



**Royal Roads**  
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Sixth Annual Robert Bateman Lecture  
**Nature Kindergarten: Roots in Learning**

**Royal Roads University**  
**Learning and Innovation Centre (4<sup>th</sup> floor), Centre for Dialogue**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, 7 to 9 p.m.**

Royal Roads University invites you to celebrate Robert Bateman's legacy of environmental practice and education at the sixth annual Robert Bateman Lecture.

Fostering new generations of ecological stewards and leaders has long been central to Robert Bateman's vision. This year's event honours the germination of ecological principles among young children and recognizes advanced practice in environmental education and communication among Royal Roads University's graduate students.

Dr. Enid Elliot, University of Victoria adjunct professor and Camosun College early learning and child care instructor will speak about the Nature Kindergarten program. Launched as a two-year pilot program in 2012 at Sangster Elementary School, and situated in the natural forest lands at Royal Roads University, Nature Kindergarten engages children to connect deeply with nature through play, experience the environment as a co-teacher, learn collaboratively as part of an empathetic community and experience traditional and local ways of knowing.

This year's event includes formal recognition of the Birgit and Robert Bateman Bursary. Presented to one or more students enrolled in Royal Roads' School of Environment and Sustainability's MA Environmental Education and Communication [program](#), the award reflects the Bateman's shared life-long commitment to education and the environment.

Please join us at the intersection of nature and human health for this celebration of sustainability.

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**Where:** Royal Roads University Learning and Innovation Centre (4<sup>th</sup> floor), Centre for Dialogue

**Admission:** By donation to support the Birgit and Robert Bateman Bursary

**Information & RSVP:** [communityrelations@royalroads.ca](mailto:communityrelations@royalroads.ca)

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