## Friends of Ecological Reserves ER Act 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM



"NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these present proclaim and declare that April 2, 2021, shall be known as

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**Ecological Reserves Day**"

After passing unanimously, the *Ecological Reserves Act* received Royal Assent and became law on April 2, 1971. In that honour, the Lieutenant Governor on behalf of Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed April 2 this year as Ecological Reserves Day.

May 4, 1971 was the date of the Order in Council that established the first ERs. On this upcoming historic anniversary for Canadian conservation (May 4, 2021), the Friends of Ecological Reserves will have prominent past members of the program share their recollections and reminiscences:

- Bristol Foster, who was the founding Director of Ecological Reserves Branch will tell us about the remarkable life of Vladimir Krajina and how his vision led to the creation of ER's in B.C.;
- Jim Pojar will share entertaining stories of some of the early adventures in the field;
- Hans Roemer who was the first Ecological Reserves botanist will focus on plant identification in the candidate ERs;
- Lynne Milnes who was the founder of the ER warden program will talk about this and the early years of Friends of Ecological Reserves;
- Louise Goulet will add her reminiscences about the early years of the Ecological Reserves warden program; and
- Vicky Husband will share how the Friends of Ecological Reserves came to be.

The Friends of Ecological Reserves invite you to join our 50th Anniversary Celebration, on May 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM

The business meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with the presentations to follow at 7:30. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Register in advance for this meeting at:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcOCqqTIvHNvIIAG4hdCBb5YELcSGC-3T

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.