



SPEAKERS SERIES

World Water Day - Free Public Lecture

WHAT	Celebrating UN World Water Day, Cowichan Watershed Board and VIU-Cowichan Campus are pleased to present an inspiring and knowledge-packed slideshow and talk by Gord Baird, of Eco-Sense. Eco-Sense is a multi-award winning green home and business in Victoria's Highlands neighbourhood, providing regenerative design in the areas of water, food, energy, and lifestyle. Gord will urge and support us to do more with our most precious resource, sharing his extensive experience in the topics of rainwater harvesting, greywater reuse, composting toilets, and more.
WHEN	Thursday March 22 (UN World Water Day) 7:00-8:30 pm
WHERE	VIU Cowichan Campus, 2011 University Way, Duncan, BC. Lecture Hall – Rm 140
COST	Free. All welcome.
ALSO	Cowichan Million Litre Challenge . Cowichan Watershed Board will be handing out free hose washers at this event and others between March 16-24 as part of the Cowichan Million Litre Challenge. Our goal is to have 100 people make one simple but significant water-saving step this week by setting up their summer watering systems properly with a wrench and fresh hose washers to prevent leaks. Calculations show that could save 1 million litres over the course of the year! Watch for our team at the Community Farm Store on March 16 th , Speaker's Night on March 22, and Dinter Nursery on March 24 th , or contact capturerain@cowichanwatershedboard.ca . Bonus Incentive! Drillwell Enterprises will donate \$2 to an African Water non-profit for each of the first 100 hoses fixed.



About the Speaker: Gord and Ann Baird have become synonymous with integrated sustainability when it comes to connecting lifestyle, food, economics, policy, community water, and resources otherwise considered by many to be waste. Their life is a snapshot documenting what is possible in a changing world, building the first legal 2-storey load-bearing cob residence in North America, and becoming the first building to receive the Living Building Challenge recognition. Their orchards include 90 fruit trees, 70 nut trees, and over 300 different species of edible perennial plant. And, they use 60% less water than the average farm to pull this off. They use their knowledge to help others, delivering workshops around integrated systems in food, water, energy, and lifestyle. Gord was involved in the Province of BC's *Manual of Composting*

Toilets and Greywater Practice (making it legal in BC). They both sit as municipal councillors for the Highlands which affords them the ability to educate and inform policy makers around the Capitol region.

More Info: <https://eco-sense.ca/about/>

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