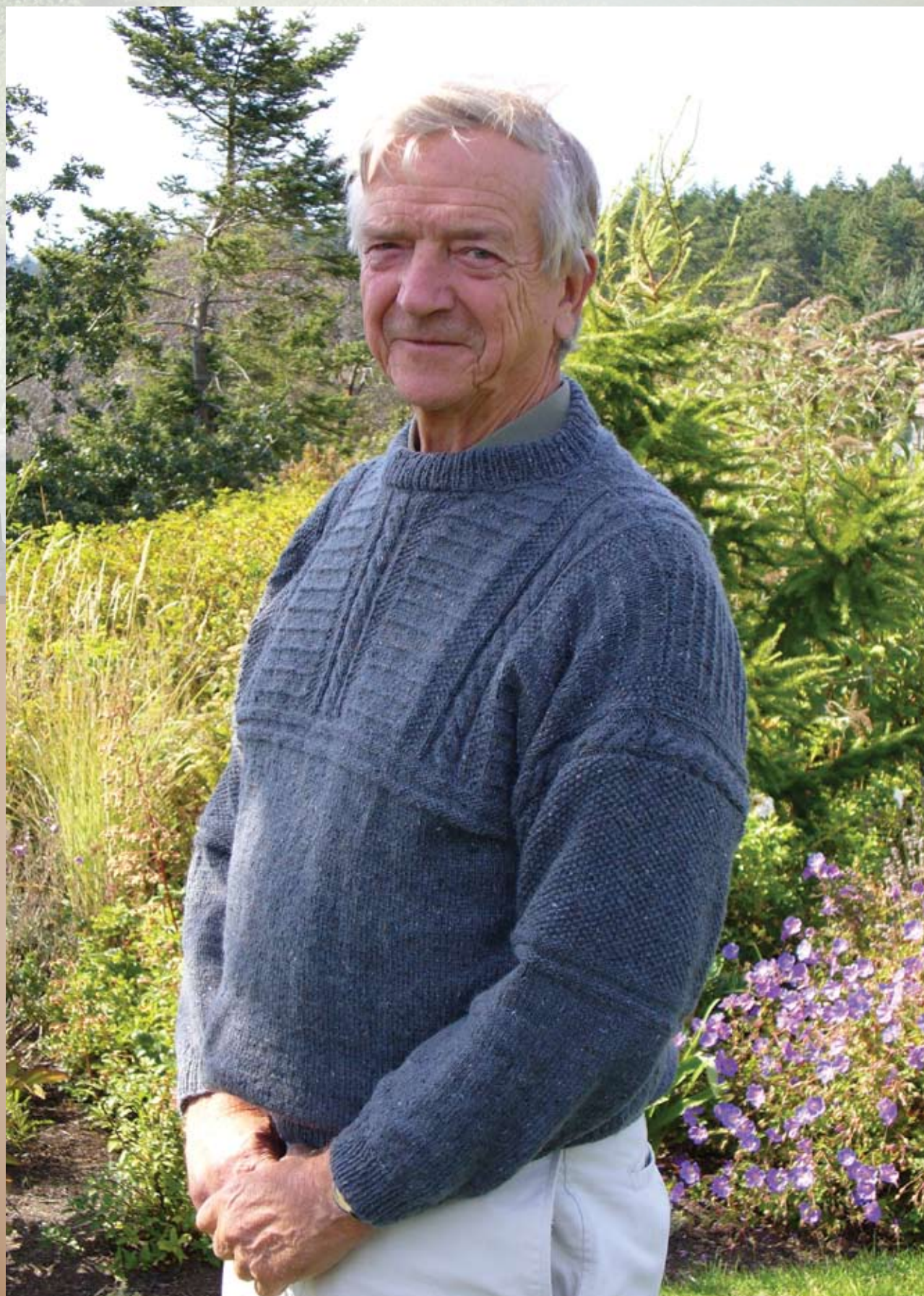


# park builder

## Ken Farquharson b. 1935

Determination and a pragmatic approach to nature conservation have made Ken a driving force of the BC environmental movement and a major contributor to parks. Working with committees, he fought for — and won — the protection of Cypress Bowl and the Skagit Valley. As an engineer and a consultant, Ken worked to reduce the impacts of major projects through thoughtful engineering and design. Ken was originally attracted to BC by the opportunities to ski, hike and climb, and his passions and values have materialized in his work in many areas, like his early calls for environmental assessment studies, and his participation in the founding of the Sierra Club of BC and the Outdoor Recreation Council.



### Affiliations:

University of Cambridge - MA Mechanical Sciences 1957  
Imperial College, London - Diploma Concrete Structures and Technology 1963  
Save Cypress Bowl Committee - Secretary and spokesperson 1968 - 1970  
ROSS Committee (Run Out Skagit Spoilers) - Secretary and spokesperson 1969 - 1983  
Sierra Club of BC - Founding member 1971  
Outdoor Recreation Council of BC - Founding member 1976  
Wilderness Advisory Committee 1985 - 1986  
Cypress Park Special Planning Commission 1995  
Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission, Canadian Commissioner 1983 - 1985, 2003 -

### Awards:

Association of Professional Engineers of BC Community Service Award 1982  
Roderick Haig-Brown Conservation Award 1983  
BC Environment Award (as part of ROSS Committee) 1983  
Sierra Club of Western Canada Conservation Award 1983  
Confederation Medal 1992  
Lieutenant Governor's Conservation Award 2007

### Parks:

Cypress Provincial Park  
Skagit Valley Provincial Park  
West Coast Trail part of Pacific Rim National Park  
Kakwa Provincial Park

*Above:* Ken outside his home on Vancouver Island, 2008. (Photo: Ali Lake)

*Background image:* Skagit Valley Provincial Park. The Run Out Skagit Spoilers (ROSS Committee) was formed to prevent the flooding of the Skagit Valley due to a hydroelectrical project in the United States. (Photo: Gail Ross, BC Parks)

*Above:* Tsusiat Falls on the West Coast Trail of Pacific Rim National Park (Photo: Wikimedia creative commons, users: Burtonpe and Nikater)