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| **March 30, 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. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners URGENT.jpg  **Jacob Fillmore’s Hunger Strike enters 23rd day – Rally for a Moratorium**  WHAT: Rally for a temporary moratorium on clear-cutting, in support of hunger strike (Halifax rally) WHEN: **TODAY** Tuesday, March 30th, 12noon WHERE: Province House, 1726 Hollis Street, Kjipuktuk/Halifax WHY: Critical Habitats for Endangered Species are being destroyed while necessary reforms are delayed  There will also be solidarity rallies at NOON in:  Wolfville – Clock Park – 472 Main Street Bridgewater – Mark Furey’s office – 425 King St Annapolis Royal – Market Square – George Street Masstown, Debert – Karen Casey’s office -10653 Hwy 2 Yarmouth – Zack Churchill’s office –  392 Main St  For more information:  [https://nsadvocate.org/2021/03/29/media-advisory-as-hunger-strike-enters-23rd-day-people-rally-for-a-moratorium-on-clear-cutting-crown-lands-across-nova-scotia/?fbclid=IwAR3jqyzO\_62PLjQIATqdZaH7hLpBQPbFTbBdAECGOQwR62J60upsBN3PIcU](about:blank) |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Owl's Head Rally.jpg  **Demonstration of Solidarity**  Thursday, April 1 at 9:30 AM  Outside the Law Courts in Halifax  (1815 Upper Water Street)  Event Page: [https://www.facebook.com/events/756946498284233](about:blank)  Please join us on Thursday in support of Owls Head Provincial Park. Concerned citizens are invited to gather outside the Law Courts in solidarity with applicants Bob Bancroft & Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association, as they challenge the secret delisting & Letter of Offer in court. This judicial review is not about golf; it's about transparency, procedural fairness, and public consultation.   In Nova Scotia, nearly half of our 206 provincial parks are awaiting designation, like Owls Head Provincial Park was before it was secretly delisted. This sets a dangerous precedent that could further jeopardize our protected areas network.  Please come to show your support for our parks and protected areas if you can. If you're not comfortable due to Covid-19, you can show your support by contacting Premier Rankin ([PREMIER@novascotia.ca](about:blank)) and your MLA ([https://nslegislature.ca/members/profiles/contact](about:blank)).  More information is available on our website:  [https://saveowlshead.org/demonstration-of-solidarity-thursday-april-1/](about:blank) |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners upcoming events.jpg  **Thursday Evening Gatherings are cancelled April 1st for Maundy Thursday and will resume on Zoom: April 8 @ 7 pm**  **Inequality and a Just Recovery – Wednesday March 31.**  Tune into to this online panel discussion through the lens of municipal governments. *As we move toward a COVID free world, how can municipalities better respond to issues such as poverty, climate change, discrimination, affordable housing, transportation and a sustainable local economy?*  This panel is being co-hosted by the South Shore Chapter of Council of Canadians and the Town of Mahone Bay and can be viewed through the Town’s Youtube channel.  The Major of Mahone Bay, David Devenne, will speak to Environmental issues and the Deputy Mayor, Francis Kangata will address discrimination. Art Fisher, Executive Director of the Family Service Association of Western N.S., will speak to homelessness and poverty. Elspeth McLean-Wile of Wile's Lake Farm Market will address a Sustainable Local Economy. Kacy DeLong, Councillor with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg will speak to transportation. Lisa Ryan, housing rights activist, will address Affordable Housing.  Each person on the six-member panel has been asked to prepare to speak for up to five minutes on their particular focus issue and then take part in an additional facilitated group discussion.  Online audience participation is also encouraged.  Former Mahone Bay Councillor and Council of Canadians member, Chris Heide will facilitate.  The session will go online on March 31st and can be viewed starting at 7pm with the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW1IRlgVqIPM-QZqe4oZHuA](about:blank).  **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)  **Seeking Justice together** – Virtual Conference May 17 – 20, 2021. Through a variety of [keynotes and workshops](about:blank), participants will explore living examples of what it looks like to seek justice as people connected to one another and to the lands in which we live. We will consider how our identities, histories, systems, and geography shape our experiences of power and privilege, and how this informs the ways in which each of us are called to seek justice together. Speakers and facilitators will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, 2SLGBTQQIA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice, and refugee rights. For more information: [https://cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together/](about:blank) |

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| **F:\0.Art Show\Gallery banner of the Arts Papyrus regular strong.jpg**  All of our featured artists now have their own album. To preview these, click on Media and choose the one you wish to visit. We hope to introduce you to the work of painter Dorothy Mosher after Easter. Our Gallery can be viewed at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/373394600384260](about:blank)  or  [https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery](about:blank)  Contact us by email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners Advocacy.jpg  **Good News - Bill C-230** The National Strategy to Redress Environmental Racism Act, passed its second reading this week!  **Bad News - Chuck Porter, NS Minister of Lands and Forestry did not meet with Jacob Fillmore on the 24th as planned/promised.** Jacob is the young man who has been on a hunger strike since March 7th in an effort to get the NS government to stop allowing clearcutting on Crown land to save the mainland moose and other endangered species and our precious forests. [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/mar/19/activist-on-hunger-strike-calls-on-canadian-government-to-halt-logging](about:blank)   1. Please 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.**   ·       Premier Iain Rankin: 902.424.8637 Constituency office: 902.404-7036  ·       Chuck Porter, Minister Lands and Forestry: 902-798-5779 or 902-424-5935  [chuck@chuckporter.ca](about:blank) or [mindnr@novascotia.ca](about:blank) Department of Lands and Forestry: (902) 679-6091  **The Council of Canadians is calling on parliamentarians to strengthen the**[**Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act**](about:blank) to give us a chance to attain net zero.  [https://canadians.org/action/petition-net-zero?utm\_source=Council+of+Canadians&utm\_campaign=dd57b74a6e-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2021\_03\_25\_02\_49&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_f477a42a0b-dd57b74a6e-383789016&mc\_cid=dd57b74a6e&mc\_eid=595c39542e](about:blank)  3)   **Demand Shift to Sustainable Society** The federal government is announcing is budget April 19, 2021 making significant investments to help the Canadian economy bounce back from the effects of COVID-19. Demand that these investments prioritize Canada’s shift towards a stronger, equitable, and more sustainable society – this means working to reverse climate change and species and habitat loss. See [https://oneearthonevoice.ca/](about:blank)  for info.  [https://davidsuzuki.org/action/green-and-just-recovery-budget-2021/?utm\_source=facebook&utm\_medium=page-link&utm\_campaign=greenRecovery-budget2021AdLink-en-18mar2021&fbclid=IwAR11Yy13Bi8o7fT6nEIjItsFRlplfjvLWV9K2b6Anf0Wihx86NbkC0cVuCQ](about:blank)  **Greenpeace Canada also concerned about the federal budget.** This petition asks the government to eliminate fossil fuel subsidies for good. [https://act.greenpeace.org/page/76340/action/1?ea.tracking.id=en\_fossil-fuels\_greenrecovery\_forestsigners\_email\_20210322\_sign\_ks\_lp\_buildbackfossilfree.email2\_c&locale=en-us&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=engagingnetworks&utm\_campaign=fossil-fuels&utm\_content=en+fossil-fuels+greenrecovery+forestsigners+email+20210322+sign+ks+lp+buildbackfossilfree.email2+c&ea.url.id=5219050](about:blank)  **IISD is launching the report** [***Investing for Tomorrow, Today: How Canada's Budget 2021 can enable critical climate action and a green recovery***](about:blank)***,*** co-signed by 9 of Canada’s leading environmental organizations. For more info: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/131GEL8WEnAyGg4c4ncvcUYlKZe6gleF7e4ZDnSVq3Yk/edit](about:blank)  4)   **The Royal Bank of Canada is the fifth largest fossil fuel funder in the world and the biggest one in Canada.** Since 2016, when the Paris climate agreement was signed, RBC has poured over $200 billion into dangerous fossil fuel projects that threaten the very existence of our planet.  https://act.stand.earth/page/27742/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=facebook-ads&utm\_source=facebook-ads&en\_og\_source=facebook-ads&utm\_medium=ads&fbid=23847607095670222&fbclid=IwAR0RVjZTlKuyw-9QdF\_KVnrQRPa\_OkrIMy0sWs3BKU3LfQMNKO4r-D2ldPQ |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Biodiversity.jpg  The debate over this topic continues. Here are some sites you may want to read:  **The Nova Scotia Advocate** – “ Sawing Off the Limb on Which We Are Sitting – The Case for a Strong and Undiluted Biodiversity Act”  [https://nsadvocate.org/2021/03/29/sawing-off-the-limb-on-which-we-are-sitting-the-case-for-a-strong-and-undiluted-biodiversity-act/?fbclid=IwAR2rA3WMKd23QXyZh0YUjzWsHmAPQpCSgX4s4ezL3NelyHPhsEuSVx6le\_w](about:blank)  **Forest Nova Scotia & The Mystery of Big Pockets video:** Forest Nova Scotia is running a very, very expensive ad campaign. All by itself, their full page full color ad in the Chronicle-Herald costed over $7,000. Meanwhile, they are running ads all over the internet and on radio stations all around the province. Persons in various regions of the province  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPki81YOAq4](about:blank)  Please visit DEN’s Facebook page and scroll to see more articles: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/101542159983749](about:blank) |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Raging Grannies.jpg  The local Halifax group disbanded several years ago and there is interest in reviving the group. You do not actually have to be a grandmother but it is for “older women”. Men can assist but not sing with the group. You do not have to be able to sing as in a choir. No auditions necessary! Simply a desire to make a statement of protest/encouragement/ demand for action – peace, social justice and environment- some of us have come together by common interest in climate crisis and care for environment through our faith groups (For Love of Creation, Sacred Earth/ Sacred People). And of course not worry about making a fool of oneself! I expect you have all experienced the Raging Grannies at some time or other. If you are interested, please email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) and we will put you in touch with Margaret Sagar who has graciously agreed to spearhead this new group. |

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| *F:\DEN Enews\banners Grandmas Going Green.jpg*  **Fog Fences** What is a fog fence? It is a way to collect water from fog. A mesh screen is stretched between two poles. Under the screen is a trough to collect the water that gravity feeds down the mesh. Water flows down the trough to a bucket. One thing we have here is lots of fog.  These were invented by a Canadian, Dr. Robert Schemenauer. He has worked in remote areas using a colony of 100-meter square fog fences on hills. Water is collected from the fog, drains into cisterns that is piped to a village to be used at home or in agriculture. His registered Canadian charity is called FOGQUEST. Good videos on that site.  Claudia has been thinking about community gardens. Many are in a central area without any taps for watering the gardens. In Blandford, the community gardens are back of the community center and they use the runoff from the center during rain showers. August is a long dry month, requiring gardeners to carry water from their homes. Fog is here most mornings. If Claudia’s fog fence works, she will try to get another one at the community centre to water the gardens there.  **Pate Brisee** Grandma likes to make only one pie for dessert for the family and loves this pastry recipe. Fill your shell with whatever fresh fruit is available or open a tin of pie filling.  1 ½ cups of flour  Dash of salt  6 tblps. Butter  2tblsp. Butter  3-4 tblps. Cold water  (IF doubling or tripling reduce a tblps. of butter for each addition, triple = 12 tbsp butter)  Blend the flour, salt, and fat together and add enough water to hold it together. Makes 2 crusts or 1 top and 1 bottom.  **Grandma Needs your Help*:***  *I need your help to collect all the R words I can find. So far, I have Reduce, Repurpose, Reuse, Refuse, Recycle, Repeat, Rent and my favorite Repair. Send me a message* [caz@grandmasgoinggreen.com](about:blank).  **Planting Kits** In Claudia’s words: “*My major work this week is starting the planting kits. Every year at least part of parish helps to make up the planting kits. Lorraine Willis alone HAND WRITES the type of seed on 300 seed packets. Before pandemic we would have a work party and a potluck at St. Cuthbert. Then I would travel to breakfasts, senior’s meetings and children’s groups and give them away.*  *Last year I struggled with trying to find a way to give away the kits. I made up 70 kits and put 40 of them out by the road with signs saying FREE PLANTING KITS. The first 40 were gone in a couple hours. I put the next 30 out the following Saturday and all but 3 were taken. Gardening suddenly has high interest.*  *Consider showing how to make a planting kit on your parish website. It is half an egg carton, a snack bag full of soil, seed packets printed out from the internet, cut out and glued. The plant markers are cut out from the covers of margarine, yogurt, and other plastic tubs. The whole thing in a brown paper bag with a tag stating it as a gift from the Parish of Blandford. Please share this idea.”*    Grandma says, Have a great Week!! |
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| Creator God, We acknowledge that as your handiwork, we stand alongside all that you have made. Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys, soaring birds and scuttling creatures, all are held within your care. May we grow in our love and appreciation for the fabulous variety around us; and may our awe and wonder draw us closer to the natural world, and through it to you, the God of all things. We pray in Jesus name, Amen. Revd Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism Officer, Diocese of Gloucester |