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Denman Green Affordable Housing Project-Update

COMMUNITY INFO

By Denman Housing Association

AFFORDABLE housing has been a longstanding need and issue on Denman Island. Studies in 2008, 2013 and most recently in 2018 all confirmed an acute need for affordable housing. The needs are diverse including families, singles and seniors. The Denman Community Land Trust Association (DCLTA) is working hard to address the need for affordable housing for seniors. We applaud their efforts in this regard. The Denman Housing Association (DHA) is focussed more on younger singles, couples and families and is working to create a 20-unit affordable housing project in 'downtown' Denman.

Many of you are probably wondering if the Denman Green project will ever happen; we have been at this for many years. While there are many hoops yet to jump through, the good news is that we are steadily advancing.

We are writing to provide you with a summary of the project and an update on our progress.

Description

20 affordable housing units on the old Rawganique property opposite the Community Hall, playground and school on one side and the Seniors' Activity Centre on the other – corner of Kirk and Northwest Roads

The rental units will likely be 10 X 1 bed, 6 X 2 bed and 4 X 3 bed in several buildings – two purely accommodation and one also containing a common use area, laundry and service/utility rooms

The site is large so there will ample green space and an area that will likely be made into a pond

Rezoning

This site is an ideal setting for affordable housing, but does require rezoning.

Two weeks ago, working in conjunction with the Islands Trust planner and our local Trustees, we took the first step in our application to rezone 1151 Northwest Road from Commercial to R4(1) Affordable Housing. This first reading of the necessary bylaw amendments is a critical and complicated step.

Water Plan

As most of you will be aware, water is a key issue for any new project on the islands. Our group's first attempt to secure land for affordable housing was not successful, primarily due to the lack of water. Because of this experience, we are being extra diligent to ensure we have a good water plan.

Key features of our plan include:

- The plan was developed by a mechanical engineer working together with a professional hydrogeologist
- The well was determined to have a sufficient year-round yield to meet the daily water needs of Denman Green
- Mindful of the potential impact of climate change in the future, we are planning a rainwater harvesting and treatment system that is capable of supplying 50% of the potable water needs of the project.
- Water management will be enhanced by utilizing low-flow fixtures in bathrooms and kitchens and by treating greywater from showers and basins before using it for



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toilet flushing

- Our application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations (FLNRO) for a water license is currently being reviewed. We are hopeful that it will be issued early in the next year.
- The water plan has been reviewed by Island Health and is now with the Trust's Freshwater Specialist for review.

Wastewater Plan

A wastewater assessment of the Denman Green site, carried out by H2O Environmental, concluded that the site has the capacity to treat the calculated volume of effluent and meet all regulatory standards. The septic field will likely be located in the SE corner of the site.

Site and Building Design

We have retained a local architect (MacDonald Hagarty) with significant BC Housing experience to help us develop a site plan and schematic design for the buildings.

In addition to building locations, driveway access, parking and more, the site plan will also inform water and wastewater system designs, landscape design and other work aimed at making Denman Green visually attractive and a pleasant place in which to live. The site will also feature a photovoltaic (PV) array to reduce hydro consumption and will incorporate the storage cisterns for our rainwater harvesting system.

Funding

So how will we afford to build Denman Green? BC Housing is likely to be the primary funding agency, providing both a grant as well as ongoing financing for the project. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) may also be a funding source and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) may provide funding for the incremental costs associated with enhanced sustainability measures, such as our rainwater harvesting. Of course there will also be a mortgage that is paid off over many years since full grant funding is not available.

Next Steps

The key points of our upcoming work are as follows:

We will continue to work diligently with Islands Trust, Island Health and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations, to complete the rezoning and obtain other necessary approvals on time for the BC Housing application.

Develop the site plan and building design with the assistance of our architect and other design team members.

We will also obtain the assistance of contractors to help develop a budget based on the design, all aimed at an anticipated funding application to BC Housing in June of 2022. This is a very competitive process – we hear that in the last round BC Housing funding was approved for only 500 out of a possible 3,000 units.

We will be meeting next month with the Denman Community Land Trust Association to trade insights and lessons learned in this complex process. It is important that we support each other in our joint mission to create affordable housing on Denman Island.

As you can see, while we are making progress, there is much left to do. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You can call at (335 2559) or email denmanaffordablehousing@gmail.com.

TIDE TABLE

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

2021-11-25

(Thursday)

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

2021-11-26

(Friday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:34	1.5	4.9
11:42	4.7	15.4

2021-11-27

(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
04:30	1.8	5.9
12:25	4.6	15.1
19:52	3.1	10.2
23:02	3.3	10.8

2021-11-28

(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
05:34	2.0	6.6
13:02	4.6	15.1
20:15	2.7	8.9

2021-11-29

(Monday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:02	3.3	10.8
06:41	2.3	7.5
13:35	4.6	15.1
20:45	2.2	7.2

2021-11-30

(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:37	3.6	11.8
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14:06	4.7	15.4
21:19	1.7	5.6

2021-12-01

(Wednesday)

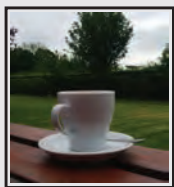
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08:49	2.9	9.5
14:37	4.7	15.4
21:56	1.2	3.9

2021-12-02

(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
04:52	4.4	14.4
09:48	3.2	10.5
15:11	4.8	15.7
22:36	0.7	2.3





An Unpainted Portrait: A Kraken (of sorts) Awakes

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons

I was insulted, we were 'marched' for the first time. Now - this is awkward - before I move on, please understand that I am a reasonably coordinated person. I can drive a car without tying my legs and arms in knots, I can dress without a great deal of assistance, and I can even rub my tummy and pat myself on the head at the same time (or is that the other way round?). I was moderately proficient at several sports which required me to do more than one thing at a time and very involved in playing rugby. I'd therefore anticipated no problems in the area of working out how to move my arms and legs to travel forwards. Uhuh...

Having received some basic instructions, we moved across the parking lot in a wobbly single file. Most of us ended up looking down at our feet for some reason, as if we had no other way of telling what was happening down there. This provoked hysterical shrieking from our instructor. Of course, it just had to be me who made the basic - and utterly disastrous - error of trying to march. Perhaps I crave attention...anyway, the result of my inability was catastrophically funny to everyone except myself and Tendril.

"WHAT!...IS!...YOUR!...BLOODY...NAME!?" he screamed when we were safely out of earshot of the people in the buildings. Adding to my anxiety, we were by this time disturbingly close to where I'd parked my heap of automotive delight. In his own gentle and nurturing way he marched alongside me, seething noisily. It didn't help. I tried to tell him that my body was no longer under my conscious influence - I really did - but with my neurology fully engaged in trying not to tie my legs into a pretzel, I was unable to speak. For a moment I considered bursting into tears and sitting down on the spot but decided that - despite the disaster unfolding below my neck - doing so was probably not the best way to start a career.

At first, it wasn't too bad because I was at the back of the line and it only sounded hilarious to my colleagues, but after a short period of hopeless staggering about, Tendril stopped us with a high pitched shriek of "Class!...Claa-aassss...HALT!" We sputtered to a stop. Tendril made his way to exactly one point six-seven millimetres from my cheek. "WHAT are you trying to do?" he shouted into my ear, a second or two after the soft pitter-patter of halting feet had died down. While my left ear began to close up for the rest of my life, I computed the data and assumed that this was a rhetorical question and kept my mouth shut to await the next sarcastic volley. "WELL?" Oh; not rhetorical; "Trying to march, sir." I replied, with as much dignity as I could muster. 'Trying' was the operative word; I was trying very hard, but I was failing in a manner that had reduced my colleagues to a giggling bunch of idiots. Trying wasn't working.

Somehow - and I still don't know exactly how I did this - before we had come to a halt, both of my arms had started moving forwards and backwards at the same time. As in: together. Try it - go on. Stand up and start walking with both arms held out in front of you, then swing them back together - and repeat. If you have just done so - and by the way, I hope that you aren't reading this on a train or in

the library - you'll know that it's a very difficult way to move about. Tendril was - rather unfairly, I thought - quite ignorant of the extraordinary feat of locomotion that he had been privileged to observe. I deserved a medal, not abuse!

"Is there something wrong with you then?" he said with a hint of desperation creeping into his voice, as a tiny drop of saliva landed on my earlobe. My brain, busily engaged in the middle of a protracted re-boot, located a suitable response from its mid-term memory cache. "Hay fever, sir!" Part of me (the thirteen-year-old class clown) rejoiced in the comic timing, and part of me (the almost-adult) quailed at the clanger that I had just dropped, not unlike an ACME anvil, onto my own foot. There was an unpleasant silence of the kind that usually hangs around between the time the condemned person looks up and notices the guillotine blade and the moment it starts to fall. The great man tried to work out what I'd said, allowing several of my colleagues to splutter, snort and unsuccessfully stifle their laughter. Somebody along the line sounded like they were retching.

My nemesis glared at me from underneath his slashed peak, seemingly lost for words, working out if I was mocking him. Somehow, probably as a by-product of my abject terror, I managed to maintain a deadpan expression. Had I intended to be facetious, I'd have never kept my face straight, but what had taken place instead was the equivalent of my brain surprising itself. His own internal battle continued for a few seconds as his spleen wrapped itself around his gall bladder and squeezed, whereupon a hoarse scream devoid of any actual words erupted from his shrivelled body. I braced myself for a bayonet between the fifth and sixth ribs. The man visibly

took a moment to draw some deep breaths and control himself. "Right... we'll start again, this time going back towards the building. Sort yourself OUT!" This last was aimed at the group as a whole, and then he turned to me with a snarl: "I don't care if you've got St. Vitus' bloody dance my lad, get your friggin' arms swinging properly!" He sounded fragile, as if for the first time realizing the enormity of the challenge. For the first – and only – time, I felt a tiny pang of pity for the man.

Having turned us all to face in the right direction, he set us off once again: "BY THE FRONT, QUICK MERCH!" he croaked. I was rather pleased with myself for stepping off with the proper foot, but within three paces I was thinking furiously, listening to Tendril's barked "Eft, 'ight, 'eft, 'ight..." and, fatally, trying to get conscious control of each arm. Trying is the bane of novice marchers. The result was horrific; a fuse - or possibly a valve - blew somewhere in my head and the brain went on holiday once again, leaving my body to try to make the best of a bad job. It failed. Both arms began to move together - again. We headed towards the buildings and pale faces appeared at classroom windows as we made our way towards them; faces which bore expressions of amusement, incredulity and, I swear, on some was fixed wonder and awe. Needless to say; within a very short period of time our meagre band, maintaining an entirely new variation on 'single file', came to a halt and dissolved into helpless laughter at my ambulatory failings. Tendril, beside himself with rage and for some reason taking my unintentional spasms as a personal insult, spluttered and croaked and was clearly bemoaning the fact that he didn't have a suitable firearm with which to dispatch me, as he would a wounded animal... 🍷

What's New at the Activity Centre?

By Joanne McLean
• Chair of DSMS

COMMUNITY INFO

at all other times. Here's what else is new:

The Fitness Centre is open to new members, and at this point in the year, the pro-rated range of fees is in effect—a December thru June membership is now just \$120. Membership application forms are available in an envelope on the main doors.

Museum volunteers are hard at work creating a new outdoor exhibit, and plans are afoot to create a new indoor natural history display for next season. The museum is actively seeking volunteers. For more information, please contact Tony Gregson, Outreach Coordinator, 778-838-7110.

We've replaced two aging and inefficient electric furnaces with two new heat pumps, a heat recovery ventilator, three additional fresh air intakes, filtration, and UV lighting. The new system is a vast improvement on the building's heating and indoor air quality. This project is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. Additional funding was provided by the Comox Valley Regional District. The board would like to acknowledge and thank these government organizations for the funding and assistance that made this project possible.

We have had the great fortune to benefit from a number of public art projects. The board would like to thank Arts Denman, the BC Arts Council, and the selection committee of Joni Daniels, John Tansley and Michael Rapati, for the art that will adorn our building for years to come.

The mural that adorns the southern wall of the building is titled Herring Spawn and was painted by local artist, Bronwyn Shuster.

A large painting inspired by our museum's artifacts and created by Katarina Meglic is currently mounted in the main entry hall, but it will be mounted outside the museum in the summer months.

Three further projects have been commissioned and will be completed as soon as possible. One is a mixed media wall sculpture by Mary Hicks that will be displayed in the lounge. One is a fired clay Tree of Life relief by Jeanie Rogers. And the third project is a mural that will be painted on the gymnasium side of the stage doors by local artist Robin Anderson.

We were also the recipient of The Climate Action Art Project, which was coordinated by Deborah and Frank Frketich. This resulted in the wonderful metal sculpture titled Herring Power created by Peter Karsten and mounted to the left of the museum entrance.

The board would also like to thank the Denman Island Readers and Writers Festival Committee, who have donated an industrial vacuum and a bicycle rack.



Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux

ARTS&LIT

By Bill Engleson
• www.engleson.ca

Introduction

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.

Retirement Reflections

March 2, 2005

I have my share of idle time, time that I hope will become well-wasted, to play off the slogan of the Comedy Network. In my retired state, and particularly in winter, I hibernate from the weather and from gatherings of people. I sometimes wish I was more garrulous, a more social fellow but the truth of the matter is that I enjoy my own company, my thoughts, my way of existing. Still, I sometimes yearn for the sweet structure that was afforded me by life as a public servant social worker. Like many people, it was the folks I worked with that occupied a lot of my time, that gave me pleasure to be in their realm. I was paid to interact with people, to labour along side them, to enter their lives and perhaps help them sort out their dilemmas.

But there is no way back that I would find acceptable. And to help me visualize the point, one of my favourite TV shows wrapped up last night. NYPD Blue concluded its thirteen-year run. One character had retired on the previous week's episode. This final week, he strolls into the precinct and poignantly observes that, 'when

you're gone, you're gone.'

In most ways, I feel fortunate to be a fair distance away from where I once worked.

I know that isn't the case for everyone on this Island.

For me though, I don't want to be some sad pathetic aged gaffer hanging around their old office, swapping stories with a younger generation, getting in the way like some sleepy ancient pooch you keep stumbling over.

No!

No, I'd rather be some pathetic old gaffer, some sleepy ancient pooch my wife stumbles over.

You think you've got this retirement gig figured out and then you look at it closely.

It takes some doing, let me tell you.

I have a ways to go to getting it right.

I'm not there yet. 🍷

Del Phillips Releases New Album

MUSIC

By Del Phillips

Hfolks, my name is Del Phillips and I've lived on Denman Island for 33 years. As of this month I'm the proud parent of a brand new musical album, entitled:

"Gentle Molecules"

The 13 song album was recorded, engineered and produced by Hornby Island master of all things musical, Marc Atkinson. Marc, recent winner of the Canadian Folk Music award for Best Solo Instrumental Album, also plays every instrument on every song and co-wrote all of the tunes. Scotty Donaldson, Randy Duncan, and Cafe Pete Keher also co-wrote tunes with Marc and I. Hornby Island residents Kim June Johnson and James Emerson provided additional vocals as well.

It's an album of stories presented in sometimes traditional Folk style, while others

are more alternative Folk. Some tunes are guitar based, others piano. The album deals with important and oft controversial topics like the opioid crises, Fish Farms and the declining viability of the shellfish industry. Maidens Blush is a song of love, loss and renewal placed on Canada's Prairies in the 1950s. Just A War Wound is a dramatic and moving piece that poses the question..." can you feel anything at all? "within a deep dive into PTSD.

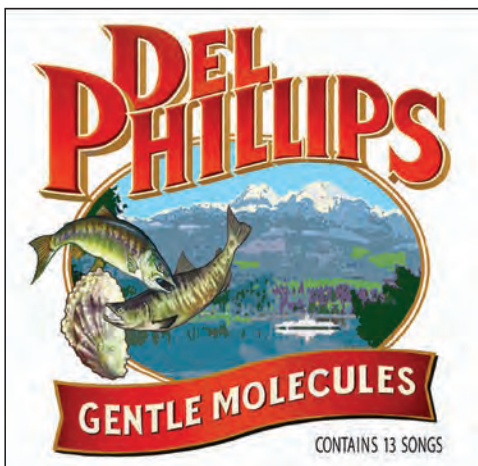
Not to say that the album is all heavy listening, not at all. Several toe tapping tunes show up in the form of a Celtic ode

to life and love down at the Riverside, a sea shanty about a life of work on the beach, and a hook laden song about a poor fella and his communication breakdown with a bewildered Lady In The Lake. The title song Gentle Molecules is a bouncy and happy tribute to the empathetic people that have hoisted me up from anxiety and depression that sometimes invade my life.

This is my first album in 16 years, following my "Delbertwindowpain Suites"

This new album or singles can be streamed or purchased on almost all streaming platforms, Google Music, Amazon, Apple Music, You Tube and Spotify. The CD's arrived on our front porch last week and are available from myself or Shirley Phillips at Lilac Sun Pottery. CD Albums also available at Abraxas Books and at The Guest House on Denman.

Check out my website, delphillips.ca for all the album details, song lyrics and photos.



Phoenix Riting! A Hornby Perspective

By Phoenix Bee

the shadowed part glowed a deep red. A Blood Moon. The eclipse began a bit after 10pm and reached totality at around 1am. If you missed it, there are videos all over the internet.

Speaking of internet, those poor people all over southern BC last week! Harrowing images and stories all over the webs. These folks have experienced unprecedented heat, fire and flood emergencies in a few months. Here we got wet, but no power outage or damage. Many less prepared urban areas suffered through outages. Stranded motorists, cars in some cases washed kilometres off road by mud and flood, were hoisted by helicopter and hosted in Hope. Sumas Prairie (once a shallow lake amidst extensive wetlands, habitat for myriad species, and territory of Sumas First Nation) turns overnight back to Sumas Lake, once drained for 'land reclamation'. The Coquihalla Highway doesn't exist right now.

This event highlights how fragile is the infrastructure that binds our society, how brittle the links of the supply chain. Given the realities of climate change, it only gets worse from here. Again, we're better off than most, for we have gardens and farms, and here on Hornby, the Farmland Trust. I am sure Denman has equivalent projects in place. We are on track to grow and develop a farming culture, to be more self sufficient. There are things we can do, small and tall.

I am double plus pleased with my purchase of an e-bike last summer. I did it for the fun, that's obvious. Ebikes make riding just enough easier to make fun outweigh difficult (the Cove hill, omg!), and accessible to those with less reliable energy.

With my plug-in steed, hills are only as difficult as I choose them to be. I like the exercise, so I keep assist levels as low as I can. I get the right workout for my body, and I ride outdoors in all seasons. Now, driving feels a bit eerie and unreal, like sitting in a room, watching a movie, then leaving the room to find yourself in the place shown on the screen. On my bike, I ride to the garden, to my radio show with my radio show stuff, grocery shopping to both the Co-op and the Cove (zooming down the Cove Hill!), in the rain (I have a raincoat!), with goggles (my eyes water!). E-bikes are a game changer when it comes to feeling alive and embedded in the world around you. If you also ride an e-bike, repeat after me: Wheeee!!

Green Wizardries, Hot Mash for Hens & Daring to Save the World

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

The question is, how will this affect your hens and what are you going to do about it? I was talking with a young lady who has her first flock of laying hens and she said they had stopped laying. Now, there are two factors here: one is that hens need a certain amount of daylight hours to lay eggs at all. They need 14 to 16 hours of daylight to lay eggs. The supplemental light should be added in the morning so they roost naturally.

The second thing is, in the cold of winter they need enough nutrition to keep warm and to lay eggs. If they are not getting enough good food, they will stay warm but stop laying.

You may well ask why the hens don't just eat more of

DID anyone see the eclipse? What a gift were clear skies! Earth's fat shadow stole Moon's light, show a field of stars, sparkle in velvet night. Breathing-taking! It was a partial eclipse. A thin crescent of light showed at peak, while

On another note, accuracy matters. I am happy to receive correction so I may rectify errors. I don't promise perfection, I do my best. So thanks very much for the feedback, dear keen-eyed readers!

Corrections from last week: I reported that the Hornby Housing Network had been created at the last HIRRA meeting. This is not the case. The Housing Network already existed. The community conversation was an opportunity for the Network to introduce themselves and invite input. Updates shared by various groups were not reports but information sharing, invitations to ask questions or volunteer. We are moving toward another community visioning session, which we badly need. Yes. Let's get together again.

Clarification from two weeks ago regarding my representation of opposing points of view about vaccines: you are right, it is not fair to paint the two viewpoints as so extreme, because most people don't view things in those terms. I was exaggerating to illustrate the point. In real life, people are complex and issues are nuanced. Most people land closer in their opinions to the middle than to either extreme. Extremists are only a tiny minority, but they shout.

Thank you for the feedback! I always want to hear from you, with feedback, opinions or suggestions for future columns. Email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com 🍷

THE Oak King is losing a hard-fought battle with the Holly King. According to Druid legend, the Oak King rules the summer half of the year and the Holly King rules the winter half of the year. It has been getting colder and dry with sharp frosts and then wet and mild with rain as the Oak King battles back. We all know he is going to lose and soon.

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...continued from P.7 their layer pellets? Think for a moment. Layer pellets are always a food of last resort for hens. The feeder can be full of layer pellets and not a single hen is eating. If you throw in a chunk of wormy compost, suddenly, they are all eating.

That is where a hot mash comes in. Some people like to put their hens in the barn at night with a hot mash and some people like to give the hens a hot breakfast. Mine get a hot breakfast in the winter and they seem to thrive on it.

One farmer friend just pours a kettle of boiling water over a dish of layer pellets and lets the water soak in and cool down a bit and gives his hens that. The benefit to this is the hens think they are getting a treat and eat the hot mash up quickly, getting lots of water at the same time. Hens don't want to drink ice-cold water when they are cold already so a warm, moist mash gives them the fluid they need to digest their food.

Other people make more elaborate mashes containing table scraps, porridge oats, fruit, kelp meal, soaked hen scratch and chopped greens. I sometimes soak alfalfa pellets and add that to their mash but not too much or the hens balk at it. I render lard from pig's fat and the crackling, the leftovers from lard production, go into the hens mash. I give them mutton fat too as they really need rich food in the winter, especially bantams.

My bantams are Mille Fleurs, so you might expect them to be a French breed but they are really from Holland. They are large for bantams, about half the size of a laying hen. Smaller birds have more trouble keeping warm in the winter and mine stopped laying in the winter, years ago. I looked up the problem and the traditional solution: hot mash.

The next part of this essay deals with another underutilized traditional skill and that is darning. To illustrate my story, I want to tell you about a favourite pair of trousers I have. They are green, cotton breeches that tie at the waist and knee. They came all the way from Nepal. I loved them so much I wore them out on the inner thighs and tore a hole in the leg while wearing them in the garden.

The holes in the inner thigh were very large and the remaining cloth there, very thin. Sewing a patch on them would not work. I thought about a story I read set in the gold rush of South Africa and how the servant would darn the master's trousers. I thought I would try some visible mending. Back in the day, people did invisible mending. They used different coloured threads to simulate the weave of a tweed or what have you. Some of those darns are minor works of art. I know because people were so proud of their master works that they were sometimes framed. I guess this helped if you were going for a job where needlework was part of the work. Easier to bring a framed scrap to an interview than a whole pair of trousers.

I can't darn like that but I did have wool yarn I had spun and dyed in two shades of green. I was able to darn the thin cloth to strengthen it and to reweave places where the cloth was frankly missing in action.

The result was a fine pair of trousers with some very attractive darns if you look

closely enough. One pair of trousers will not save the world but think what went into my having the trousers in the first place. Someone had to plow a field, probably using a petroleum-powered machine. The plants probably got dosed with synthetic fertilizer which, along with plowing, is terrible for the soil health. Then the plants were probably sprayed with fungicides and possibly herbicides. Cotton is a very polluting crop.

We are not done yet. The cotton was picked either by someone under the hot sun by hand or picked by another petroleum-powered machine. Transported by belching, diesel truck to a mill, carded by electrically-powered machines but the electricity was most likely from a (dirty) coal-fired electrical generation plant. Spun and woven by the same dirty electricity and then transported again to a factory to be cut out and sewn up by people who are classed as cheap labour and who help our lives of exaggerated luxury to continue on their exploited backs.

Then, the trousers were probably packaged in plastic that will be around, polluting for ages and poisoning any little creature who ingests it by mistake. Then, the trousers were shipped by various polluting technologies most of the way around the world where they came to me.

So, you see, by darning the trousers, I have saved the need for all that environmental destruction, exploitation and pollution that would have been necessary if I had bought another pair of trousers. Plus, I would never have been able to find this style of trousers again. If you are interested in darning, you might want to look up Sashiko, a traditional Japanese style of visible mending.



Crazy Clown, in a Bowl of Hero Soup

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Robbie Newton

YES it's time for me to again 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.

So let me come back to the present and two more Heroes, Sheldon and Donna of the Guest house. It was Bob O'krainec who had a house two big for his needs who first thought up the idea of a Guest House; but it's Sheldon and Donna who've made it what it is now. They put in all that free 'parking', "don't leave your cars untidy on the streets!"

Donna turned part of the house into her "store" with its astonishing depths; and another part became a restaurant where her staff prepared foods for "guests". Sheldon extended one end of that dining area *continued on P.10...*

*Sung to the tune of Leonard Cohen's
song "Hallelujah"*

*Though South Park was your mode of
speech
Your blue eyes shone with love to
teach
That speaking the truth was the way
to ya
With your wolf dog at your side
In your red car you would ride
To view Fillongley and the sea that
drew ya
Hallelujah.....*

*The Ouiji was your oracle
Michael with no "e" would speak to
you
Your higher self gave wise council to
ya
Now being free from your body
And ailing lungs that could not
breathe
Is a bold and it's a mighty hallelujah
Hallelujah.....*

*Dear Michael now you have let go
And we want your dear soul to know
There will always be a light guide
working through ya
In death as you did in life
You seek for us to free the self
From all the shit that really doesn't do
ya
Hallelujah.....*

*You've clad us all in rainbows bright
So we could all share in the light
While staying warm and cozy in the
wool, yeah
Your legacies will carry on
From Violet dusk unto the dawn
Forever we will love Michael Marina
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
hallelujah*



Michael Baby



...continued from P.8 to create wall space for displays of local crafts and an area where musicians could likewise display their crafts.



Robbie Newton

Outside Sheldon built benches and tables where people could enjoy other's companies, free of unnecessary Covid restrictions. Sheldon and Donna have brought together a range of learned skills and energies to Denman, all on a property which is "non-conforming". If they make a 'wrong move' as far as the Trust is concerned; they could find themselves in trouble with that Trust.

To avoid this possibility; what I would suggest to that Trust, is make them "Legally Non-conforming". That is the status which all of us so-called Hippies, who dared to 'share' the lands we owned: when the Trust first took control of Denman and they were faced with the high density zoning that the Regional District had already put in place. The new Trust's first action was to say; one lot, one house; a sensible restriction at that point. It was the one which put all of us 'sharing hippies' in that Legally non-conforming status. It was OK for us, it was our protection too; we were 'legal', which could not be taken away from us, except legally and fairly: which did occur 20 years later. However, for the Guest House it wouldn't even be a burden, only a protection.

That "Legally Non-conforming" status might also be a convenient route that could be applied to the 'lots' of those who were willing to share their properties with those who can't find other housing opportunities here. It might provide both the 'breathing room' to resolve many of those problems, for the near future; and create valuable learning experience for future permanent resolutions. New versions of heroes. 🍷

Letters to the Editor *Re. the proposal to install fiber optic cable to homes and businesses on Denman.* *A little historical perspective may be in order:*

On August 21, 1957 Dan Campbell, MLA for Comox/Denman, pushed a button and Denman was electrified and, "as if by magic, coffee pots, TV sets, fridges and lighting systems hummed with Vancouver Island power" (courtesy My Ain Folk by Winnifred Isbister)

Bringing electricity to Denman had been preceded by a 20 year campaign of letter writing and petitions to the provincial government by the Denman Island Women's Institute. The women of the island were fed up with "polishing oil lamps, trimming wicks, fiddling with gas lamps, gas irons or temperamental gas lighting plants or run down batteries."

There were naysayers at the time as to whether bringing electricity to the Island was a good idea: there would be work involved; Denman residents were responsible for clearing rights of way, and the installation of one third of the poles required; and, some argued. "What was wrong with continuing to use coal oil lamps, etc."

But the tenacity of the women of Denman paid off and Denman was finally electrified, to the cry of those gathered in the Community Hall: "Turn on the lights!"

Let us move forward in continuing to meet the needs of Denman residents.

Please vote "Yes" in this weeks referendum. (And remember, you do have to get out and vote - this Saturday, Nov.27 at the Activity Center.)

Sincerely, Graeme Isbister 🍷

The Editor,

Regarding the imminent referendum vote scheduled for Nov27th for Denman & Hornby to be included in the fibre optic cable project, I urge as many positive votes as possible. This is a "one off" chance to be included. It is highly unlikely that it

**I'm voting YES on November 27.
Sure hope you are, too!**

Roxanna Mandryk
Former Regional Director,
Denman & Hornby
Former Islands Trustee, Denman
30 plus year resident of Denman

ever be offered again if the proposal is rejected.

Imagine the cost if it has to be retrofitted to Denman and/or Hornby Islands. "Not going to happen."

The additional cost on our tax bill, \$40 per 500k assessed value per annum, is a drop in the ocean to the benefits offered.

A - The savings to be experienced far outweigh the cost.

B - Reduced stress and time wasted trying to access the present inadequate, inefficient and antiquated systems offered to us now. That alone will be worth the expense.

C - The reliability of the underground fibre optic system will be enhanced versus the current systems and will not be as vulnerable as present systems, which operate depending on numerous outside events, storms, solar flares, blackouts, etc.

D - Telus has proved themselves unwilling to update their infrastructure, even with rulings from the CRTC. Their "boots on the ground" people are handicapped in their efforts to help and are expensive in their product offered.

E - Xplornet is expensive and unreliable, slow and prone to weather related outages.

An efficient and cost effective internet service is fast becoming an essential necessity in today's rapidly changing world. Be it for business, accessing any government services, or recreation purposes, even regular phone service or access to emergency services for help, information or guidance.

What is offered by CityWest far exceeds what the other systems offer at a vastly reduced cost.

Please vote 'YES' on Nov.27th, even if it does not yet affect you personally at this time.

It will surely affect all of us in the future, regardless of present circumstances.

Huw Austin - Retired business owner - I still care. Vote YES 🍷

Dear Editor,

Ibelieve that Fibre-Optic infrastructure on Denman, besides offering the highest quality internet service available, is also the least environmentally harmful because it would mitigate the need for further cell tower development. I would rather receive service through relatively inert glass cable lines, than through microwaves. Also, many people on Denman have very poor internet service, so even if one is so lucky as to have good service, this good service is unlikely to ever improve and is at great risk of degrading over time as bandwidth is limited and the old infrastructure may not be maintained or updated. Satellite service suffers from latency lags, high trees and leaves blocking signals, and slow periods when too many are accessing the limited bandwidth. Satellite service is irritating to use on Zoom calls. Please vote yes even if you presently have adequate internet service. It may not last.

K. Vogt 🍷

Have noticed over the past few months in the Grapevine letters some thought provoking opinions regarding this covid era we're in ... opinions that sometimes include cogent quotes that I don't think are going to change many people's minds. But hey, we live in a free country, we have free speech, we are free to choose and no one is taking that right away from anybody. In this country the right to our freedom comes with responsibilities and sometimes choosing is difficult.

Regarding this covid virus that has spread around the planet, science educator Neil deGrasse Tyson says ... humanity is in a grand experiment to see how many people are going to listen to medical science. The majority who are wearing masks, getting vaccinated and acquiring proof of same are doing the right thing and are doing it for the good health of everyone, including the children. These wise choices mean that the freedom to choose will continue.

In my opinion, it's the state of the world that we live in I guess, it's always been iffy at best. We're **continued on P.12...**

...continued from P.11 in it together, the cursed and the blessed and I hope we get out of this mess. I like what Bob Dylan said years ago ... I asked the captain what his name was and how come he didn't drive a truck, he said his name was Columbus and I just said, good luck.
Stay safe, take care and enjoy the days ... **King Anderson - Hornby Island** 🍇

The Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society is recommending that you vote "Yes" on November 27 on the upcoming referendum on the Hornby/Denman fibre optic project.

Reliable internet is important for your health and the services provided by your local community health care providers. Having an internet connection can boost health outcomes—and using the internet to access remote health care providers, services and information can greatly improve physical and mental health.

Executive Director of the Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society, Lori Nawrot, stated:
"While in-person connections are at the heart of our home support, outreach and family support services, we rely on the internet to make this work possible...Our staff often work in isolation in empty or marginal pockets of internet and cellular reception. Improved service will make our jobs safer and expand our options for online training and certification, crucial for the recruitment of new staff."

Telehealth - the use of telecommunications to deliver health services and education can directly improve health outcomes, especially for those who lack access to specialist medical providers. While Telehealth has made progress in connecting health centres to allow specialists to visit with patients and their care providers, access to smaller clinics and individual homes has proven more difficult because of poor internet connectivity in rural and remote communities. We have a unique opportunity to improve internet access in our communities through the Connected Coast project, a \$45.4-million investment in coastal connectivity jointly funded by federal and BC governments. CityWest has partnered with the Strathcona Regional District to construct a subsea fibre optic network with access points along B.C.'s coastline between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii and around Vancouver Island. The Last Mile High Speed Internet Project will cost \$7.6 million to complete. Ninety percent of those costs are covered by provincial grant funding and CityWest, leaving 10% to be contributed by the community. This referendum is asking us to approve a 10-year tax increase to cover 10% of the cost of "the last mile" fibre to our properties. Please vote "Yes" for the health of our community members, our health care providers and community health services.
Written by Claire Burke on behalf of the HDCHCS Board, Bill Engleson President. 🍇

Ahead of the up--coming referendum on a property tax increase to fund the Hornby/Denman fibre optic project, I've done research to educate myself on the pros and cons of the technology and the financial proposal we are asked to approve.

Among others, I consulted Francis McInerney, Managing Director of North River Ventures LLC and FutureCreators – a renowned Canadian specialist in world--wide communications technology and business profitability, based in the US. I found a telco (Otelco) which specializes in bringing internet to rural communities and has a terrifically informative "Complete Guide to Fibre Optic Internet". I studied the CityWest proposal and I watched both of the Hornby/Denman public info zoom meetings.



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.

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Francis McInerney of North River Ventures was very clear about rural high speed internet: "...it will never happen unless taxpayers do what Telus cannot afford to do. You will see this story being retold the world over. Taxpayers must do what the market cannot." He says the kind of partnership we're seeing with CityWest -- where governments (i.e. the taxpayer) make the big investment and contract with an ISP provider is

the “formula everywhere”.

Otelco, in the US, offers internet connectivity through multiple technologies – which is why I was so interested by their “Complete Guide”. They list the pros and cons of fibre’s competitors: copper DSL, internet cable and fixed wireless. The cons include variously: diminishing signal over distance, electro--magnetic currents, asymmetric uploading/downloading speeds, peak hours slowdowns, direct line--of--sight to towers and more. We know further that satellite suffers weather interference.

In contrast, fibre does not emit, nor is it vulnerable to, electro--magnetic waves. Subsea fibre optic cables are a testament to retained strong signal. Fibre optic internet provides symmetrical upload/download speeds.** Nor is weather an issue when cable is buried. The benefits of high speed fibre optic include vastly improved access to on--line learning, employment opportunities, distance education, tele--medecine, entertainment and more. All have become essential to a well--functioning community in the 21st century and, while these are currently available on Hornby, all are severely restricted, or not viable, due to poor internet service. ** (In the zoom meetings CityWest stated the goal of symmetrical or near symmetrical speed.)

I looked in vain for similar information resources on the Telus website. I attribute this lack to Telus’ monopoly which mitigates any need to inform the public about methodology or alternative technologies either actually, or potentially, offered.

Hornby’s internet experience with Telus certainly reflects McInerney’s observation. Telus made it clear that fibre optic is simply too expensive, a cost they refuse to incur. We on Hornby are well schooled in the frustrations of fibre’s alternatives: diminished signal over distance (hello Grassy Point), incredibly slow upload times and peak hour slowdowns. Those who have tried Telus’ SmartHub (including me) report either being really pleased or returning it for a refund (as I did) – depending on line of sight. I’m convinced fibre optic is the solution for our long term needs.

In reality then, we have been entirely at the mercy of Telus and whatever they are willing to offer at the price they deem acceptable. We aren’t alone. This is reality for rural communities across Canada. Until now. As McInerney says, “Taxpayers must do what the market cannot.” In essence, it’s time for us, the citizens, to decide our own future with our own money. The federal, provincial and regional governments have heard the complaints of constituents across the country and have committed our tax dollars to fund what we’ve demanded for years – except we were demanding it from the wrong source, barking up the wrong tree. This is our chance do for ourselves what Telus can’t/won’t do.

The referendum is asking us to approve (or not) a 10 year tax increase (at a specific rate) to cover 10% of the cost of “the last mile” fibre to our properties, as required by the Province to show our commitment – a kind of good--faith endorsement of their decision to put millions into the pot. I don’t believe this is too much to ask. For example, based on the value of my (waterfront) property, my annual tax increase will be about the same as the cost of one nice dinner--for--two at the SeaBreeze, or 5 pizzas. Over 10 years, the property tax increase will cost me much less than the value of a basic 1 week Hornby vacation rental. And the icing on the cake is CityWest’s agreement to return 20% of the profits from subscriptions to a Hornby/Denman fund.

To conclude, I willingly pay property taxes on the understanding they benefit the community at large and I view this 10 year loan payment as an investment in the betterment of our whole community, a community to which I feel privileged to belong. I vote Yes.

Lorraine Bennett 🍷

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Killer Drones

By Gwynne Dyer

OP/ED • OP November 20th, 2021

Marine Gen. Kenneth McKenzie Jr., senior US commander for the Middle East, said last February. But now drones are political weapons as well, and it will get worse.

Two weeks ago three quadcopters flew into the heavily fortified 'Green Zone' in Baghdad to attack the home of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi, who won last month's national election and is working to form a new coalition government (usually a months-long haggle in Iraq).

Two of the drones were shot down, but the third dropped explosives that blew in Kadhimi's front door, injured at least five guards, and wounded the prime minister's wrist. If he had died, he would have been the first senior politician killed by a drone, but that honour will have to go to someone else. We probably won't have to wait too long.

Small quadcopter drones were first used by 'Islamic State' during the siege of Mosul in 2017, and the main venue is still Iraq. A drone loaded with a 2-kilo munition was found on a rooftop in central Baghdad in March, another was found nearby after it crashed in July, and US forces shot down a quadcopter carrying explosives over the US embassy later that month.

Long-range, million-dollar drones have been killing people remotely for a more than a decade, but those are big aircraft making big explosions and they usually avoid densely populated urban areas. They won the war for Azerbaijan against Armenia last year, which was their first decisive use in a 'conventional' war. But now we are seeing something quite different.

"I'm not just talking about large unmanned platforms, which are the size of a conventional fighter jet that we can see and deal with by normal air defense means," explained General Mackenzie. "I'm talking about ones you can go out and buy at Costco right now for \$1,000."

If you have some people who are good at making improvised explosive devices (a fairly widespread skill these days), then buy yourself a clutch of drones big enough to carry two or three kilos each and you can go into business right away.

Otherwise, you'll have to figure out how to make 'IEDs' for yourself by trial and error – and do bear mind that errors are generally lethal. But the golden age of political assassinations, dormant for a century, is probably on its way back in.

You can shoot down quadcopters, of course, but they are small, fast-moving targets. They can be launched in large numbers, and they can avoid detection until the last moment by staying low amid the urban clutter. If they are actively guided you can jam the signal, but if they are following a pre-programmed flight path using GPS there's no signal to jam.

They're also untraceable. Even if you find the bits after the thing exploded, there will be no markings on the pieces that let you trace it back to the person who bought it.

What caused the recent unpleasantness in Iraq was that Khadhimi's party won the right to form the new government in the October election, while the pro-Iranian militias lost two-thirds of their seats in parliament. It was a surprisingly fair

election, but the militias automatically claimed foul. (They even borrowed Trump's slogan: "Stop the Steal".)

On 5 November stone-throwing militia supporters marched on the Green Zone to protest. The police opened fire, dozens of people were injured, and at least one demonstrator, maybe two, died. The drone attack on Kadhimi's house, 'safe' inside the Green Zone, came just two days later.

It doesn't take much by the way of offense to motivate people into doing something that's so cheap and safe (for the attacker). Even if the attack fails, the authorities probably won't be able to find the perpetrator. Just wait a month or so, and try again from a different direction with different speeds and altitudes.

It's inevitable that this technique will spread rapidly far beyond Iraq, and that politicians and other prominent public figures will be vulnerable to it in every country, even the well-run ones. They will need more security than before, perhaps much more, and even that will not guarantee their safety.

And there may be one more step in this dance. It's not normally a good idea for a killer drone to be in direct radio contact with the person who launches it, but if that person has access to face-recognition software it might be possible to make remote attacks outdoors on individual people with relatively little 'collateral damage'. Is nothing safe?

Of course not. It never was, really. Kings needed food-tasters to avoid being poisoned; presidents and prime ministers just need different kinds of protection.



Denman Island Growers and Producers Alliance

2021 AGM

December 1st, 2021 @ 7 p.m.
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

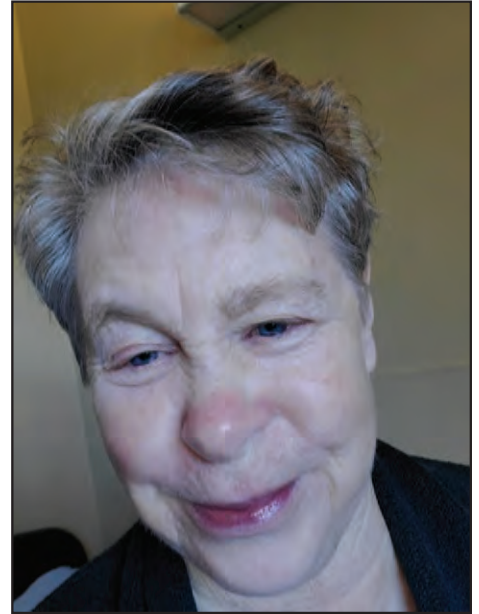
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Join us to learn more about our work to support agriculture on Denman, and to get involved with our projects like the Farmers Market, the Tool Library, and events such as Seedy Saturday, Apple Fest, and (for the first time next March...) Nut Fest!



Andrea Davis
August 13, 1948 -
November 17, 2021



Andrea left this world gently and peacefully early Wednesday morning November 17 in her beautiful "room with a view" of the ocean and Taystayic at The Views in K'omoks.

Andrea came to love her life (and the entire staff) at the Views, and she endeared herself to everyone there with her stories, kindness, helpfulness, and great sense of humour.

Andrea's instructions were that she be cremated, some of her ashes be kept on Taystayic in designated spots, Andrea's remaining ashes are to go to her niece, Anna.

Andrea's expressed wish was that people remember her from their time with her, and, that in lieu of a community celebration of life, people share and reach out to each other, in an effort to continue to develop a better understanding, and more empathetic view of emotional and mental health, and the issues that many people face in our own community.

Hype

by Thomas Provençal

*Vaccinate the willing
then relax the rules.*

*Release complete
statistics.*

*Stop treating us like
fools.*

*Hyping up hysteria
just degrades our
health.*

*Investing in anxiety
will only weaken
wealth.*

*The Covid crisis
captured
the world to our
dismay.*

*Those at home who
huddle,
hoping for a brighter
day,
have bit the bait and
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The elite are holding
sway.*

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• ACROSS •

1. A pair
4. Exhaust, as strength
7. Come down with
10. Lifted with effort
12. Be buoyant
14. Hokkaido ancients
15. Calla lily, e.g.
16. Has a yen
17. Anemic's supplement
18. Unripe
20. Crowd together
22. Greek letter
23. Formal address
24. Put into battle
27. Ghostliness
32. A Canadian export
33. Fail to include
34. Discharge
35. Isinglass, e.g.
37. Flattens
38. Big book
39. Abbr. after a list
40. Colts' mom
41. Bearing pivot
42. Dotage
44. Go to class
47. Bard's before
48. Analgesia target

49. Quiz show

53. Petroleum derivative
57. Amusement park attraction
58. Not those
60. Brain wave
61. All aflutter
62. Having handles
63. Beetles, e.g.
64. Kiddo
65. Rangoon monetary unit
66. Bon word

• DOWN •

1. Asian cuisine
2. Apple intruder
3. Caesar's eggs
4. Biota part
5. Excellent
6. Bit of humor
7. Coat, in a way
8. Certain organic compound
9. Adjust a piano
11. Electronic letters
12. Soft and clear in tone
13. Unisex tops
14. Assistance
19. Also
21. Altdorf's canton
23. Fishing net
24. Female notables
25. Choice group
26. Nut tree
27. Board of nails
28. ABC, for short
29. Act the ham
30. Garfunkel's partner
31. Charger
33. Rounded
36. Aladdin
37. Dubai, for one
43. Luau wear
44. Called for aspirin
45. Biblical possessive
46. Tending to a definite end
48. Aboard ship
49. Capturing device
50. Baltic port
51. Baal or Mammon
52. Be a couch potato
53. Inducing gooseflesh
54. Cheese variety
55. Caligula's nephew
56. 90-degree heading
59. Chance



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“For a while, Houdini would use a trap door in every single one of his shows. I guess you could say he was going through the a stage.”

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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equipment repairs, bucket cracks,
fixin tracks: Shipping container
modifications: Cut and cap piles
for buildings: Trailer repairs and
modifications: Minimum 2hr
charge PH: 250 207-6904 Email
wickedfabrication0@gmail.com

THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil,
bark mulch, gravel and sand.
Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986.
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MR. FIX-IT PLUMBING & All
household major and small
appliances. All large and small
machinery. Yard machinery,
chainsaws, outboards, automotive,
sharpening, welding and
fabricating. Call Rick Graham 335-
0954.(HI)

MAGNIFICENT TOPSOIL, (Serving
Denman & Hornby since 1988)
Bark Mulch, all gravels, Bison
compost, Treework, site clean up,
fir mill end firewood, roof tear off,
demolition. High grade lumber. 30
years local Entpr. Call Dave 218-
9667.(DI)

GUTTERS seamless, supply and
install also repairs, for free estimate
contact Kevin at 250 335 1986 or
cell at 250 667 3233. Serving All
Areas.

• FOR SALE •

CHAMPION PORTABLE GENERATOR
4000/3000 watts. Stored for
several years. Test before purchase.
\$250.00. Bill or Shirley. 335-2480.

WAGNER FIREWOOD. 2 cords to
Denman, \$580 plus GST. Hornby,
\$600 plus GST. Text or call Scott at
250-334-7323

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 •

IN THE MAIL recently I received
one hundred dollars, cash - sent
anonymously - no return address. I
suppose there's nothing to do but to
send it forwards. Maybe "Anon" has
started something. Eric Atlee

SOMEONE ON DENMAN
ANONYMOUSLY sent others a
financial gift in the mail. I was
fortunate enough to receive one
of these offerings. It came on the
day my friend passed away. It was
like a rainbow on a dark day. I was
able to pass the offering to another
who needed the compassion. The
anonymous gift was priceless. My
humble gratitude to whomever sent
it.

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@denmanworks.com

telus.net Zoom meetings (unlimited
time and free recording): See
[denmanworks.wordpress.com/
contact/](https://denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/)

• EMPLOYMENT •

EQUIPMENT DELIVERY/CARETAKER
- Hornby and Denman Commu-
nity Health Care Society requires
assistance with the delivery of
beds and large items for our home
support program as well as general
maintenance of equipment loan
cupboard items. Please email lori@
hornbydenmanhealth.com for more
information.

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

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

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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

HOUSE CLEANER for retired lady.
Small home with high ceilings.
Weekly or bi-weekly. Rate
negotiable. Please respond to
Hannah at 250-218-1893 (cell).

• PERSONALS •

*If you are a senior lady on a wait-
ing list, or considering getting on
such a list for senior's housing,
please write to Box 27, All Secure
Storage, 3610 Christy Parkway,
Courtenay, B.C. V9N 9T6. Please in-
clude a phone number and initials.
Confidential. References available.*

• 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. • Leah 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)



FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 25

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

FRIDAY 26

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- GAMES NIGHT Senior's Lounge 6-9pm
- 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

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

MONDAY 29

TUESDAY 30

- 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 5-7pm

FRIDAY 3

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 4

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

SUNDAY 5

MONDAY 6

TUESDAY 7

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 8

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



THURSDAY 9

- 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



CONCERTS DENMAN PRESENTS

Stephen Fearing

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

CONCERT STARTS AT 8:00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM

ALL AGES WELCOME

TICKETS

AVAILABLE AT
DENMAN GENERAL STORE
& ABRAXAS BOOKSTORE

\$25.00 - DOOR
\$20.00 - ADVANCE
\$5.00 - STUDENTS

VACCINE PASSPORT

*** REQUIRED ***



BRITISH COLUMBIA
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An agency of the Province of British Columbia



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REGIONAL DISTRICT

24-HOUR CRISIS LINE AND TEXT LINE FOR WOMEN

Crisis Line phone number: 250-338-1227

Text number: 250-218-4034

The Lilli House 24-hour Crisis and Text Line provides immediate support and information to all women, trans women, and gender non-binary folks who are experiencing abuse.

Family and friends who are concerned about someone experiencing abuse are also welcome to call/text these numbers for information and support.

Trained staff at Lilli House respond to the calls/texts and will share information about where to find resources in the community. Staff can support those who are at risk of violence to create a safety plan for themselves and their children.

Lilli House serves the Comox Valley, including Denman and Hornby Island, and can provide a taxi service from Buckley Bay to a safe shelter. Free and confidential counseling is available.



Referendum on Saturday

On **Saturday, November 27th** residents of Denman and Hornby Islands can make a lifetime improvement for their communities by voting “Yes” in the Internet Referendum.

- **Voting Times** 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
 - o on Denman at the Seniors & Activity Centre, 1111 Northwest Rd
 - o on Hornby at the New Horizons Centre, 1765 Sollans Road
- **Eligibility** You are eligible to vote if:
 - o you are a Canadian citizen;
 - o you are 18 years of age or over;
 - o you have resided in British Columbia for the last 6 months;
 - o you have resided on Denman or Hornby for the last 30 days;
 - o or, if you have owned property in the islands for the last 30 days.
- **Bring two pieces of identification** (one must contain your signature) to prove:
 - o who you are;
 - o that you live, or own property, on Denman or Hornby.

The Referendum asks voters to vote “Yes” or “No” to one question (which refers to 3 activities). The referendum passes if the majority of all votes cast are affirmative (50% of all plus one).

Passage of the referendum will result in a chain of activities to bring us universal, high-speed internet and other services:

- The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) will be authorized to engage in broadband service on our two islands;
- CVRD will agree with the internet service provider (ISP) CityWest Communications (CWC) to conduct a “last mile” infrastructure project bringing fibre-optic service along all of our island’s inhabited roads, primarily underground;
- During these installations along roadways, if adjacent property owners have signed an approval form, CWC will make underground connections of fibre “drops” from the roads to the exterior walls of individual properties, usually without charge although properties with long or difficult driveways must develop individual arrangements with CWC;
- Owners or residents will be able to subscribe to CWC’s high quality and reasonably priced services – internet speeds from 20-1,000 Mbps, up to 300 channels of television and hard-wired, outage-resistant telephone services.

Financial implications:

- The CWC “last mile” project is estimated to cost \$7.6 Million;
- British Columbia’s Ministry of Citizen Services has agreed to contribute \$5.64 Million on the condition that CVRD provides a community contribution of 10%;
- With referendum authorization the CVRD will borrow \$767,677 over 10 years to make this contribution;
- Property taxes on Denman and Hornby will be increased for 10 years at the rate of \$40 for every \$500,000 of assessed value, to repay the CVRD loan;
- CWC has agreed to pay 20% of the project’s net operating income to CVRD for 20 years, and CVRD has agreed these funds will become a grant account for Denman and Hornby Islands;
- All other costs are born by CWC.

What is CityWest?

- an enterprise wholly owned by the City of Prince Rupert;
- has provided telephone, cable television and internet services for over 100 years;
- serves Prince Rupert, Fraser Lake, Haida Gwaii, Kitimat, Smithers, Terrace, Vanderhoof and many smaller places;
- services and subscription rates are described on its website – www.citywest.ca.
- Another CWC project, “Connected Coast”, brings the broadband capacity that we need. This CWC joint venture with Strathcona Regional District lays subsea fibre-optic cable from Vancouver to 139 communities on BC’s coast. It will go through Lambert Channel (in early 2022?), and its landings at Shingle Spit and Gravelly Bay will provide all capacity for Hornby and Denman Islands, respectively. For information see <https://connectedcoast.ca/>.

We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make all of this happen and bring a major improvement to our island communities. Please spread the word to your friends, neighbours, telephone contacts.

We all must vote at the referendum on Saturday, and we must vote “Yes”.

ANNIE SIEGEL

Jewellery made from copper, brass, sterling silver and semi-precious gems. Prints and cards reproduced from my original paintings.
Where to find us: Denman Arts Centre on November 27th (10 a.m. to 4p.m) and the weekend of December 3-5.
Denman Crafts Shop
Beulah Creek Gift Shop on Hornby Island.
How to pay: Cash, Credit cards, check and e-transfer
Contact info: email: anisiegel@yahoo.ca
website: www.anniesiegel.com



CATHY ALBRECHT – RECYCLING ARTIST

A recycling artist for 30 years, Cathy transforms discarded items into useful and whimsical pieces for home and gift giving.
Where to find us: At the Arts Centre Craft Weekend - December 10th, 11th, and 12th
Friday 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
How to pay: Cash or check
Contact info: Email: casa02@telus.net
Phone: 250-335-1923



EMMA SCHEURWATER OF KEEP FLORAL

Handmade holiday wreaths, bundles of festive greenery, and swags all tied with ribbon.
Where to find us: Arts Center Weekend December 3rd, 4th and 5th, 10 – 4.
Farmers Market November 23rd and 24th, Saturday and Sunday all day
How to pay: Cash, credit cards, E transfer
Contact info: email: info@keepfloral.ca
Phone: 604.785.7902



LILAC SUN POTTERY

Shirley Phillips of Lilac Sun Pottery, loves to create one of a kind, unique textured pottery pieces. She is inspired by the natural world and forms her pieces by slab, coil, kurinuki and wheel-throwing methods. Her pieces are either fired in a wood fired, smoke fired, or electric kiln.
Where to find us: Art Centre, Saturday, Nov. 27th, 10 - 4
Lilac Sun Pottery studio, daily 9 - 6
Denman Craft shop, daily, 10 - 4
How to pay: Cash, check, E transfer, Mastercard, Visa
Contact info: Email: lilacsunpottery@gmail.com
Phone: 250 335 2085



FERN NEIDERMOSE

Felted Christmas stockings, decor items, and small rugs crafted with wool from Sandstone Farm sheep.
Where to find us: At the Arts Centre Craft Weekend - December 3rd, 4th and 5th as well as December 10th, 11th, and 12th
Friday 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
Email: fnieder@telus.net
Phone: 250-335-1243



GILDED PETUNIA

Gilded Petunia is the studio where I create lusterware, a firing technique producing iridescent finishes. I also make earthenware pots for everyday use and woodfired pots. Lots of colour!
Where to find us: Jeanie Rogers aka Gilded Petunia may be found at 3415 Kelsey Rd., Denman Island
Denman Arts Centre Craft Weekends: December 3rd, 4th and 5th
How to pay: cash, cheque, or e transfer
Contact info: email: gildedpetunia9@gmail.com
Phone: 250 335 0455



GLEN KRAUSHAR

Glen will be on the Arts Centre porch with a large selection of his handmade baskets. From Cradle to Grave, willow baskets grown and woven on Denman Island.
Where to find us: At the Arts Centre Craft Weekend - December 10th, 11th, and 12th
Friday 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
Contact info: email: glenraven@gmail.com
Phone: 250-335-0789



SAM ALBRECHT

A silk screen artist who makes local interest prints for tea towels, t-shirts and one-off art pieces. Sam also manufactures beautiful, recycled tank bells which add a lovely touch for home and garden.
Where to find us: At the Arts Centre Craft Weekend - December 10th, 11th, and 12th
Friday 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
How to pay: cash, cheque
Contact info: email: casa02@telus.net
Phone: 250-335-1923



SHARON CLARKE

Mixed metal jewelry – copper, brass, silver, gemstones and enameled pieces, hand forged and enameled copper trinket dishes.
Where to find us: At the Arts Centre Craft Weekend - December 10th, 11th, and 12th
Friday 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
Contact info: email: sclarke@telus.net
Phone: 250-335-0897



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM DANTE & TASHI AT FLOWING ARTS

Beautiful hand-forged silver jewellery and hand stitched unique leather bags for your Christmas family gifting.
Where to find us: Please visit our virtual gallery at FlowingArtStudio.com to make your personal selections.
Contact info: 250 335 0909 for prices and free delivery to your home



L'ATELIER DE CLAIRE/ FOR THE LOVE OF HANDMADE

Fair Trade baskets from Ghana source from an enterprise called MORE Women (Mobilization Of Rural Entrepreneurial Women). The company organizes and trains rural women and young mothers in basket weaving. MORE Women aims to create jobs and foster the economic independence of these women. To date, 250 members have been trained and are now permanent employees.
Where to find us: On Denman Island, please contact for exact location. Available 11 AM to 8 PM
How to pay: cash, e transfer, or cheque
Contact info: email: ftlovehandmade@gmail.com
Phone: 236-380-0726



CORLAN VINEYARD & FARM

Selling Denman Island award winning wines: Chrome Island Red, \$20.00; Sandy Island White, \$18.00, Blackberry Dessert Wine \$25.00 and Raspberry Dessert Wine, \$25.00; all taxes included in price.
Where to find us: At our Vineyard and Farm, 8441 McFarlane Road between 11 am and 5 pm;
also at our Denman Island Saturday Market, 9:30 - 12:30 and Qualicum Beach Farmer's market, Saturdays 9 am to 12 noon.
We will also deliver from Parksville to Campbell River.
How to pay: We accept credit and debit cards as well as cash and e-transfers.
Contact info: email: corlan@telus.net
Phone: 250-335-9132



SWEET SEA PHOTOGRAPHY

Sweet Sea Photography is a locally owned photography service. Photo sessions make a great gift for that person who has everything!

Contact Shannon at 250-203-6837 or shannon@sweetseaphotography.com to purchase gift certificates.

Art prints are also available for gifts and can be viewed at www.sweetseaphotography.com.

E-transfer preferred. Happy Holidays!



UGLY CARROT FOOD CO. by Two Roads Farm

We create a selection of soups, salsas, pickled peppers, hot sauces, and marinades as well as our fragrant lard-based soaps.

Where to find us: Jenny Meyer will be outside on the porch of the Arts Center December 3rd, 4th and 5th, 10 to 4.

Two Roads Farm farm stand, open noon - 7pm Wednesday to Monday

How to Pay: cash, E transfers Jenny Meyer

Contact info: email: info@tworoadsfarm.ca



DENMAN ISLAND CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS

DENMAN ARTS CENTRE CRAFT WEEKENDS

In lieu of the cancelled Christmas Craft Faire, several Denman artists will be presenting their crafts in a Covid protocols friendly environment. Please come out and support our local artisans.

Saturday, November 27 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

Megan Rose Babb- 100% Beeswax candles, beaded jewelry, masks and hats

Shirley Phillips - Lilac Sun Pottery one of a kind, unique textured pottery

Annie Siegel- metalwork and gem jewelry, prints and cards

Danni Crenna & the Quilting Group- everything quilted from fancy gift bags to full sized quilts

Outside

Renee Robichaud- Spa quality soaps, bath and body products

Des O'Brien- wildlife photography, cards, paintings and ornaments

Christine O'Neill- local wool felted toys and products

Magdalena Anna- shampoo bars and herbal skin products

December 3, 4, 5 Friday 1-4 p.m / Sat. & Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Emma Scheumaker of Keep Floral- holiday wreaths, swags and bunches

Fern Neidermoser- Sandstone Farm's home grown wool- felted Christmas stockings, decor items and small rugs

Jeanie Rogers- Gilded Petunia terra cotta pottery and lusterware: Cups, vases, tealights, mugs, tiles and more...

Annie Siegel- metalwork and gem jewelry, prints and cards

Outside Jen Meyer of Ugly Carrot- Two Roads Farm condiments: salsas, pickled peppers, hot sauces, marinades, plus our new fragrant Soaps

December 10, 11, 12 Friday 3-7 pm / Sat. & Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cathy Albrecht – useful and whimsical pieces for home and gift giving.

Sam Albrecht - Silk screen prints for tea towels, t-shirts, art pieces, recycled tank bells

Sharon Clarke - Mixed metal jewelry, copper enameled items and Christmas baking.

Fern Neidermoser – Felted Christmas stockings, decor items and small rugs made from Sandstone Farms home grown wool

Outside Glen Krause- Cradle to Grave willow baskets woven & grown on Denman Island.

Shop Denman Hardware

*For holiday gifts and stocking stuffers:
flashlights, tools, gardening supplies, hummingbird &
bird feeders, gloves,
amaryllis, snow shovels, road salt, windshield scrapers,
Christmas cookie cutters and tins.*

*Open Moonlight Madness 5-8 (free draw for
Christmas gift basket)*

*Hoe, hoe, hoe from,
Verna, Graeme and Colleen*



DENMAN QUILTERS GUILD

Everything quilted from fancy gift bags and table linen all the way to full-sized quilts.

Where to find us: The Denman Quilters Guild will be at the Arts Center from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 27th only.

How to Pay: E-transfers welcome as well as cash and cheques.

Contact info: email: dannicrenna07@gmail.com



DENMAN HORNBY CANOES & KAYAKS LTD.

Family owned and operated Denman paddling business since 2004.

Paddle Boards, Kayaks and Canoe Rentals, Lessons and Tours

Check out our Info and prices on the web at Visit Denman Island

<https://visitdenmanisland.ca/listings/denman-hornby-canoes-kayaks/>

Offering Gift Certificates - paddling starts up again May 2022

50% of your rentals and 10% of your lessons and tours purchased by December 31st will go directly to Denman Island Marine Stewards.

Our prices will increase in the 2022 season, so buy in 2021.

How to Pay: E-transfer (preferred) by Nov 30th, post dated cheques for May

1st 2022 cash

Contact info: email: Denmanpaddling@gmail.com



Wabi-Sabi Woodturning by John Kirk

Fine Cherry, Arbutus and Maple bowls. Various sizes, various shapes plus other hand made wooden products.

Call 250-335-2462 email chesidun@telus.net to arrange a time to visit my studio.



Purchases by cash, cheque or e-transfer. Sorry no credit cards. Must wear mask and show proof of vaccinations.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
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