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## From the Editor's Desk

Nurturing hope for the future of our planet demands that we think in the long term. What is required, fundamentally, is a basic change in the mindset of those who have benefitted materially from the development of Western Civilization. Western Civilization has developed great technological brilliance and material comfort, but we still lack a deeply ingrained conservation ethic. The West is only now exploring in depth, but in fitful stops and starts, what it means to be a sustainable civilization.

It would be easy to give up and take refuge in a disengaged nihilism. I wonder how and why we in the West continue to elect some governments that roll back progress on the environment, or why environmental initiatives, legislation and programs are the first thing to be cut when budgets become tight. I sit in church on Sunday morning and wonder how could a religion like Christianity teach us so much about charity, forgiveness, and compassion, but so little about loving and caring for Creation, let alone understanding that our survival as a species is intricately connected to the health and wellbeing of the planet. Will the efforts today of environmentalists to bring change really matter in the end?

We must not forget, however, that attitudes do not change overnight. It takes decades and even generations for a people, a society, a civilization to make environmental sustainability a critical element in its ethic. That is true about many of the pillars that have made our civilization: democracy, political and racial equality, human rights in general. These pillars took centuries of theorizing and visceral historical experience to become an enduring reality that can stand the test of time.

In his new film on climate change, *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power*, former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore reminds us that real and lasting change only comes through the work of generations. You can read the review of this film in this newsletter.

Also helping to slowly bring about this sea change in mentalities are the efforts of many local environmental activists operating at the grass-roots level. Read about the connections between the Fruit Rescue Program and WEC's participation in the Wonderful Fine Market.

WEC has embarked on another very productive partnership. Some of our members have joined Climate Watch NL and you will find in this issue a description of its mandate. These initiatives have impact in terms of raising environmental awareness; and people in the community are taking note. Finally, stay tuned for some wonderful workshops coming your way over the spring and summer!

Little by little, all of these efforts contribute to the paradigm shift that the West so desperately needs.

Edwin Bezzina

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### WEC welcomes comments and questions!

Feel free to write to the editor ([info@wecnl.ca](mailto:info@wecnl.ca)). We'd love to hear from you.



Photo: a garden pumpkin at the Pasadena community garden (courtesy Becky Shea)

## WEC's Mandate

*(this mandate includes some changes that were made recently)*

The Western Environment Centre (WEC) is a charitable, non-profit, non-governmental organization. WEC is based in Corner Brook but we aim to serve the whole western Newfoundland region. In partnership with other community groups, businesses, and government agencies, our organization strives to:

- 1) Engage communities in environmental issues in a balanced, objective, and informed manner
- 2) Build capacity and involvement in projects related to environmental sustainability
- 3) Create a community of environmentally active citizens.

### Project Focus Areas

WEC activities are focused in three main areas:

#### 1. Food Sustainability

*Community gardens and greenhouse  
Food skills workshops  
Humber Valley Fruit Rescue  
Humber Heights Community Compost  
School Garden/Greenhouse Partnership  
Participation in the Wonderful Fine Market*

#### 2. Climate Change and Energy

*Electric BikeShare Rental Program  
Collaboration with Climate Watch NL*

#### 3. Public Policy Engagement

*Participation in government-led consultations  
Engagement in public dialogue on current events/issues*

## How to become a WEC member (and how to encourage friends to become members)

Please fill out the membership form on the back page and then send it by post to our surface address or by scanned copy to our e-mail address (info@wecnl.ca). Becoming a member is a fabulous first step to becoming environmentally involved in your local community!

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### Five great ways to get involved in WEC

1. Join one of the working committees
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3. Attend WEC events
4. Become a WEC volunteer
5. Participate in the WEC community garden

## Wonderful Fine Market 2017

What a great season we had this year at the Wonderful Fine Market! After experimenting over the past few years with our table at the market, we decided this year to focus primarily on selling local produce. The results were great!

The WEC market committee met early in the summer to plan our participation for the fall 2017 season. We noted that the Wonderful Fine Market had a distinct lack of fresh produce on offer, and we wanted to try and help fill this gap. Selling fresh, organic, local produce also aligned with the values and principles of our organization, and would provide an opportunity to educate the public about our food sustainability projects.

We decided to create an earthy, farmers' market feel with the use of wicker baskets, berry cartons, a chalkboard stand-up sign, and paper bags (rather than plastic). We discussed the various sources of produce we had access to, as well as the logistics of harvesting, storage and transportation.

We prepared well for Opening Day at the market: Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We were able to harvest cucumbers, kale, celery, plums, salad greens, zucchini, beans, peas, a variety of herbs, and tomatoes. Our sources included our community gardens, a local school greenhouse, and volunteers' backyards.

We were so pleased to see everything sell out on the very first day! We had great feedback from customers, when we told them that everything was grown organically. Customers also shared their own gardening experiences, chatted about favourite recipes, and asked lots of questions about our work. Many were amazed by some of the vegetables we were selling, most particularly celery! Many had never before seen such big, healthy celery grown in Newfoundland soils, and we had lots of it.

For all of the Saturdays in September and October, we were able to fill our market table with fresh fruits and vegetables, including apples and pears picked from our Fruit Rescue program (see Rebecca Shea's write-up about this program in this newsletter on page 4). We sold out almost every week, and there were certain items that simply flew off the table, like basil, tomatoes, and zucchini. We know what to plant more of for next year! *(continued on the next page)*



Photos from the Halloween-themed market

Photos courtesy K. Temple

As the harvest season dwindled and the cold season began, we were able to continue selling kale and potatoes into November, but then compensated for the diminishing produce by selling baked goods. This will be a challenge for us to consider for the 2018 fall season: is it possible for us to grow enough vegetables so that we'll be able to continue to sell throughout the entire four-month period of the market?

Overall, we increased our market sales by 50% compared to the previous year, and we are motivated and excited to plan for an expansion in 2018. We will also be looking for community volunteers, who may have surplus produce from their gardens to donate to our table. So if you're a local grower please keep us in mind for fall 2018!

We'd like to extend a big thank-you to all the volunteers and partners who helped to make the WEC market table a success. In particular, thanks are extended to the Immaculate Heart of Mary School & Greenhouse, the Humber Valley Fruit Rescue team, our community gardeners, and all the customers who stopped by this fall. We hope to see you again!

Katie Temple

**The Humber Valley Fruit Rescue Project** was designed to utilize fruit on private land that would otherwise have been wasted. This past summer and fall, volunteer pickers harvested over 80kg of fruit and divided it three ways: 1/3 to pickers, 1/3 to homeowners, and 1/3 to not-for-profit organizations. Raspberries, apples, and pears were picked and distributed to the Pasadena Food Bank, 50+ Club in Benoit's Cove, Pasadena Healthy Baby Club, and sold as a fundraiser for the Western Environment Centre at the volunteer-run Wonderful Fine Market in Corner Brook. With the success of our inaugural season, the group is looking forward to expanding next year and will need more volunteers to make that happen. If you're interested, contact us at [hvfruitrescue@gmail.com](mailto:hvfruitrescue@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page "Humber Valley Fruit Rescue." Thank you to the Community Healthy Living Fund for getting the project off the ground!



Becky Shea



Photos courtesy B. Shea

## Sourdough Workshop

WEC hosted a two-part Sourdough workshop on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Corner Brook. Our instructor was Hans-Steffen Lindner who has been baking with sourdough for 4 to 5 years. He developed his own sourdough starter at home and brought in enough to share with the 10–12 participants.

The first session was held at the Corner Brook Public Library and was an information night. Tasting a slice of Hans-Steffen’s wonderful sourdough bread made us all more attentive!

Hans-Steffen spoke a little about the making of a sourdough starter and how he developed his own. He then passed his starter around for each of us to smell and asked what we thought it smelled like. A little sweet and a little sour! He explained that each sourdough starter would smell and taste differently, even our own in our own homes at different times of the year, as the starters are dependent on the natural yeasts found in the air.

He noted that the most important thing was to get to know our starter and its complexities and to notice if bitterness was forming (a little extra care and a pinch of salt will usually remedy that problem).

Hans-Steffen’s talk was full of encouragement for patiently working with sourdough. And he often stressed the importance of using the best quality ingredients. Good quality, preferably organic flours are best, and the use of 2-3 different varieties was suggested.

We left that evening with a portion of starter to “feed” over the next few days and bring back for the second session.

This second session was held in the Community Kitchen at Sobeys’. After a brief discussion about caring for our starters, Hans-Steffen got down to the actual preparation of the dough and the baking of the bread. This process takes time as sourdough bread needs a longer time than yeasted bread to rise. Below are a series of photos that take us through the process to the delicious end result.

Sandy Miles-Blaxland



Photos courtesy Sandy Miles-Blaxland

## WEC engages with Grenfell Campus for a Composting Pilot Project

For the first time in almost two years, composting has returned to Grenfell Campus. A newly formed Waste Management Sub-committee of Grenfell's Sustainability Committee has recently launched a small-scale pilot project for which the Western Environment Centre provided support. In November 2017, the



Students Bumo Mgabe (left) and Sien Van den Broeke (right) on the day of the composting pilot launch in November 2017.

new sub-committee acquired a state-of-the-art composter: a well-insulated composter that rotates (very effective for quickly breaking down organic material). The unit is now collecting food waste from approximately thirty students living on campus.

The story begins with the discontinuation of Grenfell's industrial composter in 2016, which many regarded as a major setback to sustainable waste management for the campus and the broader community. Despite many efforts by the Sustainability Committee to consider alternatives for capturing the campus' considerable food waste stream, the campus went without composting for about a year and a half.

In fall 2017, the composting discussion was revived when a special sub-committee of the Sustainability Committee was formed to tackle waste management issues on campus. This new group, led primarily by students, made its number one goal to bring composting back to Grenfell. The Waste Management Sub-committee decided that a small-scale pilot would be most effective at demonstrating a successful composting model which could be expanded later. To that end, the group consulted with the Western Environment Centre about its community composting pilot project on Humber Heights. That program, which engaged approximately 100 residents in 30 households with varying levels of experience with composting, was an excellent template for the Waste Management Sub-committee to consider adapting to Grenfell. Members of the Sub-committee visited the Humber Heights garden to learn about WEC's composters, while WEC advised the group on how to make the project successful. The Sub-committee was referred to JoraCan, which manufactures the composters. In November 2017, after fundraising efforts and funding was secured through Grenfell's Student Innovation Fund, one composter was purchased and installed at Grenfell. The Sub-committee selected 30 interested students living in the chalet residences, ran a workshop on composting basics, and issued collection bins to the program participants.

After three months, the composting program is running smoothly. In fact, there are more students as well as faculty and staff offices who want to start composting, and the composter acquired in November is almost at capacity! Thus, the program is expanding with a second composter, which has been made possible by financial commitments from the Office of the Vice-President (Grenfell), the School of Science and the Environment, and the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. The Waste Management Sub-committee is excited to develop the program even further, envisioning opportunities for partnering with WEC and the wider community. Many thanks to the hard work of all who assisted with the composting program and to those who helped secure the generous funding!

Brennan Lowery

## **WEC establishes a partnership with Climate Watch NL**

Climate Watch NL is a network of concerned citizens that envisions a minimal carbon economy for Newfoundland and Labrador by 2050.

Our aim is to participate in critical public dialogue about climate change and call for meaningful policy that will both decarbonize the economy and reduce carbon emissions in NL. Central to our focus are the issues of climate change adaptation and fossil fuel extraction.

We want to engage with government and civil society in a productive conversation by asking important questions about our future direction as a province, and by researching effective solutions to the current climate challenge.

# **CLIMATE WATCH NL**

### **The Issues**

There is currently international consensus that at a global level we need to keep the earth's temperature within 1.5 - 2 degrees of the preindustrial era in order to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate change. As a coastal and northern province, Newfoundland and Labrador is uniquely vulnerable to climate change. Localized climate impacts in NL are already particularly noticeable in some coastal communities and in northern Labrador, and too often these places do not have the financial ability to adequately adapt to these changes. Equally problematic, NL leaders have chosen to create an economy that is dependent on the fossil fuel industry, the consequences of which we all experienced in the 2015 collapse of oil prices. In late February of 2018 the government announced that they want to double oil and gas production by 2030. The good news is that we CAN reduce our carbon emissions at the same time as we reduce our over-reliance on oil to fuel our economy.

### **Where we need to be**

Climate Watch NL envisions a minimal carbon economy for Newfoundland and Labrador by 2050. As global citizens, it is socially, economically, and ecologically responsible to decarbonize our society and our economy. We also recognize that social inequality, public health, and our ecological footprint are intimately linked. We therefore need a socially just transition of the economy that ensures that the most vulnerable citizens do not bear the largest burden in the transition. There are many ways to achieve this goal. In Newfoundland and Labrador, we must cap our own carbon emissions. This should include a commitment to limit fossil-fuel extraction.

## What we have to do

Around the world, and in our province, there are currently many effective, unique solutions to help reduce emissions and decarbonize our economy. We need both the political and societal will to make this change happen. Our first policy recommendations were submitted to the province early February 2018. Some of the recommendations are:

### I. Short term:

- *Recognize that reducing climate change emissions involves just as much a cultural shift as solutions to a technical and economic problem*

The province must be a leader in this cultural transition by stating a clear vision for the future, using language that is positive and inspiring, a language that identifies opportunities rather than barriers.

- *Highlight and promote the many aspects of traditional Newfoundland and Labrador culture that are already low carbon, including: hunting, fishing and gathering for subsistence; growing food for personal consumption; re-using and fixing rather than buying new items; using clotheslines; stay-cationing; and many others*

By framing these practices as important contributions to a sustainable future, it not only helps shape our identity as a low-carbon province, but it also can help pave the way for the introduction of critical changes that need to be made, such as the transition to electric vehicles

- *Work collaboratively with the federal government to create a carbon-pricing plan that will not only ensure that revenue generated is spent on renewable and green energy projects, but also will help those with the least means to adapt to de-carbonization and climate change (i.e. lower income households, marginalized groups, rural areas)*

Carbon pricing, for example, should be approached not a burdensome policy that may negatively affect certain economic sectors, but as a necessary, modern tool to help society shift to a greener economy. It is important that carbon pricing is implemented in a socially and economically just manner. As demonstrated in BC, a carbon tax can foster economic growth.

- *Work with municipalities to hire regional co-ordinators to help communities and regions with mitigation and adaptation, including providing information on resources and technical expertise, and ensuring follow-through and evaluation on municipal climate action plans*

- *Create retraining programs for workers transitioning from the oil and gas industry and help fill the labour needs of the fledgling renewable energy industry, potentially working in collaboration with existing workers' groups (i.e. Iron and Earth)*

- *Foster the expansion of electric vehicle usage through infrastructure support and incentives for purchase*

Working in partnership with the federal government, incentives can be developed for consumers to buy electric vehicles, for example at the federal level by waiving the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the purchase of these vehicles, or at the provincial level by providing a rebate after purchase, funded by proceeds from the carbon tax.

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## **WEC establishes a partnership with Climate Watch NL** *(continued from the previous page)*

- *Expand current energy efficiency programs and offer low-interest loans to complete energy-efficiency retrofitting in homes and businesses*

These loans can be repaid through the savings on the electrical power bill. Such an approach will prevent any additional financial burden on families or businesses, while still creating warmer, healthier living and working environments that will reduce health care costs.

- *Support smaller-scale and ecological forms of agriculture (e.g., organic, no-till, and pesticide-free) which reduce GHG emissions and create more jobs*

### **II. Long term:**

- *Utilize the existing relationship between the provincial government, the energy sector, and provincial research institutions*

Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic should focus on developing renewable energy (offshore and onshore wind, tidal, solar, and small-scale hydro) as well as the green economy, through a similar collaborative approach that was used in the past to support the oil and gas industry.

- *Establish a research unit at Memorial University to draw in expertise on decarbonization and the green economy from across Canada/internationally*

Providing funding and infrastructure for research and development would be an essential first step to getting our province on a low carbon-energy path.

- *Develop a long-term carbon budget for the province that aligns with our province's responsibilities, as part of Canada's commitment to the 2015 Paris Agreement*

### **We would like you to be part of the conversation!**

Concerned citizens who would like to learn more about Climate Watch NL can contact [info@climatewatchnl.ca](mailto:info@climatewatchnl.ca) Organizations are also invited to support our work. If you're interested in being added to our list of supporters, please contact us.



Denmark has some of the largest wind turbines in the world. According to Dansk Energi, the non-commercial lobby organization for Danish energy companies, in 2017 wind energy provided the equivalent of 43.6% of Denmark's electricity consumption for that year.

**Film Review: *Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power* (2017; produced by Participant Media and Actual Films; distributed by Paramount Pictures; narrated by Al Gore).**

Those interested in climate change will remember the release of the amazing 2006 documentary on climate change entitled *An Inconvenient Truth*, written and narrated by former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore. Over ten years have elapsed since then, and much has changed, but unfortunately much is still the same. This is all revealed in Al Gore's sequel.

Like the first film, Gore presents the best available scientific evidence on the reality that the climate is changing and that human civilization is largely the cause. Such evidence involves not only effective and easily comprehensible graphs and diagrams, but also dramatic visits to the collapsing Greenland ice sheets as well as interviews of scientists and victims of climate-change-induced natural disasters. Some of this material is meant to counter the persistent claims made by climate-change deniers, for example the disingenuous reference to occasional cold snaps to claim that "global warming" is not happening. The film's graphs on climate change show the overall trends, which include of course some cold snaps, but more prominently warming trends. Such a trajectory carries in its wake flooding in Miami, "rain bombs" on the American plains, droughts in California, forest fires elsewhere. Those effects are just the examples in the United States; the effects are even worse in other parts of the world.



Al Gore surveying flooding in Miami

Also valuable about the film are the unexpected ways that climate change is affecting people right now around the globe. Pope Francis notes that climate change is having a more adverse impact on the more economically marginalized countries of the world, countries that are far less able to rebuild after natural devastation strikes. The film also conveys the chilling geo-political ramifications of climate change, noting how the current turmoil in Syria was in part triggered by a five-year drought that destroyed 60% of Syria's farms and 80% of its livestock. The drought forced masses of people off the land and contributed to the destabilization of the country. One cannot help but imagine the same upheaval happening in North America. The viewer who is new to the issue of climate change will appreciate the film's clarity and the impact of its message.

Perhaps the most contentious part in the film lies in the depiction of Gore's role in the 2016 UN Climate Change Conference in Paris and the ensuing ground-breaking agreement. One of the stumbling blocks to an international agreement had been India's need to build hundreds of coal-fired plants in order to fuel its burgeoning economy; given the size of that economy, such an upsurge in fossil-fuel emissions would have tipped the scales against us. Yet there were far too many impediments and costs associated with developing renewable energy in this country. However, Gore and others managed to convince a few American solar companies to donate the intellectual property for a new solar panel to India so that they could develop their solar panel energy grid much more easily. Gore also arranged interest-free loans to India to develop such energy. These efforts bore much fruit.

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## Film Review: *Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power* (continued from the previous page)

It seems like a lofty claim to position Gore as the saviour of the Conference, but the evidence presented is convincing. Whatever one believes, the lasting effect of India's sudden decision is stunning. According to a recent report, two years after the Conference we find that India is ahead of schedule in meeting its climate-change targets. That bright portrayal of the power of renewable energy confirms many of the success stories experienced by countries such as Portugal that are switching to renewable energy. The tangent is more advanced and more promising than we might think.

In this vein, a few film critics have noted that the film tends to place Gore too much at the center of the documentary (he could not help, for example, but comment on his failed 2000 presidential election bid). This critique has merit when one compares this film to other documentaries on climate change such as *Before the Flood* (2016; distributed by the National Geographic Channel), a film that carries the star-power of Leonardo DiCaprio as its narrator and interviewer and yet focuses more on the issue than the person.

Still, this is a mild criticism of Gore's documentary. Perhaps

Gore's prominent position in the documentary was intended to personalize the struggle against climate change, helping us see the problem through his eyes; nevertheless, the documentary still stays on message to great effect. One also can admire Gore's ability to be non-partisan: he criticizes some republicans such as former US President George W. Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney for their resistance to action on climate change (criticism they well deserved); but, Gore also takes us to a small Republican stronghold in Texas where the conservative mayor and his enterprising city council are successfully moving their town to an energy base that is powered 100% by renewable energy. It is simple non-partisan common sense.



The aftermath of a typhoon in the Philippines



A "rain bomb" in the American plains

Alas, there is a tone of frustration in the film as Gore finds himself still having to battle the naysayers year after year, decade after decade. How can there still be climate-change deniers in the face of so much scientific evidence? Likewise, the film was released just after the election of Donald Trump, who unbelievably claimed with no evidence that climate change was a hoax invented by the Chinese. Trump has since then done everything in his power to roll back the climate-change legislation and initiatives made under former U.S. President Barack Obama; likewise, we read in the film's closing caption that Trump announced that he will pull U.S. out of the Paris Agreement. Undoubtedly, the current political climate in the White House is a serious threat to the Agreement's future.

Yet Gore tells us that despair is paralyzing. He ends his powerful and lively documentary on a positive and optimistic note, arguing that in the long run we will win this struggle against climate change. In addition to the many success stories of municipalities and countries that are switching to renewable energy, he cites the instructive example of the civil rights movement from America's recent past, albeit still an unfinished history. The movement had its low moments when the cause seemed hopeless, but their persistence paid off and with brilliant long-lasting results. They succeeded because they had truth on their side, truth that gave them the power to change things, truth to convince people, truth to power.

Edwin Bezzina

## WEC's Annual General Meeting Coming Soon!

Our **2018 Annual General Meeting** will happen on **Sunday, May 6th at 3 pm** with a social to follow at the WEC office, 50 Main Street, 2nd Floor.

All WEC members and interested members of the public are invited to attend. If possible, **please RSVP to [info@wecnl.ca](mailto:info@wecnl.ca)**.

We will discuss the **highlights of our activities** for 2017, as well as plans for 2018-19.

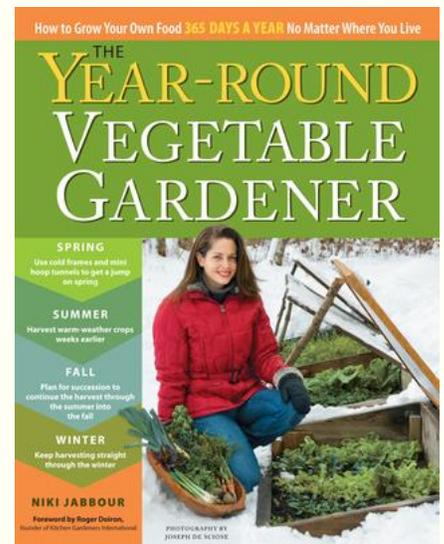
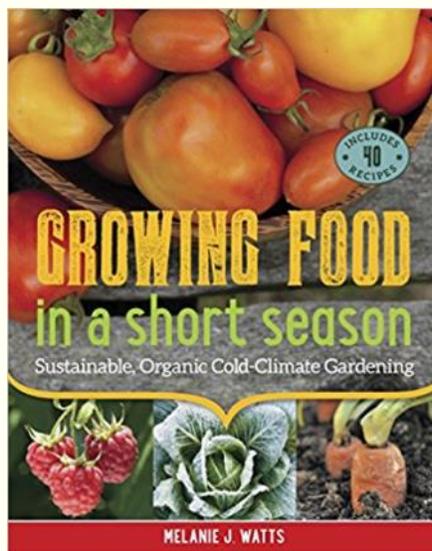
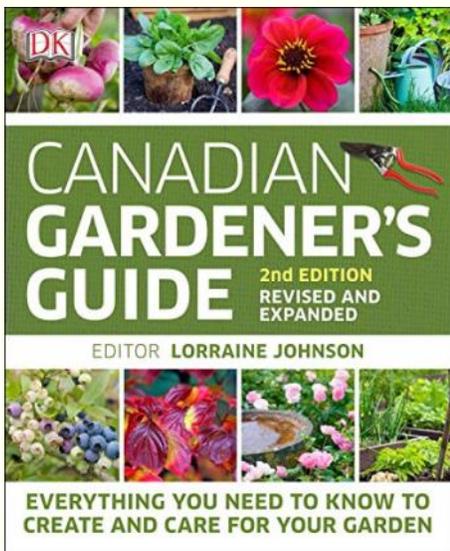
## Upcoming Workshops!

We are hosting a **No-Till Gardening Workshop** on **Saturday, May 5th at 10 am** at The Greenhouse & Garden Store in Little Rapids.

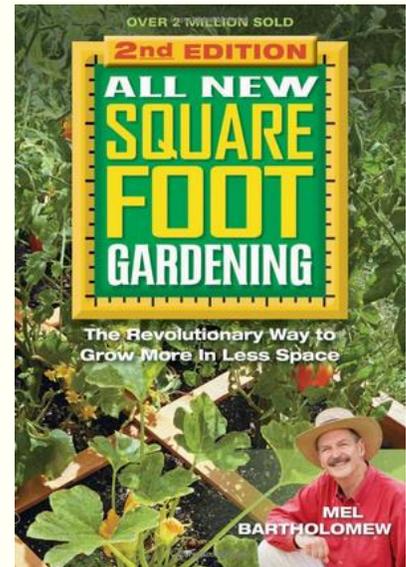
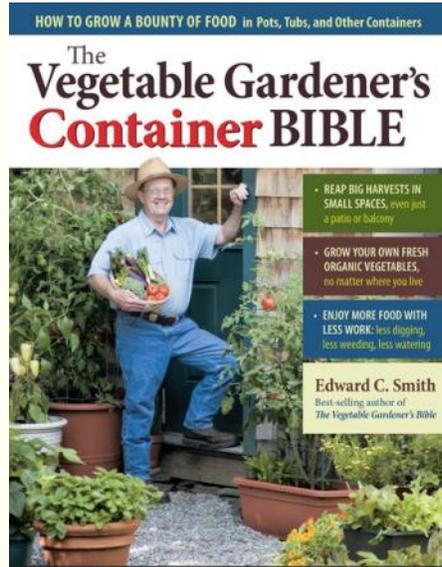
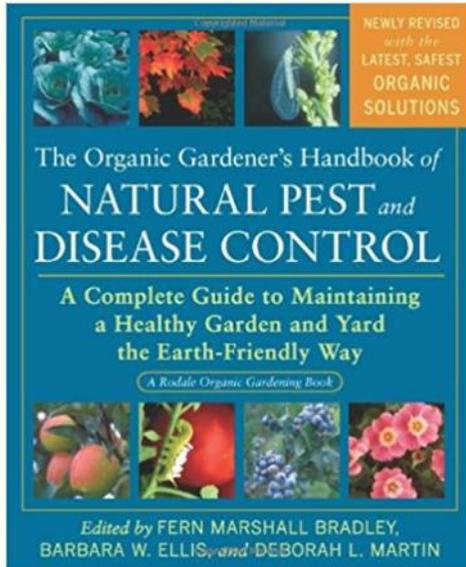
In this hands-on workshop, our facilitator, Hans-Steffen Lindner, will talk about the **benefits of the no-till method to both your garden and to the natural environment**.

The workshop is free but donations are encouraged! Please RSVP to [info@wecnl.ca](mailto:info@wecnl.ca)

## Our recommendations for gardening books:



## A few more...



## Helping WEC as you recycle

Here is a creative way to donate to WEC financially. WEC has an account at Scotia Recycling on 55 Maple Valley Rd (709-634-2025). When dropping off your recyclables, donate by telling the people at the desk that you wish to give the proceeds to the Western Environment Centre. Visit the Scotia Recycling website:

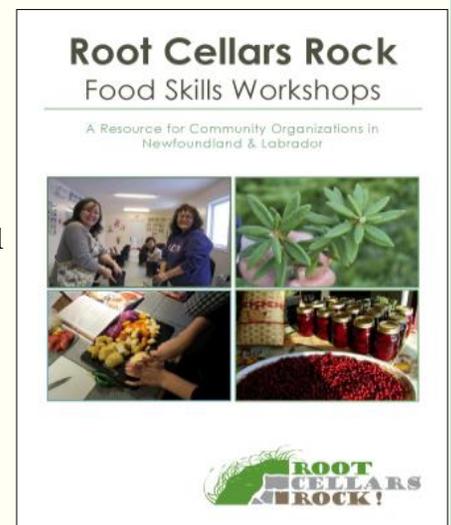
<http://scotiarecyclinggroup.com/services-by-location>. For information on recycling on Corner Brook, visit <http://www.cornerbrook.com/default.asp?mn=1.24.100> or phone their recycling line at (709) 637-1630.



## The Food Skills Workshop Kit!

The workshop kit is a free resource created by Food First NL designed to support community groups across the province with hosting hands-on workshops building local food skills and preserving traditional food knowledge. Topics include: container gardening; composting; edible wild plants; seed saving; preparing local vegetables; using culinary herbs; canning; and root cellars. Download the workshops for free and start using them in your community today:

<http://www.foodfirstnl.ca/our-resources/food-skills-workshops>



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## The St. Lawrence Coalition

*From their mission statement:* The St. Lawrence Coalition was created to persuade government bodies to issue a moratorium on oil and gas exploration and exploitation in the Gulf of St. Lawrence as soon as possible. The St. Lawrence Coalition aims at bringing the gulf communities together, which share the same concerns and appreciate the natural resources of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Our coalition is inter-provincial as five provinces are involved: Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Québec, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

website: <http://www.coalitionsaintlaurent.ca/en/coalition>

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## Annual Membership Form

Type of Membership: New  Renewal  Lapsed

Annual membership fee: \$10.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number (with area code): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to our e-mail list? Yes  No

What environmental issues interest you the most?

Wildlife  Energy  Urban Planning

Food  Climate Change  Transportation

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to help out with WEC events? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in sitting on any of the following WEC committees or working groups:

BikeShare  Community Compost  Market

Newsletter  Community Garden

Are you interested in becoming a Board Member? Yes  No

How did you hear about WEC? \_\_\_\_\_

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