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| **April 11, 2023**  **Email:** [**endionspei@gmail.com**](about:blank) **Website:** [**nspeidiocese.ca/den**](about:blank)  **Facebook:** [**Environment Network Diocese of NS & PEI**](about:blank)  **“To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth”**. |
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**You are IMPORTANT!**

Please read what the Sierra Club has to say about *The Power of Saying “NO”*

[https://beyondclimatepromises.ca/the-power-of-saying-no/](about:blank)

**Your Actions are IMPORTANT!**

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| F:\0.DEN Enews\Earth day parade.jpg | ***The People's Parade for Life on Earth!***  Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd (Rain Date: Sunday, April 23rd, 2023)  Organized by the Grassroots Grandmothers, Ecology Action Centre, School Strike 4 Climate Halifax, iMOVe, DEN and others.  A celebration of Mother Earth, connecting and reconnecting us with all of creation and all that is in, on and about it, all our relations. We encourage to use imagination, creativity and expressions of Earth Day joy. (But NO motorized vehicles.) Everyone is welcome!  We gather at 1 pm at the wave on the waterfront. The parade begins 2 pm and ends at the Peace & Friendship Park with a community gathering and celebration.  If you have any questions contact Joanna Bull at [joanna@ecologyaction.ca](about:blank)  We hope to see you there! |

**Really hope as many as possible from DEN can join us. Please share with your parishes.**

**Your Voice is IMPORTANT!**

**Join the Raging Grannies and NS VOW at the People’s Parade:** Rehearsal will be Monday April 27that 2 pm. For more info please email Margaret Sagar @ [quarterdeck@ns.sympatico.ca](about:blank)

**Protect Hartlen Point:** [https://www.change.org/p/protect-hartlen-point-in-eastern-passage-nova-scotia-from-weapons-systems-testing-facility-demand-the-government-complete-a-proper-unbiased-environmental-impact-assessment-which-takes-into-account-wildlife-community-traffic-ns-s-1-spot-for-birds](about:blank)

“Here’s what an environmental report says about the DND’s Hartlen Point plans” @the Coast:

[https://www.thecoast.ca/news-opinion/heres-what-an-environmental-report-says-about-the-dnds-hartlen-point-plans-30516508?utm\_source=newsletter.thecoast.ca&utm\_medium=newsletter&utm\_campaign=here-s-what-an-environmental-report-says-about-the-dnd-s-hartlen-point-plans&fbclid=IwAR33NWzRSj6IPKn63WH15a4RNas-K-7vc8uf4rsB3uZBCqYNrQEy\_MptnsI](about:blank)

**Save West Mabou Beach Provincial Park:** [https://www.facebook.com/savewestmaboubeach](about:blank)

**Save Sandy Lake:** [https://naturens.ca/save-sandy-lake/?fbclid=IwAR3c\_nKDSBy9zF8MMYw8gVGGmjeuwkYUp6i1WQEJXEbmNa\_V1KS7-ib5NC0](about:blank)

**Arlington Forest Protection Society** [https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonForestProtectionSociety/](about:blank)

**Archibald Lake** [https://www.thegoldmineconversation.com/archilbaldlakewildernessarea](about:blank)

**Annapolis Waterkeepers** [https://www.facebook.com/AnnapolisWaterkeepers/](about:blank)

**Protect Ingram River Wilderness Area** [https://www.facebook.com/IngramRiverWildernessArea](about:blank)

**Save our old Forests** [https://www.facebook.com/events/877709060181142/?ref=newsfeed](about:blank)

**Cochrane Gold Mine Conversation** [https://www.thegoldmineconversation.com/](about:blank)

[https://www.thegoldmineconversation.com/take-action-1](about:blank)

**Nuclear Initiatives in Atlantic Region Raise Concerns**

The Coalition for Responsible Energy Development In New Brunswick (CRED-NB) is actively raising concerns about several nuclear power developments in New Brunswick.

**Concern with NB Power Exploring Partnership with Ontario Power Generation**

[https://crednb.ca/2023/04/03/concern-with-nb-power-exploring-partnership-with-ontario-power-generation/](about:blank)

**New Brunswick government and NB Power misleading the public about plan for ARC-100 radioactive waste**

[https://crednb.ca/2023/04/04/plan-for-arc-100-radioactive-waste/](about:blank)

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Is your faith community or local group doing something for Earth Day?  [Share it on the Earth Week 2023 map](about:blank)!  
This is a chance to reach out to other faith communities and neighbours in your climate justice initiatives. We encourage you to act and gather in your local community as much as possible.

***Change takes all of us. Each action brings hope.***

***Let’s make hope visible across the country.***

Check out the Earth Week 2023 [webpage and map](about:blank). There are already some great events up there - that we hope will inspire others.   
[Spread the word](about:blank) by sharing one of our Facebook posts about the campaign!  
Questions? Email [flc.pac@gmail.com](about:blank)



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| To register:  Noon ADST (4 pm GMT) [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkdOyppz8rHNKiEe0aZvfg8Xv4RzZDw8Gf](about:blank) |
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**More Than One Earth Day**

Although April 22, Earth Day, is like Christmas to the Environmentalist, let us remember there is so much more to celebrate. I thought I would list a few here. Wouldn’t it be great to have a bike workshop near World Bike Day? Maybe any enviro event on World Turtle Day since we live on Turtle Island. Having another event? invite Grandma and I will try to be there.

* April 1 Fossil Fools Day
* April 13 International Plant Day
* April 19 Primrose Day
* April 21 [Fish Migration Day](about:blank)
* April 22 [Earth Day](about:blank)
* April 28World Arbour Day
* May 11 [International Migratory Bird Day](about:blank)
* May 17 Endangered Species Day
* May 17 Bike to Work Day
* May 20 World Bee Day
* May 22 World Biodiversity Day
* May 23 World Turtle Day
* June 5: [World Environment Day](about:blank)
* June 8: [World Oceans Day](about:blank)
* June 9: [Coral Triangle Day](about:blank)
* June 16: [World Sea Turtle Day](about:blank)
* June 15: [Global Wind Day](about:blank)
* June 17: [World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought](about:blank)
* June 20: [World Refugee Day](about:blank)
* June 21: [World Giraffe Day](about:blank)
* June 22: [World Rainforest Day](about:blank)
* July 11: World Population Day
* July 14: Shark Awareness Day
* July 14th: World Chimpanzee Day
* July 14th World Orca Day
* July 16: World Snake Day
* July 28th World Nature Day
* July 29 World Tiger Day

**Garden Ideas**

We use a lot of eggs at our house. Planting anything in egg cartons have always been a favorite but this year I am saving the eggshells. Putting soil in the shell and the shells in a carton bottom makes a less messy planter to water. Shells are porous and will allow water out, slowly if needed.

I have saved the cardboard boxes, just since Christmas, for the new garden box at our community gardens. I also use Styrofoam that is used for packaging. This week I saw someone used soda pop cans as they allowed not only drainage but more air under the plants.

Putting these materials in the bottom of large garden boxes will cut down on the amount of soil you need. By fall your garden will have sunk a bit as the base breaks down but it allows you time to bring in more soil for the next year.

If you edge your gardens and try many times like me to get the cutting line straight across a garden side, an easy way is to lay down a board and cut out next to it.

I have saved my distilled water bottles. Cutting out the bottoms, I can place them over new transplants to give a bit more warmth on frosty nights

**Garden Craft**

I have an old wooden step ladder that I am not sure if it is safe to use but look what I could do with one

Always quote another’s work until you can make them yourself.

[https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/165225880055868424/](about:blank)

[https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/AYj-Xc8K-mNXdyUiNp1cxS897w83Qyr82JPXIsL3oO4Q1SxaJdpd69g/](about:blank)

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**Something to eat.**

If you want to make up lunch for several people for one day or one person for up to 3 days, mason jar lunches are the easiest way to accomplish a lot.

The website listed below will give you lots of ideas but Grandma will also include her way of doing this.

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| Chicken Salad Mason Jar Salads with Creamy No-Mayo Dressing - Kristine's  Kitchen  [https://kristineskitchenblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/chicken-salad-in-a-jar-1200-8338.jpg](about:blank) | **Chicken Salad Mason Jar Lunch**  Mix together and set aside.  1 to 2 cups cooked chicken, diced up small.  1 rib of celery or less cut small.  Finely chopped onion (if you like it)  A clove of garlic.  A big dollop of mayonnaise  ……………………………  Have at least 3 mason jars ready.  In the bottom of each break up some lettuce.  Slice cucumber thinly and drop a few slices in  A half to a whole apple chopped in bits and divided in half, one half in the bottle now  Consider you chicken in three portions and drop a portion in each bottle  A few grapes sliced up is nice.  Perhaps a few nuts, I buy cashews just so I can add a few here.  The rest of the apple goes next.  The a few slices of cucumber and some lettuce  Place tops and rings in place and set in the fridge to grab one each day or feed three people lunch.  I call it breadless chicken salad. |

Another week closer to Earth Day. Next week I can tell you how our planting kit assembly day went. I am sure it will have been fun.



### **Earth Day - April 22**

Each April 22 we celebrate Earth Day. We thank God for His beautiful creation. May we commit to being the good stewards God calls us to be. May we be aware of our carelessness and our wastefulness. May we commit to the changes that need to be made.

Let us pray. Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (The Anglican Church of Australia)

https://www.ontario.anglican.ca/mission/creation-care/pages/earth-day-prayer

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