



Stream of Dreams News

Newsletter of the Stream of Dreams Murals Society – June 2010 Vol. 6, Issue 1

Protect our waterways!!

DONATE to the Stream of Dreams Murals Society

Your support is vital to helping protect our streams, rivers and the ocean. Be part of the ongoing success of the Stream of Dreams Murals Society to educate and inspire change.

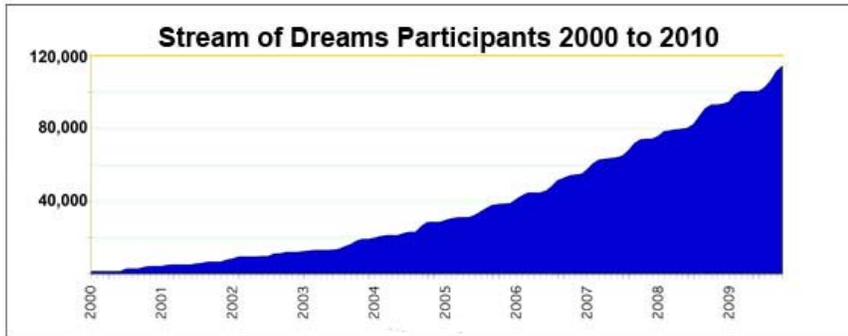
10th Anniversary Celebration - September 25, 2010

Join the Stream of Dreams celebration! 10 years and 115,000 participants add up to a lot of fish on fences. In celebration of these milestones the Stream of Dreams Murals Society is holding an evening of fishy fun on Saturday, September 25, 2010, BC Rivers Day weekend, at the beautiful Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion in Burnaby, BC.

Plans are underway to make this event a night to remember. You'll

enjoy a wine reception, decadent desserts, games, music, dancing and a silent auction, while at the same time supporting the important work of the Stream of Dreams Murals Society.

Limited tickets are available for this entertaining event: \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Contact Debra at (604) 434-4304 or e-mail debra@streamofdreams.org.



Stream of Dreams is featured on the Encyclopedia of Life (eol.org) [podcast](#) of life about Chinook Salmon



Queen Elizabeth Annex, Vancouver, June, 2010

Stream of Dreams Adopt-a-School Program

Have you ever wondered how you can help the Stream of Dreams Murals Society give every elementary school-aged child in BC the opportunity to participate in our inspiring and innovative eco-education and community art program and empower them to help

make positive change for our environment?

Individuals and businesses can Adopt-a-School, or part of a school, through either a donation to the Stream of Dreams Adopt-a-School fund or by signing on as a business that is willing to be approached by local schools for support when they are planning their project.

If you are able to join in or you know

a local business that would be excited about this sponsorship opportunity, please contact us.

Your contribution to the Stream of Dreams Adopt a School Program has the tremendous potential to touch the lives of thousands of school children in a very positive way and help them and their families protect our waterways.

**INSPIRE A GENERATION
ADOPT A SCHOOL!**

BC Hydro Community Champions Award



Brenda Melnychuk, a teacher at Haldane Elementary School in Chase which has achieved #1 Earth Status in the SEEDS green school program, nominated Stream of Dreams Murals Society as their local community champion for working with their students and demonstrating strong watershed stewardship. BC Hydro

selected our organization as an award winner! Thank you Brenda for your recognition and for your terrific leadership at your school!

Thank you BC Hydro for choosing Stream of Dreams Murals Society as a community champion!

Volunteers Make all the Difference

From the watersheds of British Columbia to the streams, rivers and lakes of Ontario, Stream of Dreams projects only happen because of huge volunteer commitment from each and every community. Patrick and Derek are two amazing volunteers for Credit Valley Conservation. They are both members of the Isaak Walton Fly Fishing Club, and when

they are not helping out with Stream of Dreams fish prep or installations, they are at events across the Credit Valley watershed teaching kids to tie flies and partnering with our Credit Valley Conservation restoration projects like planting trees, stream cleanups, constructing garbage kiosks at trail heads etc.

Kudos to volunteers!



Credit Valley Conservation volunteers Pat (above) and Derek



Mural Installation volunteers at Hazelgrove Elementary (far left with grandchildren) and Britannia Elementary Schools

The Ongoing Legacy of Stream of Dreams Murals

Stream of Dreams murals speak to their communities long after each project is completed and help the students spread the word. This posted on from a Grade 2 class blog: "There is a Stream of Dreams mural on our school fence. The mural is made up of dream fish, which were painted by students in past years and placed on the fence to remind us to take care of the streams. It also represents hope for healthy streams in the future. The students in 2V talked about what the mural means and then created a mini Stream of Dreams mural in the school hallway."

The students added a list of actions people can take to their blog. Students become the teachers!

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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- Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program
- General Paint
- Scaffold Depot, North Fraser and Surrey Pre-trial Centres
- Individual donors



Become a SDMS Member and/or Donor

Help deliver environmental education to promote water conservation and protection by joining or renewing your membership in the Stream of Dreams Murals Society and/or by making a donation.

Download a member/donor form to donate by cheque, VISA or Mastercard.

Online: Use the Canada Helps online portal at www.streamofdreams.org to make a secure donation with a credit card.

Donate shares: Save paying taxes on capital gains while you support environmental education by donating securities. You get a tax receipt for the full value of the securities and pay no capital gains tax on the appreciated value of your securities.

Planned giving: Consider making a bequest to the Stream of Dreams Murals Society. Contact SDMS for more information on bequests or donations of securities.

Stream of Dreams “Acts Out” at Bentall Shopping Centres for Earth Day

Stream of Dreams went to five Bentall shopping centres in celebration of Earth Day, April 22. Our road show visited Capilano Mall, North Vancouver; Willowbrook Mall, Langley; Westshore Town Centre, Langford on Vancouver Island; North Hill Mall, Calgary; and Bower Place Centre, Red Deer.

To reach a crowd of up to 150 per show we gave our presentation a bit more of a theatrical twist with members of our Burnaby, Victoria and Calgary teams putting on the show. We engaged students from several elementary schools along with staff and shopping centre customers in both watershed education and painting fish that are on display indoors at the malls.

Thank you to Bentall for the opportunity to reach out to new communities.



“Salmon” talks with students at the mall and calls attention to what can come down pipes into the water.

Stream of Dreams Looks Ahead

Non-profit charities such as the Stream of Dreams Murals Society often fulfill roles that society sees as important or beneficial, but that are not covered by business or government. But key items that non-profits and businesses have in common are profit-and-loss statements and balance sheets. We all know the basic budgeting concept that the flows must balance. Non-profits have a service or

product to deliver just like a business does. Both have employees and expenses, and contribute to the economy.

We are developing new funding models and proactively seeking corporate partnerships at local and regional levels to assist schools that desire the Stream of Dreams program. We are looking for win-win relationships, and are excited about rolling out enhanced sponsorship opportunities.

We also welcome donations from individuals! You can help teach kids about the importance of clean water, how they are connected to their local watershed, how it functions, and how each and every one of us is responsible for maintaining the health and abundance of our water.



Dreamfish swim on people and fences at Castle Rock, WA

Paul Cipywnyk, President

And the kids will teach their parents!!!!



Scaffold Depot supplies wood for Stream of Dreams

Scaffold Depot in Surrey, BC has been offering quality products and services to their customers for over ten years. For the past year they have also been instrumental in the creation of Stream of Dreams ‘dreamfish.’ Their donation of leftover plywood pieces provides fish cutters with a steady stream of wood without having to use new, full sheets of plywood. In the past year Scaffold Depot’s donated plywood has helped create murals across the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

As Scaffold Depot manager Shaun Muldoon explained, “We donate our leftover wood products to Stream of Dreams Murals Society because we understand the importance of their message.” We look forward to working with for many years to come. Thank you Scaffold Depot! Visit their website at www.scaffolddepot.com.

Thanks to Dave A. who was instrumental in bringing our two organizations together.

Quotes from schools:

“I’ve heard talk about healthier choices of cleaning supplies and ways to reduce water use at home.” **Discovery Passage Elementary**

“I’ve already had parents tell me where they can/cannot wash their cars.” “This project was wonderful, the comments about the mural are so satisfying and pleasing !!!” **Queen of Angels School:**

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Meet the 2010/11 SDMS Board

Paul Cipywnyk, President; Jane Burkholder, Secretary
Jennifer Linton, Vice President; Rob Carne, Treasurer
Andrea Rozsa, Director; Lynn Duncan, Director

The board meets three to four times a year. We welcome potential new Directors with varied backgrounds who are willing to devote time to helping the society achieve its goals.

Thank you to Louise Towell and Micqualyn Waldie, both long-term Directors, who stepped down after years of dedicated service. Louise continues with the society as Stream of Dreams co-founder and artistic director, and Micqualyn continues as Vancouver Island program coordinator.
Paul Cipywnyk

Lynn Duncan on joining the board:

"I joined the board of SDMS because I was impressed with the program itself. I think the whole concept is inspired and works equally well on an educational, artistic or ecological level. It is an excellent example of making an impact without preaching or blaming. I am happy to do what I can to help such a unique organization expand".

SDMS Welcomes Newest Staff Member

Debra Hicks is busy fundraising, planning our September Dreamfish Gala and helping with administrative tasks.

EECOM Conference

SDMS set up a booth at the 2010 EECOM (Canadian

Network for Environmental Education and Communication) conference this spring. We learned that a whole-school approach has become the mandate for Eco-ed from the Ministry of Education!

RBC Blue Water Day

Stream of Dreams staff and Board members visited four RBC branches in support of RBC's June 11 Blue Water Day. What a terrific opportunity to introduce RBC staff and clients to our organization. Local RBC branches are the first to contribute to our Adopt-a-School program.

1% FOR THE PLANET

Stream of Dreams Murals Society is now a non-profit partner at 1% For the Planet. [Learn more](#) about how this program can support SDMS.

Rotary Club helps Stream of Dreams return to Byrne Creek Watershed

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Burnaby Metrotown, Our Lady of Mercy School, and connections made through the Burnaby Board of Trade, this spring the Stream of Dreams program returned to the Byrne Creek watershed where it all began ten years ago.



President's Message – June 2010

Stream of Dreams staff, volunteers and partners have been working flat out this year. Program delivery teams are booking up fast and delivering projects across Canada and into the northwest United States. Demand and momentum continue to grow, and the Board of Directors is focusing on strategic planning early in the summer.

Speaking of summer, where did winter and spring go? Not long ago the cherry blossoms were colouring our balcony, and streamkeepers were expectantly looking forward to baby salmon fry popping out of the gravel in creeks all over. But I remember, sadly, that a good chunk of my volunteer time in March went to dealing with yet another toxic spill into a street drain in the Edmonds area of Burnaby. When someone dumped a cleanser into a drain, it killed everything in Byrne Creek for the third time in ten years: chum fry, coho fry and one-year-old smolts just getting ready for their migration to the Pacific, and cutthroat trout, to name a few of the species affected. It's hard to believe that some people still don't know, or don't care, about how storm drains connect to our creeks. The incident highlights the need for continuing education through programs such as ours.

Instead of counting frisky baby salmon, I, and other volunteer streamkeepers, counted the dead. Grim? Yes. Depressing? Yes. But streamkeepers responded with renewed vigor—setting up public displays in retail and civic facilities, repainting storm drains with yellow fish, and giving seminars to local businesses. And Stream of Dreams is back doing its good work in the Byrne Creek watershed, reaching out to a new generation of kids ten years after the very first watershed education and community art projects took place in this neighbourhood, spawning the Stream of Dreams program, and the society that you support.

Thanks to everyone for your hard work and have a great summer!

Paul Cipywnyk

Project Quotes:

"This program has changed our school in a positive way!"
"It's brought together many of the topics we've covered in environmental education this year."
Riverdale elementary teacher

I smile whenever I hear my sons saying 'all drains lead to fish!'
Your message is still alive and well.
Willoughby elementary parent – one year after the project: