

# Friends of Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park

*A group dedicated to the continued well-being of a valued community resource.*



**Sue showing us how to plant seedlings.**



**Frank and Heather — a great team!**

## Tree Planting Work Party

**On Saturday, 29 March, a** small group of volunteers planted 500 conifer seedlings in the disturbed area around the new wetlands in the Park.

Sue Huddard, retired Forester, obtained the trees for us for free from the Kalamalka Research Station and Seed Orchard in Vernon. After a short lesson on how to plant tree seedlings properly, our small crew managed to plant 272 Ponderosa, 210 Douglas Fir, and 90 Spruce trees in an hour and a half.

The trees were planted in the “footprint” of last year’s wetland restoration project near the Barnhartvale entrance to the Park.

Then, in time-honoured “Work Party” fashion, our crew was treated to a superb luncheon of hot pulled-pork sandwiches prepared by Cliff Toles.



**Sean plants a tree.**

**On Wednesday, 2 April, Wetlands Restoration Committee members** Jim Sloper, Milt Stanley, Heather and Cliff Toles held a site meeting with Hydrotechnical Engineer Jephtha Ball. They discussed and planned mitigation work on the bottom two ponds to correct a problem of Winter flooding on the adjacent Benchland Trail in the Park.

Jephtha is with the Regional Water Management Branch for the Thompson Okanagan Region, with offices here in Kamloops.

The flooding at this point has been an issue for at least eight years and only occurs after a long cold spell.

The group thought that the problem was solved with Phase 1 restoration work completed last Fall, but the flooding continues to be an issue.



**The mitigation work is planned for this weekend, April 12 and 13.**

**Park users are asked to be safe during the construction work and observe all detours and caution signs.**

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