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| **April 20, 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.The Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) 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.”***  To do this we educate and encourage stewardship through social media and liturgies, connect with other environment groups, pray together, celebrate art with each other and grieve together. |
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| **Earth Day April 22nd and Earth Sunday April 18th**  For worship resources go to: [https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-resources](about:blank)  **Voices for Peace 2021 - Radical Hope, Radical Resistance TUESDAY, APRIL 20 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM ADT** *Recovering our Roots in the Community of Creation with Sylvia Keesmaat*In advance of Earth Day, we will hear from organic farmer, biblical scholar, teacher, and author Sylvia Keesmaat. Sylvia will discuss Recovering our Roots in the Community of Creation. She asks, “What if radical hope and radical resistance meant recovering the deep relationality of Creator and creation? What if such resistance re-placed us in our true story – a story of healing that flows through God, creation, and ourselves?”  Karri Munn-Venn of Citizens for Public Justice will respond, linking us to events and actions from the Faith-in-Action campaign. **Tickets $16.95**. Questions? Please email [voicesforpeace2021@gmail.com](about:blank) To Register: [https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/voices-for-peace-2021-radical-hope-radical-resistance-event-1-tickets-145579978635](about:blank)  **“Oh Poop” – TONIGHT! An Evening With Stella Bowles TUESDAY, APRIL 20 7:00 PM ADT** Join this Earth week webinar to learn about Stella Bowles science fair project that prompted a $15.7M cleanup of the LaHave River and talk about how young people can advocate for change.  This event is co-sponsored by The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and The Eastern Synod. To Register: [https://easternsynod.org/oh-poop/](about:blank)  **Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator – Virtual Forum WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 2:30 PM ADT** Join the Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator for ***"Laying the Groundwork"***, the first session in its free virtual forum with speakers: Dr. Diane Saxe, PhD, Anthony Schein, SHARE and Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ.  This event is sponsored by the [Global Catholic Climate Movement](about:blank), the Catherine Donnelly Foundation, and [Faith & the Common Good](about:blank). Questions? Please email: [gccm-canada@faithcommongood.org](about:blank)  To register: [https://www.faithcommongood.org/laying\_the\_groundwork](about:blank)  **PWRDF Webinar – Climate Change and Food Security THURSDAY, APRIL 22** **1:00-2:30 PM ADT** This webinar will examine the impact of climate change on food security and demonstrate how conservation agriculture is being used to address these impacts. Kevin Muneene Kamuya from Utooni Development Organization (UDO) in Kenya, will share details of a conservation agriculture project, and PWRDF staff member, Richard Librock will share why conservation agriculture is an important approach to address climate change. In addition, you will be introduced to the 2021 Creation Care: Climate Action learning modules that will also focus on climate change and food security. To register: [https://pwrdf.org/webinars](about:blank)  **For the Love of Creation Celebrate Earth Day Thursday April 22 -**  **2:00 pm ADT** Join us on Earth Day to celebrate the 1st anniversary of For the Love of Creation and discern our gifts for climate action in community. In preparation, please take a moment to reflect on your place in Creation. Step outside and take a photograph of your hands or feet on the Earth (toes in the mud, feet in a river, hands on a tree, arms around an animal) in a place where you feel connected with Creation. Post your photo to social media with this caption: “The path to climate justice begins with the places we love. #ForTheLoveOfCreation #EarthDay2021”  (please be sure to include the hashtags and email your photo to [flc.pac@gmail.com](about:blank)) To Register: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrdu-przkuGt04hqVvs2zRiUsejBwC6pfM](about:blank)  **Thursday Evening Gatherings on Zoom: April 22 @ 7 pm Blue whale poo and the challenges of climate change with David Ireland**.  Dave Ireland has studied and worked in the environmental sector for the last 25 years – he was a young ecologist in Algonquin Park, a curator of conservation at the Toronto Zoo, a director of biodiversity at the Royal Ontario Museum, and now a project manager with Parks Canada at Kejimkujik. Dave believes good storytelling is critical to protecting nature and has spent his career helping scientists tell their stories. Join Dave for an exciting virtual talk about 4 loosely connected, stories: 1) leeches love frog eggs, 2) roadlessness, 3) whale poo and our carbon budget, and 4) alien invaders of Kespu'kwitk.  **Blue Scarf Earth Day Rally FRIDAY, APRIL 23 8:00 PM ADT** Come join the Blue Scarf Movement to learn and motivate action for the Innu People of Labrador in Eastern Canada, and motivate stopping the new Fighter Jets being purchased by our government. This event will feature 2 books, *Nutaui’s Cap* which depicts a child's coming to understand the situation and how her family stands up; and *I Keep the Land Alive*, of a journey to stop NATO’s low-level flying and bomb testing during the 80’s and 90’s. Speakers include author Elizabeth Penashue, Tamara Lorincz and motivational live DJ Performance brought to you by SheCycle and DJ Kiish. Questions? Please email [bluescarf@she-cycle.org](about:blank)  **NOTE:** Please click "Yes, opt in to email updates" to subscribe to emails when RSVPing for this event you will not receive follow up emails about the event (including reminders, zoom links, updates, follow up emails with recordings and notes, etc). Co-sponsored by the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice, Pax Christi Toronto, World BEYOND War, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, SheCycle, Camp Micah, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Development and Peace Toronto, and KAIROS. |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners upcoming events.jpg  **Praying with the DEN Community** Morning Prayer every Friday at 9:30 by Zoom. To obtain the link, please email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank)  **DEN Ecological Grief Support Group:** The 3rd 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. For further information, contact:  Nancy Blair at [nancyblaircounselling@gmail.com](about:blank)  **Why does DEN offer sessions on EcoGrief? Read this article:** [https://thewalrus.ca/therapy-for-the-end-of-theworld/?fbclid=IwAR1trXXM8z5eNoXuLMELsCiMhYHuOKW99DoJQIHmuzQBJ4MnkCDC3GvFIzs](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)  **Canoe Raffle -** The Jijuktk'wejk Watershed Alliance is selling raffle tickets on a canoe! All proceeds from the raffle will directly support local river restoration and water-quality sampling to help our group meet our goal of a swimmable, drinkable and fishable Jijuktu’kwejk River.  Live draw, May 28, 2021. License # AGD-308688-21 The draw for a brand new Old Creel Canoe is now live- YOU can buy tickets to WIN A CANOE, and also support the restoration of the Cornwallis (Jijuktu'kwejk) River! Please visit the raffle page and buy some tickets- what if YOU win this beautiful, new, Old Creel canoe for a mere $10 or $20!!!  [https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/jwa](about:blank)  [https://www.facebook.com/JijuktukwejkWatershed](about:blank)  [https://jijuktukwejkwatershedalliance.wordpress.com/2021/04/03/win-a-canoe/](about:blank)  **The Bay of Fundy: Natural Wonder or Nuclear Industry Test Site?** This group is hosting two free webinars:  Panel 1 - Monday April 26 at 7:30 pm ADT.  Dr. Susan O’Donnell, UNB, moderator  Chief Hugh Akagi, Peskotomuhkati Nation (the Bay of Fundy and Peskotomuhkati peoples)  Dr. Gordon Edwards, Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility ( the Point Lepreau reactor vs the experimental reactors for the Bay of Fundy site)  Dr. Dale Dewar, Former Exec. Dir. Of Physicians for Global Survival (Chernobyl: what we learned about the health impacts from a nuclear disaster).  To register: [https://unbvirtualclasses.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_-RvkSs7aQTWEW4p4KNC2Ng](about:blank)  Panel 2 - Thursday April 29 at 7:30 pm ADT.  Dr. Janice Harvey, St. Thomas Univ. moderator  Dr. M.V. Ramana, UBC ( the sodium-cooled and molten salt experimental nuclear reactors planned for the Bay of Fundy site)  Dr. Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists USA (the experimental recycling of used nuclear fuel planned for the Bay of Fundy site  Chief Ron Tremblay, Wolastoq Grand Council ([https://nbmediacoop.org/2021/03/12/wolastoq-grand-council-resolution-on-nuclear-energy-and-waste-on-traditional-wolastoq-territory/](about:blank)  To register: [https://unbvirtualclasses.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_fm\_WiiS5QzulNiFv0I\_7ZA](about:blank)  **System Mapping Worshop** The intent of this work is to identify ways to reduce the imapcts of climate change and poverty. The goal is to create a common language for recognizing root causes and to create connection between different sectors. The first workshop, April 28th, 6-8 pm, will introduce the concept and the next one will practice finding collaborative solutions. The facilitator hopes to involve service providers and advocates in housing, homelessness, climate change, poverty and health fields with the goal of being community based.To register, please fill in the form by April 23rd. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaNAGtJwV7bPEWrf5-FMZH1i7KzecyKqYreF5f3Hp4yDYe8w/viewform](about:blank) |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Book Club.jpg  You’re invited to the BC – Yukon Kairos Spring Book Club featuring BRAIDED SWEETGRASS. A message from janet Gary, one of the facilitators: This will be our fourth time offering this bookclub and both Susan and I feel that this beautiful book has so many insights and the gifts to offer that we are enthusiastic about sharing it with others. Have you read it already? Would you consider sharing this Invite directly with either kairos friends or others in your circles? We have set the time so that it works for people to join us from eastern provinces as well as is out west.  Wednesdays April; 21/28. May 5/12/19. 4 – 515 pm Pacific time ( 8 pm to 915 pm Atlantic time). To register, email [graceful@shaw.ca](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 are currently featuring the paintings of Dorothy Mosher as well as poems from Lidvald Haugen-Strand paired with his photographs. 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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| **Editor’s Note** – We are so grateful to Eva Evans who diligently searches through so many petitions each week and distills them down to the ones we present here. It is our hope you action them. Many voices can make a change. |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners Advocacy.jpg    **Bill C-28 updates the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.** If it is passed, CEPA would become the first federal law to recognize the human right to a healthy environment — a long-overdue paradigm shift that could help ensure all people in Canada benefit from environmental-protection measures. **Send a message to your MP.**  [https://davidsuzuki.org/action/update-cepa/?utm\_source=mkto-first-englishBroadcast-button-body&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=updateCepa-newBillWouldStrengthen-en-16apr2021&mkt\_tok=MTg4LVZEVS0zNjAAAAF8eYee6zicynZrd6Ze7d6JoUP\_uMXtUhsAwv-dnZBZcr38xeIYj9g88UX\_fyWxnUbZR7BYYby55NXdLR2zYg269U4\_fsIiJ3HLsizg84qcGQtU](about:blank)  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Powerful oil lobby** Documents obtained through Access to Information reveal the federal government formed a secretive working group with the country’s most powerful oil lobby during the coronavirus pandemic, discussing reducing regulations, strengthening “investor confidence,” and creating post-pandemic opportunities for the industry. The working group was initiated at the behest of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), which represents 150 oil and gas companies and has frequently lobbied the government to delay climate action. During the pandemic, the Liberal government has granted new pipeline and fossil projects essential status and vigorously promoted them, increased public hand-outs to oil companies by 200 percent, and agreed to delay a Clean Fuels Standard that would have required producers to reduce the carbon-intensity of liquid fuels.  [https://act.350.org/sign/biden-summit-april/?akid=147776.2535335.SiGXEN&rd=1&source=350canadablast1&t=8](about:blank)  --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Emergency petition from LeadNow on the above**. The Climate Summit starts Thursday! “If thousands of us sign an emergency petition — to show Trudeau that his reputation is on the line, and urge him to meet the scale of the climate crisis with ambitious climate targets and a plan to meet them — we could help drown out the oil lobby.”  [https://act.leadnow.ca/climate-summit/?utm\_source=leadnow&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=blast2021-04-15](about:blank)  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **THINK CANADA IS A CLIMATE LEADER? A MAJORITY THINKS SO……. BUT ….ACTUALLY, CANADA RANKS 58TH OUT OF 61 COUNTRIES THAT PRODUCE 90% OF EMISSIONS. Please Sign A Petition to *Urgently* Increase Canada’s Climate Ambition and Action.** Canada’s federal government is rolling out its’ emissions targets, action plans and climate legislation that fall far short of meeting the level set by the IPCC in Paris in 2015. Read “**Why Getting to Paris with Trudeau Doesn’t Cut it**” at [**https://crednb.ca/2021/03/12/why-getting-to-paris-with-trudeau-doesnt-cut-it/**](about:blank)to see the emissions reduction targets and the scientific ‘advisory body’ Canada needs. If you agree, please sign the House of Commons Petition at [**https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3221**](about:blank)You will receive a ‘No Reply’email from the House of Commons to open and respond to, confirming that you were the person who signed the petition. Jenica Atwin, MP for Fredericton NB, has agreed to present the petition in the House of Commons. It will remain open until May 11, 2021, so please share it as widely as possible!  ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------     **Ask the CEOs of *Ferrero, Mars, Mondelēz, and Nestlé* to** investigate and publicly disclose the footprint of their global forest-risk commodity supply chains, investments or financing on forests and peatlands as well as impacts on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and frontline communities.  [https://act.ran.org/page/18091/action/1?ea.tracking.id=ad\_fbaq&en\_og\_source=ad\_fbaq&fbclid=IwAR3Dt54A3UM-Dxb06sVjpC\_W5RC7T\_K2e0-GhqA2zffqF5r8bqw6ZZG\_FfE](about:blank)  --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Since 2007, palm oil imports to Canada are up 400%**. They could go up even more if a trade deal with Indonesia, the largest palm oil producer in the world, is signed. This would lead to more rainforest destruction, loss of biodiversity and harm to indigenous communities.  [https://act.greenpeace.org/page/80362/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=en\_forests\_palmoil\_score1\_email\_20210415\_sign\_sm\_sb\_forests.palmoil.tradedeal.launch%20A2&locale=en-us&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=engagingnetworks&utm\_campaign=forests&utm\_content=en+forests+palmoil+supporters+email+20210415+sign+sm+sb+forests.palmoil.tradedeal.launch+A2&ea.url.id=5257193&forwarded=true](about:blank)  **Save Little Harbour/Owls Head Nova Scotia from Becoming Golf Courses** This group is asking for help to distribute signs in Cape Breton, Truro, New Glasgow, Kentville, or elsewhere in the province.  If you are interested in getting a yard sign, bumper sticker, or car decal to show your support, please comment below with the name of your community. You can find more information on their Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/groups/saveowlshead/](about:blank)  Here is more information from this dedicated group:  **Paper petition**  We ask that Nova Scotians please print off a copy of the paper petition, ask your friends and family to sign it, and mail the signature page back to Sydnee Lynn at the address provided on page 2. If you don’t feel comfortable asking people outside your bubble to sign in person due to Covid-19, you can email or PM the document to your coworkers, neighbours, and other concerned citizens with these directions.  Stop the Sale. Save Our Parks.  More information: [https://saveowlshead.org/petition/](about:blank) **Artists for Owls Head**  We are looking for artists, photographers, songwriters, poets, sculptors, and other creative folks to help capture the rugged beauty of Owls Head Provincial Park. More information: [https://saveowlshead.org/artists-for-owls-head-call-for.../](about:blank)  **Follow us on Instagram** [https://www.instagram.com/saveowlshead/](about:blank) [#SaveOwlshead](about:blank)  **Dalhousie Marine Biologist calls sensitive eel grass at Owls Head “treasure”**  [https://www.halifaxtoday.ca/local-news/dalhousie-marine-biologist-calls-sensitive-eel-grass-at-owls-head-treasure-3630438?utm\_source=dlvr.it&utm\_medium=facebook&fbclid=IwAR2jH4zXRbSzdGGUKyK1D2691kdq2ZyGrCLXOT7KtJVspz8palF4pF\_hdxs](about:blank) |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Biodiversity.jpg  Interesting article by Joan Baxter in the Halifax Examiner: Communications Specialist: “hundreds of thousands of dollars” were spent to produce “blatant lies” for the campaign against the Biodiversity Act.  [https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/province-house/communications-specialist-hundreds-of-thousands-of-dollars-were-spent-to-produce-blatant-lies-for-the-campaign-against-the-biodiversity-act/?fbclid=IwAR0rkVjSHrMmtqfCDN17-yRJe9mINnWC\_KGHTg\_H\_EhKy3\_c6tsjSrr4wk8](about:blank)  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  Helga Guderly’s letter published in the Chronicle Herald on April 14.2021  Wednesday morning, John Demont’s lovely description of the pleasure of seeing, hearing and identifying birds, newly returned to our sound- and landscapes was truly enjoyable to read. Yes, it is the time, the birds are singing, seeking their nests and partners. It was truly exciting to see a pair of ospreys returning to Boutiliers Pt.! We worry that the cold snaps that characterize this time of year may be hard on the birds in our immediate environment and thrill to the sight of a bird’s nest in nearby trees. Less thrilling is the thought that in our woods, forestry activities continue in the midst of the bird nesting season, in contravention of the Migratory Bird Convention which Canada has signed. Demont reminds us that 174 bird species nest in Nova Scotia every year and that another 62 species pass through or reside in our peninsular province at certain times of the year. The nesting season is exciting for us, but to keep nesting seasons in our futures, logging and roadside clearing should stop during the nesting season. Let us keep singing springs in our future.  Helga Guderley, Boutiliers Pt |
| F:\DEN Enews\banners Mobilize local govt.jpg  The David Suzuki Foundation has created an online guide to help you work with local governments to build a healthy, sustainable future together. To find out more:  [https://davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/your-voice-at-the-table-guide-to-mobilizing-local-government-climate-action/?utm\_source=mkto-second-englishBroadcast-button-body&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=localClimateActionGuide-ourNewGuide-en-11apr2021&mkt\_tok=MTg4LVZEVS0zNjAAAAF8X8fs0Izdeh8XZYIZUp1Wmp3r\_CEa6zpQdv-X6ZG6vwq9S\_pDwCb2xHk-YRNyNLGT\_jPz-YZX8B710x8wJa-TsfUcmaBgRnp7Xqj99uPPZBLm](about:blank) |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Good news.jpg  The federal government is providing funding for every public elementary school across Nova Scotia to build outdoor learning spaces. Schools will be able to access funding to create school gardens, nature-based outdoor seating areas, shelters and outdoor performance areas.  [https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/04/new-outdoor-learning-spaces-to-be-created-for-all-public-nova-scotia-elementary-schools.html?fbclid=IwAR2BlxvOHWqYibKbe\_EZA3ErQQHmrw2NDhgtIphFmJ\_G4azHxe-0\_jBQPzk](about:blank) |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Rogation.jpg  The Sixth Sunday of Easter is also known as Rogation Sunday. This year it is May 9th. Want to know more?  [https://anglicancompass.com/rogation-days-a-rookie-anglican-guide/](about:blank)  [https://anglicancompass.com/rogation-days/](about:blank) |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Green Burial.jpg  Rabbi David Ellis has sent us the following editorial in response to an article advertising tha Colorado looks to legalize “human composting”.  “I've had arguments with people over the years who want a "green funeral." I've pointed out that, without that being the oringnal intention, the traditional Jewish funeral is a green funeral.   Everyone in Jewish life is buried the same way, rich or poor. Wooden box.  No metal at all in it.  It is held together by wooden pegs. In Jerusalem they even dispense with the coffin.  Just carry them out on a plank and slide them into the ground and bury them. Usually the casket has holes drilled in the bottom, so that the person will literally return to the earth.  Everyone is buried in the same clothes, one set for men, another for women.  All simple, made out of linen.I was told by a funeral director up in Moncton, New Brunswick, several years ago that--hey, you guys are doing the funerals right.  But don't tell anyone.  If everyone did it your way, we wouldn't make any money. Indeed in some cities the Jews run their own funeral facilities.  Expenses only to cover costs.  And, of course, provisions would be made for anyone lacking. In one city I know of they do things this way.  They do it so well that people are grateful and make enormous donations, far beyond the needs of the cemetery.  The committee redistributes the money back into community needs.  And--oh, yes.  There's something special about the clothes. They have no pockets. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Raging Grannies.jpg  The Halifax Raging Grannies are back with an all new cast of characters! Their debut at the no-fighter-jets protest organized by NS Voice of Women for Peace was well received and the group has been welcomed by other RG gaggles and former RGs. We would love to increase our numbers and are looking forward to more gigs. There’s plenty to rage about! Contact quarterdeck@ ns.sympatico.ca. |

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| **Editor’s Note** – We are grateful to Grandma aka Claudia Zinck for her contributions to this Enews. In a newsletter with often depressing topics that can lead to despair, Claudia offers us joy. We hope you are sharing these projects and having fun with them. If you are, please share with us your photos.  *F:\DEN Enews\banners Grandmas Going Green.jpg*  Hello there.  Grandma has been busy starting her gardens this week. I know it is cold but the seeds are ready and the will to dig in the garden is great.  We wouldn’t put pumpkin or peppers in the ground yet but we can start onions and carrots right now. They can handle even snow.  For years I grew, well, puny onions. They made great salad onions. I wanted to grow those big onions, braiding the stalks and hanging them in the shed to dry.  Onions need lots of sunlight. They also like to keep their feet dry. Onion seed is great to plant as soon as the ground thaws. Onion sets can be planted in mid-April. Bury them with an inch or so of soil over them. Plant them in well-drained soil or on the higher edge of your garden.  Carrots seed can go in now. Remember carrots send out one long root. When it hits a rock or hard-packed ground it stops. That determines how long your carrot will be. Although some varieties of carrots are developed to be short or long, how good your soil is dug up determines really how long or short each variety will be.  I would love to hear from other gardeners on tricks or words of wisdom they may have.  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **BIRD FEEDERS**  The birds need a little bit of help right now.  They got through winter but the ground is still bare. It is time to make nests and lay eggs.  Although suet snacks are nice in winter, they don’t need as much fat right now. They need seeds.  For this project, you will need toilet tissue tubes, a butter knife, a dish or tray to put the birdseed on plus some type of peanut butter, sunflower butter, wonder-butter you may use in your house.  Simply smear the “butter” on the tube and roll it in seed  The great thing about this bird feeder is that you do not need a hanger. Simply slip it over a branch of the tree.  Now it may seem like we are littering as when the birds are finished that cardboard tube may blow around. If they aren’t picked up they will decompose and go back into the ground. We feed the birds and decompose the container back to the Earth.  I think we only repurposed here for one **R** but we gave the birds some much-needed energy for spring.  These photos were taken at one of our planting nights in Blandford when it was safe to gather.  **GREEN STORY**  Remember how last week China was the bad guy pumping the water out of the Aral Sea? I thought I better tell you a story where they are the good guys  In January of 2018, before the pandemic, when all businesses were “growing”, China said that reclaiming land or building in marshlands was destroying the ecospheres of marshland birds.  Stopping multi-million dollar businesses just to save marshland for birds to stop at during their migration routes would seem silly to most. It didn’t to China. (Credit where credit is earned.) China has a sandpiper similar to ours. A spoon-billed sandpiper, but very similar. They are considered CRITICALLY endangered. Thanks to the new laws, these birds that rest in coastal marshes on their migration paths, will have a place to land in the future  I found a picture of their sandpiper on ebird.org  **SWEET TREAT – MUD PIES**  Cup and a bit of sugar, honey, sweetener of your choice  ½ cup butter  3 cups rolled oats  6 Tblsp cocoa powder  ½ cup milk  Vanilla extract (1 tsp)  Then nuts, coconut, pumpkin seeds, flax seeds, hemp hearts, whatever fancy you want to add  Heat butter and sugar until it is melted and boiling  Add the rest of the ingredients  Drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper covered cookie sheet  Put in a cool place for half an hour (or at least try to)  Yummy treat  I always like to hear any green stories. Have received a few notes I will tell you about next week. Here is a green story from Blandford. Last year, 10-year-old Paityn Gates took home one of our planting kits. It turned into a nice box garden project. She loved gardening so much that this year Daddy Kyle had to build a greenhouse for her.  In our Parish, people are cutting apart the egg cartons that my thumbs don’t like to do anymore. Others are labeling 300 seed packets that were cut out and glued together. We are just days away from EARTH DAY. Let’s celebrate GREEN  Grandmas sending hugs |
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| As we celebrate Earth Day this week, let us be grateful for all who work so hard to mitigate the effects of climate change and all who teach that a small individual change can make a collective difference.  **A Prayer of Gratitude for Creation**  God of the universe, we thank You for Your many good gifts -  For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,  For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.  Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources  for granted and wasted what You have given us.  Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share,  to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.  We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference,  and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water.  Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share your gifts,  today and always. Amen.  - Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland |