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2019-2020 Season

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Tue Sep 10, 2019	<p>The 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>		
Tue Sept 17, 2019	<p>Hike some Mt. Tuam 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 of Maxham Road to meet Leader Jean.</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 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.</p>	<p>Carpool from Centennial to Drummond Pk. Paul and Donna will lead a ramble. Lunch either on their beach or Rock Salt depending on weather.</p>
Tue Sept 24, 2019	<p>This moderate hike with Sharon Sullivan begins at the Chris Hatfield Trail on Meyer Rd and ends at the Beaver Point day parking lot. We will have volunteer shuttle cars in place to take drivers back to the starting point. Poles are recommended. Meet at</p>	<p>Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk along Baker Beach. Meet at the cul de sac at the end of Quarry Drive at 10:15 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool. You may want to bring poles as there some up and down pathways in the forest before we approach the</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial at 10.00 a.m. to carpool to Cedar Creek Nature Reserve with Ann. Bring lunch if it's nice. Otherwise we will choose a coffee shop.</p>

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	ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the turnaround at the south end of Meyer Rd.	beach and there are rocks on the beach that can be slippery. We can eat our lunch on our way back along the beach.	
Tues October 1, 2019	Join Laurie Clark on a hike up Mt. Erskine. This is an easy to moderate 2-3 hour hike. Keep your eyes open for the fairy doors as we hike through a diverse forest that includes cedar, hemlock, fir, arbutus and more. Windfall from last December's storm is astonishing. We'll have our lunch at the summit to take in the lovely views to the north and west. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or meet us to start our hike at the end of Trustees Trail by 10:00 a.m. Hope you'll join us. Follow link for more info on the trail and park Mt Erskine Nature Reserve and Mt Erskine Provincial Park	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. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool, or at the Burgoyne Bay Park parking at 10:20 a.m.	Paul and Donna will lead the Ramble. Meet at Centennial to leave at 10:00 AM and Drummond Park at 10:20. Take a lunch, we will eat on the beach.
Tues October 8, 2019	Trail Day for Hikers and Walkers - It's time to finish the 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 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. You are going to LOVE this trail!		Ann will lead. Carpool at Portlock by 8.10am to catch the 9.35am from Vesuvius. We will drive to the Yellow Point Regional Park for a ramble, and have lunch at the Crow and Gate.
Tues October 15, 2019	Hike a multitude of Channel Ridge trails with Angie. Allow approximately 4 hours. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the trailhead on Sunset Dr. at 10:00 a.m.	Join Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason for an off island walk to Stoney Hill Trail Loop, an easy 3.7 kilometer loop trail located near North Cowichan. The views are exceptional looking over Sansum Narrows and seeing Salt Spring from a very different perspective. Bring your binoculars for spotting birds and perhaps whales. We will go to the Shipyard Restaurant & Pub	Marjie will lead in the Dukes & Kitchen Road area. Meet at Centennial to leave at 10:00 AM.

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		overlooking the marina in Maple Bay for lunch. For those who want to bring their lunch there is place nearby. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool at 8:30 on the 9:35 ferry at Vesuvius. We will plan to catch the 3:35 ferry back from Crofton.	
Tues October 22, 2019	Karen and Marc will lead this moderate hike through Bryant Hill Park and Howard Horel and Andreas Vogt nature reserves. Mostly trails with some off-pistes. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to car pool or 10 a.m. at the Mereside Road trailhead.	Carol McKeen will lead a Channel Ridge walk starting at the trailhead on Canvasback, walking along the watershed heading north and then down through the ridge trails to Sir Echoes. From there it will be a short walk to Sunset Drive for lunch. Carol will have hot drinks. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the trailhead on Canvasback at 10:20 - not far from the turnoff from Broadwell on the right-hand side.	Brian will lead a ramble on Tripp Rd. meet at Portlock at 10am. Lunch at Seaside restaurant.
Tues October 29, 2019	Join Kees for a moderate hike with some up hills from Peter Arnell Park along the linear trail to Bryant Hill Park. We will have lunch either near the end of the trail or in Bryant Hill. Depending on the number of participants we will organize a shuttle or walk back along Sarah Way to the cars. Meet at ArtSpring to be ready to carpool at 9:45 a.m. or at the top of Stewart Rd. behind the barrier at 10:00 a.m.	Angie Trarup will lead a walk starting at 10:00 a.m. from ArtSpring. We'll walk through Mouat Park exiting at the pool, then along Atkins to Lower Ganges, Booth Canal, Harrison, and Baker. Lunch will be at Baker Beach. Return the same route with variations along the way.	Kathy will lead a ramble on Churchill Road. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 am, lunch at the Golf Club.
Tues Nov 5, 2019	Lynn will take us on a moderate but long hike above Crofton including Crofton Lake, Mt. Richards and the historic Lenora-Mt. Sicker railroad bed. Carpool from Portlock Park at 9am to travel	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	Ann will lead a ramble in Mouat Park, lunch at Beachside Cafe. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

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	to Vesuvius and walk-on to the 9:35am ferry.	10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.	
Tues Nov 12, 2019	Hike up to a lovely viewpoint for lunch overlooking Burgoyne Bay. Susan will lead this moderate hike. The downhill section includes some off-trail sections with unstable footing. Hike length will be 3.5-4 hours. Meet at 9:45 to carpool from ArtSpring or meet at Burgoyne parking lot at 10.	Wendy McClean will lead a walk in the Blackburn /Frazier Road area. We will walk along Blackburn Road to the Conservancy for a walk around then take the path behind the Salt Spring Centre back to Blackburn Road. A short walk along Blackburn will bring us to the steep trail that leads to Frazier Rd which will take us to Wendy 's home where we will have our lunch on her deck. After lunch we will return by the same route - down hill going back! Carpool from Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or meet Wendy at the corner of Blackburn Rd. and Fulford-Ganges Rd at 10:10 a.m.	Laura will take us to Wright Rd. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.
Tues Nov 19, 2019	Join Ashley on a hike on the Mt Maxwell trails. This will be a moderate hike with a good cardio workout before lunch at the summit. All downhill from there. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at the meeting spot at the foot of Dukes Road.	Harvey Moore will lead an interesting walk from ArtSpring through some nearby parks and properties to the flanks of Mt. Erskine and return to ArtSpring by a different route - a unusual mix of trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Maureen and Sterling will lead a ramble in Channel Ridge. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.
Tues Nov 26, 2019	Meet at the Heritage Farm parking lot at 10 or carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45. Ruckle Park will be a relatively easy hike but trails will be wet, muddy and slick in places and there will be lots of ups and downs. We'll be spending at least half of the hike along the seashore, with great views of the water, waterfowl and maybe even a marine mammal, so bring your binoculars.	A walk in the Andreas Vogt property led by Waltraud Kiel (Wally) and Bob Holden. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at 10:15 at the concrete median, across from Arnell Park on Stewart Road, to carpool for the drive up Jasper and Jennifer to Sarah Way.	Frauke will take us to Sidney aquarium. Meet at Centennial at 8.45 a.m. to carpool to the 9.50 Fulford ferry. Entrance fee is \$14.

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Tues Dec 3, 2019	Susan H will lead a hike up and down Reginald Hill, along Reginald Hill Rd, through the Tsa'out Reserve and back. For newbies, Reginald Hill is very steep and could be slippery coming down. Car pool at Artspring at 9:45 or meet Susan at the mailboxes at the end of Morningside Rd at 10:00.	Meet at Artspring at 10 and carpool to the trailhead at Broadwell and Tern in Channel Ridge. Elaine Senkpiel 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	Laura will take us to Wright Rd. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.
Tues Dec 10, 2019	Hikers will be feasting at the Golden Island Chinese restaurant, at 12 noon. Cost is \$20 for meal, taxes and gratuity.	We will be having a Christmas luncheon Reservations have been made at the Seaside Restaurant for 1 pm . For anyone interested in a walk before lunch we will be meeting at Duck Creek Sunset entrance at 12 noon for a walk then head down to the restaurant.	Bryan will lead a mystery ramble. Meet at Centennial at 10 am. Followed by lunch

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Tues Jan 7, 2020	Lynn will lead the first hike of the decade and it's a good one. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00. The hike will take in the Mt. Maxwell mines, the ecological reserve and the summit.	Cancelled due to rain.	Cancelled due to rain.
Tues Jan 14, 2020	Cancelled due to snow.	Cancelled due to snow.	Cancelled due to snow.
Tues Jan 21, 2020	Charles will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. The 9:45 a.m. gathering time at ArtSpring remains unchanged.	Wendy McClean will lead a walk on the Bishop's Walk trail. We will meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. and	Ann H. will lead the Ramble at Duck Creek, leaving Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Vesuvius Seaside Kitchen.

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	Southerners can join us at the parking lot just past the heritage farm where start our walk. Some of the rocky bits along the shoreline are slippery so wear hiking boots with good tread and bring poles. However, there's little or no snow in the park, so gaiters or waterproof pants are not necessary—unless it's very rainy.	walk through Mouats Park to Drake Road to reach the trail head. We will follow the trail to Charlesworth then to Fulford-Ganges Rd to Dean where we will get back onto the Bishop's Walk trail and return to ArtSpring by the same route. This is not a long walk so we will not stop for lunch.	
Tues Jan 28, 2020	Channel Ridge "because there's always another route to try." We will tackle some hills and also THE STAIRS so be prepared for a bit of a workout before lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 to carpool, or at the gate at the end of Broadwell at 10 a.m.	Andrea Rankin will lead a nice walk along the water in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the first parking lot (near farm buildings) in Ruckle Park at 10:30.	Ann K. will lead a Mystery Ramble, partly on trails, partly roads. simple soup lunch at 22 Kingfisher.
Thurs Jan 30, 2020	The AGM will be held at the Lion's Club. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a free lunch (gluten free and vegetarian included) before the meeting. Immediately following the AGM we will be treated to a special presentation by research biologist, Aaron Purdy, who will be speaking about our local whales. Aaron is a research biologist with Ocean Wise's Marine Mammal Research Program, and the coordinator of the S. Vancouver Island Cetacean Research Initiative in Victoria.		
Tues Feb 4, 2020	Ashley will lead a hike in and around the northern part of Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the turnaround at the foot of Meyer Road. Some rocky and slippery sections, so sturdy footwear a must.	Ashley will lead a hike in and around the northern part of Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the turnaround at the foot of Meyer Road. Some rocky and slippery sections, so sturdy footwear a must.	Postponed due to weather.
Tues Feb 11, 2020	Sharon Sullivan will lead a hike from Burgoyne Bay up to the summit of Mt Maxwell. The hike will be 4-5 hrs depending on the weather, hot tea is good in the rain! Prepare for the weather if needed. The hike will climb up the west side of Mt Maxwell to the summit and down the East side after lunch with lovely views, returning to the parking lot. Meet at ArtSpring	Kathleen and Rob will lead a walk in Ruckle with the intention of viewing water birds, and even alcids such as the little murrelets. We will leave from the middle parking lot past the barn, at 10:20 am. Departure from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to car pool south. Along with your lunch please bring your binoculars and maybe your bird book!	Ann King will lead today. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m, to walk in Duck Creek Park. Lunch at Seaside restaurant.

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	at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.		
Tues Feb 18, 2020	Karen Munro will lead this moderate hike through Bryant Hill Park, Howard Horel and Andreas Vogt nature reserves. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to car pool or 10:00 a.m. at the Mereside Road trailhead.	Betty Ann will lead a walk through Peter Arnell Park and onward over the linear trail to Jennifer Road and return over Jasper Road. This will be a moderate walk with a few short uphill. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring or at 10:15 a.m. at the top of Stewart Road, behind the concrete barrier.	Evelyn will lead today. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. Lunch in Ganges.
Tues Feb 25, 2020	Al Lehmann will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Tuam (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 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Rd.	We shall meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 and at the barns (where we park for birding) on road to Bourgoyne Bay at 10:20. The walk is through the open fields to trail 22 on the Bourgoyne Bay Provincial Park map (on the Internet), then steadily UP #22 to the Rockpile for lunch, with a fabulous view over the whole Fulford Valley. The rise is roughly 500 feet and takes about 1/2 an hour, done at Andrea's slow pace. We descend by the road down to the valley near Ashya Road and back across the fields. A short outing but with some altitude.	Donna will lead in the Fulford area. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. to meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m. Lunch at Rock Salt.
Tues Mar 3, 2020	Carron Carson will lead a hike from the parking lot at Burgoyne Bay. We will walk to the south side of the bay and take the #20 trail and on to the #23 trail which our group made about 3 yrs ago. We'll climb up to about the 300 m level, then circle back. Once at the parking lot, we can determine if anyone wants to hike out to Daffodil Cove. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at the parking lot at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 a.m.	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk from Beaver Point Hall to Kings Cove. It is a moderate walk going over one or two heights of land. There may be a few wet and slippery areas. We will go to the cove with a short detour to Merganser pond and then follow our path back. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.	Laura will lead today. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.

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Tues Mar 10, 2020	Jack Little will lead a moderate Channel Ridge hike departing from and ending at the end of Sir Echos which is off Sunset. Good views to St Mary Lake and Stuart Channel. Bring a lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the Sir Echo trailhead at 10:00 a.m.	Wendy McLean 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	Marjie will lead today. Be at the Burgoyne Bay triangle at 10:15 a.m. or leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.

ALL ACTIVITES SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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Tues. Sept. 15, 2020	<p>Blackberry Social - meet at 12 noon in the Group Camping area at Ruckle Provincial park. This year, rather than a potluck, we will each bring our own lunch and blackberry delight to enjoy while we catch up after our long hiatus apart.</p> <p>Prior to our noon get together, if you would like to participate in a ramble, walk, or hike, please meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Group Camping area.</p> <p>Membership registration for the 2020-2021 year is happening now. Forms can be found on the website under the Membership tab. If convenient, you are welcome to bring along your completed membership registration form and payment to the Blackberry Social. See you there!</p>		
Tues. Sept. 22, 2020	<p>Hike 1: Hike Channel Ridge with Sheryl Taylor-Munro & Susan Palmer. First 8 registrants only, details provided to those registered. To register send email to Susan Palmer slpalmer71@hotmail.com</p> <p>Hike 2: Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m., split into groups of less than 10, choose a leader and destination, and go hiking. Keep a list of who you hike with. Car share only with your bubble.</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 shoreline with lovely views. Meet at the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive at 10 a.m	
Fri. Sept. 25, 2020	Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m., split into groups of less than 10, choose a leader and destination, and go hiking. Keep a list of who you hike with. Car share only with your bubble.		

<p>Tues. Sept. 29, 2020</p>	<p>Hike 1: Jan and Larry will lead a moderate hike through Howard Horel Nature Reserve, Bryant Hill Park and Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. We'll be following some well-established trails plus two new trails recently created by the TNC. Due to COVID, we will be limiting the number of hikers to 10. To reserve a spot, please email JanSaltSpring@gmail.com or phone 250-537-6676. If there are more than 10 who sign up, we'll repeat the hike the next day, Sept 30. Meet at the Mereside Rd parking area at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Hike 2: Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m., split into groups of less than 10, choose a leader and destination, and go hiking. Keep a list of who you hike with. Car share only with your bubble.</p>	<p>Betty Ann will lead along with Wally Kiel as co leader a walk in Peter Arnell Park and onward over the linear trail to Jennifer Road and return over Jasper Road. This will be a moderate walk with a few short up hills. Meet at 10 a.m. at the top of Stewart Road, behind the concrete barrier.</p>	
<p>Fri. Oct. 2, 2020</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m., split into groups of less than 10, choose a leader and destination, and go hiking. Keep a list of who you hike with. Car share only with your bubble.</p>		
<p>Tues. Oct. 6, 2020</p>	<p>Hike with Kees Visser from Peter Arnell Park, Stewart Road to Bryant Hill Park, and return over the road back to Peter Arnell. Meet at Peter Arnell, Stewart Road, behind the barrier at 10 a.m. The hike is moderate, although there are two steep ascents. If more than 10 hikers show up, the group will be split.</p>	<p>Joy Holland will lead a walk along the Chris Hatfield Trail. This will be a moderate walk in the woods to Yeo Point. Walk will begin at 10 a.m. at the cul-de-sac at the end of Meyers Road. Travel along Beaver Point Road, turn left onto Bulman Rd and then right turn to Meyers Road and the trail head.</p>	<p>The Ramblers are active subject to weather conditions. Anyone interested in Rambler activities please call Bryan Adderley 250 537-2652.</p>
<p>Tues. Oct. 13, 2020</p>	<p>Events cancelled due to high winds.</p>		
<p>Tues. Oct. 20, 2020</p>	<p>KDOL trails. This hike will explore the trails that the club</p>	<p>Wendy will lead a walk on the pathways around Ganges. We</p>	

	<p>established in the Buddhist retreat centre property last year. Most of the walk is fairly moderate with one bit descending to a lower area with a steepish return. Please register with Charles Kahn (537-1899 or charleskahn@shaw.ca) if you would like to come along. We can meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. and at Drummond Park at 10:05 a.m. for south-enders to travel together in a convoy so no one gets lost. The hike will last a couple of hours with lunch, and the drive out along Musgrave Road and back will take another hour. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Wendy will lead a walk on the pathways around Ganges. We will start at Artspring at 10 a.m. After walking through Mouat Park, we will join the pathway at Atkins Road and then continue on to Churchill Beach for lunch. We will return through the village. This is an easy walk with very little elevation. Wendy will lead a walk on the pathways around Ganges. We will start at Artspring at 10 a.m. After walking through Mouat Park, we will join the pathway at Atkins Road and then continue on to Churchill Beach for lunch. We will return through the village. This is an easy walk with very little elevation.</p>	<p>will start at Artspring at 10 a.m. After walking through Mouat Park, we will join the pathway at Atkins Road and then continue on to Churchill Beach for lunch. We will return through the village. This is an easy walk with very little elevation.</p>	
<p>Tues. Oct. 27, 2020</p>	<p>Susan Fussell will lead a moderate hike from Burgoyne Bay up to a lookout in the Gary Oak meadows then down to Daffodil point for lunch. This is a moderate hike with an off trail uneven section. Meet at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10 a.m., the hike is limited to 10. Please email Susan thamesmobile@yahoo.ca to register.</p>	<p>A walk in the Bryant Hill Park Trail and Andreas Vogt property led by Betty Ann Kruger. Bryant Hill Trail meanders through mature forests and is approx 2 km in length. Then a shorter walk with great views through the Andreas Vogt property. This is a moderate walk with some challenging areas Drive past the concrete median on Stewart Road, then take the first right onto Jasper Rd. then at the end of Jasper Rd turn left onto</p>	

		Jennifer Rd., then turn right on Sarah Way. Meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot on Sarah Way.	
Tues. Nov. 3, 2020	Hike with Bob Keats at Channel Ridge. Meet at the Sunset Drive Access at 10 a.m. If we exceed 10 participants, we will divide into two groups. Starting at the Sunset Drive access, we will ascend to John Myer's bench and pause for a view and water break, then trend along the crest of the ridge, finally descending to a viewpoint looking south to Sansum narrows where we will break for lunch (bring something to sit on). The return will pass the Brian and Skye bench, then back to Sunset Drive and the cars.	Cancelled due to rain.	The Ramblers are active subject to weather conditions. Anyone interested in Rambler activities please call Bryan Adderley 250 537-2652.
Tues. Nov. 10, 2020	Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike on Mount Maxwell, starting from Seymour Heights. Will include some of the Mt. Maxwell land that might be a community multi-use area, with mountain bike trails. Moderate but longer hike. Meet at corner of Mt Seymour Heights and Armand Way at 10 a.m. Approx time: 4.5 - 5 hours. Email ahilliard@shaw.ca to register.	Wendy will lead a walk in Burgoyne Bay to Daffodil point and then back to the other side of the bay to the welcoming poles for lunch. Meet at 10 a.m. in the lower parking lot in Burgoyne Bay.	
Tues. Nov. 17, 2020	Cancelled due to high winds & rain.	Cancelled due to high winds & rain.	
Tues. Nov. 24, 2020	ALL HIKES, WALKS, AND RAMBLES ARE CANCELLED TILL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE PROVINCE.		
Tues. June 1, 2021	Bob Keates will lead a hike up Mount Erskine with a loop around Manzanita Ridge. Meet at the turnaround at the end of Trustees Trail. Lunch at a viewpoint on the newly purchased section. Hike limited to 8 persons; please register with Bob, rkeates@uoguelph.ca or text 250-538-7559.		

Tues. June 8, 2021	Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike in the north part of Ruckle Park on June 8. Meet at the foot of Meyer Road, at the start of the Chris Hatfield trail, at 10am. Hike limited to 8 persons; please register by email to ahilliard@shaw.ca	Sheila Spence will lead a walk in Ruckle Park from the park gate to Kings Cove. Lunch at Kings Cove. Meet at the park gate at 10:00 AM. Walk limited to 8 persons; please register by email sspence@telus.net	
Tues. June 15, 2021	Charles Kahn will lead a hike, destination will be set at that time. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 (maybe we will be allowed to carpool by then?) Hike limited to 8 persons; please register with Charles, charleskahn@shaw.ca.		
Tues. June 22, 2021	Lynn Thompson will lead a hike on the Crofton side. Meet at the Vesuvius ferry dock at 9:20 to walk on for the 9:35 sailing. Parking around Vesuvius may be limited, so please get there in good time. Please register with Bob Keates, rkeates@uoguelph.ca or text 250-538-7559.		
Tues. June 29, 2021	Cancelled due to hot weather.		
Tues. July 6, 2021	Peter Lloyd-Jones will lead a hike on Reginald Hill. Contact peterllj@gmail.com to register. Meet at the top of Morningside at 10:00 am, or if you are willing to car-pool, meet at Art Spring by 9:40. Forecast is mainly sunny, moderate temperatures. Car-poolers should be masked and have both shots.		
Tues. July 13, 2021	Channel ridge yet again! (held over from June 29 because of the heat) Bob Keates will lead a hike in Channel Ridge starting at the top of Broadwell. We will cross the lower western slopes of Channel Ridge to the John Myers bench; then cross back	Kathryn will lead a loop walk July 13 on a rough but not challenging trail on the Tsawout Reserve. Bring plenty of water and your lunch. Meet at the end of Menhinick Drive at 10 am. Members only at this time. Please register at kathryncernauskas@gmail.com.	

	<p>to the Bryan and Skye bench. Lunch at one or other bench site depending on timing. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 to carpool or at the top of Broadwell at 10:00 am, preregister with Bob Keates, rkeates@uoguelph.ca.</p>		
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<p>Tues. Sept. 14, 2021</p>	<p>The 2021-2022 season begins with SSTNC Reunion at Ruckle Park, Group Camping Site #2. Ice Cream and Blueberries provided. Hike, Walk or Ramble to whet your appetite. Lunch at 12:00 noon: Bring your own lunch. Don't forget your bowl and spoon. Precautions: Servers will wear masks and gloves. Line up with your bowl, appropriately spaced away from the serving table, and advance as the person in front departs. Wearing your mask when approaching the table is encouraged. Optional: Bring a camp chair.</p>		
<p>Tues. Sept. 21, 2021</p>	<p>Bob Keates will lead a hike on the Maxwell side of Burgoyne Bay. Starting on the Girlfriend trail, we will branch left above the pool to link up to an old logging road leading to open grassy terraces. Then back down via the big arbutus and giant boulders. Some rough and rocky sections. Meet at 9:45 am at ArtSpring to car pool or at 10:00 am at the Burgoyne parking area.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Marjie will lead today through Blackburn meadow. Meet at the parking lot.</p>
<p>Tues. Sept. 28, 2021</p>	<p>Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike on Mt Maxwell from the Seymour Heights side. Meet at 9:45 am at ArtSpring to car pool or at 10:00 am at the junction of Seymour Heights and Armand Way.</p>	<p>Walk from ArtSpring parking lot, through Mouat Park, etc. to Baker beach for lunch. Return by way of Ganges trails.</p>	<p>Ann will take us to Burgoyne Bay. Meet at the triangle at the bottom of Lee's Hill at 10:15.</p>
<p>Tues. Oct. 5, 2021</p>	<p>Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead a moderately strenuous hike towards Bold Bluff on the south side of Burgoyne Bay. Fallen trees have blocked parts of the trail, so be prepared to scramble over</p>	<p>Kathryn Cernauskas will lead a short loop walk in Peter Arnell Park. (Unfortunately, there isn't really a good place to stop for lunch.) Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking area behind the concrete barrier</p>	<p>TBD</p>

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	and under trees, and slippery surfaces. Lunch will be on the water's edge, with fabulous views of Burgoyne Bay, Mt Maxwell and Maple Mountain on Vancouver Island. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool or at 10:00 a.m. at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.	on Stewart Road where the road takes a 90-degree bend.	
Tues. Oct. 12, 2021	Jack Little will lead a hike in Channel Ridge. Meet at Art Spring at 9:45 to car-pool or at the top of Sir Echos Way at 10:00 a.m.	Meet at ArtSpring to pick your leader and destination.	TBD
Tues. Oct. 19, 2021	Lynn Thompson will lead a hike in the Crofton Lake area. Meet at Art Spring at 9:05 to car pool to Vesuvius (parking is limited), or at the Vesuvius ferry terminal at 9:20 to walk on the 9:35 sailing.	Meet at ArtSpring to pick your leader and destination.	TBD
Tues. Oct. 26, 2021	Al Lehmann will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Taum (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 .m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Rd.	Pre-registration needed: contact sspence@telus.net . Cowichan River Trail moderate loop walk from Skutz Falls with Barry and Sheila. Meet at Portlock Park for carpooling. Depart Portlock at 8:30 am. Return likely 3:35 ferry	TBD
Tues. Nov. 2, 2021	Provisionally, Bob Keates will lead a hike in Channel Ridge. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to car-pool or at 10 a.m. at the end of Epron Road.	TBD	Marjie will lead. Meet at the bottom of Dukes Rd. at 10 a.m. Bring a lunch.
Tues. Nov. 9, 2021	Susan Fussell TBA. Provisionally Bryant Hill and	TBD	Patricia and John will lead. Park at the beach end of

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	Andreas Vogt. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Art Spring to car pool or at 10 a.m. at the trailhead on Mereside Road.		Churchill Rd. at 10 a.m. Bring a lunch.
Tues. Nov. 16, 2021	Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike on some trails in and around Ruckle Park. Some muddy and slippery sections expected so good footwear advisable. Meet at the entrance to Ruckle Park, outside the gate at 10 a.m. or at 9:45 a.m. at Art Spring to Car Pool.	TBD	Ann K. will lead. Leave Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Lunch at Salt Spring Inn.
Tues. Nov. 23, 2021	John Gauld will lead a hike up Mt Erskine starting from Toynbee Rd. Meet at Art Spring at 9:45 a.m. to car-pool or at Toynbee Road 10 a.m. on at a junction with a logging road where the Manzanita Ridge trail starts (not the Trustees Trail end loop).	TBD	Bryan will lead. Meet at Cranberry Rd and Toynbee at 10:15 a.m. Lunch at Salt Spring Inn.
Tues. Nov. 30, 2021	Charles Kahn - Hope Hill (provisionally). Meet at Art Spring at 9:45 or at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.	TBD	Ann H will lead. Leave Portlock Park at 10 a.m. Lunch at Seaside Kitchen.
Tues. Dec. 7, 2021	<p>End-of-Year Lunch</p> <p>We'd love to see you! Tickets for our Dec. 7 end-of-year lunch get-together at the Oystercatcher Restaurant are available at Salt Spring Books until Thursday, Dec. 2. The lunch costs \$30 and offers four choices plus coffee or tea. The choices are seafood chowder with focaccia bread, kale and prawn (or tofu) salad, crispy chicken sandwich, and cod and chips. Of course the food is the least of it: the main draw for this event is the chance to socialize with each other in a Covidly safe environment. But don't forget your vax cards and IDs—and your wallet for drinks if you want them.</p>		

January 2022

Tuesday, Jan 4:

- **Hike:** Bob Keates will lead a hike in Channel Ridge starting at the Epron Road access point. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to car pool or at 10 a.m. at the top of Epron Road.
- **Walk:** Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool for a walk on Mt. Belcher with Charles Kahn as leader. This interesting walk involves some climbing and will take about three hours. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the trail.

Tuesday, Jan 11:

- **Hike:** Carron Carson will lead a hike to the summit of **Baynes Peak**, starting at the trailhead at Armand Way. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10 a.m. at the end of Armand Way.

- **Walk:** Sue Lehmann will lead a walk in the **Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve** to the waterfall. Some sections are steep and there will likely be wet areas. Leave from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet the leader at 10:15 a.m. at the end of Maxham Road (left fork at end of Isabella Point Rd) to start the uphill climb.
- **Ramble:** Bryan will lead. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan 18:

- **Hike:** Charles Kahn will lead a hike in Mill Farm area up to **Mt Bruce**. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring or 10 a.m. at Drummond Park.
- **Walk:** Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and decide on a walk.
- **Ramble:** Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan 25:

- **Hike:** Join Ashley Hilliard on a moderate hike in Ruckle Park. We'll take the shoreline trail to Yeo Point and return by one of the inland trails. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10:05 a.m. at the heritage buildings parking lot in Ruckle Park. Some slippery sections to be expected.
- **Walk:** Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and decide on a walk.
- **Ramble:** Ann H. will lead. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, the club's Annual General Meeting takes place at the Lions Club's Hart Bradley Hall at 103 Bonnet Avenue (at the corner of Drake Road). Lunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m., is provided by the club. After lunch, we will review club reports, elect a new board, and discuss club business. RSVP for the lunch to secretary.sstnc@gmail.com.

February 2022

Tuesday, Feb 1:

- **Hike:** Kees Visser will lead a hike through Bryant Hill starting from Stewart Road. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to car pool or at 10:00 a.m. at a small parking area on Stewart Road near the entrance to Peter Arnell park.
- **Walk:** Mary Lou Cuddy will lead a moderate and very scenic walk on the Tsawout Reserve. Depart ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Reginald Hill entrance. Park at the end of Morningside Rd by the mailboxes.
- **Ramble:** Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 6:

- **Hike:** Meet at ArtSpring at 1 p.m. and we will choose a destination for a 2-3 hour hike. Bring a snack and water. New members welcome.

Tuesday, Feb. 8:

- **Hike:** Bob Keates will lead a hike in Channel Ridge starting at the Sunset Drive access point (150 yards south of the West Eagle intersection). We will loop around and then follow the crest of the ridge back to John Myer's bench for lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to car pool or at 10 a.m. at the Sunset Drive access point.
- **Walk:** Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and decide on a walk.
- **Ramble:** Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13:

- **Hike:** Meet at ArtSpring at 1 p.m. and we will choose a destination for a 2-3 hour hike. Bring a snack and water. New members welcome.

Tuesday, Feb. 15:

- **Hike:** If any of the previous hikes have been cancelled due to weather, they will move to this spot.
- **Walk:** Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and decide on a walk.
- **Ramble:** Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20:

- **Hike:** Meet at ArtSpring at 1 p.m. and we will choose a destination for a 2-3 hour hike. Bring a snack and water. New members welcome.

Tuesday, Feb. 22:

- **Hike:** Carron Carson will lead a hike to the summit of Baynes Peak, starting at the trailhead at Armand Way. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10 a.m. at the end of Armand Way.
- **Walk:** Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and decide on a walk.
- **Ramble:** Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 27:

- **Hike:** Meet at ArtSpring at 1 p.m. and we will choose a destination for a 2-3 hour hike. Brink a snack and water. New members welcome.

March 2022

Tuesday, Mar 1:

- **Hike:** Bob Keates will lead a hike in **Channel Ridge** starting at the Merganser access point. After enjoying some nice views to Vancouver and the North Shore mountains if it's clear, we travel along the crest of the ridge to John Myers bench for lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at 10 a.m. at the Merganser turn-around.
- **Walk and Rambles:** Announced on the website about one week before.

Sunday, Mar. 6:

- **Hike:** Meet at ArtSpring at 1 p.m. and we will choose a destination.

Tuesday, Mar. 8:

- **Hike:** Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead an off-island hike on **Maple Mountain**. We'll walk on the ferry at Vesuvius, and, once in Crofton, follow the boardwalk along the shoreline before taking some quiet roads that lead to Maple Mountain. The trails on Maple Mountain are steep and will have some wet and slippery bits, but are quite scenic. It will be a strenuous hike: more than 10 km total, with 390 m of elevation gain. Meet at the Vesuvius ferry dock at 9:20 a.m. to catch the 9:35 a.m. ferry or carpool from ArtSpring at 9:05 a.m. We'll aim to catch the 3:35 p.m. ferry back from Crofton.
- **Walk and Rambles:** Announced on the website about one week before.

Sunday, Mar. 13:

- **Hike:** Meet at ArtSpring at 1 p.m. and we will choose a destination.

Tuesday, Mar. 15:

- **Hike:** John Gault will lead a hike in the area north of **Maxwell**. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. Details of the starting point will be announced.
- **Walk and Rambles:** Announced on the website about one week before.

Sunday, Mar. 20:

- **Hike:** Meet at ArtSpring at 1:00 p.m. and we will choose a destination.

Tuesday, Mar. 22:

- **Hike:** Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike in Salt Spring's **deep south**. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool, or join at the starting point, Beaver Point Hall, at 10:05 a.m. The hike will be along trails and quiet roads.
- **Walk and Rambles:** Announced on the website about one week before.

Sunday, Mar. 27:

- **Hike:** Meet in the Post Office lot at 1 p.m. and we will choose a destination. (There's an afternoon event at ArtSpring.)

Tuesday, Mar. 29:

- **Hike:** Charles Kahn will lead. Details to be announced.