

Green

We are indebted to our Irish friends for their contribution to music, dance, poetry, humour, and strong beverage. We also celebrate their lore including leprechauns, pots of gold at the end of the rainbow, shamrocks, and of course, St. Patrick's Day.

This Day celebrates the work of a 4th Century cleric sent to Ireland. His work brought order to the natives of Ireland, bringing a modicum of peace to the land. Over time, St. Patrick's work has gained acclaim due mainly to his fortitude and attitude – he did not give up in the face of adversity.

The *Wearin' O' the Green* at this time of year also points us to the words of tiny (green) philosopher, Kermit the Frog – who sang, "*It's not easy being green.*"

Our convenience-centered society, places us in a disposable world, and sadly many of us have limited opportunities to get up close and personal with our own environment. A few people have taken the bold step toward being green.



Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them.

Bill Vaughn

Surrey's Mayor is one who has **taken a stand on making our city the province's Green Showpiece** – meaning that community initiatives, development, education, and practice are all to contribute toward making Surrey a very green and habitable place to live.

The Rotary Club of Surrey has, under the direction of our current president, taken on the challenge of adopting Surrey's Green theme.

Our club has established a community garden. This garden provides an opportunity for schoolchildren (and others) to learn about growing, tending, and harvesting their own food.

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"I used to be a brown tadpole, but the global warming people convinced me to go green."

Green Eggs and Ham was the story of my life. I wouldn't eat a thing when I was a kid, but Dr. Seuss inspired me to try cauliflower!

Jim Carrey



Rotary Club of Surrey



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To further this goal, the Rotary Club of Surrey is planning a garage sale / fundraiser this weekend (March 19th and 20th at the **Huckleberry Farm and Garden Centre** (19100 16th Ave) - [map](#), 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Together with the **YMCA Rotoract club**, the club will also be manning an **Environmental Awareness** table at Surrey's Earth Celebration.

Every day is Earth Day.
Author Unknown

Additional *Green* project our club will oversee is a fish release scheduled for April 16th, open for schoolchildren and the community to participate.

In order to fund projects – green or otherwise – our Rotary club is hosting its annual **Food & Wine Celebration**, April 30th.

The recipient of our funding for 2010 and 2011 is a *Resource Room* at the BC Cancer facility in Surrey, BC.



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**"Cost should not prohibit our company from going green.
We did it on St. Patrick's Day and it didn't cost much at all!"**



Tickets can be purchased from any Rotary Club of Surrey member, the **Central City** Information Booth (10153 King George Blvd.), or the **BC Cancer Foundation's web site**.

Do you have a **green thumb**? Do you want to leave a lasting legacy for others?

Want to be like some **Rotoract members who planted 1,000 trees in Swaziland**? Perhaps take on a different project to help the environment – **locally or elsewhere in the globe**?

Japan will continue to need help for quite a while. The Rotary Foundation has set up a Disaster Fund. How can you help?

Our thoughts are with the many thousands in Japan whose lives have been forever changed, and some of whom are still facing a daily struggle.

Attend a **Rotary club near you**, and learn how easy it is to be green.

**We meet at the
ABC Restaurant:
15373 Fraser
Hwy Tuesdays
6:15 – 7:45 PM**

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