

BEYOND HABITAT

TOOLS FOR A BIODIVERSE COMMUNITY

FEATURING

Dr. Valentin Schaefer, Grant Pearsell, and Briony Penn

PRESENTERS

DR. VALENTIN SCHAEFER—He is a founder and former Executive Director of the Institute of Urban Ecology at Douglas College in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada where he was a faculty member in Biology for 26 years. Val is a leading proponent of urban ecology and urban biodiversity who has written extensively and presented internationally on these topics. He is also an environmental educator who has conducted numerous community projects with his students promoting nature in the city.

Val is the lead author of *Urban Biodiversity: Exploring Natural Habitat and Its Value in Cities* (Captus Books, 2004).

GRANT PEARSELL—Director of Office of Natural Areas, City of Edmonton. His background is in land use planning specializing in ecology and land conservation. Some of Grant's recent work includes participating on the Alberta Water Council's Provincial Wetland Policy Project Team; project manager for the creation of the Edmonton and Area Land Trust; Chair of the Alberta Land Trust Alliance; and team leader for the City of Edmonton's Natural Connections Conservation Plan.

BRIONY PENN—is a leading BC environmental activist, award-winning writer and adjunct professor in the School of Environmental Studies and Restoration of Natural Systems Program at the University of Victoria. Briony is the co-founder of The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC), an organization that has won numerous awards for its pioneering work to establish models of land use that integrates cultural and ecological values. She has also worked extensively with the Raincoast Conservation Foundation, which has established an international reputation for combining research and advocacy for the temperate rainforest. Briony is currently heading up the establishment of Living Carbon; Canada's first non-profit conservation offset valuation service.