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Christmas Hamper

By Leticia Gardner
• DICES

THE wind is blowing and dark nights have arrived, the Christmas hamper season is upon us! It's that magical time of year where the community comes together to share with those of us who are in need.

COMMUNITY INFO

The Christmas Hampers are made up of several boxes filled with wrapped presents, fresh produce, turkey, ham, or vegan options, treats, and of course, basic groceries to last the festive season. They support food security for the families and individuals in our community who need it. The hampers are fully organized and funded by the generosity of Denman Islanders by way of donations and volunteer efforts, and every year we receive requests for 30-40 hampers. DICES welcomes your donations! To donate gifts: gifts can be dropped off at the Hardware store during business hours. A box has been set up by the back entrance by the garden supplies. We welcome gifts for kids and adults alike. For a wish list please see our website www.dices.ca.

To donate food: Specialty items, treats, and non-perishable food items can be delivered to the Community School Portable Wednesdays and Thursdays 4-7pm. Unfortunately we can not accept home canned or home baked goods. If you have fresh produce to donate please contact us at dices.communityprograms@gmail.com.

To donate cash: Cash and cheque donations are also most welcome. Cheques can be made out to DICES and all donations can be dropped off at the community school portable or at the donation jar at the General Store, preferably before December 12th. Monetary donations over \$20 will receive a charitable tax receipt.

To donate via E-Transfer: E-transfers can also be made to dices.director@gmail.com (please specify Christmas Hampers and your address in the memo). You can also make a donation online at www.canadahelps.org (search DICES). Monetary donations over \$20 will receive a charitable tax receipt.

To Volunteer: This year, we will be wrapping the presents and packing the abundant boxes of food at the Community Hall on the morning of Thursday, December 23rd. We deliver each box to the family or person in need, so we are also looking for drivers. To lend a hand and join in the festivities, please email or call Leticia or Emily at dices.communityprograms@gmail.com or 250 335 2058.

To receive a Christmas Hamper: please fill out a form and drop it off in the Community School Portable, or give us a call at 335 2058 or email us at dices.communityprograms@gmail.com. Forms can be found at the General Store, in the Food Bank in the Community School Portable, or on our website dices.ca. Please return the forms to the community school by December 12th to help us plan for the hampers. The forms will be treated with confidentiality and every effort is made to respect the privacy of Hamper recipients.

The Food Bank will remain open on Thursdays 4-7pm over Christmas and New Years. Donations to the foodbank of non-perishable food items and cash or cheques are always welcome.

Thank you Denman Islanders for your continuous support for the Christmas Hamper and the Food Bank!

Employment opportunity

DICES is seeking a motivated individual to fill the position of Executive Director. The position will start on December 13, 2021.

Find a full job description on <https://dices.ca/employment> and submit your resume to dices.director@gmail.com by December 2, 2021. 🍷

Tree Frog Radio Winter Schedule (89.1FM)

COMMUNITY INFO

By Ron Sakolsky

lean pandemic years, we have been quietly holding it down with a skeleton crew of ace programmers while building a solid base for a future resurgence. That time has now come with a winter schedule that features 4 cool new shows, one perennial favorite that's been on from the very beginning, and one schedule change for our long-running jazz show. As always, Tree Frog welcomes adding new community programmers to its lineup. If you are interested in going on-air, contact: oystercatcher@uniserve.com

If you're wondering what's been happening at Tree Frog Radio during these



TUESDAY

6:30-8 PM: Radio Hour (with DJ Cattail)

Weekly mixtape show with occasional digressions about political life in occupied Indigenous lands. Expect guests and co-hosts to pop in from time to time.

8-9:30 PM: See You Next Tuesday (with DJ QaNon-Essential and DJ Lady Mercury in Gatorade)

Two friends connect with each other weekly with conversation and music.

WEDNESDAY

2-8PM+: "Hump Day Wednesdays" (with MC Heart)

Love Songs, Comedy and More!

FRIDAY

5:00-7:30 PM "Jazz and Beyond" (with Barry)

(formerly on Sunday evenings)

SATURDAY

2:30-4:30 PM "Batshit Crazy Katz" (with DJ LunaC and DJ Aftermath)

An ongoing conversation about mental health issues that features personal experiences, interviews, music, and discussions of expert opinions. Serious subject matter that recognizes the comedy hidden in the tragedy.

4:30-9 PM "Old Friends" (with Bruce and Gary)

(continuing on its rockin' way as Tree Frog's longest running show) 🍷

Denman Reusable Store (the Freestore)

COMMUNITY INFO

By Andrew Pringle
• Freestore

effective Nov 13th.

This is a 6 month trial. COVID precautions are enforced and often there is a lineup in the cold wet weather on Saturday morning.

Donations accepted during open hours only. It's often said one person's junk is another person's treasure, but sometimes junk is junk. Sort carefully.

If you would like to volunteer or give us feedback contact difreestore@gmail.com



TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

2021-11-18

(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:10	4.3	14.1
11:04	3.3	10.8
16:12	4.4	14.4
23:38	1.0	3.3

2021-11-19

(Friday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:53	4.5	14.8
11:46	3.5	11.5
16:32	4.4	14.4

2021-11-20

(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:06	1.0	3.3
07:32	4.6	15.1
12:27	3.7	12.1
16:50	4.3	14.1

2021-11-21

(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:34	0.9	3.0
08:09	4.6	15.1
13:10	3.8	12.5
17:08	4.2	13.8

2021-11-22

(Monday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:03	1.0	3.3
08:47	4.7	15.4
13:57	3.8	12.5
17:25	4.1	13.5

2021-11-23

(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:33	1.0	3.3
09:27	4.7	15.4
14:58	3.9	12.8
17:41	4.0	13.1

2021-11-24

(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:08	1.2	3.9
10:10	4.7	15.4
16:35	3.8	12.5
17:45	3.8	12.5

2021-11-25

(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:47	1.3	4.3
10:56	4.7	15.4





ARTS&LIT

An Unpainted Portrait: Humiliation

By Leo Simmons

As per Tendril's instructions, we made our way down to the improvised parade ground, a volleyball court immediately adjacent to the glass-walled cafeteria. In full view of many dozens of grizzled veterans, we were to be offered an introduction to the fine art

of drill. It promised to be embarrassing at best. We'd been warned that the first lesson consisted of how to stand upright. Following that we would move on to the more challenging delights of standing to 'attention', after which, I assumed, the sky was the limit. Like a group of whirligig beetles, we shuffled around self-consciously in our un-pressed uniforms and as we did so an awful, terrifying truth became apparent in the pitiless glare of the bright daylight. Bruce, bless his pale blue cotton socks, was wearing brand new work boots – the kind that appeared to have been constructed late one Friday afternoon in the prisons of Siberia and have the texture of snakeskin with measles. These things were so knobbly, we could all see that he had no chance of obtaining the fabled parade ground 'bull' - a gleaming, glossy, deep shine - that we knew would be expected.

Our musings on this impending crisis were interrupted by a shrill, inhuman scream. Constable Tendril's parade boots, closely followed by the man himself, turned the corner of the cafeteria building, and into the three-sided courtyard. I stared...these even bigger boots appeared to be about size twenty-six and must have weighed about sixteen pounds each, fourteen of which would be encrusted antique polish. The overall effect was of a giant - albeit a long way away - with each foot in a coal barge. His tunic was decorated with medal ribbons together with a red sash running from his left shoulder to his waist and he swung a swagger stick around his body like a man defending himself against Africanized bees. With relief, I realized that he looked much more of an arse than I did, even with my bent head.

Despite the volume and undoubted effort that he put into his opening verbal tirade, for the first few seconds I don't think any of us understood a syllable of what he was yelling. From what I could tell, it was simply gibberish in a high pitched and hoarse shriek, with an occasional "WHAT!"; a few "YOU!" and at least one "SHOWER!". After a short while, and having watched, entranced, as Tendril turned the colour of a fine claret, we finally caught on to the fact that he wanted us to stand in a line. Alan was unable to keep a grin from his organ-filled face and briefly became the target of the peevish fury of the 'drill pig'; "WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SMILING AT, YOU MONKEY?! GET YER HAIR CUT!" while the rest of us carefully shuffled into a 'straight' line resembling a snake with a broken back. Standing rigidly at what I thought was attention and trying my best not to be noticed, I was, nevertheless, next.

"YOU!" ... "YOU!!" Was he talking to me? "Yes sir?" A manic scream: "SHUTUP!" Huh? "WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU HANDICAPPED OR SOMETHING?" I frowned. What the hell was he talking about? "WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR ARMS? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A PISS!!" There was a definite Bruce-like splutter from further along the line. "MOVE (he pronounced it 'mooov') YER 'ANDS BACK! FURTHER BACK! GET YER THUMBS ON THE SEAMS OF YER TROUZIZ!" I awkwardly complied and Tendril, momentarily exhausted by his indignation, quickly moooved on. However,

the damage was done. I had been so sure that I was standing up straight on my back legs, I began to doubt reality. Nobody had ever screamed at me that way. I had the man's saliva on my cheek. Ick.

Worse was - as we had feared - yet to come. After we had each been ritually and publicly humiliated, Tendril almost (but alas; not quite) had a seizure when his eyes alighted upon the marvels of Soviet industry that were Bruce's boots. After a few deep breaths, a most unproductive verbal interaction on the subject began with a hoarse hoarse shriek: "WHAT are THEY?!!!" Bruce: "Boots, sir." "SHUT UP! They're not boots!" A plaintive response: "Yes, but they are sir - that's what they told me in the shop anyway..." Bruce, I was discovering, could emanate injured innocence like no man I have ever seen. I bit my cheek and vibrated. "SHUT UP!" So as not to be overheard beyond our little gathering, the great man spoke quietly but fiercely to Bruce's chin: "Don't you dare argue with me, sonny!" Then, back to normal volume: "THOSE THINGS are NOT boots! Do you know what they are?"

A protracted pause followed while we all tried to communicate telepathically with Bruce to get him to not say what he said next: "...Boots sir?" You see, he knew that he was right on this point. The explosive event which followed was entertaining, if unnecessarily savage but after a couple of minutes, Tendril paused, composed himself and began again. "I told you that they are NOT BOOTS! I'll tell you WHAT they are...TURDS!" he yelled. "They are HORRIBLE pieces of SHITE!". He was starting to lose control again. During the brief silence that followed this startling piece of wisdom, it was my turn to splutter. Tendril bristled and glared at me as my attention-standing posture, so carefully created, began to crumble. I bit down hard on the inside of my cheek

again, and like a good boy, pressed my thumbs – most uncomfortably - against the seams of my trouziz.

"Stop SMILING, you Baboon!" Tendril, seemingly unaware of his gift for choosing the least effective insults known to man, paused to gather himself and surreptitiously adjust his underwear with an odd twist of his pelvis. Soon, there came the faint but distinct sound of his teeth grinding (imagine grating a carrot) before he snarled from a distance of approximately five centimetres at Bruce's freshly shaven chin; "You'd bloody well better sort out these boots by tomorrow, my lad, or I'll..." The big fellah interrupted, bravely: "Yes SIR! I will polish these pieces of shite sir!" We all knew that, though a sincere sentiment, 'twas an empty promise; the things on Bruce's feet were already beyond help. Even at that stage of our lives, we all knew that it's quite impossible to polish a turd, either figuratively or literally.

Our illustrious master snorted and moved on to find another victim for his ire. Of course, he found things to pick on with each of us. With me it had been my question mark-like posture, with my mate Bruce it had been...well almost everything - and the boots in particular - but when faced with Constable Brand he seemed utterly perplexed. From underneath a seemingly huge helmet peeped a cheeky grin and not much else. In order to see anything more than the ground at his feet, Phil had to tip his head back a long way, which only served to enhance the humorous effect. At the sight of this strange uniformed thing, the veteran of a thousand hoarse parade ground screaming fits fell silent, and after a few seconds began muttering to himself. I felt much the same way; it was a little like being in the middle of a Monty Python sketch...



Concerts Denman Presents: Stephen Fearing

MUSIC

By Joni Daniels
• Concerts Denman

A beguiling teller of tales and master guitarist, Stephen Fearing has been named one of Canada's finest singer-songwriters. A multi-JUNO award winner, he has released 13 solo albums, including Every Soul's a Sailor (2017), for which he won Worldwide Album of the Year from Blues & Roots Radio, and Contemporary Singer of the Year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. With a mesmerizing blend of roots, folk, and Americana music he has cultivated national and international audiences.

In 1996 Fearing co-founded the folk supergroup Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, for what was intended to be a one-off tribute album of songs written by Canadian folk legend Willie P. Bennett. 25 years later they are still going strong and with 10 albums and a JUNO award to their credit, the band has become one of the most respected names in North American roots-rock.

Stephen Fearing's 13th solo album *The Unconquerable Past* was released in 2019. Like other artists who are loosely categorized as folk and Americana, Fearing questions what those terms mean. *The Unconquerable Past* can be seen as embracing and transcending the labels and genres simultaneously. He says, "I'm always intrigued by unknown territory, and pushing myself out of my comfort zone."

Join us as Concerts Denman returns to the Hall with the first show of what promises to be a terrific season of world class entertainment.



**Denman
Community Hall
November 26, 8pm,
doors at 7:30
Tickets at Abraxas,
General Store
and online at
concertsdenman.com
Vaccine passport
required**



Phoenix Riting A Hornby Perspective

By Phoenix Bee

THE HIRRA meeting last Wednesday, after the (short) regular agenda, featured a Community Conversation, a continuation of the Covid Conversation begun in 2020. In these conversations, participations are invited to brainstorm, share ideas and questions about the future of our community. In practice, it involved reports from various groups with feedback encouraged. I didn't take notes, so I'm left with general impressions rather than the details. Still getting the hang of this!

Discussion revolved for the most part around the brand new Hornby Housing Network, voted into existence at the meeting. A lot of questions were asked, but few were answered. Questions were encouraged for the purpose of discussion and awareness, so that solutions can be worked toward, but answers just aren't there yet. Many brains are working together on solving this crucial threat to our future: where will our contributing community members live? How do we get there from here? Possible pathways are limited but I was impressed to hear the breadth of the ideas presented.

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...continued from P.5 While there were not as many participants as they had prepared to host, it was very well attended for a HIRRA meeting. If we had all met in the Hall, the room would have felt pretty full. There are advantages to Zoom, as people are able to participate from elsewhere, too. Issues raised ranged from how to make it possible for people to have second dwellings on their land to summer workers' housing. Zoning changes were mentioned. One member made the important point that developing summer housing solutions should be primarily for the benefit of people who need the housing, not for the employers, though they would also benefit. It's too easy to forget that these are people's lives we are talking about, not economic conveniences.

I was impressed by the quality of input and the thoughtfulness that everyone brought to the table. If one person hadn't thought of a particular aspect of the problem, another had, and spoke to it. The conversation felt well rounded without a lot of contentiousness, a blessing when it comes to an issue so fraught with unmet needs and gaping holes. It appears we are moving forward, however

slowly, and with a lot of obstacles and problems, but it may be we've hit a breakthrough point where the gears of our community are finally meshing to address this costly longstanding issue. Or so we all hope.

What do you think? I'd love to hear from you, with feedback or ideas for future columns. Contact me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com



Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux

Introduction

By Bill Engleson

• www.engleson.ca

ARTS&LIT

For a few years, I kept a diary of my inauguration into the Denman Community. This column, recently renamed Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux, will extract several of my

observations from a dozen or so years ago and share them. Hopefully, they will have some modern times currency.

Deer me!

July 22, 2009

As I stroll up the driveway and beyond, up to Lacon to retrieve the garbage can, a small fawn bounces just ahead. It seems about a foot high and cannot be more than a week old, though I know little about deer beyond their cuteness. The mother hesitates to my right as Bambi bounces unawares up the hill. I pause and foolishly wave the mother in front of me so that she can herd in her errant baby. She seems confused by my hand signals.

Later, I go to fetch my bike to ride to the library for a strenuous turn there. A buck is cooling in the lean-to we have that runs the length of our workshop. He and I have met before. He scampers up the dirt slope and waits. I advise him that I am an innocuous human. He ponders. He stares, but he does not bolt.

I return three hours later. The buck has again sought the shady respite of the lean-to. This time, he remains at his rest station. I put my bike away in the small recycling shed, glance at the resting deer, and walk along the end of the shop. A doe is sleeping in the boat tent across the way. The slight wind forms a bit of a wind tunnel, and she is cooling in the afternoon heat. She is not as trusting as the buck. She arises, shakes off the feeling of rest, and walks up into the scrub.

I continue my walk down the driveway to the house.

I have no doubt that these scenes will repeat daily, weekly, monthly, really quite often.

Unlike a total eclipse of the sun which is happening tonight.

I'll be sleeping. 

This Week in the Garden: Persimmons

By Maxine Rogers

SPECIAL INTEREST

YOU might wonder what it is we are doing in the garden this late in the year. I hope you will be favourably impressed by the variety of vegetables and one very exotic fruit we are harvesting.

We have never done better in late-planting the garden and as a result, we have 3 different kinds of winter lettuce to eat and to lift some of the plants and put them to bed in the polytunnel where it will be much warmer for them.

We just had to repair the polytunnel as we had fastened the wooden frame of the tunnel together with nails, thinking they would hold. We were wrong and some very high winds came and started to pull the nails out of the wood. The edge of the polytunnel was pulled clear away from the outer edge of the beds and we had to push the timbers back in place and used screws this time to fasten the wood. Should do for another few years.

I love winter gardening, especially with such warm weather as we have been having in mid-November. All I have to do is to go out shopping. We have heaps

of beets and carrots still in the garden. Lots of parsley and rutabagas, cilantro and celery. We tried celariac this year for the first time and they look nice. Our prices are the best in town for organic produce. We get it for the cost of a little study and labour.

Our best, and most unexpected, vegetable crop has to be the Brussels sprouts. I did not expect such bounty as I planted heaps of seedlings in the new garden and was expecting few if any Brussels sprouts. That is because when I first started gardening here, low these many years ago, I planted Brussel's sprouts and they grew as tall as a pencil but not quite as thick. The soil was terribly poor so I expected a rerun of events in

the New Garden.

Everything we planted in the new garden shot up and produced like mad. It was the same soil as in the Old Garden. In fact, the only difference was that we had rotation-grazed sheep on the area that was to become the New Garden for about ten years before converting it into a vegetable garden. The difference is striking and the Brussels sprouts crop is vast.

I was recently talking with an old gardening friend and he said he was not allowed to grow Brussels sprouts because his wife does not like them, thinking them too bitter to be worthwhile. I explained that the bitter Brussels sprouts were bred to stand very straight so they could be machine picked. They were bred without any regard for their flavour. The older varieties are bred to have very mild, even sweet, little cabbages up their stems. Indeed, my sister who was just visiting thought our Brussels sprouts to be much superior in flavour to the ones she can buy in the city.

The crop of, strikingly beautiful, onions I harvested earlier this fall are holding up really well. They are still very crisp and flavourful and vastly superior to any onions I have ever bought. When I first harvested them, I was a little disappointed that they were so small in comparison to the sort I used to buy at the grocery store. I think this difference in size and the soft, watery texture of store-bought onions may come from their being fed a diet of synthetic fertilizer instead of really nutritious compost.

I have had no rot in my stored onions and there is very little waste when I cut them up as they are wrapped in a very thin layer of onion skin and none of the flesh has to be cut away due to spoiling. So, now I can make a soup with my own garlic, onions, celery, carrots, leeks, shallots, parsley, dried beans, meat and tomatoes. The simplest soups we make are judged to be gourmet treats by visitors from the city.

The fruit we just harvested today, in mid-November are persimmons. I was quite surprised as the fruit was from a tree in the orchard. We got about 20 persimmons from the tree and they were just turning orange. That we got any at all is a bit of a miracle. They need a much hotter climate than we have and the need the heat to stay longer than our summer lasts.

The variety I grow is the Nikita's Gift, hybrid persimmon. These trees are a cross between the very hardy and cold-tolerant North American persimmon and the lovely, sweet persimmons of Asia. Being hybrids, fruit have no seeds.

I have another Nikita's Gift in the polytunnel and after a few years of dropping all its fruit in the summer, it went and set 18 or so lbs of fruit and they ripened to a deep orange in the extra warmth of the polytunnel. They were still not quite ripe so I brought them inside and got a large paper feed bag. I put some apples in the bag and piled the persimmons on top of them and rolled down the top of the bag. After a few days, the persimmons were gas-ripened to a deep red.

I took them out and ate a few fresh; however, I am alone in my family in my appreciation of fresh persimmons. Being a hybrid with American genes, they are a tiny bit astringent but they dry really well and my family all like dried persimmon candy. Drying is how the Indigenous people in the Americas liked to preserve and eat this fruit.

I will put my orchard-grown persimmons in a paper bag with some apples and see how well they ripen. 🍷

Industrial Logging Versus the Planet

OP/ED

By Eartha Muirhead
• Photo by Kelly Tatham

TODAY, Monday, November 15th, in a Vancouver courtroom, Teal-Cedar began their attempt to reinstate the injunction against the forest blockaders at Fairy Creek. Their lawyers submitted almost 1,045 pages of affidavits, mainly from Facebook sites,

trying to argue that the blockades endangered the lives of RCMP officers. They quoted the RCMP as saying that the 100 hard block extractions were: "well beyond the classic kind of civil disobedience we have seen in the past." Teal-Cedar spent 4 hours this morning whining about how unarmed, peaceful and vulnerable people were harming heavily armed RCMP, flying in helicopters and/or using pepper spray, violence, threats of violence and running people over in ATV's. WARNING: The following anecdote contains sexual images not appropriate for children.

When Suck Me Off guy (or "Hurricane Bill" as nicknamed by the RCMP) strolled up to the bridge at LandBack Camp on the morning of August 25th, all of the forest defenders were grossed out. Turns out he'd been wearing that shirt for weeks.

Photo credit: Kelly Tatham @kellytatham on Instagram



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...continued from P.7 The Liason Team officer got flustered when someone complained. He immediately understood that the shirt wasn't okay but he repeatedly lied; claiming he didn't know who Suck Me Off guy was or what he was doing there. Eventually he admitted he worked with the RCMP and that he'd now been told not to wear the shirt again. Quote, "My boss got super pissed at his boss." When @shebites_media questioned RCMP Spokesperson Chris Manseau, he played it off as a joke. Land defender @okimawiskwew is on record as to how "Hurricane Bill" harassed, threatened, and brutalized them and their kin — and still, the RCMP brought him back, day after day." This one small example of RCMP intimidation brings into question how the BC NDP turn a blind eye to the RCMP's actions.

At this new appeal hearing, Teal-Cedar speaks for their body guards, the RCMP, who themselves, cannot be held responsible for their actions and cannot be cross-examined in a court of law.

Today, we see unprecedented rains, winds, landslides and flooding in BC; could these events have anything to do with the clear-cutting of mountain slopes? The United

Steelworkers Union complains about job losses as part of a smear campaign against forest conservation efforts. Clear-cutting Old-Growth forests continues unabated because old trees are worth 10 times as much as smaller plantation trees. One feller-buncher replaces six jobs and 35% of the trees they cut down are shipped off shore to Asia. A century of industrial logging has caught up with us. Who will take responsibility for this mess? With court costs soaring and dark wet weather preventing folks from being at the blockades, consider a small or large donation to support our conservation efforts.



Crazy Clown, in a Bowl of Hero Soup

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Robbie Newton



YES it's time for me to focus on my Hero's, a celebration of some of the pleasures that Denman has offered me in the times that I've spent here. The first one is so easy, Glen Snook who spent 19 years as a Trustee. Glen came to Denman with his wife Kathy at about the same time as 'us' early arrivals; which is probably the reason he would show up at some of our political gatherings.

At the time Marcus Isbister had resigned from his role one of our First Trustees, leaving Harold Walton on his own; and we couldn't persuade any of the other senior Islanders to run with Harold. "Oh I'll do it" were Glen's gruff words to us; and so it was, a beginning of a 19 year term as Trustee; a term which was only matched much later by Louise Bell.

But for me it was also the beginning of a delightful relationship with Glen and Kathy.

Despite all of the 'strictures' that now apply to Trustees in their connections with members of the community; Glen was my friend and we would sit and talk and socialize, and if any of it approached a "tender edge", he'd let me know.

But more than that it had to do with Kathy, who was on permanent dialysis; that's how Glen's heroism defined itself for me: it was both gentle and beautiful; it gave her every reason she needed to want to go on living. It was many years later when I was waiting for the ferry to get back on Denman, I saw Glen's car join the lineup and went over to see him. "She died, I didn't" were his words, no more. I squatted down by his open window and cried inside if not out front. We didn't say much more until, on the ferry I went to sit with him and shared his pain; there was no consolation that I would try to offer him: 34 wonderful years she gave me were his words; and the 34 that you gave her were mine.

That wasn't the end for Glen, and we still visited, he was still healthy, his love was now his garden; he continued sharing as he always had done until his own time to die arrived and he went on to meet his own Hero, Kathy. 🍷

Hornby School Students & Community Help Restore Helliwell's Coastal Bluff Meadows

*By Chris Junck
• Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery
Project Team*

SPECIAL INTEREST

IN 2015 restoration work began to reduce habitat and biodiversity loss in Helliwell Provincial Park's coastal bluff meadows. Habitat restoration in the area includes selective removal of young Douglas-fir trees and seedlings, weeding out invasive plants, replanting and seeding with native meadow plants, and the reintroduction of Taylor's checkerspot caterpillars raised by Wildlife Preservation Canada staff at the Greater Vancouver Zoo.

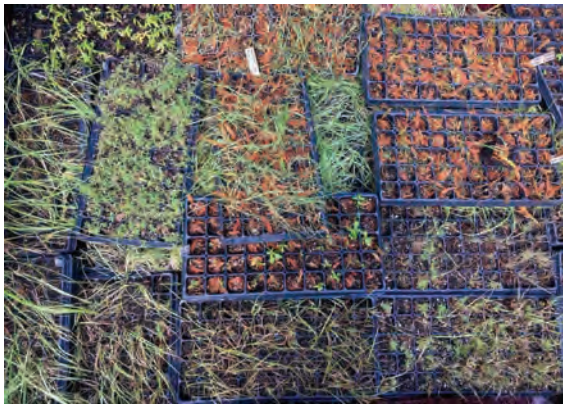
In mid-October, 19 students from Hornby Island's Community School joined school staff and parents, Hornby Island Natural History Centre stewards, and a team of biologists from BC Parks and the BC Conservation Foundation in Helliwell Provincial Park. The group removed hundreds of weeds and replaced them with 950 native plant plugs. The planted plugs included two types of grass (California brome and Roemer's fescue), field chickweed and woolly sunflowers that were grown

from seeds and nurtured through the hot summer by Hornby Island Natural History Centre volunteers.

It was the sixth consecutive year that the school participated in the coastal meadow habitat restoration project in Helliwell Provincial Park. The students had great attitudes, and enthusiastically worked at the planting and weeding. An excited student said, "I've come to do this three times. I want to come back to this planting patch next summer and see if there are butterflies on our plants!"

The annual plantings by students, volunteers, BC Parks staff and contractors are making a noticeable difference.

Background Information
Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*)
Also known as Edith's checkerspot. Historical range was Hornby Island, southeastern Vancouver Island, Puget Trough and to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In BC, they were once abundant at 10 sites in the Greater Victoria Area, one site each near Mill Bay and Comox, and sites on Hornby



Hornby Island Natural History Centre volunteers grew 950 native plant plugs for the coastal meadow restoration project. Photo by Erica McClaren.



"It is getting harder to find bare sites that need plants. These sites are really coming along," said BC Parks conservation specialist Erica McClaren

Neil Wilson of the Hornby Island Natural History Centre added, "Our community as a whole has contributed to the restoration by leaving bikes at the trailhead, walking only on delineated pathways, keeping dogs leashed, and providing essential support services."



The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team and BC Parks thank the Cowichan Tribes, Halalt, Homalco, K'ómoks, Lake Cowichan, Lyackson, Penalakut, Qualicum, Snaw'Naw'As, Stz'uminus, Tla'amin, We Wai Kai, and We Wai Kum First Nations, for allowing us to restore ecosystems in their traditional territories. In

addition to Hornby Island Natural History Centre members, the Community School students, staff and parents, several local volunteers and Satinflower Nurseries also contributed to the success of the habitat restoration project.



Island (including Helliwell Provincial Park).

They were thought to have been extirpated (became locally extinct) from Canada by 2000 when no Taylor's checkerspots could be found in their last known sites on Hornby Island despite intensive searches. However, new populations were discovered on Denman Island in 2005 and near Campbell River in 2018.

Additional photos by Bonnie Zand.

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...continued from P.9 It is federally listed as Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA Schedule 1), and is on the BC Red list of at-risk species.

Taylor's checkerspot butterflies need open sunny meadows where they can find suitable host plants (food for larvae and nectar producing flowers for adults), such as woolly sunflower, common camas, small-flowered blue-eyed Mary, wild strawberry, sea blush, and yarrow.

Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation are major factors in the species' decline. For example, the meadows along the coastal bluffs in Helliwell Provincial Park became less suitable for butterflies due to invasions of non-native plants and encroaching forests.

Habitat enhancement work (weeding, selective limbing +/- removal of conifers, re-planting and seeding with native species) has been ongoing in Helliwell Provincial Park for several years. The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project



The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project is an initiative of the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team's Invertebrates at Risk Recovery Implementation Group and our partners. It is a collaborative effort to restore Taylor's Checkerspot populations in British Columbia through habitat enhancement, captive butterfly rearing and release, monitoring, public outreach, and other activities.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting Thursday, Nov 25, 2021, 4 pm

Invitation to ADIMS Members and Public

Please feel welcome to join us for our AGM Zoom Meeting.

The meeting invitation details will be posted on our website and emailed to our members the week prior to the event.

ADIMS provides the residents of Denman Island with a strong voice in protecting our marine environment.

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Letters to the Editor *Missionaries on Speed*

Blessed missionaries of the cabalistic cult of the cable, thank you for bringing the good news of digital enlightenment to the benighted populace of our uncivilized island.

We the unwashed masses dearly want to be raised up in your noble image. In this glorious endeavor, we will always be grateful for any precious capsules of technological wisdom that you might prescribe from your overflowing medicine cabinet of virtual nostrums. Heeding your righteous warning that the sacred benefits of the tourism-gentrification complex cannot be sufficiently attained with the broken internet service presently available, we true believers yearn to be upgraded and uplifted at an accelerating pace to the lofty level deemed most worthy of your High-Speed Digital God. Oh, mighty fibre-optic proselytizers, rest assured that we will always keep the faith. In seeking to attain a state-of-grace, we must devoutly say no to fleshly vices, and ecstatically chant yes to algorithmic devices! With your sanctified words of encouragement acting as the wind in our sails and with the holy promised land in sight, we poor pilgrims will reverently set sail into the electric blue skies that beckon us to find our salvation in the heavenly metaverse. We have seen the light. Amen!

*Your humble servant,
Ron Sakolsky* 🍷

Nov 15, 2021 **CONSIDER**

Ferry workers are being fired for not being “vaccinated” – what comes next? A reduced ferry schedule that will affect all islanders, jabbed and unjabbed?

Working people who choose not to be injected are being punished economically. Consider a ferry worker with whom you have no contact as you sit safely in your sealed vehicle, or in the lounge. What threat to your health is such a worker? Why would you not protest the stupidity of firing such a person from their job and livelihood, especially when it might affect you, a passenger?

Consider this – the unjabbed are excluded from restaurants with table service, from entertainment venues, from gymnasias and sports arenas – but not from supermarkets, from Tim Hortons, McDonald’s, or from retail stores.

Please consider the irrationality of these restrictions and allowances. What does this have to do with health?

Look at your own life. Consider how you will become subject to the same irrationality and punitive measures down the road when you perhaps refuse to be injected every 3 months, refusing to suffer the inevitable repercussions of cumulative toxins in your body.

Please, people, wake up and consider our freedoms as human beings, our rights as rational people, our claim to stop this madness before it becomes a fait accompli. Too late, too late.

Consider waking up to the reality that we all are living now, and which you may well be unaware of. Consider joining us. We’re waiting for you. Robert Kennedy Jr. said, in a recent speech in Switzerland – “No government in the history of mankind has ever relinquished power voluntarily.”

I quote George Saunders from his 2021 book, A Swim in a Pond in the Rain, P. 295. While discussing Gogol’s story The Nose, Saunders quotes Deborah Eisenberg who points out “the great harm that can be done by a handful of evil people, as long as they have the ‘passive assistance of many, many other people who glance out of the windows of their secure homes and see a cloudless sky.’

On the same page Saunders references Victor Klemperer’s memoir, I Will Bear Witness, in which he writes about “the people who ... take away his office at the university, his right to shop at certain shops, his job, his home,” and how they “do so politely, even apologetically ...”

Consider the camps that have been built for the non-compliant in Canada and Australia. Consider whether or not you wish to go down in history as a collaborator.

I close with the best protest poster seen this week:

**YOUR OBEDIENCE
IS PROLONGING
THIS NIGHTMARE**

Amanda Hale 🍷

Gitga'at Nation and CityWest Announce Partnership Agreement

PRESS RELEASE

By CityWest



TODAY, the Gitga'at Development Corporation, on behalf of their shareholder Gitga'at First Nation, and CityWest are jointly announcing a partnership agreement, which will improve Internet capabilities for the Nation along the north coast of B.C.

The partnership will see the creation of a new company, CityWest Gitga'at Communications Corp. The company will jointly manage a leg of the Connected Coast project between Hartley Bay and Kitimat, which will ensure community members have access to a state-of-the-art fibre-to-the-home network, bringing them advanced Internet, TV, and phone services. The new company will also provide last mile services into the community of Hartley Bay.

As part of the structure of the partnership, the new company will also re-invest a portion of its profits into Gitga'at communities; in other words, community members will own their destiny when it comes to their connectivity needs.

"The Connected Coast project will bring tremendous opportunities for our membership. Through this partnership, and the long-term nature of the relationship, we will see both revenues and opportunities which will directly benefit Gitga'at First Nation and its members," said Paul Paterson, CEO of Gitga'at Management.

"B.C. has many coastal communities such as Hartley Bay that can only be accessed by boat or seaplane. Having a reliable, high-speed internet connection can make all the difference for people when working remotely, attending school or when connecting with family," said Jennifer Rice, MLA for the North Coast. "I'm excited for the transformational opportunities this new partnership brings"

The remote community of Hartley Bay will be connected to the world through the Connected Coast network, an undersea cable project that will bring backbone bandwidth to 139 rural and remote coastal communities along the BC coast, as well as around Vancouver Island. The Connected Coast project, funded by the federal and provincial governments, is co-managed by CityWest and the Strathcona Regional District.

"We see this partnership as just the beginning of a strong relationship with the Gitga'at Nation, a group that we hold in the highest regard," said Stefan Woloszyn, CEO of CityWest. "Their entrepreneurial spirit and enthusiastic approach to business opportunities fits perfectly with the vision and values of our company, and we're excited about the many new adventures we'll have with our new partners."

The Connected Coast project will start deploying subsea fibre within the coming weeks. Further construction updates will be released as the project commences.

For more information, please contact Chris Armstrong, VP of Sales & Marketing at CityWest: 250-624-1499 or 250-624-7006, chris.armstrong@cwct.ca.

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(a cttee. of the D.I. Residents Association)

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For more information see

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/denman-ltc-considering-amendments-to-siting-and-use-permit-bylaw/>

Islands Trust Update

PRESS RELEASE

By Islands Trust



Lak'wəḡən, **METULIYE/Victoria, B.C.** – The Province of British Columbia has responded to legislative change requests made by the Islands Trust Council. The Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2021 (Bill 26) passed 3rd reading in the B.C. Legislature and the Lieutenant Governor has signed Order in Council 597 [BC Reg. 275/2021].

Through Bill 26 the Province of British Columbia is proposing to amend the Islands Trust Act to:

• Include a specific reference to First Nations in the Trust's Object statement to recognize its ongoing relationship and reconciliation efforts with First Nations.

• Enable Islands Trust to give financial support to third parties for activities that provide education about or preserve the environment and unique amenities of the Trust Area. This is an optional new power that Trust Council can use if desired.

• Streamline the Islands Trust development approvals processes by transferring from Trust Council the ability to adopt and amend development approval information bylaws to local trust committees providing greater local autonomy. This change will create efficiencies in the approval processes.

The Province of British Columbia is also proposing to amend the Community Charter to support alternative means of providing public notices across all local governments in British Columbia. This change is consistent with a resolution Islands Trust successfully proposed at the 2021 Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention to provide more options for communicating to communities.

"We are very happy to see these proposed legislative changes," shared Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair. "These changes will remove administrative

barriers and help Islands Trust meet its unique mandate more effectively. I want to note I am especially pleased with the proposed change to add reference to First Nations in the list of parties we cooperate with. The Minister of Municipal Affairs recently noted that Islands Trust has demonstrated leadership in reconciliation efforts. We very much look forward to continuing and deepening this work as we continue with implementing Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and build collaborative respectful relationships with First Nations."

Islands Trust Council, local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality will make decisions at public meetings about whether to use any new powers granted by the Province of British Columbia before enacting local bylaws or policy.

For more information see:

Province of BC news release and information bulletin Islands Trust 2018 letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding legislative change requests Islands Trust 2021 resolution endorsed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention regarding electronic temporary use permit and public hearing notification



COP26: Sharma's Tears

By Gwynne Dyer

OP/ED

• OP November 14th, 2021

CLOSING the two-week COP26 climate summit in Glasgow on Saturday, Alok Sharma, the British president of the 197-country conference, declared "We've kept 1.5 (degrees Celsius) within reach, but its pulse is weak." But he was close to tears several times in his closing remarks.

That was not because the 40,000-delegate meeting was a complete disaster. It wasn't a complete success either, but these things never are. Sharma was upset because a last-minute assault by the world's coal, oil and gas superpowers – Saudi Arabia and Australia as the biggest exporters, China, India and Russia as huge producers and consumers – nearly brought the meeting to a halt.

After days and nights of almost non-stop negotiations, the great majority of the countries present got a commitment to phase out 'coal power' into the conference report for the first time. No timetable, but it's a start.

What? You mean none of the other summits ever mentioned coal in their reports? Coal is the worst fossil fuel by far, in terms of the volume of carbon dioxide it puts into the atmosphere when it burns. Surely they must have mentioned it before.

Nope. The fossil fuel powers always managed to keep it out of the final documents by threatening to sabotage a process that depends on consensus and unanimity. Ridiculous, of course. Your whole purpose is to stop global warming, but you're not allowed to mention the principal cause?

At the final plenary session, India's climate minister, Bhupender Yadav, stood up and asked how developing countries could promise to phase out coal and fossil fuel subsidies when they "have still to deal with their development agendas and poverty eradication."

The answer is that all the development agendas and poverty eradication will shrivel up and die if the warming stays on its current track – and Yadav probably knows that too. But he effectively threatened a veto, and managed to get the phrase “phase out coal” changed to “phase DOWN coal”.

It wasn't much of a victory, because the offending word ‘coal’ is still in the Glasgow Climate Pact. It will be there at all future climate summits, and every year there will be attempts to strengthen the other words around it. Eventually they will succeed.

At this point you may want to join with Greta Thunberg in dismissing the whole process as “blah, blah, blah”, but you would be wrong. This is the only way millions-strong groups of people called countries, most of whose ancestors were hunter-gatherers only a few thousand years ago, can make decisions on subjects that matter to all of them.

Their representatives come together physically, and if the debate is intense and the meeting goes on long enough, their fixed positions tend to start bending towards compromise and consensus. That's how their ancestors did it in the far distant past, and that's how we still do it today.

So the great achievement at Glasgow was to agree that they will all meet again next year and keep worrying away at the problem and ‘ratcheting up’ the promises. There's no formal agreement to meet again the year after that, but everybody expects that this will be an annual event in the future, no longer a five-yearly one.

What two weeks together arguing about climate issues did for the key delegates at Glasgow was to create a pressure-cooker atmosphere in which hard positions softened and movement finally became possible. Doing it every year, with people more and more of whom you already know from last time, should make the process move faster.

It doesn't mean that human beings will respond fast enough to avoid catastrophic warming. We have left it very late, the special interests will continue to wage a fighting retreat in defence of the status quo, and some ‘non-linear’ response to the warming climate may suddenly upset all our plans and expectations. We are in unknown waters now.

A Potter's Notes

ARTS&LIT

By Sandra Shaffer

IN the spring of 2021 I was awarded a grant through Arts Denman of funds made available through the British Columbia Arts Council to support artists during these times. Thank you!

I used the time to study using local materials in glazes for my pottery. I tested the ash from applewood, broom, horsetail, lichen and Denman clay. The heat dome of the summer slowed down the preparation of the ash till fall.

Two large vases glazed with applewood ash from our orchard are now part of the Arts Denman Gallery to be used for floral arrangements when needed.

Again, Thank you to Arts Denman, the BC Council for the Arts and our wonderful Denman Community for keeping our local artisans thriving.

The next incarnation of this apple ash glaze will be on Jarrah Kirk's - almost here!- Crooked Warden Cidery steins. How cool is that! 

But COP26, while not yielding much in the way of enforceable commitments to cut emissions, has actually turned out to be one of the more productive climate summits. Perhaps it's the extreme weather of the past year or so that has put people into a more cooperative mood, but there is a smidgen of hope in the air.



Denman Past

by Thomas Provençal

*The rocky shores of Denman
Isle
beckon me to stay a while
to reach into the secrets at our
feet.*

*For a positive repository
of Denman's ilk and former
glory
a mere 200 years need we
retreat*

*when native dancers left their
prints.*

*Mounds of middens hold their
hints
of long-term occupation on this
rock.*

*The people that were here before
played our game but couldn't
score.*

*Smallpox killed in droves,
bequeathing shock!*

*Europeans filled the gap.
The conquered culture shut
their yap*

*and moved to a reserve not far
away.*

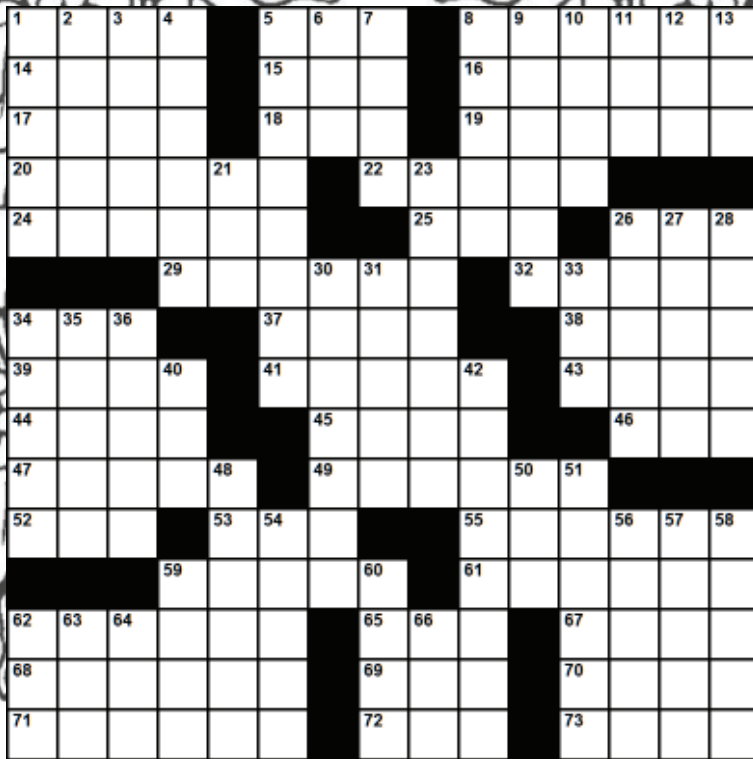
*They left behind a rich resource
that we exploit to sell of course
for money is the focus of today.*

*Now the giant trees are gone
and herring caught before they
spawn.*

*The world is closing in and
changing fast.*

*The gentle waves of Salish Sea
have increased their acidity.
It's hard to know how long this
all can last.*

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1. Aerobics venues
5. Black-eyed item
8. Fish hawk
14. Monkey or tree
15. Cineraria
16. Stow in a ship's hold
17. Balm ingredient
18. Arrange type
19. Horror director Wes
20. Hobby woods
22. Liquidated
24. Sexually exciting
25. Enrage
26. Elect to
29. Entry
32. Follow in order
34. Balaam's ride
37. Bygone alliance
38. Celts' land
39. Aw, heck
41. Card of a sort
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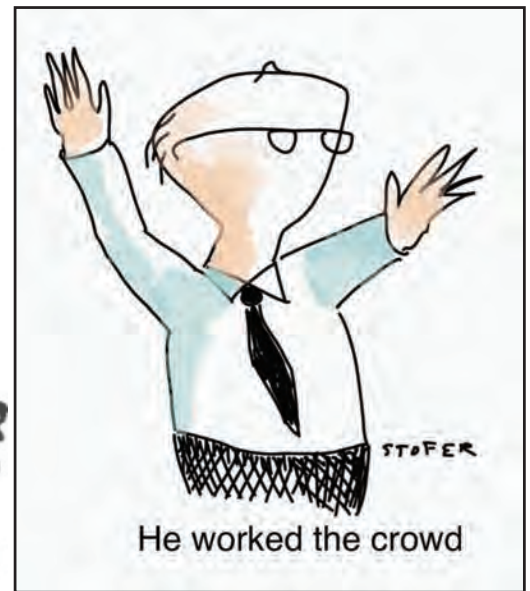
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71. Inferior race horse
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73. Formerly, once

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2. Broth cooked rice
3. Coral structure
4. Nap, in Nogales
5. Owl's partner
6. Anteceding
7. Aardvark's tidbits
8. Writer Wilde
9. Bowler's ten
10. Ancient hymn of praise
11. Auto gear, abbr.
12. A memorable Arden
13. Asian currency
21. Band of sparks
23. Flexible
26. Basketry willow
27. Blender speed
28. Bar Mitzvah boys
30. Role model, e.g.
31. Chased woman

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34. Expert
35. Native born Israeli
36. Prying person
40. Oxlike critter
42. Poignant
48. Flood
50. Barn sound
51. Impassion
54. Noted geometer
56. Fur type
57. Comes close to
58. Buddhist nirvana attainer
59. Flotilla unit
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He worked the crowd

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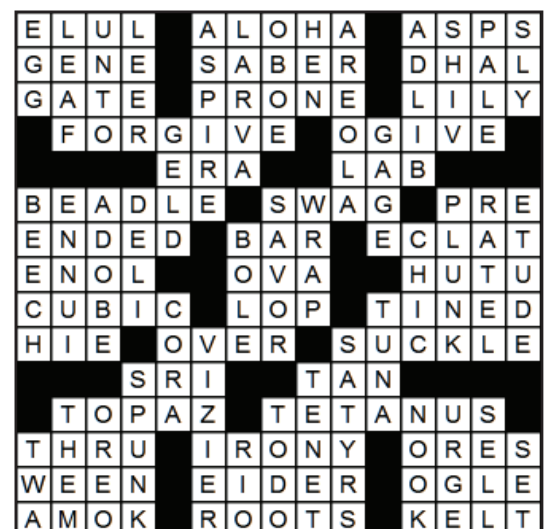
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APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Ranges, washers, dryers, fridges, dishwashers, gas/electric range. All fully restored and come with a full six month warranty. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.

• COMMUNITY NOTICES •

COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION SOCIETY EMERGENCY CRISIS LINE: 250-338-1227 or Text: 250-218-4034 For more info visit <https://cvts.ca>

COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DENMAN WORKS Projector and screen: Book with Abraxas Books

and Gifts 250-335-2731 abraxas9@telus.net Zoom meetings (unlimited time and free recording): See denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/

• EMPLOYMENT •

CATERERS WANTED DI Readers & Writers Festival Friday & Saturday July 15 & 16, 2022 Lunch & Dinner each day for approximately 90 people in the Back Hall. Further information: critterbeach@gmail.com

LOVE PLAY? Work with local youth & adults with diverse learning needs. Internships, work experience & volunteer opportunities, PT year-round positions on Hornby Island. Training provided. Apply at www.hiplay.ca

• WANTED •

LOOKING for a holiday house pet sitter from Dec. 20-27. 2-bedroom house with all amenities and stocked fridge near Fillongley Park. Only work is walking dog and feeding dog and 2 cats. Please call Aaron at 778-585-3700

• PERSONALS •

SENIOR GENTLEMAN wishes to correspond with a lady of perhaps seventy-five or so. I am aware, a UBC graduate, kind and even tempered. I live a holistic lifestyle. Interests include organic gardening, alternative health, environment movement and spiritual growth. I am financially secure and believe in the equity of women and men. If this ad interests you please reply to: Box 27, All Secure Storage, 3610 Christy Parkway, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 9T6. Please include a phone number where I may leave a message.



Memorial gathering for Michaela Baby in the Fillongley meadow Sunday, November 21 at 1:00 p.m.. Bring a tiny crystal or other rock to bury, along with your memories and love to share in her spirit.
You're beautiful Baby

Christine Veness has passed away peacefully at Comox Valley Hospital on Nov. 4th 2021.

She was surrounded by her family and close friends.

She was born in London, England on Dec. 10th, 1936.

Emigrated to Sydney, Australia where she met and married Pat some 57 years ago then on to B.C. Canada and spent her last 48 years on Denman Island.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, three grandchildren, and 5 great grandkids and nieces and nephews in England.

We want to thank all the D.I. home care staff, paramedics, Dr. Wilson and Island Health for the great care of Christine.

From Pat, Stephen and Mark



• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
- Denman Community Hall Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)
- Katarina Meglic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded 335-3122 (D/H)
- DB clearing & excavations • call or text 250-465-1889 (D)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • Licenced, Bonded & Insured 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)

• SERVICES •

- Denman Works! • Tony Gresson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Music Lessons & Piano Tuning • Scott Knight 604-779-9335 (D/H)
- Landscaping & Home Services • Beech & Cedar Home Maintenance
(Kane) • 335-0745 (D/H)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)

• HEALTH & WELLNESS •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165 (D/H)
- Acupuncturist, Herbalist, Physiotherapist • Carmen B-G, RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Denman Village Vet Clinic • 3646 Denman Road • 339-2511 (D/H)
- Inner Island Somatics.ca • Mette SEP, MQP • 650-3172 (D/H)



A WHITE DWARF STAR HAS A 10 BILLION TRILLION TRILLION CARAT DIAMOND IN ITS CORE

FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 18

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm

FRIDAY 19

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- KOSMA BUSHEIKIN JAZZ
QUARTET Guesthouse 6pm

SATURDAY 20

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-12pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- ITALIAN DINNER Guesthouse 5:30pm

SUNDAY 21

MONDAY 22

TUESDAY 23

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 24

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 25

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm
- GAMES NIGHT Senior's Lounge 6-9pm

FRIDAY 26

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- JORDI, KEEGAN & RYDER Guesthouse 6pm

SATURDAY 27

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-12pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 28

MONDAY 29

TUESDAY 30

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 1

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- DIGPA AGM Zoom 7pm see ad p.13

THURSDAY 2

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5pm-7pm

*The Monthly Calendar is on
hold for now.*

Instead we offer a 2 week summary of
upcoming events on the Back Page.
Email us with your event to be listed
in "Fortnight Events".
theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com