

Garry Oak Meadow...a Celebration of Volunteers on April 28 was a beautiful sunny day with about 300 people stopping by to enjoy all the displays, the 3 wildflower walks, the children's activities, the food, drinks and the wonderful music of the Bald Eagles Band. Mayor Kevin Murdoch, and Parks liaison, Councilor Hazel Braithwaite, welcomed people at the official opening. Other councilors attending were Andrew Appleton, Esther Patterson, and Tara Ney.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Bald Eagles Band, all the volunteers who helped, and to the organizations that displayed:

- Bowker Creek Initiative CRD
- Compost Education Centre
- Saanich Parks Pulling Together
- Friends of Ecological Reserves
- Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society
- Greater Victoria Green Team
- NatureKids and their ivy removal
- Parks Canada
- Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary
- Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Victoria Natural History Society
- World Fisheries Trust.

Did you see the secretive burrowing sea cucumber?

It was lovely to see the inspired artists, Victor Lotto, Patricia Lortie and Avis Rasmussen painting in the park. Thanks for being inspired and inspiring.

Thanks also to all the businesses that provided food and coffee:

- Thrifty's Food
- Fairways Foods
- Cobb's Bakery
- Hide + Seek Coffee
- Starbucks.

Thanks to those who donated prizes:

- Bowker Creek Initiative CRD
- The Bungalow
- Cobb's Bakery
- Friends of Uplands Park
- Gardenworks, Oak Bay
- Greater Victoria Green Team
- Penny Farthing Pub
- Willows Galley Fish & Chips
- John Olafson and Linda Beare
- GOMPS.

Thanks to Oak Bay Parks for all their work providing tents, tables, chairs, electricity and their total support. **Friends of Uplands Park** is so fortunate to volunteer with Oak Bay Parks and to have the continuing support of our Oak Bay Council and the Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Cululture Commission.