a good lunch each to have at the restaurant in the Salt Spring Inn.
<b>Oct 8</b>	Sharon Sullivan lead a moderate hike through the north end of Ruckle Park from Meyer Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the south end of Meyer Road next to the trail head to Cusheon Cove at 10:00 am.	Donna and Paul Way leads a walk from Fulford to the Tsawout Reserve. Please arrange carpools at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the junction of South Ridge Road and Beaver Point Road at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Barbara and Sandy along the Dunbabin Trail. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Oct 15</b>	Lynn Thompson leads a moderate hike around (and possibly over) Mt. Sullivan and Mt. Bruce. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or Drummond Park at 10:00 am to carpool to the trailhead on Mt. Bruce.	Fred Powell leads a walk up Hope Hill. We will take the less steep access going but there will be a short steep section coming back. We will take our time and probably be back around 2:30 pm. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or from Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Bob and Betty Ball in the Mount Belcher Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park
<b>Oct 22</b>	Charles Kahn leads us on a hike in Maracaibo. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	Lorrie Storr leads a walk in the Andreas Vogt reserve and Bryant Hill area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern in the Vesuvius Bay Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Oct 29</b>	Barry and Sheila Spence lead a moderate, but long	Join our annual Fungus Among Us walk through	Ramble with Bill and Marilyn Harding in the

	hike from Skutz Falls to Stoltz Pool and back along the Cowichan River Footpath and the Trans-Canada Trail. Meet by 8:30 am at Portlock Park to carpool to the Vesuvius ferry and Skutz Falls.	Channel Ridge - the Wet and Wild side with Linda Quiring. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at Portlock Park at 10:10. We will identify and answer the two big queries: "Can I eat it?" and "Will it Kill Me?" No collecting!	Long Harbour Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Nov 5</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike through the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve to Mill Farm. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at Drummond Park at 10:00 to carpool to the trailhead on Musgrave Road. We should arrive back at Drummond by 3 pm.	Wendy McClean leads a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area. We will do some road walking before and after the trail. The trail is steep but only about 0.75 km long and mostly stairs. Lunch will be eaten on Wendy's deck. Please arrange carpools yourselves at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges roads at 10:10 am.	Ramble with Harold Page in the Burgoyne Bay Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Nov 12</b>	Mary Waugh will lead a hike from Peter Arnell to Bryant Hill Park. We will start at corner of Jasper Rd and Jennifer Way. The hike will have some strenuous parts but around Bryant Hill Park will be moderate. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or the corner of Jasper and Jennifer at 10 am.	Fred Powell will lead his rescheduled walk up Hope Hill. We will take the less steep access going but there will be a short steep section coming back. We will take our time and probably be back around 2:30 pm. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Join Terry Ison on a ramble along North Beach Road, looking out at the sea. Have lunch at the restaurant at the bottom of Fernwood Road, or take your own lunch to eat by there. Leave Centennial Park at 10 am, or meet at the bottom of Fernwood Road at 10:15. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Nov 19</b>	Deborah Miller will lead a hike from Ganges to Vesuvius and back. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	John Heddle leads a moderate walk in the Maracaibo area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the Maracaibo entrance at 10:15 am	Ramble with Betty Ball on Mt Erskine. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Nov 26</b>	Andrea Rankin will lead a hike in Goldstream Park on one of the numerous circuits which will allow us to observe the spawning salmon. It is only 16 km from Victoria so there will be a rather long but scenic drive over the Malahat. If the colours, sun and salmon	Linda Quiring will lead a walk in the Musgrave/Mount Tuam area, Wander through one of our best Oak Preserves and nearby KDOL Buddhist Retreat Centre to 'Meet the Lama.' Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern in the Fernwood Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park

	are all resplendent it will be magnificent! Meet at Portlock Park at 8:35 am to car pool on the 9:10 ferry from Vesuvius.	am or Drummond Park at 10:15.	
<b>Dec 3</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike in a loop from the top corner of the eco-reserve on Mt. Maxwell. We will hike part way down the south face of Mt. Maxwell, across to the mines, back up and along the Rim trail to our starting point. It will include some steep sections and off-trail areas. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or join at the start of Cranberry Rd. at 9:50 am.	John Flanagan will lead a south end walk to the waterfall. Fairly steep and probably slippery in places. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Frauke along Epron Rd. Potlock Lunch at 221 Byron Road. Bring a little bit extra lunch to share with a friend. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Dec 10</b>	Short hike before Christmas Lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	For a morning exercise before the Christmas Lunch, join Terry Ison and Sheryl for a walk on the trails up, down, and around Mouat Park. Leave ArtSpring for the walk at 10 a.m. It will finish at ArtSpring at 11:30 p.m.	Short ramble before the Christmas Lunch. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Jan 7</b>	Join Ashley Hilliard for the first hike of the New Year, from Beaver Point Hall around Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05 am.</	Anke Smeele leads a completely 'no car' (off island) three park walk in North Saanich. Take the bus to Fulford to walk-on the 9:50 ferry. Depending on weather, we will walk from the ferry towards N Saanich along the waterfront or take the bus, passing through two parks. Enjoy your own lunch outdoors or eat at the Seaglass Restaurant before visiting Lillian Hoffar Park on the walk back to the 3 pm ferry to meet the bus back into town.	Ramble with Dorothy Kyle through Ganges. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Jan 14</b>	Mary Waugh and Andrea Rankin Mary and Andrea lead a hike on Reginald Hill with some extra interesting bits thrown in to create a nice moderate up and down hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the end of Morningside Road (entrance	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park up the road to the park headquarters and on the trail through the woods down to Bear Point, walking south mostly alongside the water.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Harold Page. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.

	<p>to Reginald Hill) at 10:05 am.</p> <p>Google short link:  <a href="http://bit.ly/1aEcROO">http://bit.ly/1aEcROO</a></p>	<p>There are a few short, steep rocky sections. Carpool yourselves from ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at the Ruckle picnic parking lot at 10:20 am.</p>	
<b>Jan 21</b>	<p>Jean Gelwicks leads a hike through the Andreas Vogt Reserve and nearby Crown Land. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am.</p>	<p>Marg Simons will lead a moderate walk to Yeo Point from Meyers Rd. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 am to carpool yourselves and meet the leader at the loop at the end of Meyers Road (turn right off Bulman Rd) at 10:20 am.</p>	<p>Off-Island Ramble to Crofton with Marilyn and Bill Harding. We will meet at Portlock Park to carpool to Vesuvius to walk-on the 10:10 ferry. The Ramble will be about an hour, including the new extension to the boardwalk that makes the walk more interesting. We will have lunch at Lito's Cafe or bring your lunch to eat in the park. The plan is to get the 1 pm ferry back to Salt Spring.</p>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<p>Ross Evans leads a moderate hike up and around Mt Erskine from Juniper Way. Meet at Spring at 9:45 am or Juniper Way at 10 am</p>	<p>Bryan Adderley leads a walk in the Burgoyne Valley area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at the Burgoyne Triangle 10:15 am</p>	<p>Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Lunch will be at the Fernwood Café. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am or Fernwood Café shortly after 10 am.</p>
<b>Feb 4:</b>	<p>John Heddle leads a very moderate, low altitude hike along the Trincomali trail and others in Maracaibo. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am</p>	<p>Explore some 'hidden trails' south of Ganges with Sheryl Taylor-Munro. The walk will be moderate with some steeper sections, beginning and ending at ArtSpring. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am. Lunch in Ganges, with a bag lunch on a bench or in a cafe.</p>	<p>Ramble with Kathy Darling on the Island Pathways.</p>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<p>Kees Visser will lead a moderate but long hike in Peter Arnell Park to Bryant Hill and back. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am or at the top of Steward Rd behind the barrier at 10:00 am.</p>	<p>Charles Kahn leads a walk on Mt Erskine, starting from Trustees Trail. He will go more slowly on the steep parts. Meet to carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 am.</p>	<p>Ramble with Maureen and Sterling along Churchill Road and Beach.</p>

<b>Feb 18</b>	Cancelled (weather) Dan Dickmeyer will lead a hike on new trails on Maple Mountain off of Osborne Road. With trail names like Solar Coaster, Lower Maple Syrup, and Dark Forest it's got to be good. The hike is 12 kms maximum with moderate elevation gain. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:35 am to carpool on the 9:10 ferry from Vesuvius.	Cancelled (weather) Anke Smeele leads an off island walk, checking out the winter/spring blooming Glendale Gardens (approx \$8 entrance fee) and trails around the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific, Quale Rd (near West Saanich Rd). Take the 9:00 am bus or arrange car-sharing at ArtSpring parking lot to catch the 09:50 am Fulford Ferry. Return will be on the 5:00 pm ferry.	Cancelled (weather) Ramble with Betty Ball at Duck Creek.
<b>Feb 25</b>	Cancelled (weather) Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Prevost (near Duncan). Views from 3 summit locations give a full 360 degree vista – hope for a clear day. If weather conditions intervene, an alternate hike to Christie Falls near Ladysmith will take its place. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:35 am to carpool for the 9:10 am ferry from Vesuvius.	Cancelled (weather) Doreen Fenton leads a Channel Ridge walk, including a few steep sections. Carpool yourselves at ArtSpring at 10 am to meet the leader at 10:15 am at the corner of Broadwell and Tern.	Cancelled (weather) Ramble with Harold Page in Ruckle Park.
<b>Mar 4</b>	Charles Kahn will lead us on a long rambling hike on most of the Channel Ridge trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. Meeting place at Channel Ridge TBA	Join Terry Ison on a walk along North Beach Road with a view over the sea. Each will walk at our own speed and choice of distance. All return to the starting point to have a good lunch in the restaurant at 12 pm. After lunch, walk for 30 minutes. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or	Cancelled - weather

		bottom of Fernwood Road at 10:15 a.m	
<b>Mar 11</b>	Ross Evans leads a moderate hike with some steeper uphill sections, from Armand Way towards and around Mt Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or the Dukes Road/Fulford-Ganges junction at 10:00 am.	Anke Smeele will lead a garden walk through Glendale Gardens on the Saanich Peninsula. Walkers will take the 9:50 Fulford Ferry, ride sharers are to meet at ArtSpring by 9 am. There is an admission fee to the Gardens. You have a choice to enjoy lunch at the Cafe, or to bring own lunch. There are lots of lovely spots with benches to enjoy munching! The Cafe needs to know in advance how many will be coming for lunch. Call Anke at 250-537-1270 on MONDAY if your choice is for lunch at the Cafe	John Heddle rambles with us at Maracaibo. Lunch inside. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Mar 18</b>	Nigel Denyer will lead a moderately strenuous hike in the Musgrave Area. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at Drummond Park at 10:00 to carpool to the trailhead on Musgrave Road	Deborah Miller leads a walk through the Andreas Vogt Reserve; some steep parts. Meet in the ArtSpring parking lot to carpool at 10:00 am or the end of Sarah Way at 10:15 a.m.	Harold Page takes us for a ramble in Burgoyne Bay. Lunch at the Rock Salt Cafe. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Mar 25</b>	Tudor Davies leads a moderate hike in Ruckle Park from Cusheon Cove to Grandma's Beach. Expect wet trails with some slippery sections. A car will be left at the Heritage Farm Parking lot to carry drivers back to Meyer Rd to pick up the cars. Meet at ArtSprings to carpool at 9:45 a.m. or the cul-de-sac beyond 107 Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m.	Donna And Paul Way lead the daffodil walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:15	Marilyne and Bill Harding take the group to Sidney, with lunch in Sidney. Meet at 8:45 at Centennial Park to Carpool on the 9:50 a.m. .ferry.
<b>Apr 1</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderately strenuous hike from Mt. Maxwell to the Shepherd Hills and back. There are some sections off-trail and a bit rough. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or the corner of Fulford-Ganges Rd. and Cranberry Rd. at 9:50 am	Lorrie Storr leads a beach walk in the Fernwood area. Be prepared for a bit of moisture under foot. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 10 am or the Fernwood dock at 10:20.	Join Terry Ison on a ramble along the trails in the south end of the Channel Ridge Trails. Carry a lunch to eat while sitting with a beautiful view of the sea. It will then only take 10 minutes to return to our cars. Meet at Centennial Park by 10 am, or at the end of Merganser Road at 10:12.



<b>Apr 8</b>	Waiting for Goddu? Not us! We know he (Bill Goddu) is coming to lead us around the Mysterious West Coast woods - Mill Farm, Musgrave, Makaroff, and more. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at Drummond Park at 10:05 am.	Doreen Fenton leads her rescheduled Channel Ridge walk. There will be a few steep sections. Carpool yourselves from ArtSpring parking lot at 10 am to meet the leader at 10:15 at the corner of Broadwell and Tern.	Marilyn and Bill Harding take us to Duck Creek Park. Enjoy an early lunch or coffee at the Golf Club. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Apr 15</b>	Join us for a hike through the Andreas Vogt Reserve and nearby Crown Land. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am at the trail head on Mereside Road at 10 am, on the way in to the Bateman property. The spot used to be a quarry but now sports a trail sign and some parking near the young alders which are growing back. It's a nice walk up to Bryant Park, Andreas Vogt Reserve and some Crown land between the two at the west end. Hope it is not too early to spot some spring flowers.	Mystery walk in Ruckle Park. Carpool yourselves from ArtSpring at 10 am or meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10:20 am. Choose a leader to lead a regular walk in the park (which will include some short rocky sections).	Ramble with Bill and Marilyn in Ruckle Park. Bring your lunch and hope for nice weather. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>Apr 22</b>	Prevost Island Trip (members only). Travel by water taxi, leaving Ganges at 9:00 a.m. The return trip leaves Prevost Island at 2:15 p.m. The excursions are on two levels: a walk/ramble led by Sheila Wowchuck around the farm suitable for walkers and strong ramblers or a longer hike suitable for strong walkers and hikers. Bring sturdy hiking footwear, a lunch, plenty of water, and rain gear in case rain is in the forecast.		
<b>Apr 29</b>	Harvey Moore leads a hike over Mt Erskine from Toynbee all the way back to ArtSpring. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am in as few cars as possible. Drivers will be driven back to the trailhead to retrieve their cars after the hike.	Walkabout in the Musgrave Area with Linda Quiring to a spectacular 100 foot waterfall with lunch on the Beach. Kinda long, but no uphill! Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 am or at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Frauke Prystawik leads an Off-Island Trip to Honeymoon Bay to see the spring flowers. Meet at 8:40 am at Portlock Park to catch the 9:10 Ferry to Crofton. Lunch will be in Honeymoon Bay.
<b>May 6</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderately strenuous hike through the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve to the	Fred Powell leads a walk in the Hope Hill area. Carpool at Art Spring parking lot at 10:00 to	Sterling and Maureen McEachern lead a Ramble on Creekside and Beddis Beach. Rain or Shine, the

	summit of Mt Bruce and, with any luck, back. Meet to carpool at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join at Drummond Park at 10 am.	meet at Drummond Park 10:15 am.	Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>May 13</b>	<p>All members are invited to participate in the annual Broom Pulling event. After successfully dealing with the broom on the north side over the last two years, we will move our efforts to the south side of Burgoyne Bay.</p> <p>It is an easy and picturesque walk from the parking area. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought so we can work until about 2:00 pm. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at 10 am at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.</p>		
<b>May 20</b>	Join Fred Powell to hike the end-to-end trail in Channel Ridge. Meet to car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join at Portlock Park at 9:55 am	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk on the Tsawout First Nation reserve. We will walk down Bridgeman Rd and onto the upper trail of the reserve, looping around the west boundary and returning along the beachside trail and back up the road. There are a few short steep rocky sections. Carpool yourselves from the ArtSpring parking lot at 10:00 am to meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 am	Marilyn and Bill Harding will take the Ramblers to Sidney where we will go on some of the new walkway that goes around the airport. Meet at 8:45 am in Centennial Park to carpool to the 9:50 Fulford Ferry. Lunch will be at the Spitfire Grill.
<b>May 27</b>	Sue and Al Lehmann lead us up the open meadows of Mount Tuam on a fairly strenuous hike from Mountain Rd, stopping to rest and enjoy the view along the way. Then of course, what goes up must come down. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or from Drummond Park at 10:00 am. Park just past the No Exit sign	Bryan Adderley will lead an off-island walk to Dodd Narrows on the Cable bay trail, weather permitting. Lunch will be at The Crow & Gate. Carpool at Portlock Park, leaving at 8:30 am, to catch the 9:10 Vesuvius ferry. Returning on the 3:40 pm from Crofton.	Join Nancy Holcroft for a Leader's Choice Ramble. Rain or Shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
<b>June 3</b>	Susan Hannon leads a rough to challenging hike to East Sooke Park up Endurance Ridge and along the coast. Meet at 8:40 at Portlock Park to catch the 9:10 am ferry to Crofton. It will be a long day. Some may want to stop for supper in Cowichan Bay before returning.		
<b>June 10</b>	Join a mystery hike on the south-west side of Mt Maxwell led by Gary Quiring, who is always		

	interesting, informative and very knowledgeable about trails up and down the island. This hike will likely be off established trails. Although it will not involve extreme bushwhacking, participants should have a sense of adventure and be strong hikers.		
<b>June 17</b>	The 2013-2014 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park. This year's event is being organized by the Ramblers. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled prior to the festival.		

### **2012 2013 Season**

	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>Walkers</b>	<b>Ramblers</b>
<b>Sept 11</b>	The 2013-2014 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area. Remember to bring your favorite blackberry goodie, a bowl and a spoon. Short walks will be scheduled prior to the festival.		
<b>Sept 18</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate but long hike in Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m	Brian Adderley leads an off island walk in Hemer Park (north of Ladysmith), eating lunch at the Crow & Gate Pub. Carpool from Portlock park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:10 Vesuvius ferry. Expect to return on the 3:40 p.m. ferry.	Join Terry Ison on the trails of Channel Ridge, mostly up and down, but not at all steep. Enjoy your lunch sitting with a beautiful view. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or park at the end of Merganser Place Road by 10:15 a.m.
<b>Sept 25</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead his annual moderate B&B hike up Mt. Maxwell. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from the junction of Fulford-Ganges and Dukes Rd at 10:00 a.m.	Join Terry Ison and Sheryl on a walk to the top of Mount Maxwell, seeing the beautiful ocean views and having lunch at the top. We will return to our cars on a long forest trail the other side of the road. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet at the intersection with Toynbee Road off Cranberry Road at 10:10 a.m.	Maureen and Sterling will lead a Ramble in the Beddis Beach Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m
<b>Oct 2</b>	Join Jean Gelwicks for a moderate hike around the better part of the Ganges Village Pathway Network which will include the celebration of the new	Join Richard Shead for a walk around some prettier sections of the Ganges Village Pathway Network which will include the celebration of the new	Join Zeke Blazeka for a Ramble around a section of the Ganges Village Pathway Network which will include the celebration of the new

	section at Boogie Creek Bridge. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	section at Boogie Creek Bridge. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	section at Boogie Creek Bridge. Meet at Country Grocer's parking lot near the Liquor Store/Bus stop at 10:00 am.
<b>Oct 9</b>	A Mystery Hike...with an interesting side trip! Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	Brian and Marjie Radford lead a walk on the new trail in the Blackburn/Frazier area, eating lunch on the Radford deck. Carpool at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. to meet at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges roads at 10:10 a.m.	Harold Page will lead a Ramble at Burgoyne. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.
<b>Oct 16</b>	Join Andrea Rankin on her Sea-to-Sea hike way up North End. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	Fred Powell leads a walk in the Channel Ridge area. Meet the leader to carpool at Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m.	Ramble with Bob and Betty Ball Mount Belcher Area. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park
<b>Oct 23</b>	Guest leader Gary Quiring leads a strenuous totally new hike up Mt. Erskine. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	Anke Smeele leads a Fall walk at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific at Glendale Gardens in Saanich including lunch and seaside Sculpture Walk of Art in Sidney. Meet in the Fulford ferry parking lot for the 09:50 ferry at Artspring parking lot by 9:00 to car pool. For more information contact Anke (250) 537-1270; ankes@shaw.ca	Marilyn and Bill Harding will lead a Ramble in the Fernwood Area. Coffee or Lunch at Fernwood. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.
<b>Oct 30</b>	Lise Fraser will summit Mt. Erskine from Manzanita Ridge area near Toynbee. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	John Heddle leads a short and very moderate walk to Nose Point in beautiful Maracaibo with two optional slightly harder loops for those who want a bit more. Car pool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Leaders Choice Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park
<b>Nov 6</b>	Sheila & Barry Spence will lead a moderate hike with some uphill on Maple Mountain. Car pool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to walk-on the Vesuvius Ferry.	Marg Simons will lead a moderate walk to Yeo Point via Meyer Road. Meet at Artspring or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the loop at the end of Meyer Road	Terry Ison will lead a Town Walk. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in Centennial Park
<b>Nov 13</b>	Linda Quiring will lead the annual Mushroom Hike through Channel Ridge. An easy walk for identification only. No harvesting. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m. to carpool	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk of Bryant Hill Park and Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. to car pool, or at the top of Sarah Way at 10:20 a.m. It should be a moderate	Sterling McEachern will lead a Leaders Choice Ramble. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in Centennial Park.

		walk as the cars will have done most of the climbing for us	
<b>Nov 20</b>	Mary Hof will lead us on a moderate hike on Goldstream Trails; a good time to see our spawning salmon. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to car pool on the 9:10 a.m. Vesuvius Ferry. One stop at Cobble Hill rest stop, near Valleyview Shopping Centre to pick up leader.	Donna and Paul Way will lead a walk from Fulford to the Tsawout Reserve. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. to car pool to the junction of South Ridge Road and Beaver Point Road at 10:15 a.m.	Harold Page is taking the Ramblers to The Ocean Science Center in Sidney. Lunch in Sydney. Meet at the Fulford Inn at 9:15 a.m. to car pool on the 9:50 a.m. ferry.
<b>Nov 27</b>	Kees Visser will lead a long moderately strenuous hike to Bold Bluff and looping back. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Burgoyne Triangle at 10:00 a.m	John Flanagan will lead a south end walk to the waterfall. The walk will be fairly steep and probably slippery in places. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m. to car pool.	Meet at 10:00 a.m. in Centennial Park to pick a Leader and destination.
<b>Dec 4</b>	Leader's Choice Hike. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to choose the hike.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park along the water to Bear Point then back to the park headquarters, skirting the farm area. There are a few steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet at the first car park on the right after the farm at 10:20 a.m	Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Centennial Park to choose a leader and destination.
<b>Dec 11</b>	Jean Gelwicks will take us on a mystery tour on exciting new pathways before the Christmas Luncheon. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring.	Deborah Miller leads a short walk in the Ganges area prior to the Christmas Lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Centennial Park for a short Ramble before the Lunch.
<b>Jan 8</b>	Kees Visser will lead a moderate but long hike from Peter Arnell Park to Bryant Hill Park and looping back. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at 10:15 a.m. at the top of Steward Rd behind the barrier.	Marcelle Roy will lead a moderate walk in the Burgoyne Bay area. Meet to carpool from Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or at the bottom parking lot of Burgoyne Bay at 10:15 a.m.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.
<b>Jan 15</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike to Christie Falls (Ladysmith) and possibly beyond. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool on the 9:10 a.m. Vesuvius Ferry.	Marjie and Brian Radford will lead a walk on Mount Maxwell. The route will depend on the weather. Look for an email nearer the time or phone Brian.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.

		Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m.	
Jan 22	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike in Ruckle Park. Expect wet trails. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the entrance to Ruckle Park at 10:05 a.m.	Walton Langford will lead a walk to Kings Cove in north Ruckle Park. Meet to carpool from Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or at the lower end of Meyer Road (off Bulman Road) at 10:15 a.m.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.
Jan 29	Explore Burgoyne Bay Park in a moderate hike with Jean Gelwicks. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne Bay Park parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	Bryan Adderly will lead an umbrella friendly road walk on the west side of the island. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.
Feb 5	An easy to intermediate hike to Reginald Hill and the Indian Reserve led by Zeke Blazecka. Meet at ArtSpring 9:45 am or at the end of Morningside at 10:00 am.	Marcelle Roy will lead the moderate walk in the Burgoyne Bay area which was cancelled by rain in January. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or at the bottom parking lot of Burgoyne Bay at 10:15 am.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 am in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.
Feb 12	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderately strenuous hike up the south face of Mt. Maxwell from Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am to carpool or at Burgoyne Bay parking area at 10:00 am	Charles Kahn will lead a walk in Maracaibo. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 am in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.
Feb 19	Sharon Sullivan will lead a long but moderate hike up Meyer Road to visit the Bulman Park Mother Tree, then will follow a circle route back through the north end of Ruckle Park to Kings Cove and ending on Meyer Rd. at the parked cars. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the south end of Meyer Road next to the trail head to Cusheon Cove at 10:00 am.	Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk from Sir Echo Road in Channel Ridge. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 am.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 am in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.
Feb 26	Charles Kahn will do an exhaustive, if not exhausting, exploration of Channel Ridge trails, weather permitting. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 am.	Lorrie Storr will lead the walk. Plan for a beach walk so think footwear for wet and slippery conditions. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am. Details will be sent via email closer to the day.	Rain or Shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 am in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.

Mar 5	Mary Waugh will lead a hike from Peter Arnell Park to Bryant Hill Park. The hike will be moderate to strenuous with some steep bits. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the trailhead at the intersection of Jasper and Sarah Way at 10:00 am.	Jacqueline Thomas will lead a walk with a few short, steep, rocky sections on the Tsawout First Nation Reserve from Beaver Point Hall. Possible ride back up the roads on the return for anyone needing it. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet the leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 am.	Ramble with Dorothy Kyle around Ganges. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park
Mar 12	Cancelled due to rain	Cancelled due to rain	Leader's Choice Ramble with Kathy Darling. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
Mar 19	Zeke Blazecka will lead a varied moderate hike with off-trail sections from Isabella Point to the Mountain Road waterfall area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at Drummond Park at 10:00 am.	Ankle Smeele will lead an off island walk in the Sidney area, leaving on the 9:50 am Fulford ferry. The walk will include part of the extensive Sidney Seaside Walkway and the sculpture gardens. Those wishing to share rides meet at ArtSpring before 9:00 am. Return on the 3:00 pm ferry.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen MacEachern in the Tripp Road Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
Mar 26	Kees Visser will lead a strenuous hike to Mt Sullivan, with lots of uphill. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 am.	Donna And Paul Way will lead the daffodil walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 am and the Burgoyne triangle at 10:15 am.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Molly Colson. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
April 2	Laura Klein leads a moderately easy hike in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or the first parking lot after the barn in Ruckle Park at 10:05 am.	Owen Bedwell leads a walk from Beaver Point Hall, up and over the hill to Kings Cove and back again. Some slippery sections and logs to clamber over. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at 10:20 am at Beaver Point Hall.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Bill and Marilyn Harding. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
April 9	Barry and Sheila lead a hike on the Cowichan River Footpath. The hike will be long if the sun shines, but with limited uphill climbing. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 am for carpooling.	Deborah Miller leads a (rescheduled) walk from Ganges along trails and byways to Baker Road and the beach with a possibility of continuing to Quarry Drive. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am.	Ramble with Harold Page to the Grandmother Tree. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
April 16	Deborah Miller and Jean Gelwicks lead a new	John Flanagan leads a walk to the rhodonite mine	Leader's Choice Ramble with Bob Ball. Rain or

	mystery hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	area; a fairly long walk with some steep bits and some wet bits. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or from Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
April 23	Nigel Denyer leads a moderate hike in the Mt Bruce/Mt Sullivan area from Musgrave Rd. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or Drummond Park at 10:00 am.	Linda Quiring leads a fairly long but moderate walk with one short steep section. Wander with her through lovely old growth trails and into a Gary oak preserve. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or from Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Frauke Prystawik in the Northend Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
April 30	Andrea leads a moderate hike up and around Mt. Erskine and Manzanita Ridge beginning at the end of Trustee Trail Road (right turn from Spring Gold, which is a continuation of Juniper, which is off Rainbow Rd.). Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am or the Trustee Trailhead at 10 am.	Bryan Adderley leads an off-island walk to Dodd Narrows (weather permitting) with lunch at the Crow and Gate. Leave Portlock Park 8:40 am to catch the 9:10 am ferry returning from Crofton at 3:40 pm (possibly the 2:35 ferry)	Ramble with Mickey Lyytikainen along Churchill Road.
May 7	Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate but long hike from Beaver Point to Fulford. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am. Please bring twice the usual number of vehicles, as we will drop half the cars at South Ridge Dr, before continuing on to Beaver Point. Southenders meet at South Ridge Dr at 10:00 am. South Ridge Dr is the first street to the right off Beaver Point Rd, just up the hill from Fulford.	Jean Gelwicks leads a walk around Blackburn Lake and Adian's Pathway. Carpool from Artspring at 10:00 am or meet at Blackburn/Fulford Ganges Rd at 10:10 am.	Join Terry Ison and Sheryl on a ramble around the top of Mt Maxwell. Sheryl will lead the most energetic ramblers. Terry will lead those who need to go slower and on trails that are not steep. We can all have our lunch at the top with a beautiful view. Leave Centennial Park at 10 am or meet at the junction of Toynbee and Cranberry Roads at 10:10 am.
May 14	There will be the Broom Pull with the Walkers and Ramblers (see Walkers for details). Alternately,	Walkers will join the Annual Broom Pulling event at Burgoyne Bay.	Join the Broom Pull or Ramble with Harold Page to Burgoyne Bay. Rain or shine, the



	<p>Mary Hof leads an off-island hike on Mt Tzouhalem, including the flower reserve. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 am to catch the 9:10 ferry to Crofton. Meet the leader at the corner of Maple Bay Rd and Kingsview Drive ("the Properties"). Contact Mary if you are coming at <a href="mailto:gmhof@shaw.ca">gmhof@shaw.ca</a> so she can arrange the car shuttle on the other side.</p>	<p>All members are invited to participate in the annual Broom Pulling event. For the second year, we will be attacking the broom at Burgoyne Bay. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws, broom pullers and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10 am at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot</p>	<p>Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.</p>
May 21	<p>Ted Brown leads a moderately strenuous hike with some steep sections up Mount Tuam to the meadows. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or from Drummond Park at 10:00 am.</p>	<p>Cancelled due to weather: Anne Beaumont leads an off island walk to Newcastle Island near Nanaimo. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 am to catch the 9:10 ferry from Vesuvius. The foot passenger ferry to Newcastle is \$9.00 round trip (\$8.00 for seniors). The Island is a treasure trove of history, from First Nations people to the present day. Return on the 3:40 ferry from Crofton.</p>	<p>Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding on Quebec Lane. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.</p>
May 28	<p>We'll tackle Mt Bruce with Fred Powell leading. It's a longish hike with some "up" bits but not as steep as hikes used to be with Fred, who has "mellowed". Meet at Artspring at 9:45 am or Drummond Park at 10:00 am.</p>	<p>Harry Burton leads his annual south end walk on the old Monk property, once a farm extending from King Rd to the water at the bottom of Stevens Rd. Visit the Grandmother tree and have lunch by the water. Carpool from Artspring at 10:00 am to meet the leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 am.</p>	<p>Off Island Trip. Anke Smeele will take the Ramblers on a walk in Victoria to see the Rhododendron blooms. Meet at 8:45 am at the ArtSpring Parking Lot for carpooling. Ramblers should organise their carpool before hand.</p>

June 4	Mary Hof leads a new hike to Mt Braden, near Sooke. Be aware that hikers must be capable of a 5 hour hike at a fairly quick pace. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 am to car pool on the 9:10 ferry to Crofton. It will be a late day so some may decide to stay for supper. Contact Mary Hof gmhof@shaw.ca for more details. Notify Lynn Thompson ltssi@telus.net if you are coming	Anne Beaumont leads a (rescheduled) off island walk to Newcastle Island near Nanaimo. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 am to catch the 9:10 ferry from Vesuvius. Foot passenger ferry to Newcastle is \$9.00 round trip (\$8.00 for seniors). The Island is a treasure trove of history, from First Nations people to the present day. Return on the 3:40 pm ferry from Crofton.	Leaders Choice Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.
June 11	Kees Visser leads a long hike around Hope Hill with a few steep sections. Lunch will be a bit later than usual, around 12:45, depending on the group. Meet at ArtSprings at 9:45 and Drummond Park at 10:00 am	Back by request, Linda Quiring leads us on a different walk in the Musgrave area. Explore the largest grove of first growth forest on Saltspring in a private reserve deep in the Musgrave. Some short rough sections, with a very moderate pace. Meet to carpool at ArtSprings parking lot at 10:00 am or at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Ramble with Bill and Marilyn in the Quebec Drive Area. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am. in Centennial Park.
June 18	The 2012-2013 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park (organized by the Hikers). Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled prior to the festival. Susan Hannon leads a moderate hike in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Leave ArtsSprings at 9:45 am or meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10 am.	Curt Firestone leads a short walk before the Strawberry Fest. Come to Ruckle Park and visit the ocean, the trees, the ferns and landscape of a Gulf Island beauty! Meet to carpool from ArtSprings at 10:00 am or at the lower parking lot (after the farm) at 10:20 am.	Choose a Leader for a short Ramble prior to the Strawberry Festival. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 am in Centennial Park.

#### **2011 - 2012 Season**

	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>Walkers</b>	<b>Ramblers</b>
<b>Sept 6</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a short hike at Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Fest.	Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet in the lower parking lot of Ruckle Park	Join us for the Blackberry Festival in Ruckle Park. Meet at Centennial Park

	Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet in the lower parking lot of Ruckle Park at 10:00 a.m	at 10:15 a.m. for a short walk prior to the yummy Blackberry Festival.	at 10 a.m. to carpool. The ramble will be planned as we go that day.
<b>Sept 13</b>	Dan Dickmeyer and David Paine will lead a moderate hike that combines loops of Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve and Bryant Hill, with lunch at a viewpoint area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the trailhead, which is a marked one-kilometre access road off Sarah Way (off Jennifer Rd), at 10:00 a.m.	Walkers are invited to join the Nature Excursion to Pacific Northwest Raptors Ltd. in Duncan. Enjoy a visit to Pacific Northwest Raptors Ltd. in Duncan. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:30 a.m. for carpooling. Bring your lunch, binoculars, and the admission fee of \$12 adults/\$10 seniors. Depending on numbers, interest, and availability of a guide, there may be an optional guided tour for an extra \$2 per person. More information is available at pnwraptors.com. We may visit Somenos and/or a winery afterwards.	Mystery Ramble led by Betty Sharp. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Sept 20</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead his annual (moderate) "B&B hike" on Mt Maxwell. Carpool from ArtSpring parking lot at 9:45 a.m	Bryan Adderley will lead an off island walk at Hemer Provincial Park, with lunch at The Crow and Gate. We will follow the south trail that we didn't take on our last Hemer walk. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. We hope to return on the 2:35 p.m. ferry from Crofton.	Mystery Ramble led by Dorothy Kyle. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m
<b>Sept 27</b>	Kees Visser will lead a strenuous hike with some rough patches in the Bold Bluff area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 a.m.	Join Terry Ison on a moderate walk around Burgoyne Bay. We will first go round the south trail, then return past our cars to take the north trail where we can have lunch with a beautiful view. Leaving ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. and the bottom of Lees Hill at 10:10 a.m.	Join a ramble in the Reginald Hill area of the Fulford area led by Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or at the Fulford Inn at 10:15 a.m.
<b>Oct 4</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike on Mt. Maxwell. The circuit on the southwest face will involve some off-trail and rough sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or	Bryan Adderley will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. and Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m	Beth Ranney will lead a Mystery Ramble. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.

	meet at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.		
<b>Oct 11</b>	Sheryl Taylor-Munro will lead a long, moderate hike with some climbing on the new trails in Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10:00 a.m. at the trailhead on West Eagle Dr	Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk on Mt Erskine from Juniper Way. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Mickey Lyytikainen will lead a visit to Bon Acres Farm at the top of Le Page Road. Malcolm Bond will take us on a tour of the farm. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m
<b>Oct 18</b>	Nigel Denyer will lead a moderately strenuous hike with some bush-whacking around Mount Sullivan. Carpool from ArtSpring parking lot at 9:45 a.m	Andrea Rankin will lead Ailsa's Walk in Channel Ridge as a memorial to her. Unfortunately the part she particularly enjoyed is on Water Preservation Society property and is now off-limits, so we will follow another return route, with a little sidebar to the "Fire Meadow", site of the summer fire in the late 90's. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at 10:15 a.m. at the Trail Head on Sunset Drive, north of Sir Echoes and Pringle Farm, and just south of West Eagle.	The Ramblers will visit Crofton. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:30 a.m. to walk onto the 10:15 am ferry. Lunch will be on your own - either a picnic or a place near the ferry dock. (Island Pathways walk previously planned for this day will be re-scheduled
<b>Oct 25</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead us on a long but moderate hike in the area of the recently opened Kinsol Trestle near Shawnigan Lake. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:35 a.m. to catch the 9:10 a.m. ferry to Crofton. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.	Bill Quiring will lead a moderate walk in the Musgrave area. This new adventure will be fun and interesting.	Marilyn and Bill Harding will lead us on a walk on the Bryant Hill Trail. This is a more difficult walk than the Ramblers usually do, but we think most Ramblers can do it. Good walking shoes and a walking stick are recommended. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m
<b>Nov 1</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead a moderate hike to the waterfall and above at the end of Isabella Point Rd. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m	Marjie and Brian Radford will lead us in a walk on Mt Maxwell. We will come to nice views but we will not go all the way up the mountain. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at Armand Way cul-de-sac at 10:15 a.m.	Cathy Darling will lead a ramble in Duck Creek Park followed by a walk around Vesuvius. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.
<b>Nov 8</b>	Linda Quiring will lead us on her popular "mushroom finding and identification" hike in the Channel Ridge area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or	Lorrie Storr and Gary Adams will lead a moderate walk that combines loops of Andrea Vogt Nature Reserve and Bryant Hill, with lunch at a viewpoint area. Car pool	Mystery Ramble. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.

	meet at Portluck Park at 10:00 a.m.	from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the trailhead at 10:15 a.m. The trailhead is a marked 1 kilometer access road off Sarah Way (off Jennifer Rd).	
<b>Nov 15</b>	Sheila and Barry Spence will lead an off-island hike to Maple Mountain. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:35 a.m. to catch the 9:10 a.m. ferry. If the weather is good we will take the longer loop, which is about 10 - 12 km; not strenuous but long, with a short, sharp, steep section. If it is cold and rainy, we will take the shorter loop. Plan for both a morning snack and lunch. We will aim to return on the 3:40 p.m. ferry.	Marg Simons will lead a moderate walk to Yeo Point via Meyer Rd. This is a new adventure for the walkers. We leave ArtSpring at 10:00a.m. or meet at Drummond Park also at 10:00 a.m. People from both carpooling spots will then meet at the loop at the end of Meyer Rd.	Jean Gelwicks of Island Pathways will tell us about the new path along Upper Ganges Road. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. for an interesting walk.
<b>Nov 22</b>	Charles Kahn will lead us on a moderate hike in the Burgoyne Bay area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	John Heddle will lead a moderate walk in the nose point area of incredibly beautiful Maracaibo. We leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Maureen and Sterling McEachern will lead a walk in the Fernwood Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. to car pool.
<b>Nov 29</b>	Charles Kahn and Ashley Hilliard will lead a strenuous hike through the SSI Conservancy's new Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve, located along Musgrave Road. This hike will involve bushwhacking. Good footwear is essential. Carpool (in sturdy vehicles) from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.	John Flannagan will lead a walk to the spectacular Mount Tuam Reserve Waterfall. Some steep sections but easy to manage. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble in Osborne Bay Park in Crofton and visit the Crofton Museum on the waterfront. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:30 a.m. to take the 10:15 a.m. ferry. We plan to return on the 1:00 p.m. ferry. Lunch is optional - picnic or at a local place. We will need to take some cars as the park is too far to walk from the ferry
<b>Dec 6</b>	Kees Visser will lead us on an moderate hike from Peter Arnell Park to 80 Acres, starting at the top of Stewart Road (behind the concrete barrier) at 10:00 a.m. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	Marjie and Brian Radford will lead a moderate walk in Peter Arnell Park. Leave Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the Peter Arnell parking lot on Stewart Rd (at the large bend) at 10:15 a.m.	Join us for a Ramble in the Quebec Lane Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Dec 13</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead a short hike on trails around Ganges (return to cars by 11:30 a.m. in time to change before the SSTNC	Join Terry Ison on a pre-Christmas lunch walk on local trails. If lucky with the weather, we will see melting snow falling down	Meet at the SSI Golf Club at 10:00 a.m. for a ramble prior to the Christmas lunch.

	Christmas lunch). The hike starts at the parking lot of the Anglican Church at 9:45 a.m	the steep waterfalls. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. We will return before 11:30 a.m. to allow time to change and drive to lunch.	
<b>Jan 10</b>	Zeke Blazecka leads a moderate hike with a few strenuous sections in the Hope Hill area. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Bryan Adderley leads a walk in the Furness Road/Burgoyne Bay area. Leave ArtSpring 10:00 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne Triangle at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble in Byron Road area led by Sterling and Maureen. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. to carpool
<b>Jan 17</b>	POSTPONED due to winter conditions	POSTPONED due to winter conditions	POSTPONED due to winter conditions
<b>Jan 24</b>	Lynn Thompson leads a strenuous hike up Mt. Prevost on Vancouver Island. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton. Note: the alternative route in the event of snow will be a moderate hike to Christie Falls near Ladysmith	Jean Gelwicks takes us around the Ganges Village pathways network including the new one. We will explore completed and future pathways. We leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m	Mystery Ramble. Meet in Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m
<b>Jan 31</b>	Sheryl Taylor-Munro leads a long but moderate hike, with some climbing, on the new trails in Channel Ridge. The hike will start at the Pringle Farm Road trail head. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the trailhead at the end of Pringle Farm Road (off Sunset Drive) at 10:00 a.m.	Anke Smeele leads an off island walk in Glendale Gardens. Leave ArtSpring at 9:00 a.m. to catch the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry	Ramble in Burgoyne area led by Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park 10:00 a.m. or at the Burgoyne Road triangle at 10:15 a.m.
<b>Feb 7</b>	Barry and Sheila Spence lead a moderate hike along the Cowichan River that loops around Skutz Falls and Marie Canyon. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton>	Donna Way leads a walk to the Indian Reserve. Carpool from ArtSprings at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the bottom of South Ridge Dr. (off Beaver Point Rd) at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble, probably in the Byron Rd. area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. and we will decide on the walk and a leader.
<b>Feb 14</b>	Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate but long hike into Ruckle Park "through the back door." Sturdy footwear is essential. Meet at ArtSprings to carpool at 9:45 a.m. or join at foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m.	Marg Simons leads an off island walk up Horth Hill in Saanich. It's not a long walk but it is uphill. Carpool from ArtSprings at 9:00 a.m. (or take the 9 a.m. bus from Ganges) to walk on to the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry.	Ramble led by Cathy Darling in the Fernwood Area. Gather at the Fernwood Cafe afterward. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.
<b>Feb 21</b>	Susan Hannon leads a moderate hike with steep sections to the new Nature	John Heddle leads a short and easy walk in the beautiful Maracaibo rain	Ramble led by the Hardings in the Eagleridge/Ontario Place

	Trust acquisition in Burgoyne Bay. May require some bushwhacking. Carpool from ArtSprings at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	forest which has one very wet spot and one very muddy one. Carpool from ArtSprings at 10:00 a.m.	area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.
<b>Feb 28</b>	Jean Gelwicks leads a moderate hike in the Channel Ridge area. Carpool from ArtSprings at 9:45 a.m.	Fred Powell leads a mystery walk. Meet at ArtSprings at 10:00 a.m.	Join Terry Ison for a 1 1/2 hour ramble on trails to the top of Mouat Park. You can drop out sooner if that's too much for you. For lunch, join others who take it or meet in a restaurant. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Mar 6</b>	The tide is right for Andrea's "sea to sea" hike across the north end of the island. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10:05 a.m. at the parking area near the "Christmas" tree where Sunset meets North End. This is the beginning of the Jack Foster Trail.	Bryan Adderley leads a mystery walk. Carpool at Artspring at 10:00 a.m.	Frauke's choice! Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.
<b>Mar 13</b>	Charles Kahn leads a moderate hike on Mount Erskine. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.	Marcelle leads a walk in Burgoyne Bay to Daffodil Point. Carpool from Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne triangle at 10:15 a.m.	Ramble with Bill and Marilyn Harding on Epron Rd (off North End Road). Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Bring a lunch.
<b>Mar 20</b>	Mary Hof leads a moderately strenuous hike up Cobble Hill Mountain on Vancouver Island. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to make the 9:10 a.m. ferry to Crofton. Meet the leader at the Cobble Hill rest area near the Valley View shopping Centre at about 9:40 a.m.	Anke Smeele leads an off island walk to Glendale Gardens/ Horticulture Centre of the Pacific, leaving on the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry. Those wishing to share rides meet by 9:00 a.m. at Artspring. Group entrance fee to the Gardens \$5.50 per person. Bring own lunch to eat there or share a later Pub lunch at the Prairie Inn on the way back to Swartz Bay. Return possibly 3:00 p.m. ferry.	Ramble with Sterling and Maureen MacEachern. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.
<b>Mar 27</b>	Kees Visser leads a long, moderate hike with a few steep sections on Hope Hill. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park by the water to Bear Point then back to the Park Headquarters, skirting the farm area. A few steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00	Ramble with Harold Page in the Burgoyne Bay area. If the weather is poor, an alternate ramble will occur. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Bring a lunch.

		a.m. to meet at the first car park on the right, after the farm, at 10:20 a.m.	
<b>Apr 3</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead a moderate hike over the Indian reserve and Reginald Hill. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring or join at 10:00 a.m. at the end of Morningside.	Brian and Marjie Radford will lead a walk in the Mount Maxwell area. Carpool from Artspring at 10:00 am; alternate meeting place TBA.	Ramble with Bob Ball in Maracaibo. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Apr 10</b>	Sheila and Barry Spence will lead a moderate hike, probably zigzagging Mt. Maxwell. Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring.	John Flanagan will lead a walk through the Mt Tuam Ecological Reserve to the rhodonite mine area; a fairly long walk with some steep bits and some wet bits. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:15.	Ramble with Kathy Darling in the Long Harbour Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>Apr 17</b>	Lynn Thompson will bring us up Mount Tuam on a moderate hike with a few fairly steep sections. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring or at 10:00 a.m. at Drummond Park.	Anne Beaumont will lead an off island walk on the Millstone River in Nanaimo, starting at the harbour then through Bowen Park to Buttertubs Marsh (a waterfowl sanctuary). Part of the route travels through city roads. It is mostly flat with no really steep sections. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 a.m. to carpool on the 9:10 ferry.	Ramble with Nancy Braithwaite in the Tripp Road Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or Portlock Park at 10:10 a.m.
<b>Apr 24</b>	Sharon Sullivan will lead a moderate hike in the north Ruckle Park area. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring or at 10:00 a.m. the end of Meyer Road (towards # 103).	Lorrie Storr leads a walk in the Bryant Hill area; a moderate walk but with lots of ups and downs. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at Arnell Park parking lot at 10:15.	Off Island Trip to Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve to see the Spring Wildflowers with Frauke. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Portlock Park to carpool on the ferry to Crofton at 10:15 a.m.
<b>May 1</b>	PREVOST ISLAND EXCURSION - Travel by water taxi, leaving Ganges at 9:00 a.m. The return trip leaves Prevost Island at 2:15 p.m. give or take 15 minutes. Ben Goodman will lead hikers and strong walkers on a tour of the island. Sheila Wowchuk will show walkers and ramblers over the farm and beyond. Afterwards Sheila will serve tea before we return to Ganges. Bring sturdy hiking footwear, a lunch, plenty of water, and rain gear in case rain is in the forecast. REGISTRATION: Open to SSTNC members only. Please call Niek at 250-537-5443 to put your name on the list and get more information on the registration procedure. No emails please. Your registration is confirmed only after payment (cheque only, please) has been received and will be on a "first-pay-first-serve" basis. COST: \$30 per person for the water taxi. This includes all taxes and fuel surcharges. CANCELLATION POLICY: Before April 24: full refund; after April 24: absolutely no refunds unless a replacement is found.		
<b>May 8</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a long but moderate off-island hike on Mt. Tzouhalem,	Harry Burton leads his annual south end walk on the old Monk property,	Join the Geology excursion or meet at



	including the flower reserve. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool for the 9:10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.	once a farm extending from King Rd to the water at the bottom of Stevens Rd. Visit the Grandmother Tree and have lunch by the water. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet the leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.	Centennial park at 10 a.m. for a Mystery Ramble.
	Geology Excursion with Jack Gunn at Bader's Beach (end of Collins Road) to explore interesting outcrops on the beach. Wear sturdy boots as rocks are slippery. The sea weed around the first stop is very slippery and participants are advised to bring work gloves/gardening gloves to protect hands when they need to hold on to the rocks for balance. One stop is up a hill. Bring a lunch and dress according to the weather. The excursion will take about 3 hours. Open to all interested; non-members welcome. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to car pool.		
<b>May 15</b>	All members are invited to participate in the annual Broom Pulling event. This year's project is to attack the broom at Burgoyne Bay, where it has been growing without much interference for some time. As a result, the growth is much larger than we have encountered in recent years in Ruckle Park. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws, broom pullers and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.		
<b>May 22</b>	Guest Leader Gary Quiring will lead an Extreme Expedition over half of the Seven Summits, part of the proposed new cross-island trail. Leave from ArtSprings at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne Triangle at 10:00 a.m.	Mystery walk. Meet at ArtSprings at 10:00 a.m.	Harold Page will lead a Ramble in Ruckle Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to car pool.
<b>May 29</b>	Join Nigel Denyer for a moderately strenuous hike up Mt. Sullivan from the Mill Farm area. Spectacular Views! Leave from ArtSprings at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Anke Smeele leads an off island Rhodo Walk in the Victoria area. Meet Anke at ArtSprings just before 9:00 a.m. to carpool on the 9:50 Fulford ferry. Southenders call Anke 7-1270 if ridesharing is needed. In Victoria, meet at Cedar Hill Golf Course parking lot (off Derby St.) to walk via golf course trails to Playfair Park Rhodo and Perennial Garden. After a 'bench' lunch return to the parking lot at 2:00 p.m. Optional drive to UVic for a walk through the Finnerty Gardens.	Join Terry Ison on a 90 minute ramble around Ganges, including the trails in three parks, all fairly flat. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m., where we will also return to have lunch.
<b>Jun 5</b>	Up the open meadows of Mount Tuam on a fairly strenuous hike from Mountain Rd. with Charles Kahn. Leave ArtSpring at	Brian and Marjie Radford lead a walk in the Mount Maxwell area. Carpool from ArtSpring or meet at the junction of Seymour	Ramble with Bob Ball in the Drake Rd. area. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. to carpool.

	9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Heights and Armand Way at 10:15 a.m.	
<b>Jun 12</b>	A heritage hike through the Musgrave area with Linda Quiring. Visit old orchards and homesteads, the Waterfall and the Oak Preserve. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Barry and Sheila Spence lead a walk up Mount Erskine from Juniper. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Harold Page will take us on a ramble in Reginald Hill. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. to carpool.
<b>Jun 19</b>	The 2011-2012 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park (organized by the Walkers). Meet at noon in the lower picnic area of Ruckle Park to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! There will be a General Meeting, immediately following the Strawberry festival.		
	A short but sweet hike through Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the lower picnic parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	Gwen McDonald leads a moderate walk in Ruckle Park prior to the Strawberry Fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the lower picnic parking lot.	Ramble in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. to carpool.

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	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>Walkers</b>	<b>Ramblers</b>
<b>Sept 7</b>	Kees will lead an easy pre-Blackberry Festival hike through the Indian Reserve. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05am.	Nancy Braithwaite will lead an easy short walk through Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am or at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10:15am.	Ramble with Harold Page before the Blackberry fest in Ruckle Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am or at Beaver Point Hall around 10:30am.
<b>Sept 14</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead us on a moderate hike on Mt Maxwell from Armand Way. Yes, this is the annual B&B hike! Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or join at the Dukes Road/Fulford-Ganges Road junction at 10:00am.	Donna Way will lead a short mystery walk in the south end. The walk will be hilly but not mountainous. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am or Drummond Park at 10:15am.	Betty Sharp will take us on Dunrabin Trail and Churchill Rd to the Beach. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.
<b>Sept 21</b>	John Heddle's Nose Point area hike. This hike is really two walks strung together for the hikers who wish to see the Maracaibo trails but want more exercise than a typical walk. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at the far end of Mansell Road at 10:00am	Bryan Adderley will lead a moderate walk in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am or at Beaver Point Hall at 10:15am.	Walk to Duck Creek Park led by the Lloyds. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am or the park on Sunset Drive at 10:15am.
<b>Sept 28</b>	Mary Hof will lead a moderate hike on Bald Mountain in the Lake Cowichan area (new hike).	Ron Hall will lead an off island walk around Elk Lake. This is a moderate but long walk (10 km).	Ramble in Burgoyne Bay area led by Stirling and Maureen McEachern.

	Meet at Portluck Park at 8:30am to catch the 9:10am ferry to Crofton. We will meet the leader at the bus pull-in area at the start of Cowichan Lake Highway. Contact Mary for more details gmhof@shaw.ca	Meet at ArtSpring at 8:30am or Drummond Park at 8:50am to carpool on the 9:50am Fulford Ferry.	Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.
<b>Oct 5</b>	Fred Powell will lead a moderate hike on the Channel Ridge trails. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at Portlock Park at 10am.	Marcelle Roy will lead an easy walk from Beaver Point Hall to one of the most scenic areas of Salt Spring, the Indian Reserve. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00am or Beaver Point Hall at 10:15am.	We will explore the Eco-Reality Farm on Fulford-Ganges Road near the historic Burgoyne United Church with Bill and Marilyn Harding. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.
<b>Oct 12</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike, with some up and down and rough trails, at Ruckle Park. Sturdy boots are essential. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am or at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05am.	Linda Quiring will lead a slow paced walk on Mt Erskine from Toynbee Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am.	A visit to Spindrift at Welbury Point led by Bill and Marilyn Harding. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.
<b>Oct 19</b>	Lynn will lead a moderate-strenuous hike on Mt Tuam. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am or from Drummond Park at 10am.	Marjie & Brian Radford will lead a moderate walk around the top of Mt Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am or Toynbee Rd at 10:10am.	Leader's Choice Ramble led by Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.
<b>Oct 26</b>	Barry and Sheila Spence lead a moderate hike along the Cowichan R between Skutz Falls, Marie Canyon and Stoltz Pool. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30am to carpool to the 9:10 Vesuvius Ferry	Fred Powell will lead a walk through Channel Ridge. There could be some new trails to explore. Come and see the new signage! Meet at Art Spring at 10:00am or Portlock Park at 10:10am.	Visit the Salt Spring Yoga Centre on Blackburn Road with Mickey Lyytikainen. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.
<b>Nov 2</b>	Linda Quiring leads us on an easy "mushroom finding and identification" hike in the Channel Ridge area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at Portluck Park at 10:00 am.	Terry Ison leads a moderately fast walk round the south side of Burgoyne Bay. Some slopes, but no climbing up rocks. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00am or the bottom of Lees Hill at 10:10am	Cathy Darling leads a ramble down Price Road. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00am
<b>Nov 9</b>	Kees Visser leads a moderately strenuous hike from Arnell Park to the 80 Acres. We will hike from Arnell Park to the 80 acres area and then loop back (instead of proceeding all the way to the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve). Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am or Peter Arnell & Stewart Rd	Donna & Paul lead a hilly but well paced walk to the waterfall on Mountain Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 10am or Drummond Park at 10:15am. Note - the trail is WET & SLIPPERY in spots. Good winter walking foot wear is absolutely essential. Don't forget lunch!!!	Bob Ball leads a ramble in Maracaibo. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00am. SSTNC Members only please

	(behind the concrete barrier) at 10:00am		
<b>Nov 16</b>	Mary Hof leads us on a new hike (moderate with a few strenuous sections) on Maple Mountain on Vancouver Island. Carpool from Portluc Park at 8:30am to catch the 9:10am Vesuvius ferry. We will meet the leader at the corner of Escarpment Way and Osborne Bay Rd. For more info, email Mary at gmhof@shaw.ca	Bryan Adderley leads a walk in Goldstream Provincial Park, weather permitting. Meet at Portlock Park 8:30am to catch the 9:10 ferry from Vesuvius Bay. We plan to return on the 3:40pm ferry from Crofton	Beth Ranney leads a ramble up Whim's Road. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00am.
<b>Nov 23</b>	Jean Gelwicks leads us on a moderate hike in the Burgoyne Bay area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00am	Charles Kahn leads a moderate walk in Maracaibo. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am.	Because of the weather this past weekend, and possibly more bad weather coming, our Ramble to Chemainus Lake will be postponed until the spring. We will meet as usual (weather permitting) on Tuesday at Centennial Park at 10:00am for a Town Walk
<b>Nov 30</b>	Hike the Shepherd Hills from Mt Maxwell Eco Reserve. Lynn Thompson leads a moderate hike with some off trail sections. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am.	Andrea Rankin leads a mystery walk. Come and find out where we're going. It's sure to be quite enjoyable. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00am	Come and enjoy a "Mystery Walk". Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00am.
<b>Dec 7</b>	Janice Dickie leads a moderate hike on a variety of Mt. Erskine trails, beginning at the Toynbee Rd trailhead. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am, or on Toynbee Rd by the trailhead at 9:55am.	Bryan Adderley will lead a walk in the Burgoyne Valley area. Some hilly parts. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00am or at the Triangle (Lee Rd) at 10:15am.	Ramble around Scott Point with the Hardings. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00am.
<b>Dec 14</b>	Terry Ison and Zeke Blazecka will lead a short hike on the best trails around Ganges. We will return to the cars by 11:30am in time to change before the SSTNC Christmas lunch. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Anglican Church at 9:45am.	Hone your appetite as Nancy Braithwaite takes you on a walk from the Anglican Church (Park Rd) to Mouat Park prior to our Christmas luncheon. Meet in the parking lot of the Anglican church at 10:00am.	Meet at All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church parking lot at 10:00am for a Ganges Ramble prior to the Christmas Lunch.
<b>Jan 4</b>	Zeke Blazecka leads a moderate hike with a few strenuous sections along Burgoyne Bay toward Mt Sullivan. Meet at ArtSpring	Terry Ison will lead a moderately fast walk in the area around Ganges, if possible on trails, but otherwise on roads.	Route details will depend on the weather. Mystery Walk led by the Lloyds. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am.

	at 9:45am or Burgoyne Bay at 10:00am	Details will depend on the weather. Umbrellas can be used on the trails. Leaving ArtSpring at 10:00am	
<b>Jan 11</b>	Kees Visser leads a moderate "zigzag" hike on Mt. Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am or at the corner of Fulford Ganges/Dukes Road at 10:00am.	Owen Benwell will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Meet at 10:00am at Art Spring or at the entrance to Ruckle Park at 10:15am	Route details will depend on the weather. Mystery Walk led by George. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am.
<b>Jan 18</b>	Lynn Thompson leads a strenuous hike up Mt. Prevost on Vancouver Island. Meet at Portluck Park at 8:30am to catch the 9am ferry to Crofton. Note: the alternative route in the event of snow will be a moderate hike to Christie Falls near Ladysmith.	John Flannegan will lead a walk through the Mt Tuam Ecological Reserve to the old rhodonite mine. The walk is a fairly long one with some steep and slippery sections as well as some very damp parts. Sturdy and preferably waterproof footwear is recommended. If there is snow on the ground an alternate walk will be organised. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00am to meet Southenders at Drummond Park at 10:15am.	Route details will depend on the weather. The Ramble will be led by Cathy Darling. We plan to walk in the Fernwood Area, going to the Raven Street Cafe after. You can bring your lunch or purchase coffee and/or lunch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am.
<b>Jan 25</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead us on a hike from Fulford to Beaver Point along the trails and byways of Salt Spring's "deep south". Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am sharp to arrange carpooling. Southenders may join at the corner of Southridge and Beaver Point Road at 10:20am. Please park on Southridge,	Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a Mount Erskine walk, starting from the top end of Juniper Place. The loop will include Rosie's Dish and visits to at least two of the fairy doors, some uphill, some downhill, with level sections in between. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00am.	Walk part of the Lochside Trail along the water in Sidney with the Hardings. Plan to carpool. Meet at Centennial Park at 9:00 am sharp to catch the 9:50am ferry to Sidney. Lunch will be in Sidney. We will probably taking the 3:00pm ferry back to Salt Spring.
<b>Feb 1</b>	Jean Gelwicks leads a moderate hike on some of the new pathways and newly signed areas of Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am.	Choose a leader and follow to a surprise destination. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:am.	Mystery Ramble with Betty Sharp. Rambles start at Centennial Park at 10:00am. Route details will depend on the weather.
<b>Feb 8</b>	Charles Kahn leads a moderate hike with a few strenuous sections through some lesser-known trails on Mt Erskine. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am.	John Flannegan will take us a walk to the Mill Farm Park Reserve. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00am or Drummond Park at 10:15am.	Mystery Ramble with Bob Ball. Rambles start at Centennial Park at 10:00am. Route details will depend on the weather.
<b>Feb 15</b>	Lynn Thompson and Ted Brown lead us on a strenuous hike that will loop	Bryan Adderley will lead us to a mystery	Ramble in the Epron/Byron Rd area off North End Road with the

	around Mt Maxwell from Burgoyne Bay. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00am.	destination. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am.	Hardings. Rambles start at Centennial Park at 10:00am.
<b>Feb 22</b>	Barry and Sheila Spence lead a moderate hike from Crofton onto Maple Mountain trails and back. Some steep sections. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30am to carpool to Vesuvius. We will walk onto the 9am ferry.	Anke Smeele will lead a walk on the Saanich Peninsula exploring Glendale Gardens, home of the Horticultural Center of the Pacific. We'll stop at the Prairie Dog Inn for lunch followed by a stroll through Lillian Hoffar Park in North Saanich if time permits on the way back to the ferry. Northenders carpool from ArtSpring parking lot at 8:50am. We will meet others in line for the 9:50am Fulford ferry.	Visit to MacDonald Park and other places in Sidney, with lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at Centennial Park at 9:00am or at the Fulford Inn parking lot at 9:15am to take the 9:50 ferry to Swartz Bay.
<b>Mar 1</b>	Mystery Hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am	Choose a leader and a destination. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am	Ramble in Channel Ridge with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am or the Sunset Drive Entrance to trails at 10:15 am
<b>Mar 8</b>	Fred Powell leads a moderate hike on Hope Hill trails. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at Drummond Park at 10 am.	A mystery will unfold. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00 am,	Ramble in Mouat Park led by Shelagh Tulloch. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am
<b>Mar 15</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a "grand tour" hike of Ruckle Park along some familiar and not-so-familiar trails. Moderate route with some short uphill sections. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 am or at the sign just outside the entrance to Ruckle Park at 10:05 am.	A daffodil walk with Marg Simon. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or the Burgoyne Bay triangle at 10:20 am.	Ramble on Mount Belcher led Bob and Betty Ball. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am.
<b>Mar 22</b>	Susan Hannon leads a moderate hike on Reginald Hill trails. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at the end of Morningside (by the mailboxes) at 10:00 am.	Follow Terry Ison on a moderate walk on the south side of Burgoyne Bay. Some steep parts but no rocks to climb. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or at the bottom of Lee's Hill at 10:15 am.	Ramble in the south end led by Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am or Fulford Inn Parking lot at 10:15 am.
<b>Mar 29</b>	Lynn Thompson leads a strenuous hike up Mt. Prevost on Vancouver Island. Carpool from	Noreen Davies and Charles Kahn will lead a moderate walk in	Walk around Chemainus Lake and then visit Chemainus to see the Murals and other sights.

	Portluck Park at 8:30 am. to catch the 9 am ferry to Crofton.	Maracaibo. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00am	Lunch is on your own. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:45 am for the 10:15 ferry to Crofton. Return time to be decided by the individual drivers.
<b>Apr 5</b>	Kees Visser leads a moderate but long hike over Hope Hill, with two fantastic viewpoints. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Bryan Adderly will lead an off island walk to Hemer Provincial Park and Holden Lake in the Cedar area with lunch at the Crowe and Gate Pub. We will leave Portluck Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. Return will probably be on the 2:35 p.m. ferry from Crofton	Mystery Walk - meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m
<b>Apr 12</b>	Mary Hof leads us on an off-island hike on Mt. Tzouhalem, including the flower reserve. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton. Meet leader at the corner of Maple Bay Rd and Kingsview Drive ("the Properties").	Donna Way will lead a walk in the Mountain Road area. We will take the hilly areas slowly with plenty of rests. Good winter walking boots are recommended for this walk. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00 a.m. or at Drummond Park at 10:20 a.m	Shelagh Tulloch leads a walk through Mouat Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m
<b>Apr 19</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike, with some uphill sections, into the recent expansion of Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m	Harry Burton will lead a moderate walk from Beaver Point Hall to Eleanor Point. We will explore the land of Mr. James Hector Monk, who in 1904 purchased 264 acres stretching from Beaver Point Rd & King Rd to Eleanor Point. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m	Walk around Brinkworthy to see the spring flowers, and the new Bike Pathway in the area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m
<b>Apr 26</b>	Fred Powell leads a long, moderate-level hike on Mt. Bruce. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m	Anke Smeele will lead a walk on the Saanich Peninsula. We will explore Glendale Gardens, home of the Horticultural Center of the Pacific, stop at the Prairie Dog Inn for lunch, and finish with a stroll through Lillian Hoffar Park, time permitting, on the way back to the ferry. Car pool from ArtSpring at 8:50 a.m. or meet at the Fulford ferry terminal in	Explore Channel Ridge Trails with Sterling and Maureen Maceachern. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m

		time to catch the 9:50 a.m. ferry	
<b>May 3</b>	Ray Hatch will lead a strenuous hike on Mt. Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the Burgoyne Triangle at 10:00 a.m.	Bryan Adderley will lead a walk around the North side of Mt. Belcher and Mt Erskine. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m	Off island ramble led by George Wachmann to private property in the Maple Bay area. Lunch will be at the Brigantine Pub in Maple Bay (no bag lunches inside please). After lunch, there will be an optional opportunity to visit the Raptor Centre on Herd Road (cost \$10.00 + plus tax =\$11.20). We will try to have one driver who is not going to the Raptor Centre. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:45 a.m. to carpool on the 10:15 a.m. ferry
<b>May 10</b>	All members are invited to participate in the annual broom pulling event in Ruckle Park. This will be in lieu of the regular Rambles, Walks and Hikes normally scheduled on a Tuesday. Last year's event went very well and the positive results can be seen this year. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring gloves and tools such as clippers, loppers, small branch saws or any other favourite weapon. Bring a lunch as we expect to be there until around 2:00 pm. Meet at ArtSprings before 9:45 am to carpool or park in the farthest parking lot near the water in Ruckle Park by 10:00 a.m.		
<b>May 17</b>	Zeke Blazecka leads a moderate hike with some steep sections in the Burgoyne Bay area. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m	Terry Ison will lead a moderate walk to the top of Mt Maxwell. There will be some rocks to climb. Most beautiful views. We will return on the forest trail after lunch. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the Toynbee Rd junction at 10:10 a.m	Cathy Darling will lead a Ramble in the Trincomali Heights area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m. to carpool
<b>May 24</b>	Charles Kahn will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Tuam with hopefully great views to Mt Rainier. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 a.m. or at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m	John Flannegan will take us on a walk to the Mill Farm Park Reserve. Meet at Artspring at 10:00am or Drummond Park at 10:15a.m.	Mickey Lyytikainen will arrange a visit to The Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road. A \$2.00 donation is requested to help maintain this interesting spot. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.
<b>May 31</b>	Sheryl Taylor-Munro and Lynn Thompson lead a moderate hike to the re-opened Kinsol Trestle near Cowichan. The hike will include a section along the river and up into the hills beyond, where wildflowers may be blooming on the slopes. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m.	Anke Smeele will lead an off island Rhododendron walk to Playfair Park, with an optional visit to Cedar Hill Golf Course and Finnerty Gardens at UVic. Leave Artspring at 9:00 a.m. or meet at the Fulford Ferry in time to take the 9:50 a.m. ferry to Swartz Bay	Beth Ranney will lead a Ramble in the LePage Road Area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m.



	to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton.		
<b>June 7</b>	Kees leads us to the top of Mt Sullivan, which means going uphill from sealevel to about 550m. Needless to say the hike will be strenuous, but quite do-able for most fit hikers. There will be some rougher off trail sections and a short "climb". The hike is interesting, because it travels through all vegetation zones on SSI and culminates in a spectacular view over Vancouver Is. Although the path is cleared, shorts are not recommended due to some high nettles. Expect to back in Burgoyne Bay between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 am.	Brian and Marjie Radford will lead us on a different walk to Mount Maxwell. We will come to nice views but will not go all the way up the mountain. Leave Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at Armand Way cul-de-sac at 10:15 a.m.	Mystery Walk. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>June 14</b>	Mary Hof leads a moderately strenuous hike with great views on Mt. Peden, starting from the Sooke Potholes near Sooke on Vancouver Island. Carpool from Portlock Park at 7:30 a.m. to catch the 8:05 a.m. ferry to Crofton. Meet the leader at the Cobble Hill rest area at 9:00 a.m. before continuing on to Sooke. Depending on the time of day, hikers may choose to dine in Cow Bay before catching the ferry back to Salt Spring.	Anne Beaumont will lead an off island walk to Nanaimo, up the Millstone River, through Bowen Park onto Buttertubs Marsh. Part of the walk is through city roads. It is mostly flat with no steep sections. Lunch can be in a waterfront pub or on the trail (we'll take a vote). Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 am to carpool on the 9:10 am ferry	Ramble around Scott Point led by the Hardings. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
<b>June 21</b>	Janice Dickie will lead a short "group choice" hike in Ruckle Park prior to the annual Strawberry Fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at the parking lot outside Ruckle Park gate at 10:10 am.	See you at Ruckle Park for the Strawberry festival.	Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or the far parking lot at Ruckle Park at 10.15 a.m. There will be a short ramble in the Park prior to the Fest.
<b>June 21</b>	The 2010-2011 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park (organized by the Ramblers). Meet at noon in the lower picnic area of Ruckle Park to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! There will be a short General Meeting following..		



**2009 - 2010 Season**

	<b>Hikers</b>	<b>Walkers</b>	<b>Ramblers</b>
<b>Sept 8</b>	Charles Kahn will lead a hike from Cusheon Cove to Ruckle Park with the return after the blackberry lunch. There may be a possible visit to Hatfield museum in the afternoon. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at the cul-de-sac beyond 107 Meyer Road at 10:00.	Nancy Braithwaite will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Leave ArtSpring at 10am or meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park. Remember to bring your favorite blackberry goodie, a bowl and spoon.	Blackberry Fest at Ruckle Park. Terry Fuoco will lead a walk through Ruckle Park. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10.00am or from Drummond Park at 10:15.
<b>Sept 15</b>	Zeke Blazeka will lead us on a moderate hike on Mt. Maxwell from Armand Way. Yes, this is the annual B&B hike! Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or join at the Duke Road/Fulford-Ganges Road junction at 10.	Curt Firestone will lead a walk on The Jack Foster Trail. We will go through forest, walk along the Trincomali Channel, and return by roads through farm land. This is a 5km moderate hike/walk which can only be completed at low tide. Walkers should be aware that one section requires using a rope along the trail and another section requires going over large boulders. Leave ArtSpring at 10am.	Mickey Lyytikainen will lead us on a walk in the Blackburn Road area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am
<b>Sept 22</b>	Kees Visser will lead a strenuous hike with a few rough sections going halfway up Mt Sullivan and onwards overlooking Bold Bluff, returning along Burgoyne Bay. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or join at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00.	Paul Way will lead a moderate walk, with some road walking, from South Ridge Drive in Fulford to China Beach. Leave ArtSpring at 10am or meet at South Ridge Drive at 10:20	Beth Ranney will take us on an off island trip to Swan Lake near Victoria. Arrange your own carpool. We will take the 9:50am ferry from Fulford
<b>Sept 29</b>	Mary Hof will lead a moderate hike to Endurance Ridge in East Sooke Park. Meet at Portlock Park at 7:30am to carpool for the 8am ferry to Crofton. We will meet the leader at the rest area on the highway near Valley View Center at 9:10am. Plan this to be a long day, with return to Crofton no earlier than 5pm.	Jacqueline Severn will lead a moderate walk from Beaver Pt. Hall to the Indian Reserve. Leave ArtSpring at 10am or meet at Beaver Pt. Hall at 10:20	Kathy Darling will lead a walk in the Trincomali Heights Area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10.00am.
<b>Oct 6</b>	Mount Erskine around the waistline! Gary Quiring will lead a bushy, rough, steep and sporting hike. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am.	Terry Ison will lead a moderately fast walk to the top of Mt. Maxwell. Some steep rocks. Leave ArtSpring at 10am or junction with Toynbee Rd. at 10:15.	Leaders Choice Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10.00am.
<b>Oct 13</b>	Deborah Miller will lead a moderate hike from Ganges	Bryan Adderley will lead a mystery walk! Leave	Harold Page will lead a walk in the South End. Carpool

	to Vesuvius. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am	ArtSpring at 10am or meet at the Burgoyne Triangle at 10:15.	from Centennial Park at 10:00am or from Drummond Park at 10:15
<b>Oct 20</b>	Nieke will lead a moderate but long hike in Hope Hill. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am or join at 10:05 at Drummond Park.	Marg and Art Simons will lead a moderate walk as Footsies onto the 9:50 ferry from Fulford and explore south of Swartz Bay by connecting trails and roads. Leave ArtSpring at 9am to park in Fulford or take the bus at the Visitor's Center at 9:10	Terry Fuoco will lead a walk in Burgoyne Bay. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am or meet at the bottom of Lee's Hill at 10:15.
<b>Oct 27</b>	Lynn Thompson will take us off-island on a moderate hike from Crofton to the Lenora/Mt. Sicker Railway and Mt. Richards. We will walk on the 9am ferry, so meet at Portlock Park at 8:30am to carpool to Vesuvius, or join at the ferry	Ron Hall will lead a moderate walk from the start of Eagle Ridge to the water at Long Harbour across from Maricaibo, then along Quebec Lane through woods to the Long Harbour ferry terminal for lunch. Leave ArtSpring at 10am or meet at Eagle Ridge off Long Harbour Road at 10:10.	Ramble at Duck Creek with Nora and Eleanor Lloyd. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am or meet at the start of the Duck Creek trail on Sunset Dr. at 10:10.
<b>Nov 3</b>	Charles Kahn will lead a hike to Bold Bluff and the property owned by Tamar Griggs. Although the hike involves little elevation gain, it will be long and strenuous, with some bushwacking. Prepare to be back around 4:00pm. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at Burgoyne Bay at 10am	Linda Quiring will lead a walk deep into the Musgrave, to see Salt Spring's largest stand of first growth forest and red-listed plant species. There will be an easy climb. Leave Artspring 10am or meet at Drummond Park at 10:20am	Nora and Eleanor Lloyd will lead a ramble in the Vesuvius Area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am
<b>Nov 10</b>	Barry & Sheila Spence will lead a moderate hike along the Cowichan River, taking a loop trail from Skutz Falls to Stolz Flats & back. Carpool from Portlock Park, departing 8:25 am for the Vesuvius ferry.	Noreen Davies will lead a walk in Maracaibo. Leave ArtSpring at 10am or meet at Maracaibo Gate at 10:15am.	Joan Wrigley will lead a walk on Tripp Road. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am
<b>Nov 17</b>	Zeke will lead a hike up Mt. Maxwell to the mine shafts. This hike is strenuous with steep elevation gain and moderate duration of time. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at Burgoyne Bay at 10am.	Charles Kahn will lead a moderate walk on the Channel Ridge trails. Leave ArtSpring at 10am.	Leader's Choice Ramble led by Harold Page at the South End. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am or from Drummond Park at 10:15am.
<b>Nov 24</b>	Kees will lead a moderate hike to Peter Arnell/40 Acres. Leave ArtSpring at 9.45am or meet at 10am at the Jasper Road/Stewart Road junction	John Flannigan will lead a walk to the Mount Tuam Ecological Reserve Waterfall. Some steep sections. Leave	Leader's Choice Ramble in the Long Harbour area with Marilyn and Bill Harding. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am.

		ArtSpring at 10am or meet at Drummond Park at 10:15am	
<b>Dec 1</b>	Simon Rook will lead a moderate hike on Mount Maxwell from Arnell Way along Route 9 to the Girlfriend Trail. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at the end of Arnell Way at 10:00am	Jean Gelwicks will lead a walk around the Ganges Pathway Network including the new pathways and walkways constructed this year. The walk will include interesting connections from pathways to back roads that allow residents to travel safely around the Ganges core. A map of the network of pathways and backroads will be provided. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00am	Join Frauke Prystawik for a Leaders Choice Ramble. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am.
<b>Dec 8</b>	Fred Powell will lead a moderate hike prior to the Christmas Luncheon. Meet at the Harbour House Hotel at 9:45am for a Village Pathway Discovery Tour at top speed.	Terry Ison and Nancy Holcroft will lead a moderate walk on trails near Ganges prior to the Christmas Luncheon. The walk leaves at 10am behind the Harbour House Hotel. Hiking boots recommended.	No Ramble scheduled. See you at the Christmas Lunch
<b>Dec 15</b>	No Hike scheduled	No Walk Scheduled	Ramblers meet at Centennial Park at 10:00am then walk through Mouat Park before heading to Barb's Buns for coffee.
<b>Jan 1</b>	A short moderate walk/easy hike ending by 12.30 so bring only a snack. Meet at ArtSpring at 10.00am or Mereside/Fulford Ganges Road at 10:10am. Weather permitting.		
<b>Jan 5</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike through the Cusheon Cove addition and other parts of Ruckle Park. There are some up-and-downs, particularly in the Cusheon Cove area, and some uneven rocky patches. Total 200m elevation gain over the entire hike. This will not be a long hike; we should be back by 2:30pm. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or join at the turnaround at the bottom of Meyer Rd (off Bulman Rd).	Jan 5 - A New Year's Adventure - a mystery will unfold. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00am to pick a leader and trail to follow.	Ramble with Nora and Elenore Lloyd on Channel Ridge. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am.
<b>Jan 12</b>	- Fred Powell will lead a moderate hike on Channel Ridge. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am.	Ailsa Pearse will lead a walk on Channel Ridge. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00am or meet at the end of Dogwood Lane at 10:15am	Sterling and Maureen McEachern will lead a Ramble in the North End. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am.
<b>Jan 19</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Prevost. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30am to catch the 9am ferry to Crofton. Note: the alternative route in the	Anke Smeele will lead an off-island walk on the Saanich Peninsula, exploring the winter garden and trails at Glendale Gardens, home of the Horticulture Center of the	Beth Ranney will take us for a walk on Whims Road. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am

	event of snow will be a moderate hike to Christie Falls near Ladysmith.	Pacific, followed by a shared pub lunch at the Prairie Inn. After lunch, a quick walk through Lillian Hoffer Park in North Saanich on the way to the ferry rounds out the day, weather and time permitting. We are catching the 9:50 ferry from Fulford; take the bus or meet at ArtSpring by 9:00am to carpool. Anke will meet us at the ferry	
<b>Jan 26</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead a varied moderate hike with off-trail sections in the Isabella Point/Mountain Road area. The Mountain Road waterfall will be included. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at Drummond Park at 10:00am.	John Flannagan will lead a walk in the Mount Tuam Nature Reserve (Mountain Road). Some steep places which may be slippery if wet or snowy. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00am or meet at Drummond Park at 10:15am.	Harold Page will lead a Ramble in the South End. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00am
<b>Feb 2</b>	Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a moderate hike from Crofton onto Maple Mountain trails and back. Some steep sections. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 am to carpool to Vesuvius. We will walk onto the 9 am ferry.	John Heddle will lead a walk in the Maracaibo rainforest. The trail is relatively flat, but may be wet! Gumboots may be nice to wear. Leave ArtSpring at 10 am.	Ramble with Dorothy Kyle in Chemainus. Please arrange carpools prior to departure day. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 am before catching the 10:40am ferry from Vesuvius Bay. There will not be an organized lunch. Everyone can choose their own restaurant.
<b>Feb 9</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike on Mt Tuam from Mountain Road. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join at Drummond Park at 10 am.	Jacqueline Severn will lead a moderate walk along Blackburn and Cranberry Roads as well as the Blackburn Creek Trail. Leave ArtSpring at 10 am or meet at the corner of Blackburn Road and Fulford-Ganges Road at 10:10 am.	Leaders Choice Ramble with Maureen and Sterling McEachern. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00 am.
<b>Feb 16</b>	Deborah Miller and Jean Gelwick will lead a moderate hike around Ganges on all the pathways, showing how they connect with each other and where new pathways might go. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	Terry Ison will lead a moderately fast walk on trails and roads near Ganges, and down to the beach. Some parts are steep. Leave ArtSpring at 10 am	Jean Gelwick will take us on a Ramble over the new Pathways. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00 am or meet at the Legion parking lot at 10:10 am.
<b>Feb 23</b>	Charles Kahn leads us on a moderate mystery hike in the North End. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 am.	Bryan Adderley will lead a walk in the Hope Hill and Musgrave Road area. Leave ArtSpring at 10 am or meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.	Betty Sharp will take us for a Ramble on the Dunbabin Trail. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00 am
<b>Mar 2</b>	Janice Dickie will lead a moderate hike on a variety of Mt. Erskine trails, beginning at the Toynbee Road	A mystery leader will take you on a mystery walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am.	Ramble with Bill and Marilyn Harding in the Long Harbour area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am.

	trailhead. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am.		
<b>Mar 9</b>	Simon Rook will lead a moderate hike with a few steep sections on the Cogwheel Trail. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45am or meet at the corner of Fulford/Ganges and Cranberry Roads at 9:50 am	Nieke Visser will lead a walk to Manzanita Ridge and the top of Mt. Erskine from Toynbee. This is a walk with a few rather steep sections at the beginning. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the t-intersection at the top of Cranberry Road at 10:15 am	Shelagh Tulloch will take us for a Ramble in the Brinkworthy area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am
<b>Mar 16</b>	Sharon Sullivan will lead us on a moderate hike up and down Reginald Hill, and along the road through the Indian Reserve. We then head back to the Reginald hill entrance. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the Reginald Hill parking area at the end of Morningside Rd. at 10:00 am	Fred Powell will lead a walk in Ruckle Park to Kings Cove and back. It's a longish walk but there isn't not much climbing. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 am	Leader's Choice Ramble with Bob Ball. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am.
<b>Mar 23</b>	Mary Hof will lead a moderate hike on Cobble Hill Mountain near Duncan. Meet at Portluck Park at 8:30 am to catch the 9 am ferry to Crofton. We will meet the leader at the rest area on the highway near the Valley View Center at 9:45 am. New trails!	Judy Nurse will lead a moderate walk along the Channel Ridge Trails with some street walking. Leave ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the corner of Merganser and Canvasback at 10:10 am. Lunch will be on Judy's deck followed by a stroll through the labyrinth	Harold Page will take us off-island to MacDonald Park in Sidney. Meet at the Fulford Inn at 9:15 am to carpool on the 9:50 am ferry. Lunch will be in Sidney.
<b>Mar 30</b>	All walkers and hikers will go to Ruckle Park for our annual broom pulling work. Please bring work gloves, various loppers, and a lunch. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or from the parking lot outside Ruckle Park gates at 10:00 am.	All walkers and hikers will go to Ruckle Park for our annual broom pulling work. Please bring work gloves, various loppers, and a lunch. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or from the parking lot outside Ruckle Park gates at 10:00 am.	Leader's choice Ramble with Cathy Darling. Meet at Centennial Park at 10:00 am.
<b>April 6</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead a moderate hike in Ruckle Park. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at Ruckle Park gates at 10:15 am.	Nieke Visser will lead a shoreline walk in Ruckle Park to King's Cove, returning via Merganser Pond. This is not an easy walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or in the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10:20 am.	Joan Wrigley will lead a ramble in the Tripp area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 am.
<b>April 13</b>	Kees Visser leads us on a strenuous hike halfway up Mt Sullivan and then to Bold Bluff. There will be a few rough and off-trail sections. Meet at Art Spring at 9:45 am or at Burgoyne Bay at 10 am.	Marg and Art Simmons will lead a walk between Harrison & Baker Roads down to the beach. There are some hills on the walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am.	Carolyn Mouat will lead a ramble in the Sunset Drive area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 am

<b>April 20</b>	Nigel Denyer will lead a strenuous hike around Mount Sullivan. Total distance is 10 km; some bushwhacking. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at Drummond Park at 10:00 am.	Harry Burton will lead a moderate walk from Beaver Point Hall to Eleanor Point. Our walk will explore the land of Mr. James Hector Monk, who purchased 264 acres of land stretching from Beaver Point Rd and King Rd all the way to Eleanor Point for \$2500 in 1904. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20am	Marshal Heinekey will lead a ramble in the Vesuvius Bay area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 am.
<b>April 27</b>	Mary Hof will lead us on a moderate hike with a few strenuous sections on Mt Tzouhalem. Meet at Portluck Park at 8:30 am to catch the 9:00 am ferry to Crofton. We will meet the leader at the corner of Genoa Bay Rd and Maple Bay Rd at 9:35 am. New hike!	Linda Quiring will lead a moderate walk through woods and a rare private oak reserve to a surprise ending. This walk involves a very steep but short patch. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am or Drummond Park at 10:15 am	Beth Ranney will lead an off island trip to Honeymoon Bay. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:20 am to arrange carpools. We are taking the 9:00 am ferry from Vesuvius.
<b>May 4</b>	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike exploring some paths and by-ways in the south end. A few muddy sections are to be expected. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or the parking lot at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05 am	Bill Earl will lead a walk through Channel Ridge. This walk involves some hills but will be moderate. Car pool from the tennis court in Portlock Park at 10:00 am.	Ramble with Mickey Lyytikainen on Malcolm Bond's farm on LePage Rd. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am to carpool.
<b>May 11</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike across the faces of Mt Bruce and Mt Sullivan to a lookout over the narrows for lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or Drummond Park at 10:00 am.	Nieke Visser will lead a moderate walk off island to the historic Kinsol trestle. Meet at Portluck Park at 8:30am to carpool for the 9:00am ferry	Trip to Blackburn Lake Golf Course led by Cathy Darling. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am to carpool.
<b>May 18</b>	Kees Visser leads us on a strenuous hike from Burgoyne Bay to the top of Mt Sullivan with some rough and steep sections. Start from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join us at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 am.	Ron Hall will lead a moderate walk on the Jack Foster trail down to the ocean for a lunch on the beach. The low tide will allow a nice amble along the shoreline. There is only one steep descent near the water. Meet at Art Spring at 10:00 am to car pool to Southey Point & Sunset Drive	Visit the Eco-Realty Farm with Bill and Marilyn Harding. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am
<b>May 25</b>	Mary Hof will lead a moderately strenuous hike on a new selection of trails at Maple Mountain. Meet at Portluck Park at 8:30 am to catch the 9 am ferry to Crofton. We will meet the leader at the corner of Herd Road and Maple Mountain Rd. at 9:45 am.	Anke Smeele will lead an off island walk to see the rhododendrons in Playfair Park and perennial gardens from Cedar Hill Golf Course. The afternoon excursion will take us to the rhodo gardens at UVIC. Leave Art Spring at 9:00 am sharp or meet at Drummond Park at 9:15 am	Visit the Salt Spring Yoga Centre on Blackburn Rd with Mickey Lyytikainen. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am to carpool or meet us there.



		to catch the 9:50 am Fulford ferry.	
<b>June 1</b>	Lynn Thompson will lead us on a strenuous hike that explores Mt Maxwell from Burgoyne Bay. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or join at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 am.	Judy Nurse and Dulcy Wilson will lead a walk through the 10 acre Aronoff property before heading off to Dunbabin Park across the road. You will want your camera handy on this walk that features large trees, fern gullies, a rushing stream, and moderate hills. Meet at 10 am at ArtSpring, or 488 Stark Road at 10:15 am. Drive up the drive for parking.	Ramble with the Hardings on Eagle Ridge Drive to Quebec Lane, with a visit to the seed farm. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park to car pool.
<b>June 8</b>	Andrea Rankin will lead an east to west moderate, but interesting, hike across the island's north end, including the Jack Foster Trail. Hopefully we will end up back at our starting point! Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am. A meeting spot at the north end will be posted on the club website.	Bryan will lead us on a mystery walk. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 am.	Walk with Ann Gosse down Menhinick Drive. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park to car pool
<b>June 15</b>	Zeke Blazecka will lead a short and easy hike in Ruckle Park prior to the strawberry fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 am or meet at the parking lot outside Ruckle Park gate at 10am. Remember to bring a bowl and spoon to the fest!	Nancy Braithwaite will lead a short walk through Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 am to car pool or at the Ruckle parking lot on the right just beyond the farm	Ramble in Ruckle Park with Harold Page before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park to car pool