



Stream of Dreams News

Newsletter of the Stream of Dreams Murals Society

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To date more than 62,000 Stream of Dreams participants have learned how to help take care of water.

Our program delivery growth curve since 2000:



SDMS Has A New Home

When we were moving in it looked so big, but we have rapidly filled up the new Stream of Dreams office and storage space in south Burnaby (Unit 182 - 5489 Byrne Rd. right next to Byrne Creek, the stream that inspired the Stream of Dreams!) with workstations for three or four people, two great worktables, shelves full of fish and other gear and a nice little coffee corner. We are thrilled to have everything out of our homes after 7 years, and a place for meetings and for volunteers and staff to gather and work on projects.



Louise and Joan at the new office

The new office is up and running thanks to donations of office furniture from several sources and a cash donation from the Terasen Gas Employees' Warm Hearts Foundation for office equipment: phones, router, multifunction printer, and other tech equipment – all that stuff we took for granted in our homes! Drop by to visit if you are in the neighbourhood; you can't miss it for all the fish in the window. It might be a good idea to call ahead to make certain someone is in if you are dropping by. 604-434-4304.

Our O-fish-al office warming is on January 18th from 4:00-7:00 pm.
#182 - 5489 Byrne Road, Burnaby BC. Don't miss it!

A Visit from Environment Minister Penner

The Vancouver Island Team wrapped up their fall season with a project at Oakland's Elementary, Victoria where they had the privilege of a visit from BC Environment Minister Barry Penner. He joined a Grade 5 class and painted his Dreamfish which was added to the school's lasting art legacy that now beautifies and inspires the community. He is pictured here showing the students his fish and thanking them for doing their part in protecting local aquatic habitat.



Team Training - Toronto



Stream of Dreamers at Dewson School in Toronto
From left: Paola, parent organizer at Dewson; Alison, of Credit Valley Conservation; Kelly, Cindy and Jennifer from Bay Area Restoration Council and Hamilton Conservation Authority; Maya, Lucille and Lisa from Quinte Conservation; Amy from Credit Valley, and Louise from Burnaby.

Parents, students, teachers, community members and SDMS celebrated the first Stream of Dreams in Toronto at Dewson Street Public School on October 19. It was great fun learning about the lost streams, Dewson and Morrison Creek and sharing our new knowledge with the community through the Stream of Dreams story and creative process.

Dewson also served as a training ground for three new Ontario teams and a refresher course for a new Halton team member. Three new regions along Lake Ontario are now served by the program: Hamilton - Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and Hamilton Conservation Authority; Mississauga - Credit Valley Conservation; and Belleville - Quinte Conservation. Credit Valley has already done three school projects; Conservation Halton and BARC have projects scheduled for the spring. We are pleased that the Stream of Dreams vision of clean water and healthy water habitats for fish and people is spreading successfully.

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Stream of Dreams in Calgary on Hold

While the Calgary pilot project in June was successful, with two schools participating in the program, the person we trained to be the Stream of Dreams Coordinator left Calgary and her position with Trout Unlimited for an exciting new job with Parks Canada shortly after the project. We hope others will eventually come forward in Calgary. We certainly have a list of schools that would like to do the program.

Stream of Dreams Across the Border

In February we will make Stream of Dreams history with the first USA project. We are working with Columbia Elementary School in Bellingham to launch a pilot project outside Canada.

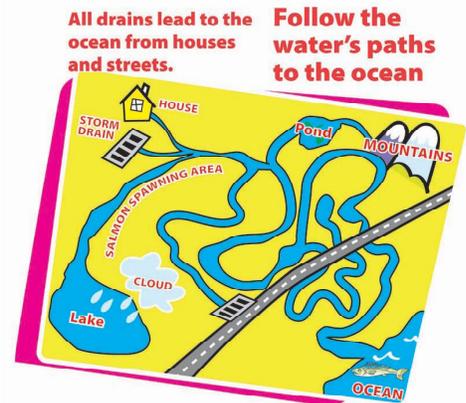
Middle Schools

This year SDMS had the opportunity to add middle schools to our program delivery: Scott Creek Middle School in Coquitlam, Lake Trail Middle School in Courtenay and a four class project at Maple Creek Middle School in Port Coquitlam.

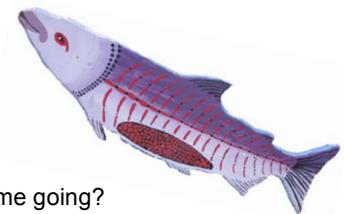
Headwaters meeting – SDMS Team member gathering

The first "Headwaters Gathering", a meeting of Stream of Dreams instructors, project coordinators and board members took place on July 10, 2007 in Burnaby. During the day we had the opportunity to get to know team members from various locations, to share ideas, brainstorm about water education and to share what Stream of Dreams means to us. As we introduced ourselves it was amazing to hear of the varied backgrounds and experiences that our instructors bring to Stream of Dreams and how this diverse group of individuals each has a deep passion and respect for water and aquatic life. We had so much fun at the first Headwaters Gathering, we'd like to do it again. In 2008 we'd like to see the gathering grow and provide the opportunity for more participation.

We are planning to hold the next gathering the weekend of July 4th to 6th, 2008.



Water finds its way to the ocean; spawning salmon find their way to the spawning grounds – featured in Brentwood Town Centre's Buddies Kids Club Newsletter as part of their Whales and Watercolours event which included a Stream of Dreams project.



President's Message - November 2007

Water Quote:

Irrigation of the land with seawater desalinated by fusion power is ancient. It's called 'rain'.

Michael McClary

What is it about Stream of Dreams that keeps me involved, that keeps me going? I think that answering that question would reveal a lot about our organization.

First the people. "It's the people" is a tired cliché touted by corporate management and consultants, but our people are our power. We have an incredible group of dedicated, focused, creative people who believe in what they are doing, and who have fun doing it. The SDMS program simply could not be delivered in an effective manner without passionate people. That is true for all of our teams -- they simply would not work if they were not made up of self-sacrificing, hard-working, inspirational people.

Second our program. These days we are inundated by doom and gloom. I was recently at a conference where a keynote was entitled: "Is Humanity Inherently Unsustainable?" Ouch! Yet our program is one of environmental education, art and hope that targets children -- children who have the opportunity of being better stewards of Earth than previous generations have.

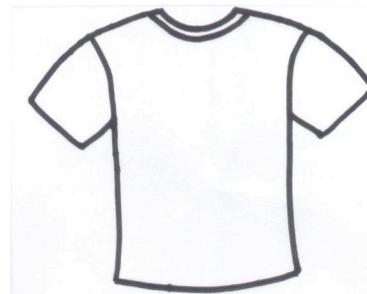
And last, our culture of doing rather than stewing. SDMS just keeps getting things done, and somehow the funding and administration follow. Like the salmon that guide us, we stubbornly keep swimming upstream. Here's to great developments in 2008!

Paul Cipywnyk

T-Shirt Design Contest

Stream of Dreams Murals Society is looking for a new design for its next run of t-shirts and is inviting anyone interested to submit designs for consideration. Our Board of Directors will choose their favorite entry, and it will become the new shirt for SDMS team members and supporters.

Entries can be dropped off at or mailed to the SDMS office or you can email your scanned image in to info@streamofdreams.org. Please include your name, email address and phone number when submitting your design.



Entries do not need to be perfectly drawn; great concepts and ideas will be equally considered. Enter as often as you like. Deadline is May 31st. 2008

The prize for the winning design is: A t-shirt and an original painting by our artist/founder Louise Towell.

2007 Projects

Stream of Dreams teams have been very busy this year sharing our message of keeping waterways clean and healthy for aquatic life, reaching 18,000 participants. This brings the total number of participants to over 62,000 with over 190 projects completed since 2000.

Burnaby Team

Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Whistler area, BC

Burnaby	Kitchener Elementary Salmontrain Mural in Motion
Chilliwack	Vedder Elementary
Coquitlam	Rochester Elementary Scott Creek Middle School
Langley	Simonds Elementary
Lytton	Lytton River Festival
Maple Ridge	Fairview Elementary Websters Corner Elementary
North Vancouver	Blueridge Elementary Eastview Elementary
Port Coquitlam	Maple Creek Middle School Cedar Drive Elementary Irvine Elementary
Prince George	Westwood Elementary School
Richmond	Quilchena Elementary School Az-Zahra Islamic Academy Sea Island School
Surrey	Creekside Elementary Surrey Christian Elementary Crescent Park Elementary
Vancouver	McBride Annex Van Horne Elementary Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Elementary Franklin Elementary
Whistler	Spring Creek Community School

Alberta – Burnaby Team/Calgary trainees

Calgary	Catherine Nichols Gunn Elementary (Trainees) St. Bede School (Calgary Team pilot)
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Ontario – Burnaby Team

Toronto	Dewson Street Junior Public School (Including training for 3 new ON teams)
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Kootenay Region – Nelson Team

Balfour	Redfish Elementary School
Kaslo	J.V. Humphries School

North Okanagan Region, BC – Lumby Team

Kamloops	Beattie Elementary School of the Arts
Kelowna	Kelowna 2007 Earth Day project with Vedanta School
Midway	Midway/Greenwood Elementary
Salmon Arm	Hillcrest Elementary School

Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands, BC – Victoria Team

Comox	Brooklyn Elementary
Courtenay	Lake Trail Middle School Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary Ecole Oceane Elementary
Nanaimo	Deep Cove Elementary
North Sannich	Pender Island Elementary
Pender Island	Quadra Island Elementary
Quadra Island	Sasseenos Elementary
Sooke	Ecole Brodeur Elementary
Victoria	St. Margaret's Elementary Happy Valley Elementary Margaret Jenkins Elementary Quadra Elementary Strawberry Vale Elementary Glenlyon Norfolk Elementary Sundance Elementary Wishart Elementary Oaklands Elementary



Cariboo Region, BC – Horsefly Team

150 Mile	150 Mile Elementary
Dog Creek	Dog Creek Elementary
Likely	Likely School
Prince George	Westwood Elementary Rivers Day Music Festival 2007

Ontario

Conservation Halton Team

Burlington	Burlington Children's Festival Tom Thomson Public School
Oakville	Gladys Speers Elementary St. Mildred's-Lightburn School

Credit Valley Conservation Team

Erin	Erin Public School St. John Brebeuf Catholic School
Belfountain	Belfountain Public School

Dreamfish Ride the SalmonTrain

The SalmonTrain rolling along the Skytrain rails was a dream come true for Stream of Dreams artist/founder Louise Towell. With a Stream of Dreams style mural on the outside and educational graphics on the floor and ceiling inside, the SalmonTrain gently educated thousands of riders about storm drains and creeks from September to the end of November. The SalmonTrain was proposed as a Stream of Dreams action for the Rivershed Society of BC's Project Rivershed Brunette pilot to promote and communicate taking care of salmon by changing behaviors. It soon became the Project Rivershed campaign tool.

The following made the SalmonTrain a reality: Rivershed Society, Lamar Advertising, Translink, 3M, and Skytrain. – Thank you all! Great job!



Thank You to Our Major Supporters for 2007

Stream of Dreams Murals Society has received terrific support this year from the **Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program**, the **Gaming Branch of the Province of BC**, **General Paint**, **Terasen Gas**, the **City of Burnaby**, **Master Halco** and **Fisheries and Oceans Canada**.

In addition, each individual Stream of Dreams project relies on hard work and support from many people and organizations. Community members, school parents, local high schools and some correctional facilities have

helped make wooden fish. **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation** provided funding for 11 schools across the country in 2007 to bring the program in!!! Thank you to the TD FEF community boards who helped students in Victoria, Courtenay, Comox, Vancouver, Coquitlam, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, and Toronto learn about their watersheds and create beautiful murals. **VanCity** supported four projects. Thank you on behalf of schools in Port Coquitlam, Surrey and Richmond. Thank you also to Rona, Home Depot and Starbucks for donating materials and refreshments to a number of projects.



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Educating communities about their watersheds, rivers and streams, while dazzling them with the charm of community art.

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SDMS 2008 Annual General Meeting

The Stream of Dreams AGM will follow the office-warming open house on January 18th. The AGM will start at 7:00 pm at #182 - 5489 Byrne Road, Burnaby BC. Start your year off right and join us for both events!

Become a Member or renew your Membership - Support SDMS by Making a Donation in 2008

Your membership and donations to the Stream of Dreams Murals Society help support eco-education especially water conservation and protection. Membership forms are available by mail, e-mail or at: streamofdreams.org/index.php?pgid=30 You can also donate to the Stream of Dreams Murals Society:

By mail: You can send a cheque and mail it to the address to the left. You can choose to become a member (or renew your membership) or just make a tax-creditable donation.

Online: Use the Canada Helps online portal to make a secure donation with your favorite credit card.

Donate shares: Avoid paying taxes on capital gains and support environmental education by donating securities. You get a tax receipt for the full value of the securities. Contact SDMS for more information.