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We are famous! Check out Free the Fern on CBC.



## INCORPORATION CELEBRATION!

We are so excited to share that on August 15, 2022, [Free the Fern Stewardship Society](#) officially incorporated as a Not-for-Profit society! We also elected a board of ten directors, all of whom live in our community of [Champlain Heights, South Vancouver](#). Our directors are a diverse mix of environmentalists, teachers, artists, landscapers, and students. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with invasive removal and native planting. We look forward to organizing future events together and advocating for the protection of our local native forest.

Did you know that native forests only cover about 4% of Vancouver?

*- Urban Forest Strategy*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL 2022

With the support of [Neighbourhood Small Grants](#), Free the Fern is organizing two stewardship [events](#) this fall:

- A [Neighbourhood Clean-up Party](#) on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 10am-12pm. Volunteers will be provided with pickers, gloves, and bags, and will be assigned an area of the Champlain Heights trail to help clean-up. This is an all-ages event and all are welcome to sign-up [here](#).
- A [Weed & Feed](#) on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 10am-12pm. Volunteers will work together to remove invasive weeds from the Champlain Heights Trail. Following which, volunteers will enjoy a complimentary BBQ lunch. All are welcome to sign-up [here](#).

Stay tuned for:

- [Grow Wild! Planting & Art Weekend](#) on October 22-23. We will have a community planting event on the Champlain Heights Trail, followed by art workshops (basket weaving and paper making) the following day. All are welcome to sign-up [here](#).

Other Stewardship events:

- [Everett Crowley Park Committee](#) - Public invasive pulls on Saturday Sept 10, Oct 15, and Nov 19, 10am-12:30pm. Email [ecpcstewards@gmail.com](mailto:ecpcstewards@gmail.com) to sign-up as a volunteer.
- [Still Moon Arts Society](#)- Hosting their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual [Moon Festival](#), September 10-22.



## FREE THE FERN IS FAMOUS!

Recently, Free the Fern founder, Grace Nombrado, had the pleasure of welcoming CBC meteorologist and science reporter, [Johanna Wagstaffe](#), to the Champlain Heights Trail.

Grace shared with Johanna the important stewardship work that Free the Fern has done over the last 1 ½ years.

“If you can name it,  
you can love it.”

Grace Nombrado  
(speaking about native plants to  
CBC reporter, Johanna Wagstaffe)

Since forming in **Jan 2021**, Free the Fern has:

- organized **20** events
- received **\$16,528** in funding from grants and donations.
- had **92** community volunteers
- accumulated **983 total** volunteer hours
- removed **40 tonnes** of invasives
- replanted over **700** native plants

If you would like to learn more Free the Fern and our stewardship work, please listen to the CBC [interview](#) or read the [article](#).

