

# Alberta Greens

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## Newsletter

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### 1993 Federal Election

When the 1993 Federal Election was finally called the main purpose of the Green Party campaign was to meet the new requirements of the Election Act (designed to eliminate small political parties!) in order to maintain our official political party status. These requirements were to run at least 50 candidates, each requiring a \$1,000 deposit. With much hard work from many people, our goal was dramatically exceeded, with the final nomination count being 79 candidates representing the Green Party across Canada. Thanks go to those who made campaigns possible for the 12 Green Party of Canada candidates in Alberta:

Harvey Scott	Athabaska
Ernst Eder	Edmonton East
Roger Swann	Edmonton Northwest
Ed Schell	Edmonton Southeast
Harry Garfinkle	Edmonton Strathcona
Don Francis	Calgary West
Sol Candel	Calgary Southwest
Norm Norcross	Calgary Northeast
Rebecca Matiowsky	Calgary Centre
Michael Alvarez- Toye	Calgary North
Warren Smith	Macleod
Scott Lamont	Wildrose

The objective for the next federal election should be to have several people competing for each Green Party nomination, and to use the

election campaign to project important environmental, economic and social issues. The campaign should not only be focused on obtaining the minimum 50 candidates and necessary financing now that we have shown that we can easily achieve that goal. The work has to begin now!

Peter Matiowsky  
Chairperson GP/RMRA

### + We Need You!

Attached to this newsletter is an appeal to you to support us in the future. If you already are a loyal supporter, we appreciate everything you are doing, and ask you to renew your commitment for 1994. If you feel you could be giving more, we have several options for your participation through a gift of time or money (or both!). Do not feel that you have to give lots of either. Better a thousand people giving a little and enjoying their participation than ten overwhelmed by the work to do. If you can commit as little as one hour most weeks or \$15 or more, then you can be one of the thousand!

The only way for us to save the planet is for everyone to do at least a little bit to help. Do not wait until you have the time, you never will. Make it a priority and do it anyway!

David Crowe

### Calgary Green Space

The Alberta Greens office in Calgary has a new name. It is now called the *Green Space* and is thriving as a meeting place for local environmental groups.

There have been some changes to the allocation of space in this office complex. The Alberta Greens and the Green Party of Canada, Rocky Mountain Region Association have moved to the largest of the closed offices. CAR (Committee against Racism) remains in their original office. The third closed office has a new tenant, the Rocky Mountain Ecosystem Coalition (RMEC). Mike Sawyer is the director of this group. Northern Light have space in the outside office area.

Other groups use the space regularly for meetings:

- CRAG, the Calgary Rainforest Action Group.
- ARUSHA Cross-Cultural Centre.
- RESULTS, a group lobbying for the promotion of foreign aid with humanitarian goals.
- The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meets every Sunday morning for their discussion group. Many of the discussions in these groups deal with environmental or social topics and members of the Greens are welcome to attend.

There is still room for other Calgary green groups to use the space for meetings. Call the office for more information at 269-2384.

## **An Introduction to GAIA**

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GAIA, the Green Alternatives Institute of Alberta, is an association to promote non-political Green activities, providing an opportunity for research and development of alternative public policies from a Green perspective.

GAIA is a registered society in the Province of Alberta. It is closely associated with both the Alberta Greens and the Green Party of Canada in Alberta. All members of either political party are automatically members of GAIA. The annual general meeting is held at the same time and place that the Alberta Greens meeting is held. Funding for GAIA activities will come out of Green Party budgets. The Alberta Greens Newsletter will be used to circulate information about GAIA activities.

GAIA may become an organization through which long term policy development occurs, regardless of elections or other short term priorities of the Green political parties. It could also be an organization through which novel policy ideas could be explored until it is determined whether or not they will represent Green policy. People involved in the mainstream of political work can continue with the principles and policies that are already generally accepted without being distracted by unusual ideas that may not prove viable.

There are three areas of interest currently being pursued by individuals that could be considered under GAIA. They are Alternative Forest Policy by Leo Peters, Sustainable Economics by Madeleine Oldershaw and Steady Price Theory in Economics by Albert Munz.

If you are interested in participating in any of these or other areas of policy development, please call GAIA's president, Albert Munz, at 229-2676.

## **Agriculture/Environment Conference in Edmonton**

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Several sustainable agriculture and responsible development groups, including SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture & Global Environment), CUSO and the Sustainable Agriculture Association, are organizing a conference entitled "Local Agriculture and the Global Environment: What's the Connection?". It will be held on February 18th and 19th at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. The conference will include several speakers and workshops on agriculture alternatives, organic growing, global perspectives and community supported agriculture. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Ross of CUSO, #205 10136 - 100 St, Edmonton T5J 0P1 or phone her at (403) 421-4387 or fax 425-1503.

## **ALBERTA GREENS INFORMATION**

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### **Meetings**

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For information on meeting dates, times and locations, call Madeleine Oldershaw in Calgary or Betty Paschen in Edmonton.

### **Comment**

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We welcome submissions for the Alberta Greens

## **Try Calgary's Eco Shop**

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If you have not been to the Eco Shop yet, you should drop by sometime. The owner, Scott Clements, is knowledgeable in many areas of responsible consumerism, and will not hesitate to answer your questions. The Eco Shop stocks a wide variety of items, including bulk stationery, cleaning and hygiene supplies, as well as a variety of message bearing T-shirts, candles, tapes, CD's and more. Whether you are looking for a unique gift, or a way to reform your shopping habits, the Eco-Shop, at #10 - 338 10th Street NW in the Kensington area is well worth a visit. Don't forget to bring your shopping bag, unless you don't have one yet, in which case that should be your first purchase.

# Membership

# Alberta Greens Green Party of Canada

## Survey

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The Green Parties in Alberta fought two general elections in Alberta in 1993. The Alberta Greens ran 11 candidates out of 83 ridings in the Alberta provincial election and the Green Party of Canada ran 12 candidates in this province and 79 nationally in the Canadian federal election. Those who participated in the elections found them exhilarating, although exhausting.

Just think how much more effective we could be with more participation and more funding! We are asking *you* for a commitment in 1994 in one or more of the following membership categories. Please check the box beside membership categories you wish to participate in and either phone us at 269-2384 or return this page with the appropriate categories checked and information blanks filled in to *The Alberta Greens, Box 133, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2H6*. Thank You!

### Active Member

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- I want to give some of my time to help the development of the Green movement in Alberta, either regularly or during elections. Please call me.

### Contributing Member

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- I have enclosed a cheque or money order for a donation of \$\_\_\_\_ now and/or post-dated cheques of \$\_\_\_\_ for each month of 1994. I understand that donations are up to 75% tax-rebatable.
- Please call me to arrange for the most tax-effective donation.

### Supporting Member

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- I will vote Green at every opportunity, and will send \$16 for a joint Alberta Greens/Green Party of Canada membership to keep the Alberta Greens newsletter coming.

Associate Member

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I want to support the Green movement through donating to projects being run jointly by the Green Parties and other organizations. I understand that this will make up to 75% of my donation tax rebatable as a political tax credit. I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the designated funding project checked below:

Clayoquot Sound Defence Fund.

Funds raised will go to pay the fines of Clayoquot Sound protesters jailed on contempt of court charges.

Friends of the West Country.

Funds raised will fight the building of a timber harvesting and wood processing operation in the Rocky Mountain House area.

Health Action Network.

Funds raised will lobby for another plebiscite on fluoridation in the City of Calgary.

Friends of the Oldman River.

Funds raised will continue the fight against the environmentally disastrous and financial white elephant that is the Oldman Dam.

The *I Am Not Green* Category.

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Cut me off your list forever. I do not want to support the Green Party in any way.

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