

FORED PROJECTS

(summary of 2010 and ongoing 2011)

FORED's community sustainability activity would not be possible without the immeasurable contribution of our members, volunteers, directors & staff. Our hands-on, diversified volunteer Board of Directors from law, business, education, academe & First Nations, governs our policy & programs with outstanding leadership. Highlights follow:

Sustainable Communities & Neighbourhoods (SCAN) program:

➤ Community best practices in **sustainability resources** from our magazine Landscapes and other sources continue to be downloaded by 80,000 individuals annually from our website www.landscapesmag.com.

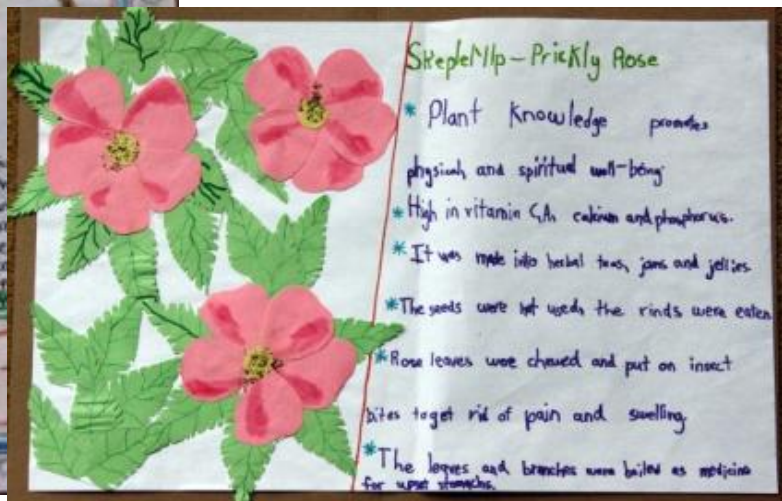
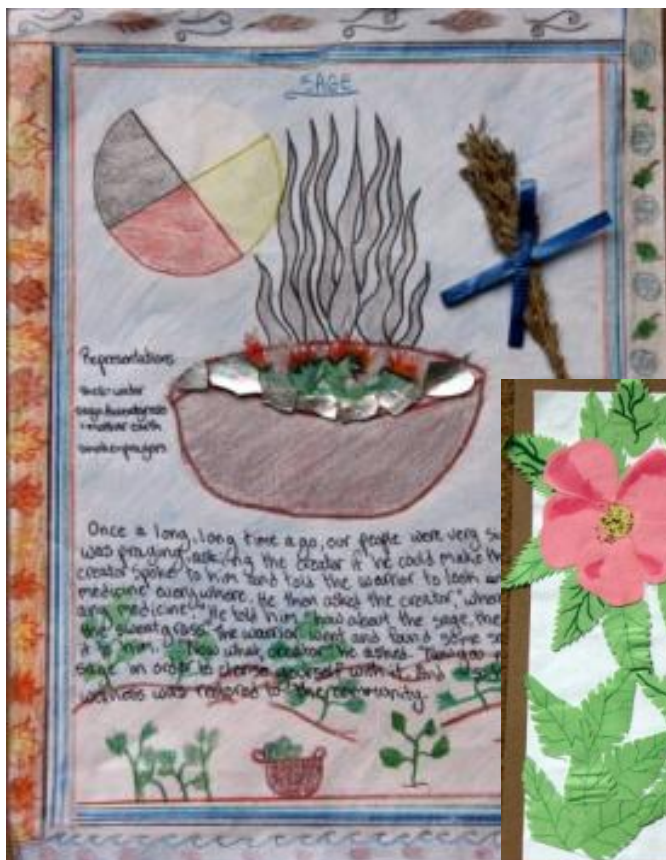
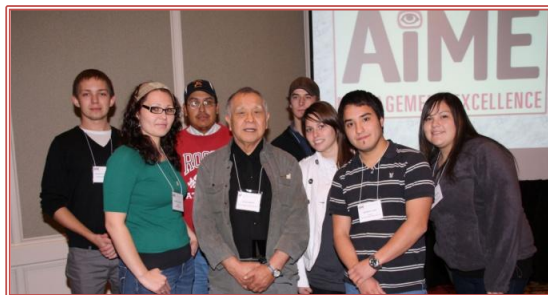
➤ FORED is an advisory member of the new **Institute for Environmental Learning**, led by SFU's Dr. David Zandvliet, FORED volunteer. The Institute is a UN-designated thinktank that develops and supports research on environmental learning and sustainable development in communities across BC.

Aboriginal Heritage, Education & Dialogue (AHEAD) program:

➤ FORED was again a contributing partner at the **Aboriginal Institute for Management Excellence (AIME)** with lead agency Aboriginal Forest Industries Council (AFIC) & volunteers from First Nations, industry & government. First Nations managers participated in two regional Institutes (Nov. 2010-Kelowna & Feb. 2011-Nanaimo). This **Natural Resources mentorship** program is uniquely designed for First Nations.

➤ To celebrate the rich cultural and heritage traditions of BC's aboriginal people,

FORED sponsored the second annual poster contest for aboriginal youth, in April. The theme was **Traditional Knowledge & Medicine**. Winning entries from three age categories collected a \$50 prize. Winners: Primary- Easton, Dallas Elementary, Kamloops; Intermediate – Renee & Raven, Gitwangak FN, L'Ecole Bilingue, Vancouver/Cleveland Elementary, North Vancouver; Secondary – Savannah, Lyackson FN, Highland Secondary, Comox. Winners' posters will be featured on FORED's website. **Posters will also be displayed in the Ministry of Education office (Victoria) for National Aboriginal Day (June 21st) at government request.**



➤ The Nicola Valley Institute of Technology scholarship award ceremony is scheduled to take place on October 1, 2011. FORED will present the scholarship to a deserving Aboriginal graduate in the Natural Resources program. All the **students' scholarship submissions on traditional knowledge practices will be compiled by FORED BC into an on-line educational resource** for review by our First Nations volunteers.

Youth Engaging Sustainability (YES) program:

➤ FORED BC's annual youth poster contest for National Forest Week once again drew hundreds of entries. Fifty dollar prizes went to youths in three age categories. Winners: Primary – Jonas, Glendale Elementary School, Williams Lake (see photo); Intermediate – Ishman, Dasmesh Punjabi School, Abbotsford; Secondary – Stephanie, Nanaimo District Secondary School, Nanaimo. Our **contest was featured in the Williams Lake Tribune** (see news story & poster pics). Winning posters are on our website.

➤ **FORED volunteer Dr. David Zandvliet's Science Times Advisory Committee** will meet in July to discuss the next steps for this educational resource and share exciting developments and successes. FORED is a longstanding editorial advisory member of this Committee.

Partnerships:

➤ FORED met with **Mike Harcourt, former BC Premier** and now the Associate Director of **UBC Centre for Sustainability** about potential partnership projects, predicated on new funding sources.

➤ Thanks to our Board Chair and volunteer, Vikram K., who provided networking with business professionals and contacts at functions such as The Really Interesting People Event (TRIPE), among others. We also salute: volunteer & Vice-Chair Lisa R. who invited FORED to other charitable events with potential donors and community leaders. Kudos to our other director volunteers Jennifer P. (Secretary Treasurer) for all the financial review, Margaret G. for her introductions to First Nations cultural entertainers and David Z. for including FORED on Science Times and the Institute for Environmental Learning advisory groups, **providing FORED with greater outreach to thousands of BC citizens, particularly youth.**

➤ We gratefully acknowledge the continuing long-term support of the Province of BC, through gaming funds, as well as our members and the Vancouver & Vancity Foundations.

