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“ A Rocha’s
environmental
education
programs get
kids up close
and personal
with creation!

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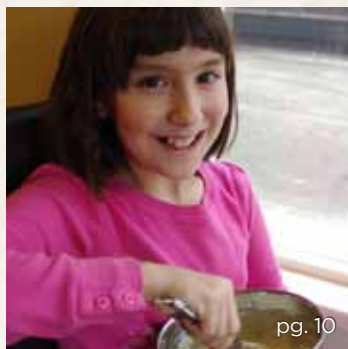
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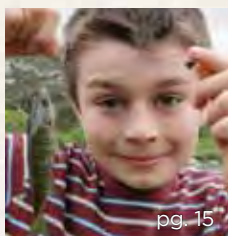
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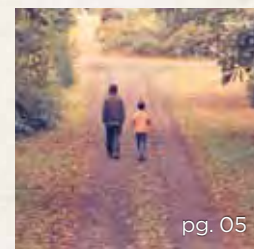
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LIVING LIGHTER

Taking a Time Out

In many ways, living more simply is the easiest and most practical thing the average North American can do to care for creation and their less fortunate planet-mates. Not many of us can trek to the Outer Hebrides to ring Storm Petrels or set up an orphanage in drought-stricken Ethiopia, but all of us can shop a little less!

A great way to kick-start the simplicity habit is to pick a “Time Out” or Sabbath day and observe it once a week. The invitation of Sabbath keeping, writes Abraham Heschel, is to come away from the “tyranny of things of space” to “share what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation.” He imagines the Sabbath as a window into the kingdom of God—a day to tap into our instincts for eternity, for something bigger than the commercial stuff of our everyday lives. As we train our gaze towards a horizon beyond the consumer habits of our society, this “Time Out” becomes a day of refashioning, the results of which spill into the rest of the week as we shift away from a consumer-driven way of living toward a relational way of living.

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Photo: Brooke McAllister

suggested activities:

— 1 —

Instead of cruising the mall—go on a nature walk in a nearby park.

— 2 —

Instead of eating out—cook a healthy dinner together with the family.

— 3 —

Instead of surfing the web—have tea with a neighbour.

***In all of the above:
Pray, wonder, be grateful!***

Share your Sabbath ideas and experiences on our Facebook page: facebook.com/aroachacanada 

For more tips on living lighter, visit arocha.ca/living-lighter

MESSAGE FROM MARKKU/ BROOKSDALE CENTRE

A Message from the Executive Director

Folks often ask me what exactly A Rocha does. Answering that question can be a bit like shaking hands

with an octopus—which tentacle do you grasp? There's the conservation arm, the education arm, the sustainable living arm. Throw in internship programs, community outreach, our environmental centres, community gardens, and suddenly you have a many-tentacled beast!

BUT, to extend the metaphor, you also have a beast with just one heart, brain and will.

The variety of our work is all centred on practical action to care for creation and care for people. All of it—whether it's planting gardens with the marginalized in Winnipeg or catching frogs with day campers in Surrey, BC—is rooted in our mission to transform people and places into healthy communities.

The newsletter you hold in your hands is a sampling of both the variety and the goodness of the outworking of that mission. So pick an arm, give it a shake and read on!

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Executive Director

A Rocha Canada



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<https://twitter.com/markkukostamo>

and visit us online at arocho.ca

Brooksedale Environmental Centre

Imagine a place where salmon spawn just down the bank from a heritage guest house. Where meals are served fresh from the garden. Where interns and volunteers come from around the world to actively care for creation. Where church and business members enjoy a quiet place to regroup and refocus. If you can imagine this, then you have a good picture of what makes the A Rocha Brooksedale Environmental Centre in Surrey, BC so special.



COME
see us

We invite you to visit, stay, work & play alongside us. The centre is available for

- Internships in conservation, education and sustainable agriculture
- Day retreats for business and church groups
- Environmental educational field trips
- Overnight retreats for smaller groups

Please visit our website or contact us at british.columbia@arocho.ca for more information!

CONSERVATION SCIENCE

The Salish Sucker: Little Fish Makes Big Splash!

As one of the last remaining undyked rivers within the lower Fraser Valley of BC, the Little Campbell River is truly a natural jewel of the region. It is home to regionally-significant populations of salmon, trout, and a high diversity of wildlife, including several endangered species. The river was named one of BC's most endangered rivers back in 2008 because of increasing development in the watershed and concerns about water quality.

🔄 *The conservation and inventory studies carried out by A Rocha are a key component in preservation work we do with endangered species like the Salish Sucker."*

--Mike Pearson, Professional Biologist



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Intern Helen Yip, holding a live Salish Sucker which was returned unharmed to the Little Campbell River.



Salish Sucker, shown here in actual size

The Little Campbell River flows directly through A Rocha's Brooksdale Environmental Centre, allowing our staff and interns ready access for species surveys and habitat restoration projects. A recent inventory study included capturing fish and amphibians in the Centre's pond to assess species abundance and to manage non-native invasive species such as American Bullfrogs and Pumpkinseed Sunfish.

But it was not an invasive species that made a big splash in our interns' survey work, but the capture and release of a very rare fish. On Friday morning, August 19, 2011, A Rocha intern Audrey Epp found a Salish Sucker in a minnow trap at Brooksdale pond. The Salish Sucker (*Catostomus* sp.) is an endangered species, listed under Canada's Species at Risk Act, and found in only ten watersheds in the Fraser Valley and four in Washington State. Populations are in decline as their habitat is destroyed or fragmented by urban and agricultural development.

ABOUT THE SALISH SUCKER IN BC

"Salish Suckers are endangered because they have a very restricted distribution range and their habitat is rapidly being degraded by human land uses.

Scientists studying the sucker have concluded that it is destined for extinction in British Columbia if action is not taken soon to protect its habitat."

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/salishsucker.pdf>

The Salish Sucker was thought to be extirpated in the Little Campbell River, since they have not been found in the area since the 1970's. Follow-up surveys conducted in partnership with Dr. Mike Pearson, a local biologist with expertise in Salish Sucker research and management, have turned up more fish in the upper watershed. Big news for a beleaguered fish!

A Rocha will continue working with our partners to investigate the distribution of this species within the watershed and how we can restore and enhance habitat for this species both at Brooksdale and within the larger watershed. This rediscovery should help to raise public awareness and stimulate more active monitoring and conservation of the ecosystem.

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Protecting and Restoring Tropical Forests: AN A ROCHA PRIORITY

We all know that tropical forests are as important for the health of the planet as the lungs and heart are to the human body. Rainforests suck in carbon and breathe out oxygen. They circulate the heavy rains that are typical of the tropics, preventing or limiting dangerous floods, shaping local weather patterns and even stabilizing the global climate. More than half of all terrestrial plant and animal species are in our tropical forests: nuts and nuthatches, elephants and elephant-shrews, toads and toadstools. Sixty million people still live in rainforests, directly dependent on them for much of their everyday needs, while the developed world enjoys their products: hardwoods, foods, drinks, rubber, and medicines.

Given the importance of tropical forests to people and wildlife, it's not surprising that A Rocha has been focusing on them in Ghana, Kenya, Peru and India.



Daryl with a 3-year-old Kapok tree on a Climate Stewards plantation.
(Photo by David McKay)

Planting New Forests in Ghana

Daryl Bosu is A Rocha's Project Manager in Ghana, a country where four-fifths of the forest cover has been felled since the turn of the 20th century. Much of his time is spent working with Climate Stewards, A Rocha's response to climate change.

Donations given at climatestewards.net are used to plant trees for carbon mitigation, community benefits and new habitats for wildlife. Daryl prospects for new sites and provides technical support in raising seedlings, planting and aftercare.

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Since 2007, about 300 acres of degraded areas have been planted with mostly native species, as well as some fruit trees. These new plantations have been maintained with commitment and dedication by participating schools and communities in both the north and south of the country. Some of the trees are now over 15 feet tall and already Daryl is observing large mammal activity at some of the older sites.

During this year's planting season, from June to August, twenty-five acres of degraded, arid land in Nania-Paga, next to the infamous Pikworo Slave Camp (a tourist attraction in northern Ghana) was planted with four native tree species, including African Ebony (*Diospyrus mespiliformes*) and Mahogany (*Khaya senegalensis*). In the south, twenty-five acres were planted by Nyinhain Catholic Senior High School and the Integrated Community Centre for Employable Skills in Asamama-Abosamso.



Planting Huarango seedlings in the dunes.
(Photo by Ramón Casana)

...and in Peru

South-eastern Peru is extremely arid: only the Huarango forests can grow here. They are wonderfully adapted to tolerate even the driest conditions, and comprise several *Prosopis* species, thorny hardwoods of the legume family, collectively known locally as Huarangales.

Though most of the once-extensive forests have been felled, the Huarango tree still plays a major role in traditional agriculture on the Peruvian coast. Huarango remnants provide farmers and their stock with much-needed shade and the leaves help to feed their livestock. New Huarango-based products, such as ice-cream, provide additional income.

“ Our reforestation project aims at planting 26,000 trees with the Ica communities over a 3-year period, working with landowners who commit themselves to care for the seedlings.

Poor rural communities use the pods for flour and ‘coffee’ and the timber for firewood or charcoal, while the scented, yellow flowers attract bees, enabling people to have hives for honey. It’s not surprising that communities have been eager to work with A Rocha in restoring the forests and also reviving their traditional relationships with the Huarangales.

Our reforestation project aims at planting 26,000 Huarango (and other native trees) with the Ica communities over a three-year period, cooperating with landowners who commit themselves to care for the seedlings. This is complemented by research and communication activities, as well as environmental education in universities and high schools. A Rocha volunteers are helping younger children to establish a garden specially designed by them and for them. They meet every Saturday for planting and recycling activities, stories and games.



DONATE TODAY TO PLANT A TREE!

Did you know A Rocha plants trees in South Africa and Kenya, along with Peru and Ghana?

Visit climatestewards.net to give to this great cause.

To find out more about A Rocha’s work around the world use the International Site link at the top of our home webpage at arocha.ca.

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☞ *Relationships have formed as residents have joined with the A Rocha crew in the garden and in the kitchen.*

“Just Growing” Keeps Growing

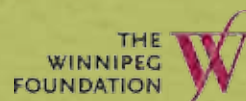
From the start, the purpose of A Rocha's Just Growing Project in Winnipeg has been to link people with food, community and creation. One way team leaders Jen Kornelson and Bethany Petkau and their interns have done this is by serving the people at Madison Lodge. Many of the Lodge's residents struggle with mental illness, unemployment and poverty. Relationships have formed as residents have joined with the A Rocha crew in the garden and in the kitchen. We are pleased to strengthen our relationship with The Madison now that it is under the ownership of Siloam Mission and look forward to building new garden plots on site and hosting more cooking activities.

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to find out more.*



Resident of The Madison Lodge, and participant in A Rocha's "Just Growing" program.



We are grateful for the generous partnership of St. Margaret's Anglican Church and the Winnipeg Foundation in our Just Growing Program!



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Fun on the Farm Gets Cooking

After-school raspberry smoothie, anyone? A cheerful group of young people mixed, chopped, and snacked their way through three scrumptious Friday afternoon cooking classes at the A Rocha Brooksdale Environmental Centre. Outside, the week came to a sunset close but inside the kitchen rang with sounds of cooking, questions, laughter, and serious attention to recipes. Shepherded by Ute Lindenlauf, and run under the umbrella of A Rocha's "Fun on the Farm" outreach, the sessions introduced kids to the art of cooking from scratch, with reference to what was currently growing in Brooksdale's winter garden.

Between preparing their snacks and suppers, the children gathered around the table to eat their handiwork and discuss wider topics: table setting and manners, the benefits of good nutrition, package labelling.... From the smiles on the kids' faces, the event went down as well as real mayonnaise, garden burgers, and slow-cooked stew... mmmm!

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World Vision
Canadian Programs

Fun on the Farm is run in partnership with **World Vision Canada**.

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Raptor Man: Paul Goossen

Red-tailed Hawks and their fellow migratory birds of prey know no international boundaries. Come spring, they soar southern Manitoban skies and Paul Goossen, whose commitment to the conservation of prairie species and habitats might be considered just as dramatic, is there to watch and count. That's the fun part! Paul also writes and disseminates the results in A Rocha's Raptor Review. Between migration seasons Paul is an active educator and raptor advocate, working with partners on exciting projects such as the development of an international adventure birding trail that will traverse the Pembina Valley. Look too for the raptor identification booklet he's preparing in cooperation with the Pembina Valley Development Corporation and the Canadian Wildlife Federation.



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Go to arocha.ca/environmental-stewardship to download Paul's latest "Raptor Review"



CANADIAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION
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Paul is an educator and advocate for species like the Red-tailed Hawk

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Earthkeeping Institute Considers Watersheds

"This is why I came to A Rocha!" exclaimed one of the participants in the first installment of A Rocha's

“The goal of the weekend was to explore what it would mean to take our places seriously as the setting for Christian discipleship.

Earthkeeping Institute. This past fall, about twenty eager "earthkeepers" gathered at our Brooksdale Environmental Centre for a weekend focused

on watershed stewardship. The goal of the weekend was to explore what it would mean to take our places seriously as the setting for Christian discipleship. Ecologically speaking, place is most meaningfully defined by watersheds. Thus, the jam-packed schedule included a tour of the Little Campbell River Watershed, highlighted

by visits with our conservation partners at the local hatchery and estuary. This exploration of place was integrated with biblical reflection on how a scriptural understanding of identity, redemption and a vision for life, consistently insists that where we are matters deeply to God. The Institute wonderfully captured A Rocha's commitment to particular corners of God's world. If such an experience sounds intriguing to you, stay tuned for our next installment of our Earthkeeping Institute where we will explore the theme of food and faith.

"Earthkeepers" gather around a large Coho salmon at a local hatchery.



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Tackling Invasives in Manitoba and Ontario



Invasive plant species can wreak havoc on an ecosystem and its potential biodiversity. Because they come from afar, these 'exotics' (think Scotch broom on Vancouver Island, Russian knapweed in Manitoba and European birch in southern Ontario) often have no natural predators or controls to keep them in check and can therefore overrun and alter an entire ecosystem. A Rocha is tackling the problem of invasives in our conservation work across Canada.

In Manitoba, only a fraction of one percent of tallgrass prairie remains. But A Rocha's Pembina Valley Field Station boasts a whole acre of it! It's a richly diverse habitat that grows on premium soils. It's also fertile ground for two invasive species: Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) which compete with the 100 native species thriving in A Rocha's pet plot.

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When he isn't mobilizing action against Common Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*) in the neighbouring provincial park, or circulating a poster to help southern Manitobans identify invasives on their own properties, the Field Station's co-director Nick Pharaoh is manning the front lines of conservation with a bladed power trimmer--the only tool that effectively knocks out those gnarly thistle stems.

Slide your gaze eastwards to Ontario: if the way to a person's heart is through the stomach, A Rocha's Stewardship Coordinator Paul Abell is stirring up a new constituency for conservation by whipping up garlic mustard pesto! Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*),



once introduced as a food crop, has spread prolifically through the forests around Toronto. It's an unusual herbaceous plant because it outcompetes young trees for dominion of the understorey. But thanks to the pesto-loving A Rocha volunteers, the plant is being controlled at the Starcliff Nature Reserve.

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For more information on invasive species in your region check out the following websites:

BC: invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca
Alberta: invasiveplants.ab.ca
Manitoba: invasivespeciesmanitoba.com
Ontario: invadingspecies.com

MANITOBA CENTRE UPDATE/ A ROCHA CANADA FINANCE



Photo: Fred Carruthers

Please visit our website or
contact us at manitoba@arocha.ca for more information!

For the second year in a row the Pembina Valley Field Station in southern Manitoba played host to an Amazing Race called the Pembina Valley Challenge. This year's theme: pirates! And for the second year in a row the A Rocha crew got top marks as one of the "best challenges" at the Pembina Valley Tourism Awards. This was just one of the unique groups hosted by the Field Station. Others came not to race, but to refresh—groups like the Calligraphy Guild who returned to enjoy A Rocha as a place for interpreting nature through the arts. Still others came for family reunions, church picnics and day retreats. Interns came to gain skills; volunteers came to restore the Station's cabin for extended program use; and Doreen Cubie returned to band hummingbirds as part of her trans-continent research project.

Come pay us a visit! The Field Station is available for



- Internships in conservation, education & sustainable agriculture
- Day retreats for community & church groups
- Environmental education field trips
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A Rocha Canada 2011 Financial Report

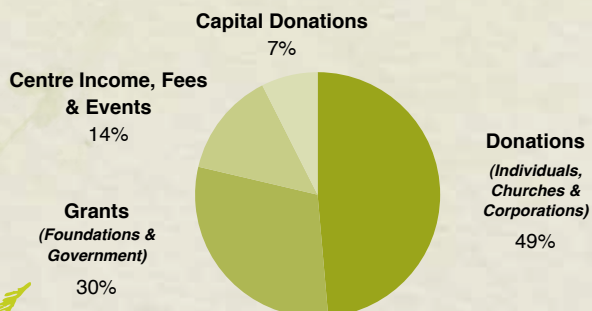
Income

	2011	2010
1 Donations (individuals, churches & corporations)	613,000	595,000
2 Grants (foundations & government)	379,000	157,000
3 Centre Income, Fees & Events	175,000	138,000
Operating Subtotal	1,167,000	890,000
4 Capital Donations	94,000	72,000
Total Income	1,261,000	963,000

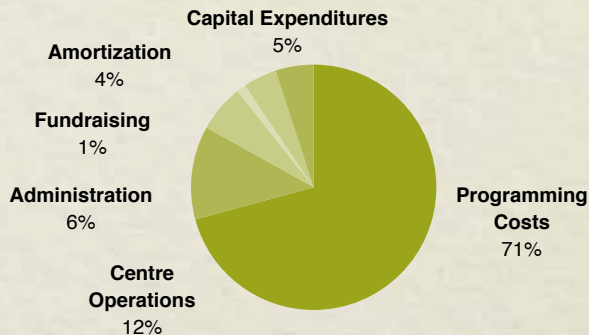
Expenditures & Capital Asset Investment

	2011	2010
1 Programming	862,000	539,000
2 Centre Operations	150,000	103,000
3 Administration	76,000	50,000
4 Fundraising	15,000	8,000
5 Amortization	54,000	47,000
Operating Subtotal	1,157,000	747,000
6 Capital Expenditures	61,000	144,000
Total Expenditures	1,218,000	890,000

2011 Income



2011 Expenditures



FACES OF A ROCHA

A Rocha's work is grounded in community, a community of folks who roll up their sleeves, get on their knees, open their wallets, and offer their wisdom – all to make the vision of creation care a reality in Canada. Here are a few faces of those who have found a place with A Rocha.



BOARD MEMBER:
SANDRA MANNING

"My involvement on the A Rocha Board is an opportunity to care ABOUT God's great gift of Creation and to care FOR it as well, through our prayerful decision-making."



INTERN: **MARGITA HEFNER**

"Coming from Germany where Christians often fail to be concerned for the environment, it's been very inspiring to serve with people who really put their faith and their conservation values together. I've learned so much!"



DONOR: **ROD WILSON**

"My wife and I find it easy to be donors to A Rocha since the mission is clear, the vision is compelling, the staff have integrity and God's kingdom is impacted."



DAYCAMPER: **AIDEN ANDERSON**

"I love learning about creation at A Rocha, especially the birds of prey and animals that live in our watershed. It's great to see these things up close!"



CSA MEMBER: **KIM HAYASHI**

"We believed ourselves to be 'slow fooders' because we bought our dried beans in 20 lb. bags. But then we joined A Rocha's Community Shared Agriculture program and received handfuls of your fresh and amazing greenish pods in our weekly bin! We are thankful for A Rocha's CSA for allowing us to enjoy God's bounty through their harvest."



VOLUNTEER: **STAN OLSON**

"As a retiree, it's been such a gift to come to the Brooksdale Environmental Centre a couple times each week to share my passion for birds and other species with A Rocha interns as I help train them in the methods of conservation science."



PASTOR: **FRANK CHOUINARD**

"Thanks to The Plot Thickens community gardening training, we launched a 7000 sq. ft. veggie garden on our church property. We are situated in a high traffic area and neighbours regularly stop by to garden, watch, pick food or ask questions. It's been a great outreach and way to meet the needs of our community."



STAFF: **CINDY VERBEEK**

"One of the joys of working as A Rocha's Community Organizer in northern BC is coming alongside others who are rising to the unique challenges of northern living in amazing ways, from Fairtrade markets, to community gardens to recycling."



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GOOD SEED SUNDAY



GOOD SEED SUNDAY

Good Seed Sunday is a new initiative designed to inspire, equip and mobilize church members across Canada to care for creation in God-honouring ways. On April 22, we launched the first Good Seed Sunday and saw over 150 churches from BC to Newfoundland participate! Congregants from across denominational lines celebrated the beauty and stewardship of creation as an act of worship and service.



One church that really embraced the mission of Good Seed Sunday (GSS) was New City Church in Hamilton, Ontario. Not only did they incorporate the GSS liturgy and worship materials into their church service, they also rolled up their sleeves and got busy doing some active creation stewardship work on an environmentally strategic site at the north end of Hamilton.

Church members cleaned up garbage, removed invasive species and planted native plants. Because of the amount of heavy industry in the neighbourhood, the site has the potential to act as a key resting and feeding stop for migratory birds. In addition, the church was pleased to be able to help beautify what is currently a harsh and unforgiving environment for all species, including humans. The church's goal is to use GSS as a springboard for developing a long-term commitment to caring for this site so that their youth group, other interested members, and local A Rocha supporters

can be engaged in active stewardship, working out the biblical call to care for creation.

If your church missed the official Good Seed Sunday launch, but you are still keen to take up the call to care for the earth, never fear! Resources which can assist congregations in becoming grounded in creation care, both theologically and practically, are still available for free download on our Good Seed Sunday website—things like sermons, youth group activities, Sunday school curricula, action project ideas, and even seed packets to hand out after a service. We hope you are inspired to get an early start on plans for celebrating Good Seed Sunday next year!

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Check out our website at
goodseedsunday.com
and get inspired!

DIG THIS | CANADIAN TOUR

The Community Garden Network Hits the Road

A Rocha has gone “on tour” with The Plot Thickens, a community garden workshop that equips churches and other community groups to care for the earth and care for their neighbours.



Participants from over 60 churches and community groups across Canada enjoyed our hands-on workshops. That's 60 more community gardens started or better equipped to produce tens of tons of vegetables that will bless local communities and allow neighbours to reach out to neighbours!

Missed the tour, but still want to get in on the training? We've made The Plot Thickens Community Garden Guidebook free and available for download on our website. The manual is packed with information on everything from grant writing to compost building. And if you're already part of a community garden project, start talking! Visit our new community garden page on our website (arocha.ca/community-gardens/) and use our online Forum to discuss your gardening questions and visit our Garden Profiles pages to see what others are doing across the country.



Members of Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Ottawa got inspired after attending The Plot Thickens workshop and planted a 7,000 sq. ft. garden on their church property. Neighbours regularly stop by to chat, pick food and watch the garden grow!

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Download your free “The Plot Thickens Community Garden Guidebook” at arocha.ca/community-groups-resources/



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Build Your Very Own Raised Vegetable Bed

SUPPLIES

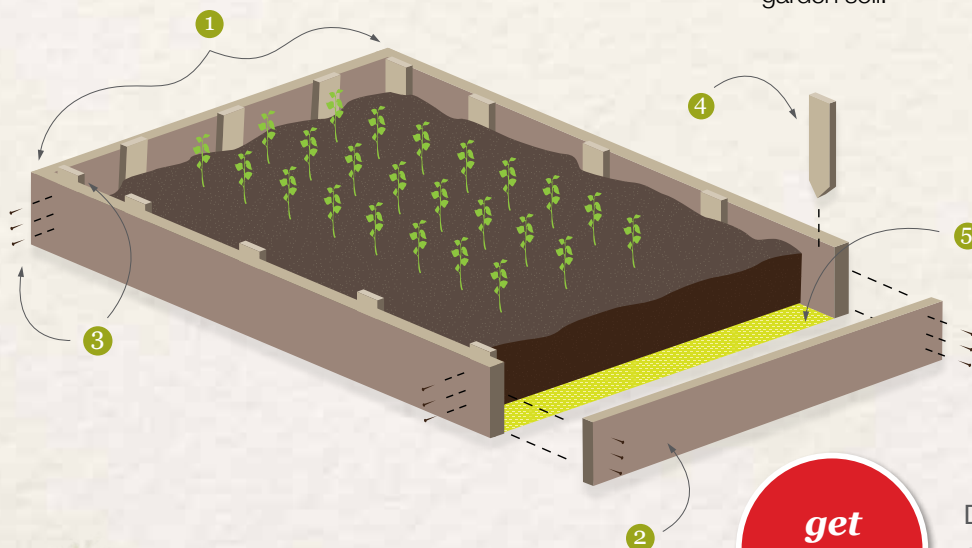
- 2 - 2"x10" boards, 8 feet long
(Pine or cedar are good choices.
Don't use pressure treated lumber.)
- 2 - 2"x10" boards, 4 feet long
- 1 - 3 to 3^{1/2}" exterior screws
- 1 - 2 to 2^{1/2}" exterior screws
- 1 bundle 18–24" stakes

TOOLS

- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Level
- Small sledgehammer
- Carpenter's square
- Cordless drill
- 7/64 #8 counter sink bit

BASIC INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Lay out the 8ft boards so that they are parallel. Place a 4ft board on one end to form a right-angled frame, ensuring it is square and level. Attach this 4ft board using large screws at both corners.
- 2 Place the remaining 4ft board to form the box end, ensuring it is square and level. Attach using large screws.
- 3 Drive the stakes into each of the four corners, and attach stakes to the boards with small screws.
- 4 Drive more stakes all along the inside of the frame, and attach using small screws.
- 5 Dig up the earth inside the box or lay down a thick layer of newsprint or landscape cloth (to reduce weeds growing into your box), and fill box with garden soil.



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Photo: Brooke McAllister

OUR MISSION

A Rocha is an international Christian organization which, inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education and community-based conservation projects.

OUR VISION: TRANSFORMATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Restoring salmon habitat, training young scientists, inspiring school children, feeding low-income families—A Rocha is transforming people and places through hands-on conservation projects, environmental education programs and sustainable agriculture initiatives.

OUR VALUES

Christian

Underlying all we do is our biblical faith in the living God, who made the world, loves it and entrusts it to the care of human society.

Conservation

We carry out research for the conservation and restoration of the natural world and run environmental education programs for people of all ages.

Community

Through our commitment to God, each other and the wider creation, we aim to develop good relationships both within the A Rocha family and in our local communities.

Cross-cultural

We draw on the insights and skills of people from diverse cultures, both locally and around the world.

Cooperation

We work in partnership with a wide variety of organizations and individuals who share our concerns for a sustainable world.



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