

## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF RUCKLE PARK HERITAGE

to show your love for the oldest operating  
farm in B.C., to help keep it going and  
to improve visitors' enjoyment of it

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Pls. \_\_\_ mail OR \_\_\_ e-mail me newsletters

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### DONATE

PayPal & major credit cards accepted, via website.

Cheques and cash: mail to address below.

E-transfers: attn saltspringinfor@gmail.com.

### VOLUNTEER

If you'd like to lend a hand, while getting to  
know the farm and its history, please contact:

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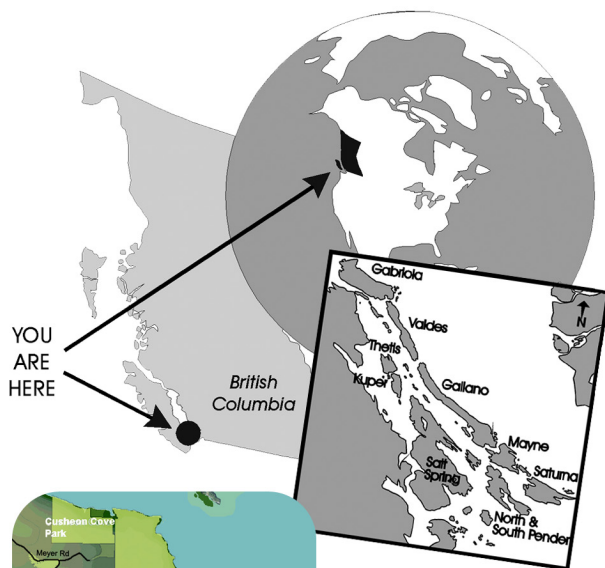
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Ruckle Provincial Park is a Salt Spring Island  
treasure, created in 1974 to keep the century-old  
Ruckle heritage farm thriving within BC Parks'  
protected forests and shores.



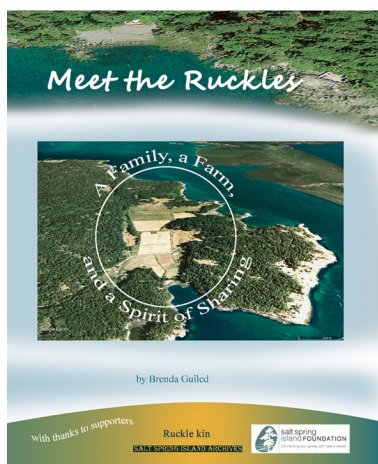
We are a registered B.C  
non-profit society that  
works with BC Parks and  
independently to show-  
case the Ruckle family's  
gifts and legacy. We aim  
to enhance visitors'  
experience of the park's  
human heritage.



*Meet the Ruckles: A Family, a Farm, and a Spirit of Sharing* was created, with thanks to a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, to introduce this amazing family, their history, and their farm. They have left the best of gifts for all for us to enjoy: their 1,200 acres of farm, forest, and shorelines, sold to the government for a fraction of its market value.

They were the best of neighbours who, in perpetuity, continue to serve their community, the agricultural land base, and all park visitors with their many gifts.

This booklet is available online via our website, at Salt Spring Books, and at open houses.



~1890, Henry Ruckle, German stock via Ontario & Ireland with wife Ella Anna Christensen from northern Norway

## FRIENDS OF RUCKLE PARK HERITAGE Beginnings

- \* 2015, spearheaded moving a nearby 110-year-old farmhouse to nearby Ruckle Park, for use as an interpretive-administrative centre. *Ruckles' World: A History of South-East Salt Spring Island* by FRPH founder Brenda Guiled published as a fundraiser (200 signed copies, out of print; one copy is in the Salt Spring Library). Despite great community support, the old house was bulldozed.

## 2016 to present

- \* began planning with BC Parks and Helen Ruckle (1924 - 2018) how to present family & park history;
- \* 2018, registered as a B.C. non-profit society;
- \* 2018, "Ruckle & Neighbours Fine Arts & Crafts" Historical Society talk and Library exhibit;
- \* 2019, published "Ruckle Provincial Park Heritage Conservation Plan", for BC Parks, created by Heritageworks, with funding from the Heritage Legacy Fund of B.C. and BC Parks;
- \* interior restoration of the Henry house, with funds from the Heritage Legacy Fund and BC Parks, to prepare it for use as an interpretive centre;
- \* 2020, six new, large interpretive panels unveiled and *Meet the Ruckles* booklet launched, funded by the Salt Spring Island Foundation;
- \* 2022, E-Bike charging station and "Cycling Salt Spring" interpretive sign installed, working with BC Parks, Island Pathways, and other supporters;
- \* 2022, the beginnings of public tours of the Henry & Ella Anna Ruckle farmhouse;
- \* ongoing: restorative gardening in this house's yard.

