

# Friends of Ecological Reserves Lecture

April 26, 2016

University of Victoria

Room A102 - David Turpin Bldg.

7:30 - 8:00 pm - AGM Business Portion

8:00 - 9:15 pm - Lecture by Andy MacKinnon

All are welcome!

Ecological Reserves are valuable as 'baselines' and as areas for research to advance our understanding of BC's ecosystems. Join us for Andy's entertaining and informative presentation. He will discuss three types of plant-fungal interaction – lichens, mycorrhizae and mycoheterotrophs – that are important in BC's terrestrial ecosystems.



Andy MacKinnon at Avatar

Andy MacKinnon is a forest ecologist who lives in Metchosin BC. Until his retirement in 2015, he worked for the BC Forest Service on-and-off for three decades, mostly on BC's coast, where he was responsible for ecosystem classification and mapping and a program of forest ecology research focused on old growth structure and composition, effects of climate change, and BC's native plants and fungi. Andy has also been involved in defining and implementing ecosystem-based management in Haida Gwaii and the Great Bear Rainforest. He has co-taught rainforest ecology field courses in Bamfield (for the University of Victoria) and Haida Gwaii (for UBC). Andy is co-author of six best-selling books about plants of western North America. He's an Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University, and a (recently retired) Professional Forester and Professional Biologist in BC.