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Moonlight Madness

COMMUNITY INFO

By LeeAndra Jacobs

**Friday, December 17
from 5p.m until 9-ish**

HURRAH! HURRAY! Again we will light up the night on the evening of December 17 with our Denman Island version of Moonlight Madness. If we are graced with a clear sky we will also be lit up by a waxing, almost full moon. This is an invitation to all lunatics to come out and play. Six island institutions will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 9(ish) p.m. to serve you. Abraxas Books & Gifts is offering 15% off its entire stock excepting cafe and consignment items. Tachi is offering door prizes too! Right next door the Denman Craft Shop is also offering 15% off of their entire inventory. You are invited to Denman Hardware for Christmas cheer. To celebrate the light they offer lanterns, flashlights, candles and Christmas lights. They've got lots of stocking stuffers on the shelves, as well as ho ho hoes and garden supplies. They will also have a free draw for a gift basket.

Across the street smiling Sylvie Schroeder will have her door open. Go say hello and happy madness, she will likely have a treat for you. The General Store will be ready for you as well—Jennifer and crew will have their Madness hats on. Following the luminarias 'round the corner stop in at the Art Centre. Donna is planning an activity for children inside, while vendors will occupy the porch. If you wish to vend on the porch please contact me at 335-1802. Fireweed will be there with whatever is left of the Animal Sanctuary fundraising calendars she has created. Get one while you can, supplies are limited and support a heart-full endeavor.

Finally, the Earth Club Factory Guest House/Bistro will be open serving food and drink. If it's a nice night they will have a fire going outside to warm the evening and hopefully inspire some song. Donna and Sheldon weren't sure who but they hope to have musicians inside the venue to entertain diners from 5-9. For me it's always a pleasure to walk the luminaria path up to the Bistro to enjoy the fire towards the end of the evening. I am grateful as well to dine there with my crew after setting out and lighting the 300 luminarias. Please come out and enjoy this delightful island tradition, doing our part to keep Denman weird(er).

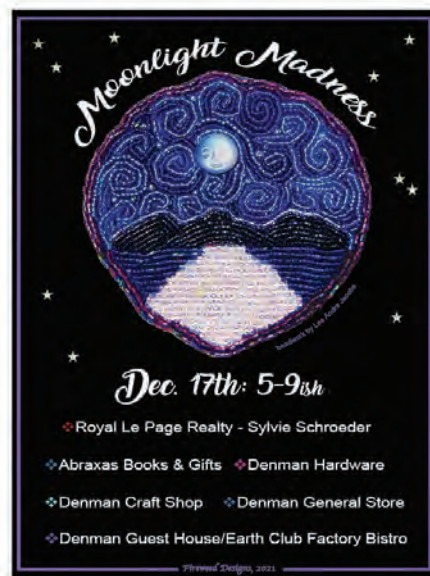
Arts Denman Membership Drive

COMMUNITY INFO

By Arts Denman

AS most people on Denman have noticed there is a lot of new public Art on Denman. The whirly mill at recycling, salmon leaping at the Arts Centre, bird mobiles fluttering about downtown this summer, along with the famous Denman flags, the huge mural on the Activities Center and sculptures at the Museum. All of these were commissioned by Arts Denman through BCAC grants. Arts Denman has also put on a mini Readers & Writers Festival, Baroque Festival, live concerts, online concerts and online workshops. There is a whole lot planned for the coming year. Starting with the Burlesque Show on New-years Eve. Covid has curtailed what we do but hasn't stopped us.

For the Arts to be so fruitful we need the support of everyone on Denman Island through memberships. They're only \$10 and they show every level of Government funding that we have the support of the community. Without the prolific funding



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Arts Denman gets there would hardly be any Arts on Denman. Without membership there would be hardly any funding.

More than ever we need your membership. We will start selling 2022 memberships at the Arts Centre at Moonlite Madness on December 17th starting at 5:00PM. Come by we'll look forward to seeing you. 🍷

New Library Books!

By Sharon Mackin

COMMUNITY INFO • Dora Drinkwater Library

IT'S getting to be a lot like.... the time for sitting in front of the fire with a good book. The Dora Drinkwater Library (located in the Denman Hall building) has just bought all kinds of new books. If you haven't been there lately, come and check out the new books.

You must wear a mask, but we'll give you one, if you don't have one. Sanitize your hands, and stay 6 feet apart from others, if possible.

We decided to emphasize timely topics this purchasing, so you can learn more about climate, ecology, reconciliation, and racism among other things. Here's what we've added to books you can borrow if you live on Denman:

- Injun - Jordan Abel (Poems about First Nations)
- Silent Spring - Rachel Carson
- The Rabbit Listened- Cori Doerrfeld
- The Innocents - Michael Crummy
- The Serpent's Tale (AKA "The Death Maze)- Ariana Franklin
- Relics of the Dead (AKA "Grave Goods")- Ariana Franklin

The Fire Next Time - James Baldwin

- This is the Fire - Don Lemon
- Julian is a Mermaid - Jessica Love
- Braiding Sweetgrass - Robin Wall Kimmerer
- The Overstory - Richard Powers
- Eat Like a Fish - My Adventures as a Fisherman Turned Restorative

- Ocean Farmer - Bren Smith
- A Gentleman in Moscow - Anor Towles
- The Patch: People, pipelines & the Politics of the Oil Sands - Chris Turner
- At the Bridge - Wendy Wickwire

In addition to that list of books we just purchased, which will certainly make you well-informed, Matsuki Masutani came in the other day and donated a copy of his new book of poetry! He is a local author whom I know you'll enjoy.

The volunteers are getting lonely. Pay us a visit and check out some books. 🍷

Support for Cancer Patients

By Veronica Timmons

COMMUNITY INFO

AFTER I had a breast lumpectomy the doctor told me that it was cancerous. On hearing those words my brain shut down. Fortunately, my partner Alan remembered everything and even wrote notes. This kind

of support was vital over the next two years of my treatment at the Cancer Care Clinic. I am truly grateful for the people in my life who give me comfort, who I can discuss hopes and fears with or who help me find medical information. This community is full of people who have made the journey so much easier for me but I recognize not everyone has this kind of support. The BC Cancer Agency has published that 1 out of 2 people will get cancer in the next ten years as the population ages so most of us will know someone with it. Fortunately, my type of cancer is 85% curable and I have always assumed I would be in that percentage. So far so good.

Sometimes you don't know the right questions to ask. The doctors, won *continued on P.6...*

TIDE TABLE

Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove
Source: tides.ec.ca

2021-12-09 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:01	0.8	2.6
10:35	5.2	17.1
16:54	3.2	10.5
21:03	3.8	12.5
2021-12-10 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:50	1.3	4.3
11:20	5.1	16.7
18:07	2.9	9.5
22:27	3.5	11.5
2021-12-11 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
04:42	1.8	5.9
12:03	5.0	16.4
19:12	2.5	8.2
2021-12-12 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:10	3.4	11.2
05:39	2.3	7.5
12:43	4.9	16.1
20:06	2.1	6.9
2021-12-13 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:06	3.5	11.5
06:42	2.8	9.2
13:20	4.7	15.4
20:52	1.7	5.6
2021-12-14 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:40	3.8	12.5
07:51	3.2	10.5
13:53	4.6	15.1
21:31	1.4	4.6
2021-12-15 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
04:47	4.1	13.5
09:01	3.5	11.5
14:23	4.5	14.8
22:07	1.2	3.9
2021-12-16 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
05:38	4.3	14.1
10:05	3.7	12.1
14:49	4.4	14.4
22:40	1.0	3.3





ARTS&LIT

An Unpainted Portrait: Cut Down to Size

By Leo Simmons

the full spectrum of light to flood in. For the next two minutes everything turned blue while my retinas and brain adjusted.

After our morning parade and inspection during which we were shouted at by a man whose voice suggested that a small rodent had nested in his underwear and was eating its way out, we changed out of our best uniforms and returned to the classroom. A few minutes passed until Tendril materialized in the doorway, wearing his canoe-sized indoor boots. "Follow me!" he half-shrieked, and withdrew. Scrambling to catch up with him, we saw him beetling down the corridor, cross the foyer and then head into the accommodation building. I wondered what fate awaited us as we trudged along the dismal administration corridor past open office doors through which unhappy-looking people behind desks piled high with paper regarded us with mute appeals for rescue in their eyes...

Within a few seconds, all became clear as we arrived at the very last door. The room was situated at the furthest corner of the building from all other forms of life. More than a little ominous. Constable Tendril explained thoroughly: "SHUT-UP!"; which, I think you'll agree, covered every eventuality. "Hair cut!" he said without any further adornment. Hair cut?! Throughout the selection process I'd been keeping my hair very short by the standards of the day. Only the weekend before I'd taken myself off to an old-time barber for an even shorter haircut, and the good fellow had done everything except take off the top of my skull with a saw. I'd taken some verbal flak as a result, both from my girlfriend and my friends. I looked quite ridiculous already and therefore, I thought, was sure to be spared. However, my hair - and my imagination - was about to be upgraded.

The 'barber' - I use the term with a liberal dose of creative licence - was a strangle little fellow. At least 107 years old, he had obviously been performing this function since the Boer War, from which era he had forcibly dragged his favourite hairstyle. We didn't know at that point that it was his only hairstyle, but we would find out all about it in the not-too-distant future. To add to the dimly-lit Vincent Price atmosphere, he wore an enormous built-up boot on one foot and this clumped ominously on the vinyl floor as he worked his way around an ancient red leather and steel chair of torture. Apparently, the constabulary budget didn't run to a huge pipe organ and demonic organist, or else I'm sure we'd have had some mood music to accompany our savaging. Subsequent enquires revealed a rumour that when they were building the FTC accommodation block in the late sixties, they had found him cutting hair amid the ruins of his old barber's shop which had sat next to the convent. Expediently, they'd built the structure around him. From time to time, they fed him recruits to prevent him from wandering out into the street.

The only tool in use that day was a very large - and impressively old - electric hair clipper. Made of low-grade pig iron and Bakelite, it came in at an approximate weight of 30lbs and an output of around forty-eight thousand BTUs. I knew this because I could feel the warmth of it across the room. I'd once insured things with less potential for disaster. The heavy-duty cable for it looped over the barber's shoulder and writhed across the floor like a thick, black snake. It then disappeared into a hole, and, I mused, into the cellar which held a Messerschmidt aero-engine converted into a generator. The floor vibrated ominously.

As the first sacrificial lamb, I waited pensively for the onslaught upon my head. Stumbling forward when beckoned, I assumed an emotional foetal position. I was welcomed; "Sit there, lad." A loud 'CLACK!' and a slight change in the floor

vibrations signified that the clipper was activated. With the skill of a blind blacksmith after a few too many jugs of scrumpy, the clumping, wheezing butcher - sorry; barber - set about what was left of my hair. As the Messerschmidt hummed beneath us, the large, blunt and extraordinarily hot clipper buzzed around the back of each ear, my sideburns and collar line. From time to time instead of cutting, he would - presumably for his own entertainment - catch and pull a few hairs out. My flinching made him grunt with apparent satisfaction.

There was, of course, no mirror available for my assessment and approval of his efforts. There was no "Can you just take a bit more off the sides?" or "Leave that as it is please." I would have to wait until I reached a washroom to check out the damage. After several minutes, I was finally released by Charlie Clipperhands and climbed out of the chair. There seemed to be far more hair on the floor than I had been carrying around on my head before the process began. This worried me. With a dry mouth, I staggered and stumbled past my wide-eyed, uncharacteristically silent colleagues and along the corridor. Setting aside all efforts to retain my dignity and holding on to door frames for support, I made my way to the nearest washroom, next to the public telephones. There, I found a much-needed reflecting device and slowly looked up. It was not a moment without inner turmoil.

The hair on top of my head had mysteriously been left quite alone and now rested in splendid isolation like a fluffy little crown atop a mountain of bristly skin. Far, far below sat my suddenly lonely ears. It looked as if I'd pushed my head into a giant electric pencil sharpener and I now resembled 'Bert' from Sesame street. Further examination revealed five or six little chunks of skin missing from parts considered unimportant by Crumpton's Sweeney Todd. In fairness, I was only bleeding a little, in accordance with standing orders which prohibited recruits from engaging in excessive exsanguination without special authority from the Chief Constable. Aside from that, in a remarkably short space of time, I'd been turned from a relatively normal human into something resembling a chimney pot

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Sign up deadline is December 20, the winner will be announced on December 21.

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A short time later, seated back in the classroom, I had the perverse joy of watching my bemused and emotionally tattered colleagues as one by one, they returned from the same shattering experience. Their expressions ranged from disgust to bemusement, from bewilderment to outright alarm and in one case, nausea. I took a growing satisfaction from each hairdressing disaster as it became clear that, again, I'd got off relatively lightly. Maybe the old boy hadn't yet warmed up properly when he mauled my head. The haircuts - all truly appalling - ranged from the mediaeval page boy (Mark, bless his cotton socks) to the Brighton Rock skinhead. Bruce - the skinhead - looked more confused than anything else when he finally turned up, and with a nervous, unconvincing laugh said "Ah told 'im...ah said: ah only need a fookin' polish!"

...continued from P.3 derful as they were, just didn't have time to answer all my questions. I was lucky that a friend gave me a book on breast cancer. I still had questions so I talked to an island friend who had had it. She told me about the DI Cancer Support Group and that Friday I went to a meeting and I'm so glad I did. There were twelve of us and Dr. Tetz. Each person spoke about their cancer, treatment and current health. Everyone in the group listened closely and gave their suggestions in a kind and helpful way. I joined the group and have found it very helpful and safe. We pledge that nothing we say will be repeated.

Once Covid struck the weekly Friday meetings at the Anglican Church moved to Zoom (Sundays at 11am). Not everyone has a computer or likes Zoom so we have decided to meet face to face on Friday, December 17th at 1:30pm in the meeting room at the Anglican Church. All covid rules will be followed. Please contact

me for more information or to be put on our list - 335-1828 or vtimmson@telus.net.

Another support for cancer sufferers is the Farm to Family program. This volunteer program cooks nutritious frozen ready-to-serve soups, stews and casseroles every other Sunday (using as much Denman produce as they can). Meals are distributed at no cost to folks who need of this support. Contact the Better at Home program at 250-898-0245 to order.

Paper Angel Wishes

COMMUNITY INFO

By Donna Wooley

LOOKING at how to show we care for each other regardless of where we are on our journey. The journey that I am on now has me looking at creating a local paper angel tree in memory of Benjamin and many others we have lost this past while. I have a wish that we can give a gift to someone we won't know who it is. The wishes may be a pair of gloves for a person stacking wood, or wood, or an elder would love a box of homemade Christmas cookies, or a child would want an art set, or a family needs new kitchen pots, a treasured mug or as simple as a gift card. I will leave an envelope at the Bistro and at the free post marker PAPER ANGELS put your sealed wish in there with name and contact inside (I won't share that information). I will gather them and place angels on a tree in the bistro with your wishes. People can come choose an angel and create the gift, then wrap it and return to the tree with the angel. I will make sure that they are delivered Christmas Eve. I hope to share a little joy with others both from giving a gift and receiving a gift. There is no questions asked anybody can make a wish for themselves or someone else. I hope we can fill some wishes and add a little joy.

A Year in Review for the Earth Club Factory

COMMUNITY INFO

By Sheldon Rempel

AGAIN it's been quite a year at the Earth Club Factory, trying to

navigate what a tourism/ community business is in this ever changing reality we live in.

I have to say that it is amazing to see all of the components of the Earth Club Factory all in one spot. With a business built on the philosophy of biodegradable, sustainable, appropriate technology, organics, art, music and salted in a bit of hypocrisy because none of us can be perfect but we try and do the best we can.

Really none of this can happen without a supportive community and supportive staff, both of which have been exemplary.

Much has been done in the last year including a new website, finishing off Ben's pool room, a lot of work on the outdoor performance area, heck we even built a boat at the front of the house.



Our go fund me project for our marquee tent was successful and there she sits hosting a variety of events even in the depths of winter, crazy idea but the

music needs to happen. Incredibly frustrating but a reality is having to abide by the Covid restrictions when it comes to performances.

Our team in the restaurant is an incredibly talented bunch of people who care deeply about what they create and how they create it. The challenge of pulling off international meals where it's a complete learning curve on how to construct the menu, taking days of planning and organization is a wonder to behold. The vegan food gluten-free and organic range in our restaurant is extensive and done with such passion.



In the depths of the winter with administration taking up oodles of time, redeveloping the bulk food area so it is much more organized and then putting together a POS system to better organize the operations. The system will soon go live so after

a few learning curves and the usual bumps along the way this should streamline and provide better analytics.

With Christmas right around the corner please drop by take a look at the eclectic line of giftware that we put together. A couple of the more popular things around this time of year are gift card, pie or cookie card. Can you imagine getting a pie or bag of cookies a month for a year, I think that's a great gift.

Finally, thank you all for your support both staff and community. We really couldn't of done this without you. Have a very prosperous 2022 (prosperous doesn't always mean money).



Christmas Story on Denman

COMMUNITY INFO

By Hilary Pryor

FOR Christmas 2019 Wendy Northcut and I staged a live presentation of the Nativity Story – with carols – at the Community Hall. We received wonderful support from the community from actors and choristers to Shannon Ford's brilliant stable mural – and it was so popular we had to turn people away at the door. So when COVID shut everything down last year we had the idea to make a film instead - a Christmas gift to our community that everyone could watch at home.

Angel Gabriel by our beloved Hardware Storekeeper Graeme Isbister.

And the choir, recorded individually per COVID regulations, still managed to charm and delight. At the finale local businesses joined in the Christmas wish of love and happiness to our community.

To date there have been 5,321 views on You-tube! But we've never had the chance too see our film on the BIG screen! So this year we want to invite you to the Community Hall on Dec 18th at 4 pm for a Christmas tea with the screening at 4:45. Admission by donation to the Christmas Hamper Program – unwrapped gifts or cash (\$20+ gets tax receipt) Come and see the Denman Christmas Story produced with love and the generosity of community!

Please r.s.v.p. denmanfilm@gmail.com so we are sure to have enough goodies and drinks on hand.

Community Hall COVID regulations will apply.



Mary & Joseph walking across Denman

Again, the community support was amazing and even the weather co-operated as we filmed scenes all over our beautiful island. It was great fun. Our young shepherds performed alongside Max Rogers' sheep, the Three Wise Man wandered through downtown Denman, Shannon Ford supplied a – mostly – co-operative donkey and Orkney Farm cows welcomed the Holy Family to their barn. Our actors performed splendidly – including a stand-out performance by Sheelah Megill as the innkeeper and unforgettable rendition of

Phoenix Riting! A Hornby Perspective

By Phoenix Bee

BEING human nowadays is hard, especially in a tiny community. Once upon a time, small communities or tribes were the human norm, but my, how things have changed. Now, we participate in what we like to call 'global community' (an oxymoron). Emotionally and cognitively, our brains can only relate to a handful of people--a hundred and fifty or so--because for millions of years of evolution, that was as big as communities got. Now, we struggle to juggle thousands of connections, many with others we never meet and likely never will. There isn't much emotional space left to process face-to-face relationships with real attention and integrity. Too much is getting thrown under the bus.

We get into trouble when we project our own values, developed from our personal histories and belief systems, onto the community where we happen to live. We assume that what we value is 'right' and that other's differing values and beliefs are wrongheaded. I am sure it's easier to feel 'right' when we are directly connected to millions of others who agree with us. Our ability to stay so connected around the globe, while undeniably awesome, has to compromise our ability to negotiate values with our neighbours.

Modern communities all tend to lack a cohesive identity, and Hornby is no different. Our population turnover is large. A lot of residents come and go, in part because of housing and economic uncertainty. We aren't the same bunch we were just a couple of years ago, and each batch of new people bring their own norms which differ from those of previous versions of this community. This Hornby of the twenty-first century is decidedly not so free and easy as the old Hornby of the twentieth. What are our shared norms and values? Do we have them? What will it take to create a set of workable guidelines that we can all agree on?

People are so different, the ways we view reality are so diverse, and despite what we may believe, there is no universal standard of right or wrong, other than the most basic 'don't lie, steal, cheat, hurt or murder anyone'.

I remember the 'old Hornby' that I fell in love with, and I still believe in it. The

values we shared centered on protecting our shared natural environment, encouraging innovative and creative building, and defending our right to define our unique island lifestyle against intrusive outside authorities. Many folk lived closer to the edge, building or inhabiting funky old homes that now would not be considered habitable, but it was considered more important to be free and alive than safe and comfortable. Had we wanted safety and comfort, we wouldn't choose to live in such a remote location. We made our own rules. Now, no place is remote anymore.

Is it better to stand strong for freedom and integrity, or for safety and security? What are we willing to sacrifice for what we value most? How can we share and sift through what is most important to each of us, to achieve a consensus that works for all? Is that possible? I look forward to another Hornby visioning project, and encourage everyone to take time to think and talk about what we want from, and what we have to offer to, our community.

As always, I want to know what you think! Contact me with feedback, questions and ideas for columns at phoenixhornby@gmail.com.



This Week in the Garden

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

AS I write this, it is December the sixth, Saint Nicholas' feast day. It is snowing, the first snow of the winter. Saint Nicolas was able to slip about, almost unseen, last night on his white horse as he goes from house to house and fills the children's wooden shoes with candy and nuts.



If this does not happen at your house, it is probably because you failed to leave some hay in the shoes for his horse or maybe he just has a preference for people from the Netherlands who celebrate his feast day with gusto. Saint Nicholas usually leaves gingerbread, marzipan and chocolate letters for good kids. I expect bad kids may find a switch or a lump of coal in their shoes. I got some chocolate this morning.

As it is cold and snowing out you may well ask what am I doing in the garden now? Well, I am growing turmeric and ginger plants. These plants take ages to grow so I started them in October. I bought organically-produced ginger from Peru and picked out the roots that looked to have buds. Then, I placed the roots in a bowl of warm water to get the roots re-hydrated. This is an important step in waking up the roots. The next morning, I put the, now swollen, roots into 4 inch pots

with my home-made potting soil. It took them almost 6 weeks to push up some shoots.

I did the same with the turmeric roots but my husband was able to find some for me that had green shoots on them so we started out much farther ahead with the turmeric. I keep both sets of starts in my Annie Siegel propagator. This is a simple set of shelves rigged to hold shop lights above each shelf. This is where I start my transplants from seed. The propagator is located in the laundry room and is not especially warm but the ginger and turmeric seem to be doing okay because they have good light conditions. The plants need to be kept moist but not soggy.

Come the first warm days of spring, I will pot my ginger and turmeric up in wide shallow pots such as people use to force bulbs. The pot does not have to be more than 4 inches deep but it must be wide as the rhizomes of ginger and turmeric grow across the soil, not down. I give them liquid fertilizer to keep them growing strong. The transplants will now go on hanging shelves in my polytunnel and they will stay there for the whole growing season.

The plants are ready to harvest when the centre dies back or you can dig up a root from the outer edge of the pot from time to time for a smaller harvest. Full maturity can take 16 months and probably more in our climate.

You may ask why am I bothering to grow such exotic spices when I could just go to the supermarket and buy some? Well, getting ginger and turmeric here, fresh from the tropics, means flying it up and flying is extravagantly polluting, not to mention expensive. Fresh spices may become too expensive for me to purchase and they may hit supply chain disruptions due to the Covid flu because you never know what supply is going to go short these days.

Both ginger and turmeric have medicinal qualities that I would not want to be without. I use both almost every day and feel better for it. They are important spices to make Indian and Chinese dishes which is more important now that there is so much less travel going on. We have to bring travelling into the kitchen where it will improve our health and delight the family.

I am also growing peppers, both sweet and the scalding-hot Habanero peppers. Habanero peppers are, on average 76 times hotter than a Jalapeno pepper. I lifted some of the best looking pepper plants out of my polytunnel at the end of the summer and potted them up in large pots. They have the tallest shelves in the Annie Siegel and are still growing. I have to prune their tips back.

I recommend growing the Habanero pepper which I grew on a whim last spring. It took ages to get the peppers going and they needed a lot of liquid fertilizer to set a crop but once they did, they produced a huge quantity of really hot fruit. I used the peppers to brew a fermented hot sauce and now we are self-sufficient in hot sauce.

Peppers, like tomatoes, are perennial plants but due to our short growing season, we grow them as annuals. If a gardener can keep a pepper plant going over the winter, that gardener will be setting a mature plant out in the greenhouse at the same time as other gardeners are starting their pepper seeds.

If I can get my peppers through the winter, and they are looking pretty good, I should be able to get a crop of really ripe peppers in quite early. The habaneros



are so prolific, I don't think there is a household outside of Mexico that would need more than one mature plant. I am drying some of the fruit for chili powder and to use in rubs for roasting meat. Dried and fermented peppers are full of vitamin C and quite useful in battling colds.

I also grow Christmas cactus, spider plants and more Aloe Vera than I ever imagined. With the Christmas cactus, I take off a few leaves and leave them a day or two to wilt. Then, I pot them up and treat them like the adult cactus. They get showered once a week and given a liquid feed. They make nice gifts. Our spider plants are also showered once a week and given liquid fertilizer. The plants are so happy that they are flowering and growing long vines with baby spider plants growing from the vines. I just break these baby plants off and pot them up.

The Aloe Vera is a bit of a problem. I split it a couple of years ago into more than 40 plants and gave them away at the Garden Club. Everyone should have an Aloe Vera in the house as the sap from the leaves is a really good dressing for burns and also makes an excellent facial mask with no plastic being involved at all. Anyone wishing an Aloe Vera plant should give me a call 335-1088 and I will pot one up for you.



Memoir of a Rural Introduction Sisyphus-Redux

By Bill Engleson
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ARTS&LIT

Redux, will extract a few of my observations from a dozen or so years ago and share them. Hopefully, they will have some modern times currency. Some will. Some will not.

Turning sixty-two

2009-03-15

I am 62 today. Not a particular interesting age really, not a milestone that might cause one to think much about it, though apparently I am. Briefly, I consider who I was when I was the inverse...twenty-six. That was in 1973. I was floating that year. Working p/t in a youth center, afternoon, and evening till quite late shifts, sleeping in the next day, missing the freshness of each morning. I was unfocussed, mostly uninterested in the world, not so much out of careless neglect but consumed by each of my minutes, my own journey, wondering what might change, what might not. In some ways, quite similar to today though I do have a larger worldview these days. Hope I do, anyways, though that is hard to confess, that earlier me. And maybe I was more in the world back then than I remember.

The weather outside today is blustery and a bit damp. Fat rain, fatter snow and drizzle make appearances, as it did yesterday. Then, just as I was about to take a dunk in the hot tub, a deluge sprung forth. I do not like to get wet when I am... wet. Aging is palpable. Eyes water more, bones are wearier, eyelids seem heavier. I am watching a bit of Flynn's Sea Hawks. He was thirty-one at the time he filmed it, glowing with youth. Some weeks ago, I watched him in The Sun Also Rises. He

Let's Have a Discussion, Bill!

OP/ED

By Perri Gorrara

THIS is a response Bill Engleson's article in The Flagstone. Excerpts from his article are in parentheses.

"It seems like it's been fairly well-contained, but here's an epidemiological question: If you are talking about outbreaks of infectious disease, isn't fairly well-contained essentially the same thing as not contained at all? Emily St John Mandel. Sea of Tranquility"

"I want to weigh in on this so badly...but I just don't have the energy after the past 2 weeks dealing with a large outbreak on Denman....The untaxed are being dealt with by the ghosts of Darwin. Just stay away from them if you can. It's not worth the aggravation. " An Exhausted Physician on Facebook

Am I misunderstanding this physician, or are they suggesting that the unvaxxed will be dealt with by nature and the vaxxed should just stay away from them?

My goodness, this is an unusual interpretation of the Hippocratic Oath..!

Until recently, Denman Island has always been an inclusive environment. One in which we helped each other whenever we could.. Louis and I will continue to follow this philosophy because it speaks to our sense of spirituality and our

looked like he'd been sleeping rough for a century even though he was only in his mid-forties.

He would die suddenly a couple of years later in Vancouver. He was fifty. By many accounts, he spent the latter part of his life in debauchery. I heard somewhere that he was buried with six bottles of his favourite whiskey. That seems a waste somehow.

I look in the mirror. We have several of them, spotted around the house like speed traps. In my skin (and I know everyone says this) I feel not a whit older than when I was a ragamuffin doltish adolescent. My mind is sharp, or at least hardly in need of grinding. Some of my usual bodily functions (and here I do not now nor ever want to describe exactly what I mean, especially as my father, God bless him, seemed intent in his later years in going into precise detail on what was up to snuff and what was a bit sluggish) are wearing down, but, all in all (even with the implanted teeth and the partial new right knee), I'm holding my own. 🍷

philosophies of life.

"The battle on Denman and Hornby, and in other geographical pockets as well, between the vast majority of citizens, those who follow Public Health guidelines and a few others, a miscellaneous group of anti-vaxxers, and those who oppose the Vaccine Mandate continues to simmer."

The Freedom of Choice over what we put in our bodies is a fundamental right and is a part of the Canadian Charter of Human Rights. Louis and I follow all masking and distancing protocols, but we are wary of these vaccines. People who are cautious about taking MRNA vaccines should be respected, not vilified and ostracized. There is a plant-based Covid vaccine being developed in Canada by Medicago. It is

not an mRNA vaccine, and when approved, may be an excellent option for the vaccine-wary members of the Denman Island community.

In the meantime, a loving and caring approach to interactions between the vaxxed and the non-vaxxed would, in my opinion, be much healthier than the divisive and hostile atmosphere that seems to be the predominant approach currently.

Here we get to the crux of this article. Thank you for reading it so far...

“A recent outbreak on Denman, allegedly, as Stephen Colbert often says, was barely discussed on social media. Many know the story, or the rumour, or a version of it: a social event in the home of acknowledged, ill-disposed, vaccine oppositionists and the subsequent outbreak of Covid that led to at least one celebrant being transported to the ICU...

I’ve wondered why this outbreak and the conditions, the personal choices that inflamed and spread the virus unnecessarily, have not been more fully discussed?”

The event to which Bill is referring was my 70th birthday party. We invited friends. Some were vaccinated, some were not. We have a large, airy living space and took precautions in terms of food preparation and service etc.

Some days later, two of our friends tested positive for Covid. They, kindly, shared this information with us. In the next few days, Louis and I became sick. Louis had a bad case of this pneumonic flu, mine was much milder possibly because my blood type is O negative.. apparently, people with O blood types are much less susceptible to severe illness. Louis has recovered completely and both of us have full immunity for the time being. One of our good friends did, indeed, land up in the ICU.. but, thankfully, is now recovering at home.

Everyone of the 16 people who attended the gathering is a good friend, vaccinated or unvaccinated, and we would never ostracize one of them under any circumstances. I hope that, by sharing this, we can all find a way to remove the barriers that have developed between community members. The reality is that vaccinated people can contract and pass on this virus, just as much as unvaccinated people can. Ostracizing people, one way or another, will not help us in the long run and can cause emotional damage on all sides.

“Some years ago, I took a workshop that

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...continued from P.11 encouraged talking about suicides as a way to perhaps release it from the category of things best not talk about. Social media has found a way to talk about most things in many voices these days, some often unpleasant and harsh. Is there something in our community DNA that keeps us taciturn about hard truths? Confidentiality is certainly important. So is truth.”

I, Perri Gorrara, have just spoken my truth. We have found, through our experience of having Covid, quite a few remedies that help to decrease the seriousness of the infection and we will be happy to share them with anyone who contracts this pneumonic flu... aka Covid 19.

Louis and I continue to love Denman Island and its community. We wish to participate actively in healing the divides that have been caused by the pandemic and hope that this article will resonate with many islanders, who may want to participate in healing these divides as the pandemic slows down and, eventually, fades away into history.



Letters to the Editor

IN reply to Phoenix Riting in the last Grapevine

I believe that the public health requirements of proof of vaccination are really fair for the general public. See the letter to the editor in the last week's Grapevine by Stephanie

Slater.

Consider also, that without those requirements of vaccination, those of us at the greatest health risk - the elderly, people with immune deficiency diseases and children would be unable to go anywhere. I do think that this is unfair to the greatest number of people.

My own son is unvaccinated so I told him that if he is not vaccinated by the time I make it down to the U.S., I would not be able to even take him out to dinner and could only see him from a distance. He is going to get vaccinated because of a travel restriction where he wants to go.

Consider this, vaccination only gives the immune system a boost so it is safe. Also, you are protecting others besides yourself in being vaccinated AND, until we are all vaccinated there is very little chance of eliminating Covid19 from the world. This is how we got rid of polio and eliminated most of the childhood diseases that killed many. I, myself had whooping cough, measles and scarlet fever before I was 3 and consider myself so lucky to have made it to 83 years of age. Many didn't survive those diseases.

SO, is it fair that I should be kept home and alone if the public health requirements were not in place?

Alisa Aiken

DEAR EDITOR,

There are so many stories that are passed on, forwarded through on-line chats, often with little verification done. Here's one from right here on Denman. At a private party I attended in mid October, a double vaxxed guest spread Covid to a large number of the others. One person even ended up in a coma. I have not been vaccinated as I did get covid in early July. The antibodies still in my system protected me. Why is there never any consideration in this vaxxed/unvaxxed debate about people who have their own antibodies? A third group. Given my recent experience it seems evident that survivors of covid are the safest people to be around. Vaccination passports give people a false sense of security and must be abolished.

Thomas Provençal



The Nuclear Deal is Dead! Long Live Deterrence

By Gwynne Dyer

• OP December 6th, 2021

OP/ED

on Sunday. As a funeral oration, it lacked in elegance, but it did the job: the 2015 treaty curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions is dead.

It was last week's meeting in Vienna that dealt it the death blow. Officially Iran and the six guarantors of the treaty (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States) were there to revive the deal that Donald Trump tried to kill when he unilaterally pulled the US out in 2018, but the new Iranian government overplayed its hand.

When Joe Biden replaced Trump last January it looked like reviving the deal would be simple. Washington would drop all the sanctions Trump had slapped on Iran, Tehran would undo all the cautious steps it had taken on enriching uranium beyond the treaty's limits to bring pressure on America and its allies, and everybody would live happily ever after.

But the government of President Hassan Rouhani, which originally negotiated the treaty, wanted Biden to cancel the sanctions first, since it was the US that had reneged on the deal. Biden wouldn't do that, and wanted Iran to roll back the uranium enrichment first. A typical bazaar haggle, but the clock was ticking.

Rouhani had reached the two-term limit, and in this May's presidential election in Iran he was replaced by a hard-line nationalist, Ebrahim Raisi. The new president can see that Iran has survived the renewed American sanctions for three years, and he clearly believes that further US sanctions would hit diminishing returns. He may well be right.

We are probably about to find out, because the first thing Raisi did on taking office was to request a five-month break in the talks while the new Iranian government got its bearings. But Iran's

“**W**E reviewed the proposals ... carefully and thoroughly and concluded that Iran violated almost all compromises found previously in months of hard negotiations,” said the German Foreign Ministry spokesperson

level of uranium enrichment continued at a high level during the hiatus: it is now up to 60%, and the next step (an easy one) is to 90%: weapons-grade. (The treaty limit is 3.67%.)

When Raisi's representatives returned to the table in Vienna last week, they brought his new demands: all the compromises that had been agreed in the talks last spring, when Rouhani was still president, were cancelled, and Iran wanted a promise (impossible for a US president to make) that sanctions would never be reimposed. Game over. Iran goes nuclear.

It's not yet decided whether the planned return to the table in Vienna some time this week will happen, but it would just be to say good-bye. Trump wins: he has trashed a perfectly good treaty, and Iran will get the bomb, or at least the

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...continued from P.13 'threshold capability' to make a bomb in a short time if it needs one.

So what should everybody else do now? Not much, if we're being honest. It was only ever such a big deal because Israel said it was. However, Israel has had nuclear weapons for half a century, and now has several hundred of them, so we may assume that the people who guide Israel's nuclear strategy know that a few Iranian nuclear weapons are not a mortal threat to Israel.

Ten nuclear weapons could wipe out half the Israeli population if they hit the major population centres, but this is not some special problem Israel faces because it is small. The United States has 330 million people and spans a continent, but it could also lose half its population in an all-out Russian nuclear attack.

This is not great, but it is also not fatal because the United States can strike back and kill half the Russians (or the Chinese or whoever it was that attacked). It's called nuclear deterrence, and it's not absolutely foolproof, but it has protected us all from nuclear war for 75 years.



China has one and a half billion people, but could lose half of them in an all-out American attack. Or to get to the point of this exercise, Iran has 80 million people, but it could lose half of them in an Israeli nuclear attack. The majority of the world's people have to live this way, and quite a lot of them (including the Iranians) have done so for two or three generations by now.

The only way Israel could claim exemption from this aspect of the human condition was to claim that the Iranians were murderous lunatics who could not be deterred by the threat of massive nuclear retaliation. They might attack Israel with nuclear weapons even if they knew they would be exterminated in return.

That was never true, and now Israelis may have to get used to living under the nuclear threat too. Or maybe the Iranians will stop at 'threshold status', which would be nice. But I wouldn't count on it. 🍷

Home Sweet Denman

by Thomas Provençal

*Denman is a solitude,
an island on its own,
even so a multitude
of people call it home.
There is a mix of culture
yet a feeling, to be clan,
to share the edge of this dear
rock,
take root into Denman.
The peace that comes with
solitude
is cleansing for the soul.
Energies of flora and fauna
amplify their role
in keeping all of us in tune
with how to live our dreams.
Mother Nature's at the core
and growing through the
seems.*

*We cater not to tourists
though we're along the way
of merry masked marauders
googling for Tribune Bay.*

*We prefer to gather
in self-appointed groups;
no need for pubs or parlours
when pot lucks dish out
soups.*

*After Hornby traffic dies
our roads become our own.*

*They return to loneliness;
we're usually found at home.*

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Bronwyn Schuster: Let the Eye Breathe

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

If you are new and want to let everyone know you've arrived, you might try doing a mural, a big one, preferably on the side of a public building that can't be missed. Bronwyn Schuster arrived on Denman just over a year ago. Thanks to Covid relief funding for artists from Arts BC in early 2021, the south wall of the Denman Seniors Activity Centre is now completely covered by what Bronwyn describes as her "love letter" to the Pacific herring. A first experience of the annual herring spawn was the inspiration, the colours of the milt-infused sea, and the passionate efforts to conserve a threatened natural wonder. Where there was a blank wall of cream-coloured cement blocks, a



Bronwyn Schuster by Nel Robin



Herring Moon

sea spirit now gracefully feathers a school of herring through their arms as they rise towards the moon against a luminous night sky. The composition commands the wall with a calm, rhythmic sweep in vivid, harmonious tones of purple, yellow, and russet red. It has a magical quality that owes something to the tales of Han Christian Andersen and the Danish folklore Bronwyn came to know as a child, strongly influenced by her Danish grandfather. "I think of the sea spirits as preserving and protecting what they are themselves a part."

The mural was one of four designs submitted to the DSMS board, each quite different and equally assured, an indication of her imaginative range.



The Proust Questionnaire With a Local Flair

What is your state of mind? : *My state of mind has been exquisite in these funny, rather dystopian times. I believe this is due to having very light responsibilities right now, thus being able to sleep long hours, languish in dream time and then contemplation of those dreams. My emotions still go up and down, being a little too empathic and can't help but feel other people's pain (which is rampant right now), but mentally there is a sense of groundedness and consistency that is making me smile. My tool kit is full of breathing techniques, mantra songs that I repeat to myself until I feel between the worlds, (especially when I go to bed at night), gratitude, recognition that it is NOW, little tiny things that make me hugely happy.*

What historical figure do you identify with?: *After a lot of thought on this and coming up embarrassingly blank I realize a being a strongly identify with is Anne Frank. Through the diary that she kept for approximately two years of her*

short life one glimpses a beautiful soul coming of age. She was sexually curious, probed into the differing natures of her relationships with others, especially with her mother and father, and had to be the most generous soul on the planet to state that despite the horrors surrounding her she truly believed that people were really good at heart. My feelings around the Holocaust convince me that that was my fate in my previous incarnation to this one, that this soul experienced being gassed by the Nazis in 1943 or 1944.

What would I like to come to this planet to next time around?: *If I could choose an object to be in the future life it would be a translucent watermelon tourmaline crystal. These resonate with such a high vibration that they engender joy in the human heart. And they sure do age well.*

What deliciousness is coming out of my kitchen?: *This week my kitchen is pumping out potato latkes—delicious savoury pancakes eaten with sour cream and home made apple sauce to honour the eight nights of Hanukkah. The holiday comes once a year, and tonight is the sixth night. I don't dare step on the scale. I hope these are pleasing to you my friend. Have a great weekend!*

Bronwyn's involvement with murals began at a 2017 Vancouver mural festival where training was offered to encourage artists to translate their art into murals. Murals have technical challenges of scale, architectural context, and materials, especially if they are outside. Scaling can be done several ways: by blowing the design up using projection, mapping to a grid, or just making your own map of reference points with freehand markings. The sheer size of the Activity Centre wall looks daunting in that regard. Fortunately, Bronwyn found that the cement blocks of the wall formed their own grid, with two pilasters, the full height of the wall, adding vertical references.



Occult Cowboy – Paladin of Justice

In her own words, the design is “graphically inspired” which is to say, the mural is a gigantic drawing. If so, Bronwyn’s approach to drawing itself is carefully considered, even, one might say, analytical, and not just a freehand riff. She says she draws at three different levels: figures, seen as shapes, tonal variation, and variation of line. She tries to achieve balance, and to create room for “the eye to breathe” orchestrating clear space with detail. This accounts for why the Activity Centre mural is so immediately comprehended, with a restful effect. As an ecological fairy tale, it is a highly structured graphical narrative.

Bronwyn comes to art through her parents. Her mother is a painter, her father created geometric art in his youth. She thought she might do other things with her life, but she was always drawing, and ended up taking a year of art education at the Swedish Academy of Realist Art.

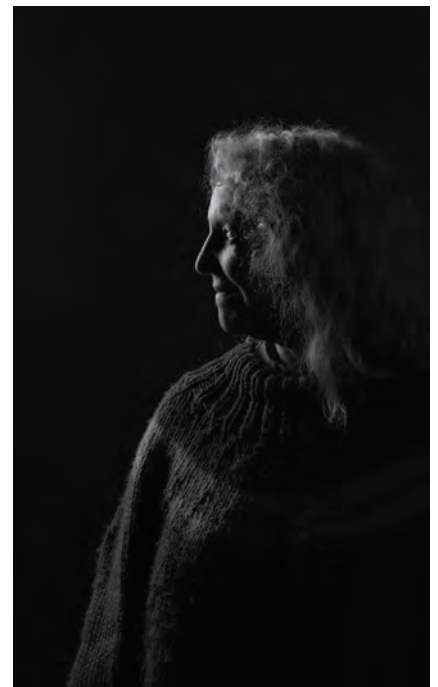
The arts program was rigorously traditional, stressing the practical skills needed to produce figurative, “realist” art, without any academic dimensions (essays, seminars and what have you), on the model of the atelier. But she wanted the skills to do better portraits, one of her primary interests, so the program fit the bill. “It was not great for my creativity,” she recalls, but she got what she wanted and thoroughly enjoyed herself, even though it took her three or four years “to recover my voice.” She went on to study in Vancouver at the SmArt School, founded in 2011, to work with those art students, self trained artists, and working professionals who “find themselves stranded and looking for more.” There she worked on her illustration which she describes on her website as “a blend between magical fiction and everyday realism, sometimes infused with a dash of humor.”

Bronwyn used to do a lot of paintings “for their own sake”, displayed in galleries. The Denman Craft Shop has a few miniature paintings, and she is working on a series of alphabet illustrations using mermaids for each letter. Some of her Space Cat paintings went surprisingly viral on the net. But she also loves taking the requirements of others and conceptualizing them through art, the Activity Centre mural being an outstanding case in point. In Vancouver, she was making about half her income from design projects. Now she is training on game art, the conceptual realization of

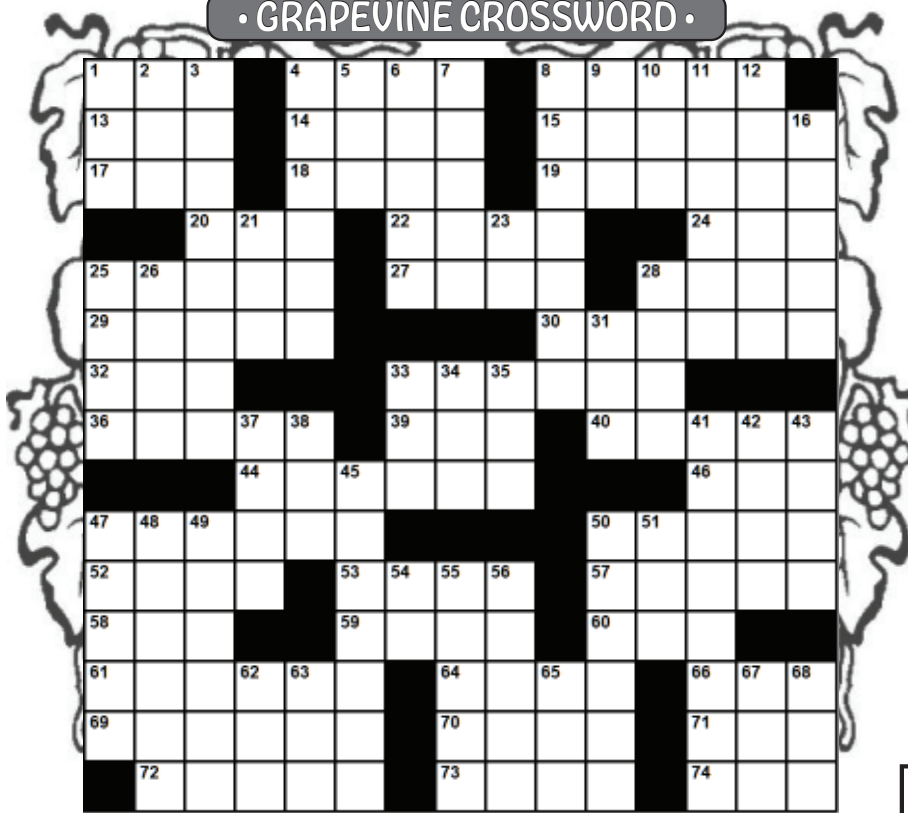
characters or objects in one dimension (such as board games) and 2-D where the technical demands are relatively simple. Sword-guns, antler-handled daggers with nasty blades – Bronwyn’s got what they want: imagination armed with a paintbrush. The big money is in 3-D games, but that doesn’t interest her right now.

We come to the inevitable question, Why Denman Island? Part of the answer is Eastend in SW Saskatchewan, on the edge of the Cypress Hills, which she describes as ‘a small town of five hundred people and a Tyrannosaurus Rex’ (and birthplace of famed author Wallace Stegner). Her parents moved there from Banff and Calgary. She loved the sense of community, of getting to know people (something not so easy in Vancouver, she feels), even if she is also perfectly content to simply go off on her own into the woods.

There is something more given Bronwyn’s folklore heritage. “I grew up,” says she, with a knowing smile, “in a pagan household.” 🍷



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- 44. Mysterious stuff
- 46. Anti anti
- 47. Repugnance
- 50. Less up front
- 52. Armbone
- 53. Feral pig
- 57. Code name
- 58. Boot hill abbr.
- 59. Centerward
- 60. Arab robe
- 61. Seafarers
- 64. Bouquet

- 66. Almost deflated
- 69. Cry from an audience
- 70. Not right
- 71. Antony's loan request
- 72. Avoid, as an issue
- 73. Auction buys
- 74. Anhydrous

• DOWN •

- 1. Font widths
- 2. Break in continuity
- 3. American -----
- 4. See ya!
- 5. Belonging to us
- 6. Buoyant airship
- 7. Barcelona mister
- 8. Try for a pin
- 9. Assistance
- 10. Govt. cops
- 11. Japanese 'straw mat
- 12. Catchword
- 16. Hum one note
- 21. Baseball great Mel
- 23. A Kettle
- 25. Alpert or Caen
- 26. Jewish month
- 28. Makes a decision
- 31. Avail oneself of
- 33. Period of time
- 34. Computer network, abbr.
- 35. Chromosome letters

- 37. Astronaut's org.
- 38. Angry state
- 41. Wound around
- 42. A son of Zeus
- 43. Days of old
- 45. Advisory group
- 47. Cry from the sick ward
- 48. Foreigners
- 49. Empty the overnighter
- 50. Brainpower
- 51. Badminton stroke
- 54. Atop
- 55. Coral structure
- 56. Country contest
- 62. French pronoun
- 63. Act the human
- 65. Frequently in a poem
- 67. Boat blade
- 68. Grimly humorous



He threw a private party

Mr. Stofer
www.stofergallery.com

Grumpism



“The cold weather is here and I had to scrape off my windshield with my department store loyalty card. I only got 10% off.”

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •



• CLASSIFIED ADS •

• SERVICES •

HORNBY COMPACT EXCAVATION

Versatile machine and operator.

Small footprint efficient for ditches, holes, levelling, brush clearing, etc. Please inquire email: Call: 2503350770
Matthewlingle@hotmail.ca



RUBBISH REMOVAL AS WELL AS TRASH REMOVAL from house, sheds, etc. 1 ton truck and single axle trailer at your service. Call Brian at 250-335-2390 or 250:650-2390. Lawnmower service come Spring.

WICKEDFABRICATION: Journeyman welder: Mobile welding unit: Custom gates and stairs: Heavy 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. denmantruck@gmail.com

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 Entrpr. 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 •

WARM & COZY Denman Island Alpaca Socks, Hats, Mitts and Ear-Warmers. Farm-gate sales. Rose 335-1117

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 •

MEA CULPA! MEA CULPA! I erroneously printed in the December Flagstone that during Moonlight Madness the Denman Craft Shop would be offering a 15% discount...this is NOT the case. My apologies to all concerned. Lee Andra

CHUCKWAGON private supper club now has Gift Certificates available for Christmas 335-2278

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

DEAR DENMAN SANTA -- we've been really good this year, got all our permits and a new septic system! If you'd like to leave something in our stocking, you can find it at <https://gofund.me/d629fd70>. PS. We'll leave cookies and cider out for you. Thank you! Jarrah Crooked Warden Cidery

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 •

VIRTUAL CARE ADMINISTRATOR for Hornby & Denman Islands with the Comox Valley Division of Family Practice The Virtual Care Administrator (Hornby & Denman Islands) is a fixed term employee position (ending March 31, 2022, with possibility for renewal). The successful candidate will work with

primary care teams, specialists, and specialized services to make virtual (video) patient visits more widely available and will facilitate the coordination of these visits to bring together the patient, the family doctor, the specialist and/or specialized services as needed. Part-time. Visit <https://cbtskills.ca> for the full job posting.

DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SOCIETY invites applications for Program Coordinator. The candidate should be experienced in delivering programs for children and youth and have strong written and verbal communication skills. Must be a reliable individual, willing to work some evenings. Find a full job description at dices.ca, submit resume to dices.director@gmail.com by Dec 17.

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 •

HOUSE CLEANER FOR RETIRED LADY. Small Denman Island 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 waiting 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 include 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 Mešlic • 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)

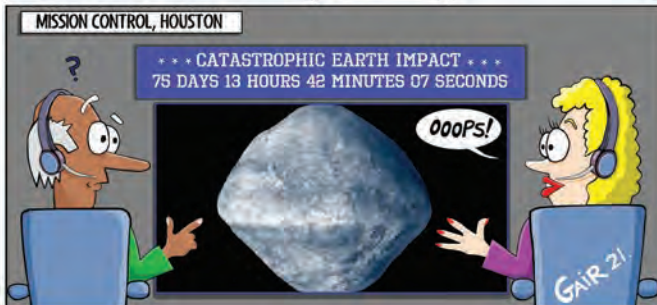
• SERVICES •

- Denman Works! • Tony Greason 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)

NASA CONDUCTS A TEST TO ALTER THE TRAJECTORY OF A BENIGN ASTEROID



FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 9

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

FRIDAY 10

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- HILTC Zoom meeting 10am
- GAMES NIGH Seniors Lounge 6-9pm

SATURDAY 11

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

SUNDAY 12

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

MONDAY 13

TUESDAY 14

WEDNESDAY 15

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



THURSDAY 16

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

FRIDAY 17

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 18

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-12pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- DENMAN CHRISTMAS FILM article p.7

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

TUESDAY 21

WEDNESDAY 22

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE CLOSED UNTIL JAN 12

THURSDAY 23

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE CLOSED UNTIL JAN 12
- 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



DENMAN ISLAND ENTREPRENEUR FAIR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME FROM 1-2PM
(VISITORS MUST FOLLOW SCHOOL COVID RULES)**

DENMAN SCHOOL GYM

*Cypress' amazing
and
colourful tie-dye!*

Hayden's
MAGICAL
Bath Bombs

**Delicious
dog treats!**
by Luka

*Abby's feathered and
beaded jewelry!*
Perfect for gifts!

YOU
need Miles' **Marvelous**
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**COLOURFUL FEATHER
HAIRCLIPS, YARN BRACELETS
AND BOOKMARKS**
by Selena

Yarrow's
propagated
plants

ELIAS' COOL PLAY
DOUGH

yellow, green, blue
Come get them now!

AUTHENTIC ACRYLIC PAINTINGS
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SPECTACULAR! Beautifully scented bath bombs
and salts - by *Chantelle*

QUINN'S
COOL COMIC BOOKS!

Wynn's
Wonderful
Stress Balls

BEAN BAG ANIMALS
BY SOPHIA
mice, cats, dolphins
100% recycled materials

Lili's
Lovely
Lavender Pouches!

Finn's Candles

A galaxy of planet-shaped candles

Thea's
Cool Rock Friends
Pet rocks for everyone

Mali's Mystical Marvels
Clay Creations