



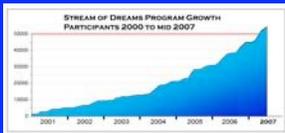
Stream of Dreams News

Newsletter of the Stream of Dreams Murals Society

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Stream of Dreams program delivery has reached nearly 54,000 participants.



Our Message Seeds Continued Education

Quadra Island School has taken the Stream of Dreams message to heart and has continued educating their students by partnering with the Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society. QISES has provided classes with guided visits to their local island streams and creeks. Thank you to the Quadra Island School and QISES for their continued work in educating their community about important water issues and protecting their island watershed.

Micqualyn Waldie, Victoria

Feature Team - Kootenay Region of BC

Monica Nissen and Nancie Dohan in Nelson have teamed up to offer youth in the East and West Kootenay region the Stream of Dreams opportunity to discover more about their local watersheds and the wise use of water. Dohan says, "It's a fantastic project that involves so many people. I am thrilled to be a part of the Stream of Dreams project and to be working with the growing network of Stream facilitators. The level of understanding from the students, and the smiles on the faces of the children as they paint their Dreamfish is a very satisfying feeling. We are getting the Stream of Dreams message out to children, their teachers and parents."

To date, Stream of Dream murals have been installed at St. Joseph's School and Blewett Elementary Schools in Nelson, Redfish School on the North shore of Kootenay Lake, JV Humphries School in Kaslo, and Wyndel Elementary School in Creston. There are upcoming projects expected in the fall in Revelstoke, Castlegar, Grand Forks, and Trail. Check out the Stream of Dreams website or better yet, if you're traveling through the Kootenays this summer, visit the fences at the Kootenay area schools.

Feature Team - Lumby, BC

The Lumby Stream of Dreams Team has been involved in diverse projects this spring. In April, Tammy Perron and Dennis Windsor were at Hillcrest school in Salmon Arm for three days working with 250 students as well as teachers and several adults from the PAC and from the Community Living Program. A mural comprised of 279 fish was installed on a chain-link fence bordering a treed park which is part of Hillcrest's school yard – a wonderful setting.



Kootenay trainees with Lower Mainland team.

As one component of Kelowna's Earth Day event, Belinda Baycroft and Dennis presented the Stream of Dreams program to the public that attended Earth Day and to high school students and teachers from two private schools (Vedanta Academy in Kelowna and their guests - Altona Bible College in Manitoba). About 125 fish were completed and installed in a mural on the front of the Vedanta Academy's main building. There were several unique aspects to this event: i) dealing with an audience primarily comprised of teenagers and adults, ii) giving a private Stream of Dreams presentation to 6 hair stylists whose salon was a sponsor for Earth Day, iii) introduction of the Stream of Dreams program to a Manitoba audience, iv) meeting persons who had seen Kelowna's 2006 Earth Day Stream of Dreams mural and were excited to paint fish this year, v) installing the project mural on a wall, and vi) the opportunity to present the science portion of the Stream of Dreams program to an assembly of approximately 90 Grade 1 to 7 students at Vedanta Academy who had not attended the Earth Day activities.

Dennis Windsor, Lumby



Hillcrest Stream of Dreams, Salmon Arm

Thirty-Eight Projects – Spring 2007

Stream of Dreams teams have been very busy this spring sharing our message of keeping waterways clean and healthy for aquatic life with nearly 9,500 participants. Thirty-three of the projects were in BC including nine on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands (Victoria team), three in the Okanagan Region (Lumby team), one in Prince George (Horsefly team), three in the Kootenay region (Nelson team) with the

other seventeen projects in the Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley region (Burnaby team).

In Ontario, the Conservation Halton team presented the program at three schools. The Calgary pilot project described below involved two Calgary schools.

Detailed list at www.streamofdreams.org

Stream of Dreams Society News

Dreamfish Mandala

This year, Victoria BC's Island Illustrators' annual New Years Exhibit chose the theme, "In our Lifetime," and the artists used their art as a voice to help bring awareness about the animals (including several species of fish) that have tragically become extinct, endangered and threatened by our actions. For this exhibit Victoria artist Kristi Bridgeman created a beautiful Dreamfish mandala that was inspired by the work of the Stream of Dreams Murals Society.

Kristi Bridgeman wrote this about her Dreamfish mandala:

"I am also aware that children in particular need to work with positive ideas, and as a children's illustrator I wanted to do something that would relate to kids. I was torn, but in the end salmon stream restoration was the topic for my feature piece. The question is how to turn negative statistics into positive action and children's art." Kristi's marvelous work and full write up can be viewed at <http://www.kristibridgeman.com/mandalas.asp?img=16>

Greg Glover kindly turned the mandala into a line drawing that the SDMS will also be able to use as a teaching resource for participants in Stream of Dreams programs.

Calgary Team Training:

In June SDMS conducted a pilot project in Calgary with Trout Unlimited Canada and the City of Calgary. The pilot consisted of training a team in Calgary, while presenting the Stream of Dreams program at Catherine Nichols Gunn Elementary School, followed by the new team presenting at a second school, St. Bede Elementary School. Both schools are located in the northern part of Calgary in the Nose Creek watershed, a stream currently receiving much restoration attention.

We hope that this pilot will lead to many more projects in Calgary and can help TUC and the City of Calgary expand their excellent water and watershed education programs.



President's Message

Water Quote:

"Everyone understands that water is essential to life. But many are only just now beginning to grasp how essential it is to everything in life – food, energy, transportation, nature, leisure, identity, culture, social norms, and virtually all the products used on a daily basis."

World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

June 2007

Thank you to all our hard-working teams, volunteers, staff, board directors, members and supporters! The SDMS continues to add teams and partnerships across Canada, and our award-winning educational program is reaching more participants at an ever-increasing pace. We couldn't do it without you. It is a privilege to work with such passionate people, and I hope we can set up some events at which teams, staff, directors and volunteers can meet each other, and share techniques and ideas. Polls show that Canadians are increasingly concerned about environmental issues, and we can capitalize on this trend to further spread our message of the importance of caring for our watersheds. All of those beautiful fish swimming on fences across our nation are symbols of hope for a future with clean water and a sustainable environment. I wish all of you well with your endeavors.

Paul Cipywnyk

Upcoming Projects – Salmon Train, Restoration of the Original Stream of Dreams, and Stream of Dreams goes to Toronto

Skytrain September 2007:

The Stream of Dreams Murals Society educates individuals about how to protect fish habitat so we always have healthy waterways running through our communities. In September 2007 we are taking our message on how to protect aquatic habitat, especially for salmon, to higher ground as we display Dreamfish on one of Vancouver's Skytrains.

This exciting project is a collaboration with the Rivershed Society of British Columbia and was inspired by their Project Rivershed in the Brunette River watershed and its call for actions which

“encourage individuals and communities to reduce their ecological footprint in riversheds to sustainable levels”. (www.rivershed.com) The Skytrain travels much like a stream through the Brunette watershed.

Louise Towell, co-founder of Stream of Dreams, has been working with staff at Skytrain and the Rivershed Society to create the Stream of Dreams mural design that will wrap the outside of the train and the inspiring educational messages that will go inside the train. This Skytrain project will help educate the Brunette watershed community, and people in greater Vancouver how their daily actions

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Province of British Columbia, General Paint, Fraser Salmon and Watershed Program - Fraser Basin Initiative of the Pacific Salmon Foundation, City of Burnaby and all the schools and community groups that have invited the Stream of Dreams program



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By mail: Just fill in the form below, write a cheque and mail it to the address on the back of the form. You can choose to become a member (or renew your membership) or just make a tax-creditable donation.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2007

New member Renewal

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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I would like to join the Stream of Dreams Murals Society. Annual membership **\$10.00**
 I would like to make a donation. **\$ _____**

Total enclosed: (Make cheque payable to Stream of Dreams Murals Society.) **\$ _____** see over...
(Tax receipts issued for \$20 or more)

...Upcoming from page 3 like taking a train instead of driving cars can have a positive impact on local salmon habitat.

Look for the Stream of Dreams mural in motion in September and remember to "Take the Train – Save a Salmon".

The Original Edmonds and Kingsway Stream of Dreams is being rejuvenated.

When the very first Stream of Dreams was taken down in June of 2006, the fish were carefully packed and stored.

Now, with support from the City of Burnaby, the fish have emerged from storage and are being repainted for their new home on one of Burnaby's newest urban trails that will connect the Edmonds Skytrain station to Byrne Creek Secondary school. The trail will cross the Skytrain guideway and it is on this bridge that the rejuvenated Dreamfish will be displayed in time for Rivers Day on September 30, 2007. The fish are being repainted at three Burnaby community events this summer.

Next Stop – Toronto

Dewson Elementary School in Toronto is eagerly awaiting its Stream of Dreams, scheduled for mid-October. This project will also serve as a training program for three new Stream of Dreams teams in Ontario.

Stream of Dreams Murals Society

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

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Small Changes We All Make Add Up to Big Impacts

Two household tips that can make a difference in your own home.

- 1) If you find you have a problem with ants this summer sprinkle some dry mint leaves (mint tea is perfect) and you'll find the ants will head the other way.
- 2) Instead of throwing your cellulose kitchen sponge away when you think it might be full of germs soak it in water and then microwave it for two minutes.

Quotable Quotes

"Many children spoke of what they learned...it was a valuable experience and beautiful visual reminder of things learned." Ecole Margaret Jenkins School.

"It was an inspirational experience for all involved." Van Horne Elementary School

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