

REAPS



REPORT

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May 2025

COMING EVENTS

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- 3 Composting 101 (REAPS)
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- 6 Vermicomposting zoom
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- 20 Vermicomposting zoom
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REAPS Executive Director Celebrates 30 years!

Terri McClymont completing her BSc at Lakehead University, submitted a resume before leaving Ontario to REAPS for the Garden Educator position. She landed the position and started with REAPS on May 5, 1995, at the REAPS Compost Demonstration Garden, located in what is now Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park. Sally Dabb and REAPS volunteers/board had initially built the garden, and a year later, the responsibilities were handed over to Terri. Over the years, this garden had grown into an award-winning space, hosting numerous residents, school children, and visitors.

Terri developed many community outreach programs based on environmental education. These initiatives led to the creation of over 33 school programs that continue to be delivered today. Through her dedication to the community and REAPS, the awareness of environmental issues has significantly increased. Programs covered various topics, including backyard composting, water conservation, food waste reduction, and the practice of the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle). What started as a small non-profit group continues to gain recognition throughout the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) and province.

REAPS continues to deliver various presentations and workshops aimed at promoting sustainable practices and environmental education. Through Terri's passion, REAPS participates in many stewardship reviews and conferences, and shares knowledge with other organizations, businesses, and non-profits.

One of the most difficult challenges faced was in 2022, when the search for a new location for the educational garden began. After 28 years downtown, the relocation process became essential. In 2024, the efforts culminated in the establishment of the Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden, a hub and educational space that will continue to serve the community by fostering environmental awareness and sustainable practices.

The new garden located on UNBC property on top of the plateau, features expanded facilities, including a larger composting area, a greenhouse, and soon to have a dedicated space for workshops and classes. As the second year of growing begins REAPS looks forward to it becoming a focal point for community events related to sustainability, hosting many workshops, plant sales, and eco-fairs. The garden also offers volunteer opportunities for residents to get involved in hands-on environmental stewardship and gardening.

Terri's vision and leadership have transformed REAPS into a vibrant community asset, inspiring future generations to adopt sustainable practices and care for the environment. Her work with REAPS has not only educated thousands but also created a lasting legacy of environmental stewardship in the region.



REAPS NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

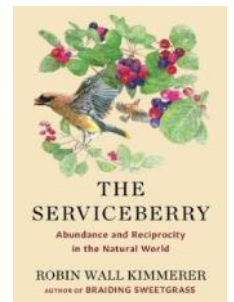
<https://earth911.com/>

We believe humans can successfully reduce their impact by using less, reusing and recycling more, and constantly making small improvements through their daily decisions at home, while shopping, at work, and at play. More ideas make less waste.

Book of the Month

[The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World](#) by Robin Wall Kimmerer

As Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and ecological systems to reimagine currencies of exchange?



Support waste management solutions via community engagement, learning & opportunities to participate in creating healthy environments at home, school and in the communities of the RDFFG.

THANK YOU!

City of Prince George for the Limited Duration 2 Year Operating Grant

This funding will be put towards our insurance, rent and professional fees.



Supported by a grant from the City of Prince George



GARDEN WORK PARTY

Join us at the REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden (refreshments served)

- ✓ Tidying up the garden
- ✓ Adding soil to the raised beds
- ✓ Weeding
- ✓ Mulching
- ✓ Planting

SIGN UP TODAY

✉ volunteer@reaps.org
☎ 250-561-7327

SATURDAY
MAY 3RD
10 AM TO 2 PM



Pallet Composter Workshop

Salvage & Upcycle Wood Pallets

Build: your own pallet composter.

Hands-On Training: Safely break down pallets.

Reduce Food Waste: Backyard Compost

Register at recycling@reaps.org
to ensure we have enough pallets
May 24 10 - noon
June 14 10 - noon



Turn this
into that.



SUMMER Solstice in the Garden

June 20 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



LOCAL NEWS



SAVE THE DATE! NORTHERN ROOTS SYMPOSIUM RETURNS SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

The Northern Roots Symposium: Growing Connections, Building Tomorrow is back on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre. This annual event brings together farmers, industry professionals, and community members to explore new agricultural practices, share knowledge, and build valuable connections.

We are now accepting booth and speaker registrations! If you're passionate about agriculture, have expertise to share, or want to showcase your products or services, we encourage you to get involved. Booth space is free, and speaking opportunities are available for those eager to contribute to the conversation.

Introducing the Harvest Showdown!

Get ready to show off your best harvest! Our Harvest Showdown competition will celebrate the hard work of growers in Mackenzie BC.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be part of Northern BC's growing agricultural network!

To register or learn more, visit Northern Roots Symposium or contact Rachelle Richman at info@districtofmackenzie.ca or (250) 997-3221 ext. 223.



Tomato & Pepper Plant Sale

Saturday, May 3rd 8:30am to 2:00pm

Indoors at the Prince George Farmers Market

1310 3rd Avenue, Prince George

Over 50 varieties of TOMATO PLANTS. You will have a choice of red, pink, orange, yellow, purple, chocolate or black fruited tomatoes. Sizes and shapes vary from currant, cherry, pear, plum and beefsteak varieties with tiny to monster fruit weighing over 500g. There will also be dwarf, patio and hanging varieties for those that have little gardening space.

Construction of Ancient Forest interpretive centre to begin this summer

source: Rocky Mtn Goat

Plans for the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation's interpretive centre at the Ancient Forest/Chun T'oh Whudujut Provincial Park are coming to fruition. In March requests for proposals were released.

This space will be over 4,000 square feet and powered by solar energy and have accommodations for staff and visitors to rent. A local gift shop is also planned.

Construction on the building and a new board walk will begin this May with a completion set for end of 2027. The construction will not interfere with visitors accessing the park.

[For more info](#)

19K litres of diesel spilled near Valemount

source: Rocky Mtn Goat

A fuel truck carrying approx. 19,000 litres of diesel was involved in a motor vehicle accident on March 21st south of Valemount.

Environmental Emergency Response Officers accessed the site. The transport truck and both of its tank trailers were damaged due to the incident. Diesel was found spilled from rear tank trailer only.

A remediation plan is in the works according to the Ministry of Environment and Parks.

Normal volume of spring runoff forecasted for Upper Fraser East Area

The upper Fraser area from Valemount to Prince George saw a slight drop in snowpack levels this February and in March the region sat at 81% of normal snowpack load and currently at 75%.

[For more info](#)

AROUND BC

[Ginter's Green at centre of latest Official Community Plan hearing](#) PG Citizen

[UNBC student clearing the air on causes of pollution](#) CKPG Today

[City to renew deal with Lakeland Mills to fuel downtown energy system](#) PG Daily News

[Council pushes to be more bear aware](#) CKPG Today

[Electric vehicle association call for more supports amid looming election](#) CKPG Today

[Victoria deconstruction bylaw diverts 200 tonnes from landfill](#) Victoria News

[Massive Site C dam work camp — complete with gym and movie theatre — could be headed to a B.C. landfill](#) CBC

[Residents significantly reduce contamination in recycling](#) City of Mission-Goldstream News

[Agricultural land commissioner weighs in on premier's task force](#) PG Citizen

[UNBC student clearing the air on causes of pollution](#) PG Citizen



AROUND CANADA

[What We Heard Report: Feedback on the consultation addressing plastic waste and pollution from the textile and apparel sector](#) Gov't of Canada

[Trash to Treasure: Canadian before-and-after projects that transform communities](#) Environment Journal

[Call2Recycle and Staples Professional Expand Partnership to Enhance Battery Recycling Solutions for Canadian businesses](#) Cision

[Dumped fruit ended up in N.B. landfill because donating would have been too risky, group says](#) CBC\

[Alberta ranks number one in beverage container recycling](#) rdnewsNOW

[Turning wind turbine blades into boats: Recycling fibreglass and resins](#) National Observer

[Drawing \(on\) a decade of climate change in the North](#) The Narwhal

[Alberta oil and gas companies could avoid cleanup costs by installing solar panels: government report](#) The Narwhal

[Can Canada grow more of its own food? Greenhouses, vertical farming make it possible, experts say](#) CBC



AROUND THE WORLD

[Sixteen-Year-Old Student Turns Banana Peels Into Bioplastic](#) Inhabitat

[UN maritime body approves carbon levy on shipping emissions](#) edie

[UK pension funds commit nearly £300m to green energy and innovation projects](#) Edie

[SMEs taking climate action to manage risk and appeal to customers](#) Edie

[The European towns that give away free chickens](#) BBC

[NASA Seeks Innovators for Lunar Waste Competition](#) Explore

[Robots to the rescue: Automated disassembly for e-waste recycling](#) TechXplore

[3D-printed homes made from recycled polymers win innovation award](#) Recycling Product News

[“More effective measures” needed to tackle food waste in EU](#) Circular



AROUND PRINCE GEORGE



Prince George
2 Community Input Workshop

Visioning our Local Food System
Informing a local Food Policy Council



Date: May 12th **Time:** 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Prince George Native Friendship Centre
1600 3rd Ave, Prince George

Help inform the vision for our local PG Food System + Food Policy Council
Learn about the event by following QR Code



JOIN US

Contact Us @

Email: foodsystemsnorth@gmail.com
f food Systems North Project PG



Prince George
Online Community Input Workshop

Visioning our Local Food System
Food Charter & Food Policy Council Development



Date: May 21st **Time:** 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Online Gathering
To Sign Up: Email us to register or follow QR code

Help inform what a strong, vibrant local food system looks like for PG.
Learn about the event by following QR Code



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SATURDAY, 10 May 2025
Celebrating Pitch-In & Spring Clean up



Garage Sale Bonanza
CN CENTRE PARKING LOT

Open to the PUBLIC 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Stop by and shop!

VENDORS - 100 + STALLS

- set up starting at 7:30 a.m.
- book a stall (\$35)
- Sell items from the trunk of your car
- Donate left over items to AimHi & Diabetes

To book a stall go to
www.eventbrite.ca
More information call:
REAPS 250-561-7327
email: events@reaps.org
or call




DAVID DOUGLAS BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY



2025 Spring Plant Sale
A Growing Tradition!



Sunday, May 18th
and
Monday, May 19th
10:00am ~ 2:00pm

UNBC Parking Lot A
and
DDBGS Compound

annuals, perennials
flowers, vegetables
herbs, fruits, grasses
trees, shrubs,
specialty plants,
seeds, houseplants
and much more

www.ddbotgarden.bc.ca

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Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Spring Cocktail Recipes Made with Leftover Produce

Fruit and veggie based cocktails are fantastic solutions for soft, overripe produce. Using leftover fruits and vegetables in cocktails offers several benefits: it reduces food waste, adds unique flavors and nutrients, and can be a sustainable practice. Leftovers like overripe citrus, extra herbs, and berry scraps can be transformed into delicious and visually appealing cocktail ingredients or garnishes.

[Recipes Here](#)



Photo by [Nico Ruzin](#) on [Unsplash](#)

RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

Recycled Bird Feeder

Using recycled items for bird feeders is beneficial because it promotes environmental stewardship by reducing waste and reusing materials that would otherwise end up in landfills. Additionally, some recycled materials, like certain plastics, can be durable and easy to clean, potentially leading to healthier feeders for birds.

Search your recycle bins and find items (tin cans, milk jugs, milk cartons, pop bottles etc.) and create your own backyard bird feeder and get your binoculars ready!



The few dollars from your membership makes a much bigger difference than you may realize!

Students and Seniors: \$5.00
Individual: \$8.00
Family: \$15.00
Business: \$25.00

CHARITABLE DONATION:

REAPS provides charitable tax receipts for any donation over \$20

Consider donating to our Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden near UNBC

To Donate:

Mail to: PO Box 444 PG, BC V2L 4S6
e-transfer to: recycling@reaps.org
paypal on our website www.reaps.org

in "notes" state what payment is for ie/ membership; donation

