

LANG CREEK



The Benches for the Lang Creek Garden are Ready!

Good news continues to flow from Lang Creek!

Nine benches for Powell River students are completed! Many thanks to all District #47 schools, PAC groups, last year's Oceanview Student Council, and the Sustainable Schools Committee, all of whom funded the outdoor classroom seating. We are grateful to Jacque Scholtz for serving as principals' contact person.

Heartfelt thanks go to Lane Large for all the construction. Lane also designed and built a beautiful seniors' bench with funds generously donated by the Powell River First Credit Union. Lois Lumber gifted a substantial discount on cedar and Don Carto custom designed the cement work. Laura and John Passek made handsome plaques for each of the benches and donated a generous discount for their work.

School District maintenance crew Shawn Butler and Rob Harris along with Friends of the Garden volunteers moved the benches which are now safely stored for the winter. They will be taken to Lang Creek in the spring where they will be secured with chain and rebar by dedicated volunteers Bob Johnson and George Illes.

A community celebration and bench unveiling is planned for May 2011 when the garden will be at its best! The event will give us an opportunity to thank the many who have given their support.

More good news

Plans for the development of a user friendly, eco-learning centre continue to take root and grow. We now have:

- ✓ irrigation system
- ✓ drainage system
- ✓ surfaced parking lot
- ✓ crushed rock walkways
- ✓ wheelchair accessible bridge
- ✓ cement walkway
- ✓ new rockery beds
- ✓ new native plant specimens
- 35 varieties are featured
- ✓ beginnings of a decorative rock stream
- ✓ frame work for signage hut installed
- ✓ garden art

Garden art makes a splash

Come experience the new "Salmon Garden". The installation features thirteen metal sculptures of salmon by Peter Elvy with waves of ornamental grasses donated by Ewan MacKenzie of Exemplar Horticulture of Abbotsford. Dave Williams contributed the rock

design, and Barb and Dave Rees kindly donated Lois Lake driftwood. Bench seating and crushed rock walkways will be added in the spring.

The project was coordinated by the Lang Creek Garden Steering Committee with materials contracted by Powell River Salmon Society director George Illes.

Plans for 2011

- * begin to erect educational signage about Native Plants of south coastal British Columbia
- * begin to create botanical study units for students



- * plant new interest areas
- * install specimen planters

For more information about Lang Creek Garden projects, please contact Steering Committee members:

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In passing

We mourn the loss of our equipment operator and good friend Bob Millar who gave so much to Lang Creek over the years. He will be missed.

