

**March 23, 2021**

Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) Website: [nspeidiocese.ca/den](about:blank)

Facebook: [Environment Network Diocese of NS & PEI](about:blank)

Welcome to our weekly Enews.  **DEN**,the **D**iocesan **E**nvironment **N**etwork of the Anglican Diocese of NS & PEI, was formed in response to the Fifth Mark of Mission and the latest addition to our Baptismal Covenant which has become our Mission Statement.

*“To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”*

We educate and encourage avenues of stewardship with weekly news via email, our website, Facebook and articles in the Diocesan Times plus weekly Zoom gatherings. We provide links to other environment groups, encourage the use of Season of Creation in liturgies, provide an opportunity to pray together plus support and teaching through eco-grief sessions. Understanding that you protect what you fall in love with, our Hope & Inspiration Gallery of the Arts celebrates creation and encourages stewardship.



|  |
| --- |
| **Rally on Tuesday, March 23rd, noon, Province House, 1726 Hollis Street**  From Nina Newington of Extinction rebellion Annapolis County  Jacob Fillmore is on the 13th day of his hunger strike. He has said he will keep going until he is hospitalized OR until our government puts in place an immediate moratorium on the clearcutting of Crown lands, pending implementation of the Lahey report.  I tried to talk him out of this hunger strike. Lots of other people have too.  This was his reply: "I'm frustrated because I don't feel there is time to waste, and the people in charge are not taking the problem seriously. I don't know how to affect change, and the future scares me. I don't know what to do."  **STOP CLEARCUTTING OUR FUTURE** It is exciting to have a premier who promises to make tackling climate change and biodiversity loss a priority. But forests on our public land are being clearcut right now. We can’t afford to lose any more. We need our government to make a down payment on its promises. We need a moratorium now.  If you can’t join us at Province House on Tuesday, please pledge to call Premier Rankin and Minister Porter once a day until they agree to put a moratorium in place. Premier: 902 424 6600. Minister Porter at DLF: 902 424 5935  We have a right under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to gather in a political demonstration. We ask that everyone do their part to keep us COVID safe by following the usual precautions including wearing masks and maintaining 2m distance from anyone not in your bubble.  **Rally on Tuesday, March 23rd, noon, Province House, 1726 Hollis Street**  **Can’t make the rally?**  Call the government now to demand an immediate moratorium on clearcutting on crown land. Remind them that a person is on hunger strike, the moose are critically endangered, and the situation is urgent and has been subject to intense protest for many months. **Call every day if you can**.  Iain Rankin: 902.424.8637 Constituency office: 902.404-7036 @IainTRankin  Department of Lands and Forestry: (902) 679-6091 @NSLandsForestry  Chuck Porter, Minister Lands and Forestry: 902-798-5779 |



|  |
| --- |
| **Thursday Evening Gatherings continue on Zoom: March 25 @ 7 pm. First Nations Relations with Albert Marshall** Albert is a leading environmental voice in Unama’ki Cape Breton as an advisor and highly regarded spokesperson for Mi’kmaq natural resources and environmental issues. His voice extends beyond Nova Scotia as an international consultant and lecturer on wide range of topics including:   * the environment * tribal consciousness collaboration with non-Aboriginal society * traditional healing, traditional teachings * Mi’kmaq orthography and language * First Nations’ vision of science   Albert is the creator of the “Two Eyed Seeing” concept ie: Balancing Traditional Aboriginal Knowledge and Contemporary Science. His goals are to further positive work within Mi’kmaw communities, to seek preservation and understanding of cultural beliefs and practices among all communities and to effect a strong vision for his people and the future.  https://www.uinr.ca/people/albert-marshall/ |

|  |
| --- |
| **The**[**Faithful Climate Conversations**](about:blank) are a series of guides for use by faith communities or other groups interested in having conversations about climate justice and creation care. They have been prepared by “[For the Love of Creation](about:blank)”, a national faith-based coalition.  These guides offer an easy-to-follow format for facilitators to lead a group of 6 to 8 people through a conversation that pays attention to personal knowledge and experiences while also encouraging people to consider their response to climate change. The series contains three guides:  ***Creation, Climate and You***– Designed for people who have rarely, if ever, talked about climate change in a group setting before, this guide focuses on gently surfacing peoples’ emotions and underlying thoughts about climate change.  ***From Concern to Action*** – For people who may have a basic understanding of climate change or are concerned about the effects of climate change, but remain uncertain about the best ways to act in light of this reality.  ***Building a Better Future*** – Meant for people who have already been involved in climate action at some level, this guide focuses on enacting political and systemic change to address the climate emergency. You can find all these guides at: [https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/resources/](about:blank)   This training is being co-organized by DEN (Diocesan Environmental Network /Anglican) and the Ecological Justice Working Group (UCC/Regions East) and Kairos Canada |

|  |
| --- |
| **Praying with the DEN Community** Each Friday at 9:30 we host Morning Prayer live streamed on Zoom.  Prayers take shape from different traditions and focus on various aspects of our relationship with Creation. To obtain the link, please email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) |

|  |
| --- |
| **Ecological Grief:**  The DEN Ecological Grief Support Group takes place on the third Monday of each month, 7:00 to 8:00 pm by Zoom. Next session: April 19th. Do you experience ecological grief…once in a while, once or twice a week… every day? If ecological grief is becoming part of your life, this support group is for you. You are not alone. We will begin each Group with a short presentation about some aspect of ecological grief. There will be lots of time for discussion if you wish.  Nancy Blair, the Group Facilitator, is a Registered Counselling Therapist (RCT) in Nova Scotia, with a Masters of Education (Counselling) from Acadia University and a Masters of Environmental Studies from Dalhousie University. As a Certified Pet Loss and Bereavement Counsellor, she has extensive experience working with individuals experiencing grief for humans and for non-humans. For further information, contact:  Nancy Blair at [nancyblaircounselling@gmail.com](about:blank) |

****

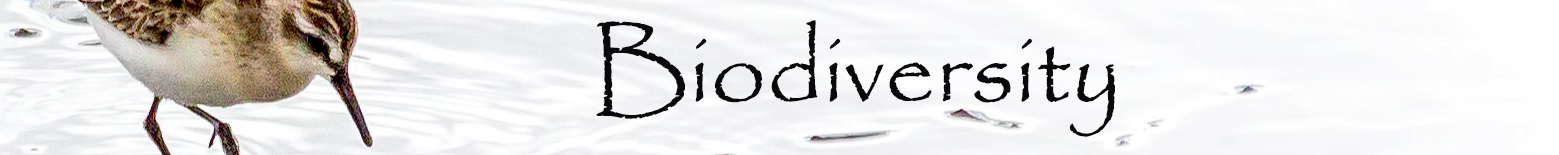
**WELCOMING OUR NEW ARTISTS:** We have just finished featuring the paintings of Ed Coleman and were very excited to hear he sold one of them. We will soon be featuring two new painters, Dorothy Mosher and Karen Phinney. Albums for photographers Trevor & Darlene Awalt and Lidvald Haugen-Strand as well as Ed Coleman’s work will be posted soon. Please click “Like” to follow our page and see all the new offerings. We encourage you to share the link and invite your friends as well.

**CELEBRATING EARTH DAY:** The Gallery has also just launched a new initiative called Art as Poetry and invite original poems to be submitted. We will post these as they are sent and will choose one to highlight on Earth Day. We have only two poems submitted so far! **No Poems – No Poetry as Art.**  **Please let everyone know we need your poems.**

One poem will become the challenge poem for Poetry as Art. We will invite art in any medium to be created inspired by the poem and the winner will be revealed during the Season of Creation in the fall.

If you would like to submit art or a poem for inclusion in the gallery, please leave a message on the gallery page. [https://www.facebook.com/groups/373394600384260](about:blank) or Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank)

Our Gallery can also be viewed at: [https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery](about:blank)



The Biodiversity Act is the hottest topic currently and there is too much information to succinctly write here. Instead we invite you to explore these sites. The Facebook pages are from public groups so you should not need a Facebook account to access them.

|  |
| --- |
| Information Morning – Click on March 18, 2021: Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners & Operators Association on Biodiversity Act <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-27-information-morning-ns/clip/15832010-nova-scotia-woodlot-owners-and-operators-association-biodiversity> |

|  |
| --- |
| The Lies of Forest Nova Scotia – A video outing the “Concerned Private Landowner Coalition” as a front for Forest Nova Scotia. Big business is fighting back. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gII9GLys25g> |

|  |
| --- |
| “Biodiversity hotspot” primed for logging – an article on the Halifax Examiner website. <https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/environment/biodiversity-hotspot-primed-for-logging/?fbclid=IwAR3h3KJtcoJ8ZnNTgrj975fTXd5-_KCe7RFE-QjPEZZk3lAipuP2eUKHrTg> |

|  |
| --- |
| <https://www.facebook.com/sierraatlanticcanada> |

|  |
| --- |
| The Healthy Forest Coalition Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297430313924008/> |

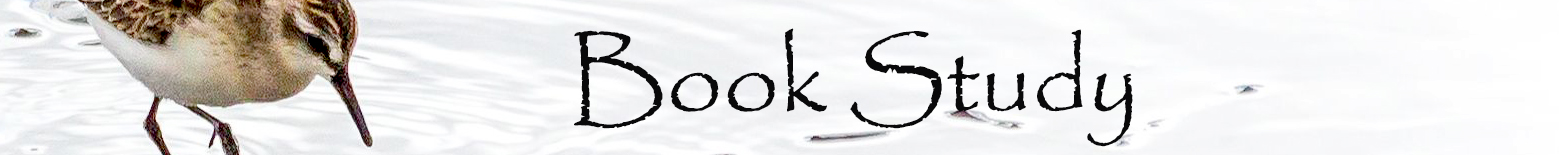
|  |
| --- |
| The Act itself is linked here <https://novascotia.ca/natr/biodiversity/> |

|  |
| --- |
| Petition from the Ecology Action Centre <https://ecologyaction.ca/save-nova-scotias-biodiversity-act-contact-your-mla> |

|  |
| --- |
| Big Forestry versus the Nova Scotia Biodiversity Act, round III <http://nsforestnotes.ca/2021/03/16/big-forestry-versus-the-nova-scotia-biodiversity-act-round-ii-16mar2021/> |

|  |
| --- |
| Avian Diversity at Owls Head Provincial Park - Last summer, a team of expert birders identified over 70 species of birds, including provincially endangered barn swallows, at Owls Head Provincial Park. So what does that diversity look like? Check out our newest post to find out! <https://saveowlshead.org/ecology/avian-diversity/> |

|  |
| --- |
| A google search of biodiversity act ns will give you many more sites |



|  |
| --- |
| **Climate Church, Climate World – an Invitation to an Online Book Study.** Climate change is more than a science issue, it's a spiritual and moral issue too. Our churches have an important role to play. Join this discussion group to learn more about how to lead or support your community of faith in engaging to make a difference for future generations. To get a taste of the type of information and hope that you will encounter in the book, take a listen to Jim Antal interviewed by Laura Hunter, Minister for Justice and Mission at the United Church of Canada on her podcast “[Making Hope Visible](about:blank)” .  **The book study will take place via Zoom on Wednesdays April 7 to May 19, from 11:30 to 1:00pm. Feel free to bring your lunch.** This initiative is Sponsored by the Anglican Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) of the Diocese of NS and PEI and St. Mary’s Anglican Church in Fredericton, NB. All are welcome (this is not an Anglicans-only gathering). To register Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](mailto:endionspei@gmail.com) |

|  |
| --- |
| Excellent ideas for Preaching about Creation - <http://sustainable-preaching.org/> |



|  |
| --- |
| **Two bits of good news in NS.** 1) Recent throne speech announced that we’ll phase out coal by 2030 becoming Canada's first carbon-neutral province. Much work needs to be done to achieve this and provide a just transition for workers. 2) Revised Biodiversity Act introduced (crucial in implementing the Lahey Report and represents a significant step forward in protecting our province’s biodiversity and forests) This is a FIRST in North America! |

|  |
| --- |
| N **Canada needs a climate plan that meets the scale of the crisis.** Bill C-12 (just tabled in parliament) falls short of what scientists and communities are demanding. But, we can change that. If opposition parties and others push for amendments to this bill we can win climate legislation that actually meets the climate emergency with the scale and urgency that’s needed.  [https://act.350.org/letter/c-12-response\_ads?utm\_source=facebook&utm\_medium=paid-s[%E2%80%A6]n-c12-march21&source=fb-ads-can-c12-response-march21-opposition&fbclid=IwAR3hO2aJqiu\_sNSo\_xwhg0qSxtyjwsFrhiWBECtIM\_f2u6XHsUc25fah2js](https://act.350.org/letter/c-12-response_ads?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=paid-s%5b%E2%80%A6%5dn-c12-march21&source=fb-ads-can-c12-response-march21-opposition&fbclid=IwAR3hO2aJqiu_sNSo_xwhg0qSxtyjwsFrhiWBECtIM_f2u6XHsUc25fah2js) |

|  |
| --- |
| 2)   **Petition request from Green Anglicans (The Anglican Communion Environmental Network):**  **The Vancouver-based company, ReconAfrica,** is engaging in oil and gas exploration and potential hydraulic fracturing in the protected Kavango Basin region of Namibia and Botswana. The Kavango Basin region is a biodiversity hotspot with conservation areas and parks, wildlife reserves, and two UNESCO World Heritage sites that urgently needs to be preserved. Below is the link to a petition to Parliament.  <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3256&fbclid=IwAR2g-8JjrHWeMieDTIWYDcFzXtYiukeXX328fTqrKd4yc2gMnZzr-h9nHVE> |

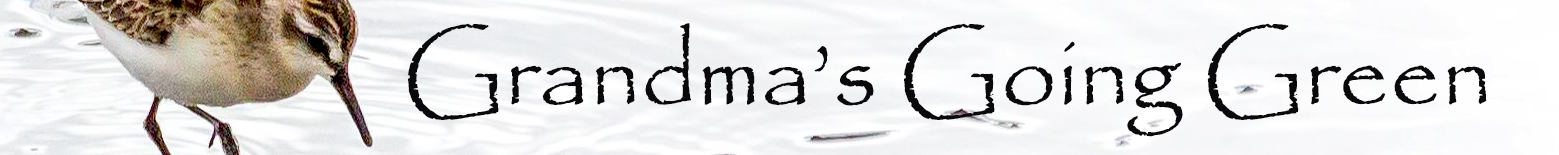
|  |
| --- |
| **Environmental racism** remains a major problem in Canada. Black, Indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC) are disproportionately exposed to pollutants spewing from industrial plants, oil and gas wells, and waste dumps – and as a result, bear the brunt of their toxic impacts. Bill C-230 (The National Strategy to Redress Environmental Racism Act) presents a critical opportunity for the government to change course. MPs will be voting on the bill this month, so we have no time to waste.  <https://act.stand.earth/page/27485/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=email-ea&utm_campaign=canada__clim&utm_content=textlink&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email-ea&ea.url.id=786471> |

|  |
| --- |
| **Another petition to support Bill C-230,** introduced in the House of Commons on February 26, 2020, by Nova Scotia’s own Lenore Zann. **The second reading of the bill continues March 23, 2021.**  <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/157/558/072/> |

|  |
| --- |
| Excellent article written by Tynette Deveaux regarding activism and stepping into your own power. <https://tynettedeveaux.medium.com/we-the-people-say-screw-you-84e7ae9476ec> |



|  |
| --- |
| **Saturday, March 27 from 8:30-9:30 pm.** Each of us can take part and our efforts combined will make a huge difference. What can you do? At 8:30 that night turn off anything that is using energy, TVs, lights, electronic devices, stoves, toasters, microwave ovens, coffee pots, etc. Also if possible unplug your devices as they are still draining power even if not in use.  Why are we doing this? The five most important issues facing us are air pollution & climate change, deforestation, species extinction, soil degradation and overpopulation. Individually we can’t deal with all of these but we can make a difference by recycling, using less plastic, using less energy, etc.  So, will we all join together for Earth Hour 2021 and help to protect this gift from God, our EARTH? |

**

The ENews is very happy to be welcoming Grandma, aka Claudia Zinck, from the Parish of Blandford. Claudia believes that environmental consciousness begins with the children so we can expect to see lots of wonderful ideas for the young and young at heart using found objects. Grandma is always interested in new ideas and welcomes ideas we can all share on our website and on Claudia’s [caz@grandmasgoinggreen.com](mailto:caz@grandmasgoinggreen.com)

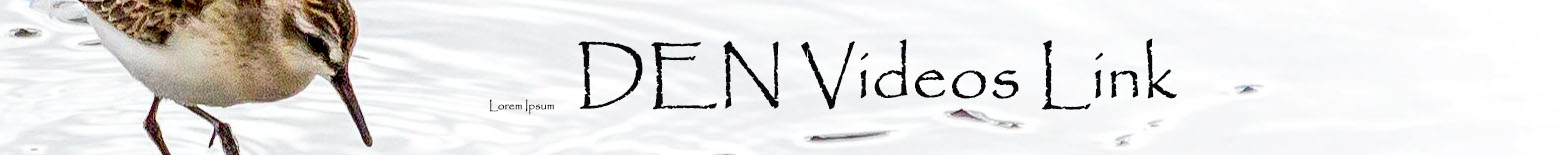
|  |
| --- |
| I like taking something lying around the house, maybe sitting in a clean blue bag, and turning it into something fun to make or do. I also like to cook with kids so expect to see recipes like this one.  Wacky Cake  1 ½ cups of flour  1 cup white sugar  4 Tbsps. cocoa powder  1 tsp baking soda  ½ tsp salt  1 tsp vanilla  1 Tblsp cider vinegar  6 Tbsps. vegetable oil  1 cup water  Add flour, sugar, salt, soda, and cocoa together into an 8x8 inch ungreased cake pan. Make three wells or depressions. Pour oil into one well, vinegar into second, and vanilla into third well. Pour water over all and stir well with fork. Bake at 350 degrees F for 30 to 40 minutes. Frost with your favorite icing. |

Grandma’s first project for us are Fire Starters. It seems everyone is counting down the days before camping season starts so this is a great way to prepare.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| F:\DEN Enews\Fire starters.jpg | “*One of the first crafts I taught our Messy Church was how to make fire starters for woodstoves or at the campground or backyard campfire. If this is something your family does not do, think of making these and giving them to others. Campgrounds themselves would love to receive a box of them to give to their campers.”* |

|  |
| --- |
| For this project you need newsprint or other wastepaper like flyers or even a magazine, a pencil, a pair of scissors and a bit of tape.  Open a sheet of paper. Staring at one corner, roll the newspaper around a pencil. Just before you run out of paper, loosen the roll a little and turning the tube on its side slide out the pencil. Roll the last bit and tape closed.  Continue until you have a good pile of tubes.  Taking each tube, find the tape and cut the tube in half in the middle of the tape so each side is kept closed.  Gather half a dozen or more together with a bit of string, ribbon, elastics or whatever may be around the house.  If possible, find a box and keep adding to it as more flyers or newspaper comes in the house. Find smaller boxes like an empty cereal or cracker box and fill them with these fire starters. Give them to someone in your community that has a wood stove or someone that goes camping in summer.  You have just REDUCED what goes to the landfill. You have REUSED those boxes you stored the fire starters in. You have REPURPOSED an item to be used in a different way than its original use. Three R’s in one activity. Wow!” |

|  |
| --- |
| Maybe Sunday schools and youth groups cannot meet like we use to, but we can still have fun and help others. Please spread these craft and cooking activities with anyone you think may be interested.  Take care all. Grandma’s sending hugs. |



|  |
| --- |
| 2021 03 18 The Art of Sharing with Dale Cook & The Rev Marian Lucas-Jefferies  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9rCVMGlBKY> |



 Creator God,  
Thank you for the waters of the earth,  
for the life-sustaining rains,  
lakes, and deep oceans.  
Keep us mindful of how precious these are,  
and how vulnerable they are.  
Help us to work together for clean water,  
and for the sharing of it with those who have need of it today.  
Amen.

Rt Revd Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle

**Deadline for Submissions is Friday before publication. Email them to** [**endionspei@gmail.com**](about:blank)