

## PESTICIDE FREE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – April 2017

Our Pesticide Free Committee was involved in a 4 day clean-up of Scotch Broom along the roadways of Denman Island in May, 2016. We had \$1500 from the CVRD and \$500 from the Denman Island Garden Club to pay 4 local workers to pull the Broom. All the pulled broom was composted. We also had a presentation on Being Pesticide Free at the Denman Island Garden Club with Patty Rose, Harlene Holm and Peter Thomsen making presentations. We had a display and petition to ban pesticides in the CVRD at the Seedy Saturday event. We also passed out approx. 60 signs that said “My lawn and Garden are pesticide free”. Several articles were published in the Grapevine and Flagstone encouraging people make their property a pesticide free zone. Islanders are encouraged to adopt a portion of roadside to keep it free of Scotch Broom or other invasive species. Our committee has made two broom pullers available for rent for \$5/day at the Denman Hardware. We will also be conducting another Broom Pulling event coming up in May of this year led by Anne Page, Teresa Beers and Max Rogers.

Submitted by:

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