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## **Earthwise Garden Arts Festival a 'Trashing' Success**

**Delta, BC** – On August 13<sup>th</sup>, DRS Earthwise Society celebrated a sunny garden gallery of art at its third annual Earthwise Garden Arts Festival. This great community event, which featured over 15 local artists, inspired visitors with creative ways to turn trash into treasure.

Over 200 people came from all over the lower mainland and even Point Roberts to attend the arts festival. Visitors enjoyed a wide variety of eco-art including metal sculptures, pottery, cards, garden ornaments, bags and clothing. Participants marveled at the many inventive ideas and types of art they'd never seen before. And the arts festival was fun for the whole family: children had a great time at the event, delighting in having their faces painted and participating in a variety of re-use craft activities.

"This event was a great way to bring the community together," says Patricia Fleming, executive director of DRS Earthwise. "People really enjoyed being in the garden, browsing local art and spending time with their friends and family."

DRS Earthwise hosted this unique event to promote sustainable living and showcase new ideas to the community, revealing how they can reconsider objects perceived as trash and see the potential to create something new. All funds raised from this event will go towards Earthwise's variety of eco-education programs for the community, which are also funded in part by the Corporation of Delta and the BC Gaming Commission. For more information, please call 604-946-9828.

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