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A Free Holiday Gift for Everyone on Denman & Hornby

DURING this pandemic, we had to close our gallery.

By Dante Ambriel

We missed seeing everyone and we missed the Christmas Markets.

We loved creating presents for our community members and their families.

So, this year we decided to send out a gift to all of you to wish you a very Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year from both of us!

Over the last two years of the Pandemic, Tashi and I have been playing a lot of musical instruments together.

This November, we decided to take the month and explore the idea of doing spontaneous duets.

The dramatic November weather became our inspiration.

The wind, the leaves, the water, the frost, the moon and clouds, all found their voices in these duets.

Over the month, we created beautiful, melodic - sometimes haunting - pieces, nearly one a day - playing as a duet - Dante on piano or harp and Tashi on violin or cello.

Each piece was recorded live, as it appeared spontaneously - without any rehearsal or any corrections - so that the fragility of discovery was maintained.

As the days went by we completed 28 duets.

We put them onto two CD's and called the set **The Genesis Moment**.

So, we have created a 2 hour live concert of original music for your pleasure for free.

Please visit our new web channel address **Everything Luminous** on YouTube next week in order to listen to the free concert.

Tashi will also post the internet address on the Taystayic Open Bulletin Board on Facebook.

Also, the finished film of Dante's award winning play **Virtual Ecstasy** will be available to watch for free on YouTube next week.

Google: **Virtual Ecstasy DigiStagePlay Productions** YouTube

A very Happy Holiday from Dante and Tashi at Flowing Art Studio!



Concerts Denman Presents: *Happy Nude Year!*

By Sam Borthwick
• Concerts Denman

COMMUNITY INFO

Coming to Denman Island for the first time on the 31st of December, it's The Geekenders! Join British Columbia's pre-eminent geeky theatrical and performance troupe this New Year's Eve for an exciting night of nerdy striptease and sexy fun. Called a "cult sensation" by Vancity Buzz, Geekenders shows always thrill with a clever mix of nostalgia and iconic pop culture. Featuring original performances from some of Vancouver and Victoria's favourite geeks, this popular nerdy cabaret combines the irreverence of the Muppets and the polish and showmanship of a Vegas showgirl revue.

Performing for your titillation:

- Kitty Glitter!
- Draco Boyesque!
- Ginger Femmecat!
- Poutina Turner!
- Hazel Nuez!
- Ruby Purrl!
- Luna Eclipse!
- and your host: Rocket Sauce!

Nerdlesque celebrates the stories and characters you know, love, and secretly google sexy fan-art of in your spare time with energetic dancing, comedy, and cheeky satire, created by artists as nerdy as you are.

Venue: Denman Island Community Hall

Date: December 31st, 2021

Time: Doors at 7:30pm, show at 8pm

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 on the door, available from the General Store, Abraxas Bookstore, and online at concertsdenman.com.

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Phoenix Riting! A Hornby Perspective

By Phoenix Bee

AS we wind down to the final weeks of 2021 the question begins to loom- how best to ring in the New Year? What sexy silliness can be found to banish the gloom and kick-start a vibrant Twenty-Twenty-Two? Well, how better than with an unforgettable evening of sassy, scintillating burlesque- with a nerdy twist?



In response to the letter to the editor re: "Phoenix Riting" from 2 weeks ago: Alisa Aiken says, "I believe that the public health requirements of proof of vaccination are really fair for the general public." Actually, that was the entire point of my column. If we choose not to abide by the official requirements, that decision should come from the community. The PHO mandates vaccine passports for gatherings of 50 or more. In stark contrast, here on Hornby passports are required for all gatherings of any size, public or private, at the Hall and New Horizons. This goes far beyond the PHO. It seems reasonable that small private groups (of dancers, for example--oh how I miss my ecstatic dance group) should be able to gather at their usual venue without the need to show a passport.

Alisa, thank you for your response, and I hope this clarifies my position, that I am talking about small, private groups.

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TIDE TABLE

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

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
2021-12-17 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:20	4.5	14.8
11:01	3.8	12.5
15:14	4.3	14.1
23:11	0.9	3.0
2021-12-18 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:56	4.6	15.1
11:48	3.9	12.8
15:38	4.3	14.1
23:41	0.9	3.0
2021-12-19 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
07:28	4.7	15.4
12:29	3.9	12.8
16:04	4.2	13.8
2021-12-20 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:11	0.9	3.0
07:59	4.8	15.7
13:08	3.9	12.8
16:33	4.2	13.8
2021-12-21 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:42	0.9	3.0
08:31	4.8	15.7
13:50	3.9	12.8
17:07	4.1	13.5
2021-12-22 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:14	0.9	3.0
09:04	4.8	15.7
14:37	3.8	12.5
17:46	4.0	13.1
2021-12-23 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:49	1.1	3.6
09:37	4.8	15.7
15:33	3.7	12.1
18:35	3.9	12.8





ARTS&LIT

An Unpainted Portrait: Sizes Matter . . .

By Leo Simmons

BEHIND a bland and firmly closed stable-style door in the basement of the headquarters building, the force stores department consisted mostly of thousands of boxes and loose piles of uniforms. Some of the piles appeared neatly organised while others looked more like heaps of the empty shells of expired police officers. Here and there,

between the towering stacks of cardboard that reached up to the polystyrene ceiling tiles in defiance of any fire prevention principles, tiny spaces for humans to move about had been cleared. Dust filled the air, and mysterious pathways through the soaring piles of boxed clothing disappeared into the gloom, inviting exploration. Almost as soon as the door closed behind us, Phil's head was the focus of attention. Someone must have talked.

The head of the stores department, a man known - with a complex mixture of affection, frustration and a slight but definite sense of awe - as 'Dennis' (no surname) appeared silently. I would eventually discover that he had a knack for suddenly materializing, and was always to be found with a very worn tape measure around his neck. The tape, similar to a doctor's stethoscope, was considered a mark of the man's trade. Having quietly measured Phil's head, he moved to a telephone and there held a muttered conversation, accompanied by frequent disbelieving glances in the direction of the cranium in question. Finally, he put the 'phone down, turned around and looked the rest of us over with an experienced eye.

He was a quiet fellow who wore two pairs of spectacles, one on his nose and the other pair high up on his forehead. I presumed that one set was for reading and the other for lighting fires and burning up ants. He spoke softly and soporifically, and within seconds had begun to measure Phil's infeasibly small noggin once again. Faced with empirical data, his eyebrows shot upwards. He began murmuring and quietly whistling through his teeth and after a few awkward seconds pronounced that a bespoke helmet was the only way to rectify the crisis. Abruptly turning to one side and using the grubby stub of a pencil which he kept behind his ear, he scribbled a brief note onto a piece of crumpled paper. His eyes moved over my uniform without a blink and moved on, for some of my colleagues had dire need of his services. In a quiet flurry of measuring and mumbling, the great man ordered two new tunics each for Alan and Ian. I suspect that somewhere within the grinding gears of the system, they simply performed a crafty swap across the tailor's table. Mark was quickly sized up for a pair of trousers better suited to a man with normal legs. Then we got to Bruce.

Our colleague stood with dignity oozing from every pore while the veteran of a thousand ill-fitting uniforms looked him over. The look on Dennis' face suggested wonder. He muttered to himself. "What was that?" snapped Tendril, uneasy in that hushed atmosphere. Utterly unmoved, Dennis threw him a contemptuous glance from behind his lower pair of spectacles. "I said...that we've outdone ourselves with this young man." His words peremptorily dismissed our leader and cheered us all up immensely in the process. Without further ado, he swung into action, measuring here and there, trying several different tunics on Bruce, swapping his helmet for one which fitted - and then he stopped, looking at the boots; the boots from a dark place nobody ever wanted to visit twice. "Jesus Christ!" he said to himself softly, and then after a long pause; "Well, you're on your own with those buggers, lad. Can't help you with those." Unnerved, he backed away to a safe distance.

While Bruce was being ministered to, it had become apparent that a great many people from all over the headquarters building had suddenly found a reason to stop by and sneak a peek at us over the stable door which did double duty as the department's enquiry counter. The news of a man - currently on the premises - with a head so small that he had to have a helmet specially made, had spread like wildfire (it must have been a slow day in the headquarters offices). A surprising variety of people had found the need to be 'passing by' the department in the basement, which in those days was on the way to absolutely nowhere else in the building. They'd never been so popular.

Inevitably, our thoughts turned - not for the first time - to whether or not Phil's merchant navy travels had ever taken him to a land of head-shrinking traditions. The principle seemed sound. It felt quite reasonable to assume - based upon his exciting and ever-so-slightly exaggerated tales of sexual adventure - that Phil might have fallen foul of an isolated community after taking unmentionable liberties with a royal daughter or two. Tendril growled at us as in hushed tones we debated the issue amongst ourselves, but we'd already begun to shrug off the schoolboy/schoolmaster relationship to the extent that we felt comfortable having a conversation whether he liked it or not. We were technically adults, after all.

Phil's deformity was, in our defence, a subject of genuine intrigue and conjecture when faced with such physical evidence. He was demonstrably a highly intelligent fellow, but the whereabouts of his brain - we'd already decided that it could not be physically contained within his tiny cranium - was open to debate and, given his carnal enthusiasm, intense speculation.

While the Stores Department staff set about busily rectifying the rest of our uniform woes, we endured a lunch at the headquarters canteen. It would be the first of many such delights for me,

as I was eventually to be posted to that very city, there to wreak mild havoc upon an unsuspecting and undeserving public. During an uninspiring meal at a table far away from everyone else, we were acutely aware of a great deal of unabashed staring from people whom we assumed were regular customers. Perhaps our presence was a welcome diversion from the food. We stood out in our brand new full uniforms while everyone else in the room was in shirt sleeves or not in uniform at all. A mix of civilian employees and coppers took their time to gawp at us clustered together around a long table, as we pretended to ignore the stares and not feel at all self-conscious. We weren't fooling anyone, however.

Afterwards, any available replacement items of uniform were installed upon the needy among us, and then, to our bemusement, photographs were taken of us all (PC Pinhead we suspected, for future anthropological study) for inclusion in the next edition of the local story-starved newspaper. I confess that as we stood there in the open air smiling awkwardly as traffic passed by behind the photographer, I suddenly began to feel that what I was doing might actually matter. This feeling lasted for about ten minutes before my rising sense of belonging and purpose was dampened by the tangible presence of Tendril's obvious discomfort. He had been strangely ill-at-ease all day and seemed anxious to get us back on the mini-bus and away from an environment within which he had limited status, and from people over whom he had no influence. Shepherded by his irritable, deflating ego, we found ourselves hustled back into the personnel carrier and heading back along the green lanes of our undeniably beautiful county – our domain – towards the most miserable town within it.

...continued from P.3 Last summer, we took a road trip around the province.

In the Kootenays, we stopped at a little town called Greenwood, which has a fascinating history. This tiny, vanishing ghost town from the gold rush was the first Japanese internment camp in BC. Twelve hundred Japanese were relocated there during WWII. When the war ended, the Canadian government deported most internees to Japan (where most of them had never been), or else forced them to relocate east of the Rockies. Unlike other camps, the town of Greenwood stood firm with their Japanese-Canadian neighbours, and eventually they were allowed to stay.

The people of Greenwood were told by their government that these Japanese were aliens, enemies to be feared and loathed. At first, naturally they were frightened. It was the government, and people want to trust the government, especially during crisis times. By the end of the war, instead of enemies, they saw neighbours, hard-working citizens and friends, so they stood by them.

I sat in this lovely shrine with brass plaques on the walls commemorating the names of Nikkei citizens interned there during the war. As the sun streamed through the skylights, picking out names on the wall, I was moved to tears by the love and care, the kindness to strangers shown so many years ago by this tiny mountain town. People were told to hate and fear, but they said no. Instead, they said welcome. They said, stay. They included.

Humans being what we are, I am certain there are many stories not told, of hatred, even violence, but that is not what prevailed. In the end, it is the kindness they remember. Greenwood is a beautiful place. I sat and drank in the peace, and it gave me hope.

We can get through this if we hold on to who we are and allow others to as well. Kindness comes from acceptance of our own and others' right to be their authentic selves. These times are full of paradox. On the one hand, diversity is celebrated and encouraged. On the other hand, diversity of thought and opinion is suppressed as 'dangerous'. To me, that is the real danger.

We dehumanize each other by reducing our and others' complex, nuanced arguments and reasons to simple, defensible (or reprehensible) lines drawn in the sand. "I believe x, which is correct, but you believe y, which is incorrect, so I win." It's concerning to me. Where is the respect for personal autonomy and independent perspective?

The social pendulum is swinging from revolution to conformity and that frightens me--a lot. I want to talk about it. I am afraid, like so many, of saying the wrong thing. The social atmosphere everywhere is turgid and murky. Certain topics feel too risky to touch for most people, while believers on both sides preach endless streams of polarizing judgments and rhetorical statements expressed as inarguable fact. Sometimes it's hard to breathe.

Christmas is coming. That is, the holidays. Whichever you celebrate, or don't celebrate, let's take this season to balance, reflect and reconnect. To everyone, happy Hanukkah, Solstice, Christmas, Festivus (for the restivus). Kwanzaa? Is that a thing in Canada? Whatever your deal, dig into it, and much love, respect and best wishes to you! I'll be here, I love you all. Breathing deep.

As always, I want to hear from you! Thank you for the lovely feedback! You can email me with feedback, suggestions, ideas for future columns and interviews at phoenixhornby@gmail.com.



Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux *Introduction*

ARTS&LIT

By Bill Engleson
• www.engleson.ca

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 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. This one was written long before I discovered Pickleball.

Exercise-Before Pickleball

November 23, 2004

Have I talked about exercise? Well, apart from the chain-gang intensity of gardening that I have referenced, probably not. I must confess that I have never been an athletic fellow. I blame, well, no one really. Growing up in the desolate wasteland of my youth, I was not drawn to team sports. It may be now the way it was then...you were either a sporty fellow (or young woman) or you weren't. I wasn't. I did play a season of softball somewhere in my early teens. My church fielded the team and as I recollect, we regularly got our Christian clocks cleaned.

One year in high school, a basketball coach decided to form a team of over 6-footers. I went out but was miserable at it.

I attempted boxing as well somewhere in my dispirited teens. One errant punch in the belly of the Nanaimo pub that housed the Nanaimo Boxing Club and that was the end of my pugilistic foray. While there may be some pleasure to be had in hitting someone (and I'm still ambivalent about that notion) getting hit has

absolutely no attraction for me, no matter what the Society for Masochistic Inclinations (SMI) have to say about it.

But, back to high school fitness. I recall we had to do a lot of running in those days. Huffing and puffing in the foothills behind NSSS. There were lots of places to hide behind bushes, stare at the sky and dream of freedom from teenage prison.

Over the years I've dabbled in brief exercise regimes. For a long time, I swam regularly but a lengthy interruption due to nasal surgery dried up that source of toning. Prior to selling our city house, I did a lot of morning walking. And I've always liked to bike.

But now, my inclination to lethargy is my biggest enemy. More later.

Postscript: These days, 2021 and moving into 2022, I play lots of Pickleball... in-between moments of delightful lethargy, now a friend of sorts.



A Winter Solstice Letter

By Sally Campbell

WHAT a time we're in! Just when we West Coasters think the climate crisis has given us more than enough to handle - heat dome & forest fires - then flooding, mudslides & highway collapses occur - all in less than a year. That's huge. These events show us that Mother Nature is not so predictable, and that we are no less vulnerable than humans anywhere. And we're not out of the time of Covid, by any means. Covid weariness sets in, new variants appear, and we are reminded that there is so much in life we cannot control. These aspects of Covid are the same world-wide. And while effects of the virus are felt unequally, everyone in our world community IS affected. The US ramps up its new cold war with China & Russia, and those countries form a new alliance to counter it all. Worldwide we are impacted by the belligerent posturing of the most militarized nations. Worry, concern, fear, anger, hopelessness, denial, escapism - we all struggle at times with these feelings and impulses; it is part of being fully human.

Despite the idea that we are socialized to think tribally, and in terms of small tribes at that, the fact remains that we have 7.5 billion people struggling to survive on our magnificent planet, our shared homeland. We must expand our idea of who belongs in our tribe. To romanticize a kind of ideal past that we experienced from a particular subjective lens may not be helpful in times like this. That was then and we are here now. It is what it is. Maybe we can put that romantic vision to work in creating a better reality right now. I find comfort in remembering that there is no perfect package and a vision is never fully realized. Visionary ideas are the stuff of our beautiful imaginations and they are precious. Let's just not mix up fantasy with reality; we need to know the difference.

Our challenge, it seems to me, is to truly learn to be here now, and keep a sharp eye on the future. How will this decision I am making right now impact the future? Not just my future, what about the future of my community, of our world? I like what writer Cormac McCarthy said on the subject; to paraphrase: it's not the mess we're in right now that really matters. It's looking back at the crossroads where the decision that led to this predicament was made. What was that choice I made and how has it played out? What might I have done differently? To me, he is talking about responsibility, on all levels of our being. And we now are in a time of reexamining the idea of societal responsibility for "the mess we're in". And what about the gross inequities in impact? No wonder so many are anxious and/or depressed right now! These are big times. Reminds me of the title of the late Elizabeth Fischer's song: Dark Blue World. We are in a necessary time of taking a hard look into that dark blue

world, a time of descent.

Where to take heart? Well, we can consider another phenomenon that impacts us all worldwide - the inexpressible beauty of the cosmos. The wonder of Winter Solstice is approaching and this year especially, its constancy and its message of renewal are a great gift to us. We travel inexorably into the dark during the descent, each day with a little less light, the sun's precious warmth a fleeting feeling, the chill settling in. And each & every year, without fail, we see the return to the light, whether we deserve it or not! I find this a comforting metaphor and a reminder from the universe to stay with it, to keep heart, and to remember that yes, we are in a time of descent; and we will be in a time of turning, a time once again of ascending to the light. As slowly as that may come, it surely will.

Solstice Greetings everyone!
Sally Campbell 🍷

Green Wizardries, A Tree Without Sin

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

Isometimes like to listen to a video blog or podcast while I am working in the kitchen. One of my favourites is Danu's Irish Herb Garden on Youtube. I think of it as the All-Druid Channel. I think the lady presenter, Terri Conroy, may also be a Druid and she has many interesting hobbies and ideas and pretty views of rural Ireland in her videos.



I have been trying to find a solution to the problem of Christmas trees. We have many beautiful ornaments and even the proper German candle holders and candles for our tree. Yes, we light our tree with real, live candles. When people from Germany hear this, they look very serious and tell us that we can only light the candles while we are looking directly at the tree and singing carols. It is okay. We never look away from the tree while the candles are lit. There are few sights finer than a decorated tree lit with candles.

I am not a Christian, but my husband still likes to celebrate Christmas and have

a tree. Celebrating Christmas is fine with me because I celebrate the Feast of Sol Invictus, the Unconquered Sun, on the same day. No, the problem is the tree itself.

You see, as a Druid, I feel compelled to reduce my burden on the Living Earth and I feel it is unkind to kill a little tree just to support some ornaments for a few days. I had been thinking of ways around this. An artificial tree is quite out of the question as they are made of plastic and will be an environmental problem, and a very toxic one, for millennia. I also do not like how they look.

I was thinking of getting a few boughs together and tying them into a bundle to form a tree without sin. I had turned on Danu's Irish herb Garden and there she was, doing exactly that. She was walking through the forest after a storm to see what sort of branches and greens had been blown down. I expect she had to prune a few branches to get her Druid tree but I am sure any tree would prefer to lose one branch rather than be cut down entirely.

I often find enough blown-down evergreens to make a wreath and swags for the house. The benefit of making your own rather than using artificial greens is that natural greens make the house smell wonderful and help to lift the mood. Artificial greens are just nasty to the senses.

My husband just had to prune out some maple branches growing from a cut stump so I will use those, along with some evergreens for the scent, and bind them tightly together to make a good shape and put them in a bucket, wedging the stems in with rocks so the whole bouquet holds *continued on P.8...*

Winter/Spring Workshops!

- Jan 22: How to Produce Your Own Podcast with *Jessie Levene*
- Mar 19-20: Getting Started with Portraits with *David Goatley*
- Mar 24-26: Painting Portraits from Photographs with *David Goatley*
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Sally Dyck

A Cut Above Hair Studio

...continued from P.7 its shape and then fill the bucket with water. Then, we will decorate our “tree.”

I hope some of my readers will consider producing their own, more environmentally friendly, Christmas tree this year. I was horrified when I saw the price of a scruffy-looking bunch of Christmas trees at the grocers. They were something like \$40 which is quite a bit of money for something you are only going to throw away in a few days in any case.

Another tradition that I hope to encourage is the custom of Wassailing. Wassail is old English and it means, “be healthy.” The correct response is, “drink hale!” Which means to drink health. Wassail also means to go sing to your friends and neighbours. We did this last year by calling up some friends on the phone and asking if it was a suitable time to Wassail them. They said it was and put us on speaker phone. We sang them a Christmas song and at the end of it, they were screaming for us as if we were rock stars.

I found out later that they had been so inspired by our wassail that they got some LED candles and went and wassailed their brother's house . So, I hope that even if we cannot get together in person, we can still wassail by phone.

At this season, I get out my watercolours and paint small card fronts on watercolour paper for the festivals of midwinter. It is a great excuse to use glitter! I buy card stock from Abraxas Books and find I can make a festive card and an envelope cut from printer paper for less than .25 cents a card. People love the cards I make because I cared enough to make them something myself.

I hope some of you readers will give this a try. It is a fun tradition to paint with friends and family. There are heaps of free tutorials on Youtube that show you how to use the paints. Many of them are very beginner friendly and you don't need anything more than some kids' paints, paper and glue.

I don't hold with buying presents for these festivals as no one enjoys it and much money is wasted. Instead, I baked cookies including my famous Mexican shortbread which is dusted with powdered sugar and cinnamon. Everyone loves these rich, buttery, not too sweet treats. I collect pretty tins and fill them treats them to give family and friends.

I also make my own chocolate from cocoa butter, cocoa, honey and a dash of vanilla. It is really very simple to make. I just heat all that in a double boiler and add a little more cocoa butter if the chocolate is too thick or more cocoa if it is too sweet. This year, I made patties of peppermint fondant and dipped them in the delicious fresh chocolate. My friends were delighted. I also has some sour cherries that I had preserved in sugar and alcohol. I bound them with a little fondant and covered them in fresh chocolate. I think they are wonderful.

No matter what holiday you are celebrating this month, I wish you joy of it and hope you find some of my suggestions useful 🍷

Unnatural Predators: A Radio Play About Coastal Link's Pipe-Dream

CHARACTERS:

1. CEO of CGL
2. CEO of LNG Canada
3. CEO of RBC
4. CEO of TransCanada Energy
5. CEO of Kholberg Kravis Roberts and Co.
6. CEO of JP Morgan Chase

OP/ED By Eartha Muirhead

Scene One: January 2019: CGL Board Room, Vancouver CNTower, 3 pm

1. Well my friends, welcome and help yourselves to a martini. We have had a heck of a hectic 2 weeks, eh? I can hear the protesters on the street heckling us and are shutting down our great country's highways and railroads. But, Coastal Gas Link is not worried, of course. Can we hear from all our stakeholders today?

2. Trudeau promised me and the rest of LNG Canada that the RCMP will clear the railroad tracks soon. Terribly inconvenient to live in a so-called democracy, eh?

3. The Royal Bank of Canada and it's members are confident that despite the slowdowns and economic downturns, the fall-out from the Indian protests will soon be forgotten by the media. Our CGL pipeline portfolio remains somewhat insecure but we will recover.

4. TransCanada Energy and its shareholders want to once again thank LNG Canada, for choosing us to design, build and operate the pipeline from some godforsaken hick town in northeastern BC to our soon to be completed LNG

terminal in Kitimat. Over the past seven years, we have proven a solid reputation for blundering ahead into an economic political quagmire. COUGHING: I mean, we have reputable risk management teams working overtime.

5. On behalf of Kholberg, Kravis, Roberts and Co. I have invested US dollars into pro-pipeline media propaganda, I mean, campaigns. We have run full page ads in all your major newspapers and will be pouring bribes, I mean, money into all relevant labour unions. We will also be bribing judges, I mean encouraging them, to ensure that injunctions will prosecute journalists as if they are criminals, whoops, I mean similarly as protesters, without free speech rights.

1. Awesome, everyone. Coastal Gas Link has always put our faith in a team approach. Can anyone speak to our direct action work with the Indian

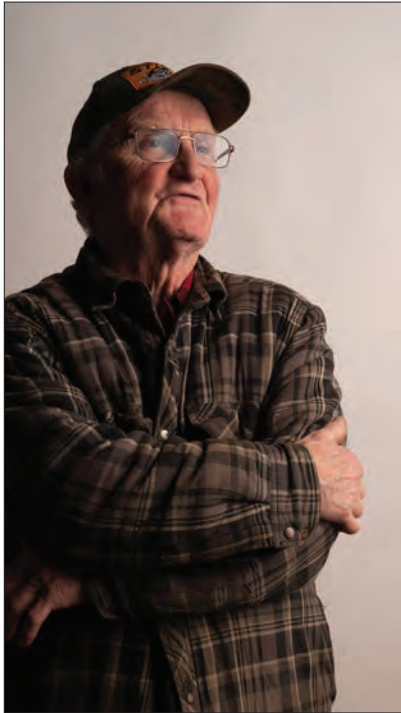
Chiefs?

2. LNG Canada has gotten consent from all the Band Council Chiefs and they have accepted all our bribes, I mean, they have succumbed to our revenue sharing agreements. You know what I mean.....

3. All Aboriginals will prosper from this project, even though some are a bit on edge about oil spilling into the local rivers.

4. Although the Morice River eventually feeds into the Fraser River, most people worried about broken pipelines live in Vancouver, where the Fraser is already a gross toxic waste dump.

5. Wait a minute; KK and R owns 35% of this project now. Our US dollar is propping this project **continued on P.10...**



Michael Lindsay

The Proust Questionnaire With a Local Flair

What talent would you most like to have? *I'd have to say singing. Prior to settling on Denman I had a life as a roadie. I got my start in the maritimes with the East Coast Music scene and eventually migrated to Toronto for a spell before finding my way west through venues like the Williams Lake Stampede and the Pumpkin Hoot in Clearwater. Back in those days the stagehands would travel with the stars from venue to venue and I guess rubbing elbows with the likes of Stan Rogers, Valdi, Rita MacNeil and Joni Mitchell had its impression.*

What is your greatest extravagance? *Vanilla Coke. Unfortunately, sagging sales led Coco-Cola to pull it from Canadian shelves which means I can't get it locally. Fortunately, I have American contacts with ties to Denman. If they covet having power and water upon their return they remember to bring me some. While it did take a while to train them up, I now have an established line on my extravagance....
But then Covid*

What do you most value in your friends? *I'd have to say 'respect.'
'Mutual respect.'*

What is your Motto? *You only have one life to live so take your best shot at it!*

ATTENTION! Garbage Collection Changes beginning 2022

A new garbage collection contract takes effect in January and there are significant changes which affect DI residents:

- **Garbage pickup day is now THURSDAY.**
- The collection route now includes the northeast quadrant of the island - Danes Rd./Pinecrest/Park Rd./Swan Rd.
- We have a new service provider - Strathcona Recycling & Disposal - a Comox Valley company which is replacing a US-based multinational.
- Customer service contact: strathconarecycling@gmail.com | 250-207-6500.

The new garbage pickup schedule is included in a Grapevine insert, is posted on the WMC FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Denman-Recycling-and-Waste-Management-1974729269274700>), and is posted on the DIRA website (<http://denmanresidents.com/waste-management-committee/>).

...continued from P.9 up big-time. I need to know that we are not going to lose a penny on this hare-brained scheme. Our public profile could be tarnished if there was a spill. What are you doing to force, I mean, get fool-proof consent, sorry, I mean get buy-in, from Indian Chiefs along the pipeline's path? SILENCE, YAWNING, NOSE-PICKING PREVAILS.

1. Phone rings and he picks it up. "Everyone please be quiet, it is the CEO of JP Morgan Chase.....Howdy Dude, I mean JP. I will put you on speaker phone."

6. "What the hell are you lunatics doing up there; anyways? Looks like anarchy is breaking loose all across the land; the country is being held hostage by a bunch of paid protesters and Redskins. Your polly-anna politicians have lost control of the Indian protests.

2. Calm down JP. We are figuring it out.

6. I lent you idiots 5 billion dollars and you have already spent 2 billion of it. My investors are worried. Chevron just sold it's 1.6 billion share in the Kitimat LNG terminal. They say low global LNG prices and the civil unrest is spooking them.

3. Guys; BC just announced a 6 billion subsidy to LNG Canada. We are laughing all the way to the bank. Whoo hoo!!!

6. Maybe, but never trust politicians when it comes to money. How did you spend my 2 billion dollars?

5. Shit! I think I am going to bail as well. The Wild West just ain't what it used to be.

1. No no no wait. I will give you a rough outline of where the money was well spent.

3. I have the spreadsheet right here. Bribes to Chiefs: 10 million, RCMP bribes 10 million, Sons of Odin: 1 million, Bribes to judges: 5 million, Campaign support for Jason Kenny and Justin Trudeau and John Horgan: 10 million, fake news and LNG propaganda: 10 million, Facebook trolls and infiltrators: 1 million.....IS INTERRUPTED BY JP

6. Well, all I can say is our stocks fell by \$200.00 today. Nervous stockholders make me nervous. Get those Indians off the railroad tracks or else. Put that in your Canuckian pipes and smoke it. HANGS UP.

4. I am texting our bioengineering department now to see if we can genetically modify a new virus and start a pandemic. That way, the Natives and the protesters will have to go home. I know, I know, another wild west pipe- dream.

`1. Let's take a 5 minute break. I will order another round of martinis.

Scene 2: Same day, On the balcony, 5 pm

5. Wow, the mountains on Vancouver Island are so beautiful. People in New York would die for this view.

2. Look at the Orcas plowing through the Salish Sea. Yikes, the wind out here is unusually strong all of a sudden.

3. How do you guys sleep at night when you know this pipeline could destroy rivers, this ocean and it's animals?

2. I often have to take tranquilizers and sometimes when the stress gets really bad I snort cocaine. How about you?

5. I never sleep. I work 24/7..... I feel like a predator sometimes; making money off of resource extraction. But somebody's gonna do it if I don't.

4. My wife says I am a sociopath and is filing for divorce.

2. To 5: You should stay awhile longer. I could fly you up to see the starving polar bears, maybe see some Indians too.

1. (ENTERS WITH MARTINIS) Well team, I am proud of all our work today. This pipe-dream, I mean this pipeline, is going to make us GLOBS and GLOBS of money.

Just then a tornado from the Georgia Strait blows up to the 44th floor of the tower. With it comes a MURDER of Crows. They dive-bomb the CEO's, steal their phones and the wind throws them off the edge of the baloney to the streets below, where hundreds of protesters are drumming around a campfire.

THE END.

All facts and figures are real except for the ones on the spreadsheet.



Letters to *Dear Grapevine:* the Editor

I had thought of responding to the Stephanie Slater letter of two weeks ago, and then I went, "why bother?"

Then there was the Alisa Aiken letter which just piled more sloppy un-factual statements on those of Slater. And in the meantime I stumbled across an answer the question 'why bother?' In the form of an old letter...

As to Slater's statement that two doses of mRNA are enough: studies published in October in the New England Journal of Medicine confirmed any immune protection offered by two doses of Pfizer mRNA drops off after roughly two months! Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla has stated that is 'to be determined,' if the mild Omicron variant is covered by shot #3: "And the second point, I think we need a fourth dose." That on CNBC: 'Squawk Box.' He had already projected a fourth dose before Omicron. But of course, just eight top Pfizer and Moderna shareholders and their CEO made 10.3 billion dollars since Omicron. Please, if you have a mind of your own all, look up the term 'CORPORATE CAPTURE.'

The repeated assertions by her and others that unvaccinated endanger the vaccinated ignores the basic fact that mRNA shots don't and weren't intended to prevent transmission of Covid, according to the head of the CDC and according to Tony Fauci. In fact, the vaccinated are transmitting the virus far more due to their unimpeded travel and gathering. (Additionally, studies have found much heavier viral loads in the vaccinated than the unvaccinated).

I could go on. There's a lot of medical, scientific, statistically supported evidence on the ineffectiveness of vaccines and also the damages they have wrought. But that is another subject...

Now, as to why I shouldn't bother, an old letter by a war hero expresses it well:

Against stupidity we have no defence. Neither protest nor force can touch it. Reasoning is of no use. Facts that contradict personal prejudices are simply disbelieved—indeed, the fool can contradict them, and if they are undeniable, they can just be pushed aside as trivial exceptions. So the fool, as distinct from the scoundrel, is completely self satisfied... never again will we try to persuade the stupid person with reasoning for it is senseless and dangerous... he is under a spell, blinded, misused and abused in his very being. Having thus become a mindless tool, the stupid person will also be capable of any evil and at the same time incapable of seeing that it is evil."

This is eminent theologian and dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from his prison cell, days before being executed by the Nazis. Obviously, he is not talking about intellectual limit, but of a kind of wilful perverse blindness. And his writing is not without compassion, I think.

So there it is for me. Why should I?

But will I still try? Oh who knows...


Doug Rennpferd 🍷

Good Morning. This note in response to all those who wonder who's behind this group.

I, among many others, am a concerned Island resident. It seems that some would rather know who is concerned than what they are concerned about. I can now expect to be attacked from all sides and be forced into remission, withdrawing from active debate. I do not participate in Facebook for this reason.

Let me be clear from the outset. I fully

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<p>DI Cancer Support Group</p> <p>Friday, December 17th. Meeting Cancelled</p>
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The Denman LTC is considering amending its Siting and Use Permit Bylaw to require surveys in some cases.	
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...continued from P.11 and strongly support a healthy environment, reconciliation among all peoples, and prosperous, fair and inclusive communities on our islands. These are critical issues of our time. My comments should not in any way be interpreted, misconstrued or weaponized as being “anti” the admirable goals to which the Trust aspires. I do, however, wonder if the Trust is the correct place to be managing land-use planning or advancing some of the current initiatives in light of the mandate of other levels of government in these areas.

I have become increasingly alarmed by the administration of the Trust object. The governance structure seems deeply flawed, the costs, both direct and indirect are substantial and largely unhinged from fiscal reality, and the bureaucracy that implements the Act on our islands seems largely uninterested in the socio-economic conditions faced by island residents. This is not a fault of any one individual. Indeed, I suspect the majority of participants in the Trust, be they trustees, staff or advocates, are good, well-meaning people trying to do a good job pursuing a mission in which they believe. The problem, in my view, is deeply structural.

The Trust Policy Statement is a symptom, not a cause and as such may not make any meaningful progress while at the same time materially increasing costs, increasing conflict among residents and indigenous peoples, and ultimately reducing affordability. Similarly, the currently ongoing management review, while important and necessary, is also unlikely to examine or rectify the deep structural problems.

Take, for example, the representation system. Two trustees each from 13 island jurisdictions. The population in these representative island regions vary from 235 to 10,640 (based on 2016 census). The four largest jurisdictions – Salt Spring, Gabriola, Bowen and North Pender represent 78% of the population and 30% of Trust representation. At the other end of the scale, the 7 regions with the lowest populations represent 14% of the population and 54% of the representation. In either case – the big driving the small or the small driving the big, local autonomy is severely constrained.

Yet each region has 2 trustees with, theoretically, equal voice at the Trust Council table. Why is it theoretical? Simply because 4 trustees rise above all the others to comprise the Executive Committee to manage the Trust, approve all bylaws, and Chair all local trust committees.

In my view, and it may or may not be shared by other concerned residents, the basic structure of the Trust needs to be revisited. Changing the policy statement will not correct the deep structural flaws that currently exists.

It is time to determine if the Trust, as currently administered, is an appropriate way to advance the object of the Trust Act – to preserve and protect the islands on which we live for the benefit of residents, British Columbians, indigenous peoples, or, dare I say, just people in general. The policy statement appears, on the surface to consider residents as an unruly lot who, without the firm hand of the Trust to guide our every action on our lands, would soil their own nest. This is simply not true from my experience.

Consider, if you will, the Trust being moved in under a provincial ministry such as Forests, Municipal Affairs or Parks, much like the Agricultural Land Commission and the Farm Industry Review Board operate within the Ministry of Agriculture. Appointments to these Boards are made by Cabinet. Wise people, at least we hope they are wise, are drawn from society based on their ability to contribute to the objects of these Acts, not a popularity contest, or as occurs in some cases, simply putting your name forward. It is interesting, and indeed unfortunate that those who put their names forward to be trustees become disliked and even hated in their communities. This is simply not right, and, in my view, it is indicative of an administrative system that has lost its way.

Local land-use planning could be taken into Regional Districts, or Municipalities as is already the case on Bowen, and each island region could have its own local planning commission. The Trust, as an agent within a provincial ministry, would be funded by all British Columbians, not just landowners on the Islands, and would set policy to be administered regionally and locally through the Regional Districts or Municipalities. It seems to me this is a fairer way to proceed than burdening island economies with the cost of a social contract to benefit all people in our Province.

So, yes I am a concerned resident. I am not "the only" concerned resident, and my views may or may not align with others."

-George Leroux, Pender Island

The Link to read more letters

<https://concernedislandresidents.ca/concerned-residents/>

To learn what the former politicians and the former trustees have to say, click here

<https://concernedislandresidents.ca/concerned-current-and-or-former-politicians-trustees/> 🍷

Dear Editor,

There is a game we all must play, like it or not. It is called Capitalism and the game is fixed.
There is another game some of us play. It is called Love. It is fixed too.

Donna Millen 🍷

Pub Notes



Anyone who knows me to see me would likely exclaim, "Now there's a person who knows a thing or two about baking!" And you know what? They'd be right! That I look like a holdover from Cheech & Chong's *Up in Smoke* could be seen as an obvious tell but were you to try my oatmeal chocolate chip muffins well it would be YOU dear reader who'd succumb to the munchies!

Well, as much as I may know about baking I must humbly defer to Judy Armstrong and Marion McGaffney as true masters of the art. To prove my point have a gander at these photos showing the bounty of desserts they concocted in preparation of last Sunday's home delivered Christmas meals.

Ladies, those desserts look tight! I actually had to scrutinize the photos to see that they weren't copy pasted they look so uniform. Almost fractal! You'll need to forgive me, I've been sitting in front of a computer far too much

and, as you've already been informed, I enjoy baking!

Just look at how fresh they are, too (Judy and Marion). So impressive! I'm sure they're exhausted but the feeling derived by supporting community initiatives like the Community Christmas Dinner clearly outweigh the tired feet and sore muscles that surely come in the wake of such a comprehensive task.

In the end over 40+ meals, replete with Judy and Marion's Christmas treats, were delivered to appreciative locals keeping this long standing Denman tradition alive. Covid may have taken the hall from the community but it'll never, *nor should it*, take this community from itself. Congratulations to you both!

The Farm to Family initiative, in consort with the Better at Home program and the Community Christmas

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Denman Island Preschool Society aka Blackberry Lane Children's Centre

We wish to sincerely thank the donors of prizes and purchasers of tickets for our recent fundraising raffle. They are:

Marit Birkeland's Woven Tea Towel won by Sandy Kennedy
Lilac Sun's Ceramic Soap Dish won by Aileen Williams

Gourmet by Sally Rae's Chocolate Assortment won by Emily & Sam
The Denman Island Tea Company Gift Basket won by Paola Brodsgaard
Gloria Michin's Quilt won by Jayne-Ann O'Reilly

Ember Clair's Original Painting won by Leyah Kelly

Funds raised will be added to those required to complete the outdoor space at Blackberry Lane.

...continued from P.13 Dinner gang are making sure we don't lose sight of the importance of community even if it could possibly result in us losing sight of our feet!

I know that the list of volunteers goes well beyond Judy and Marion but unfortunately without any photos I've no way to acknowledge specifically all the wonderful folk it takes to pull this off. Are bakers simply more PR savvy than cooks? Perhaps. Or does photography have less appeal to cooks? I suppose that's possible too. Geez, it's questions like this that drew me to baking in the first place!

To all involved, the Grapevine extends a hearty tip o' the hat. May your generous spirit shine on and prove more contagious than anything seeking to divide us. To quote the venerable Denise MacKean; "Volunteerism is the life blood of community!" If you need any proof you need only look at the smiles on Judy and Marion's faces.

Happy festive season to all, no matter how you acknowledge the occasion.

Cheers. 🍷



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NOTICE

The Islands Grapevine will be taking a break at Christmas.
There will be no Grapevine published on December 23rd - we'll be back in your mailbox
and emailbox December 30th.

Grounding Tension

by Thomas Provençal

*When society is kidnapped
and fed ideas of fear
we scuttle for security
motivationally unclear.*

*Revealing truth can
ostracize
a writer from their tribe
for truth is multifaceted
single versions can't
describe.*

*There's bound to be some
conflict
when opinions disagree
with rancour in the writing
offered to community.*

*Polite and friendly manners
with inclusion all around
will bring us back to normal,
reconnect us to the ground.*



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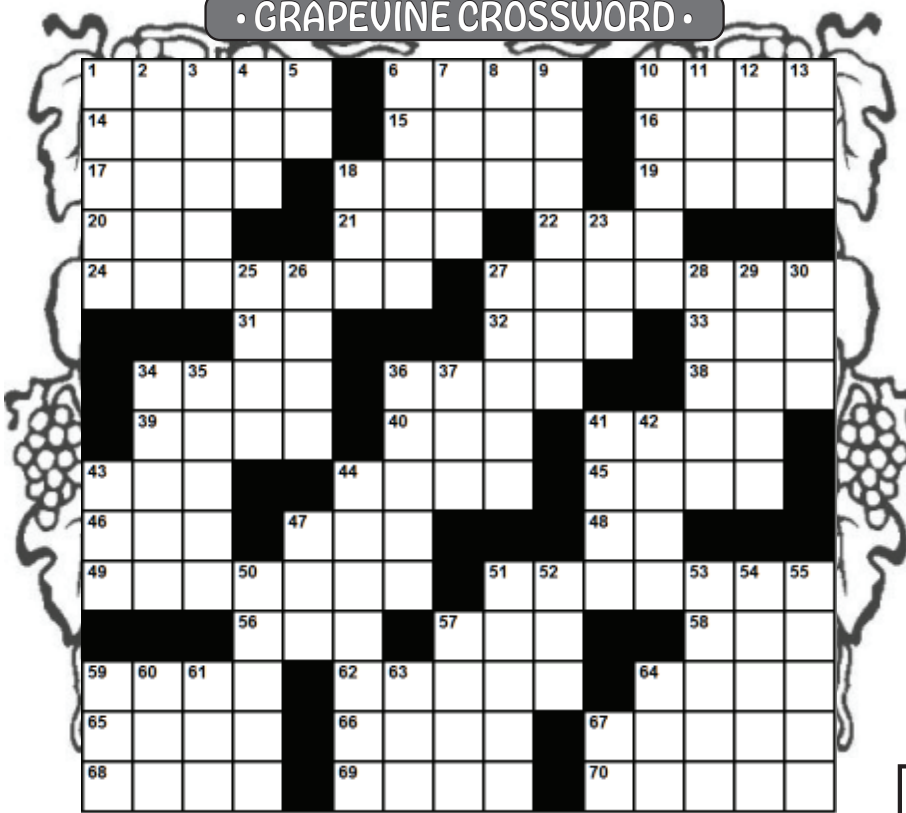
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Please keep in mind that Hornby and Denman are a very small market for newspaper publication. We do our best to provide quality content at no cost to our readers but we ask you to understand that this depends on financial viability. Paper, ink, postage, equipment, and rent all add up. As it is, the Grapevine can only be brought to you with considerable subsidy of time and energy by our team which is very willingly given. The Grapevine would like to accept more content free of charge, particularly around community news, and is working on plans to expand its reach and revenue base to move towards that goal.

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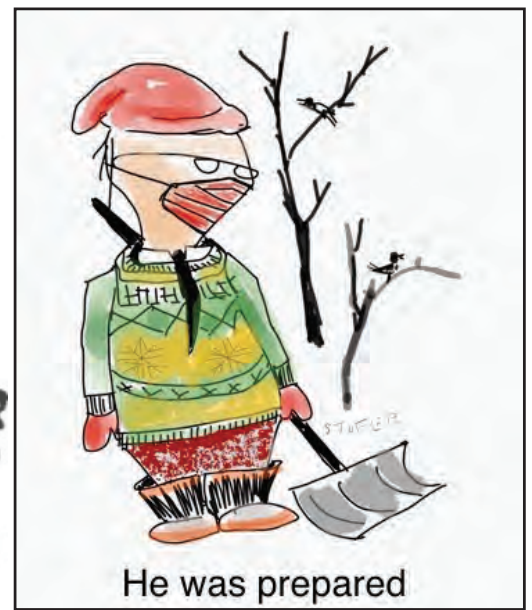
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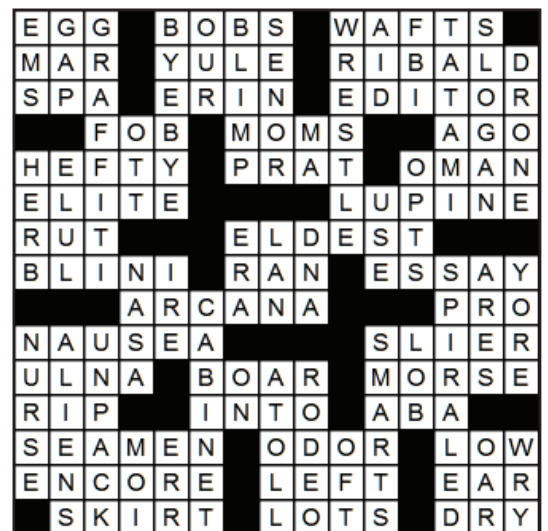
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COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION SOCIETY EMERGENCY CRISIS LINE: 250-338-1227 or Text: 250-218-4034 For more info visit <https://cvts.ca>

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 •

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



BOOK KEEPER IN-HOUSE, 4 hours/week Wages commensurate with skill set. To apply: Please send a cover

letter & resumé to karen@hiceec.org

PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Knowledge of Microsoft office suite required. Flexibility in work schedule, avg. 8-10 hours/week. Starting wage \$22./hr.



To apply: Please send a cover letter & resumé to karen@hiceec.org

• THANKS •

A HUMBLE AND HEARTFELT THANKS from the Albatross and crew for all the kind hands, minds, backs and patience who helped me out over the past week . . . you know who you are. Much abldiged.

• LOST&FOUND •

FOUND A MEN'S WATCH on the trails off Northwest Road. The watch had been on the trail since before the snow last week as there were not any footprints around the watch. Please call 250.335.0926 if this is your watch.

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)

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 Greeson 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)



FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 16

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE CLOSED UNTIL JAN 12
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm
- MOONLIGHT MADNESS 5-9ish pm

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
Community Hall 4pm

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 5-7pm

FRIDAY 24

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH Christmat
Eve 4pm (registration required-check FB)

SATURDAY 25

- RECYCLING CENTRE CLOSED
- BOTTLE DEPOT CLOSED
- FREE STORE CLOSED
- FARMERS MARKET CLOSED

SUNDAY 26

MONDAY 27

TUESDAY 28

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY 29

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



THURSDAY 30

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE CLOSED UNTIL JAN 12
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5pm-7pm

D.I. General Store

Have a Wonderful Christmas and New Year!
Open until 8 (instead of 7) on Moonlight
Madness Friday the 17th. Come in for egg nog
and rum balls.

Holiday Hours:

Dec 24 and 31 Store open 8 am – 4 pm

Dec 25 and Jan 1 Store closed

Dec 26 Store open 10 am – 4 pm. Post Office
closed

Dec 27 and Jan 3 Post Office closed



2022 Denman Island Garbage Pickup

New garbage pickup day: THURSDAY

January.....	6, 20
February.....	3, 17
March.....	3, 17, 31
April	14, 28
May	12, 26
June.....	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July	7, 14, 21, 28
August.....	4, 11, 18, 25
September	1, 8, 22
October	6, 20
November	3, 17
December	1, 15, 29

Denman Island has a new garbage pickup service provider — Strathcona Recycling & Disposal, a Comox Valley Company.

Ticket Price/Purchase

- \$3/ticket or 2 for \$5
- Purchase stick-on tags at *(cash or cheque)* the Denman General Store and Recycling Centre
- Max weight 40# | Please protect bags from animals
- **Contractor:** Strathcona Recycling & Disposal.
Customer Service: 250-207-6500 | strathconarecycling@gmail.com



Denman Island Waste Management

Hours of Operation

Recycling Centre:

Wed & Thurs: 2-6 pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

Bottle Depot:

Wed & Thurs: 2-6 pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

ReUsables Store *(Free Store)*:

Shopping & Drop Offs:

— for current times see the Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2731027413786793>

Contacts

Recycling:

Stacey Armstrong
335-3353 | stacey.armstrong@mac.com

Bottle Depot:

Mike Nestor
335-1209 | enviromikebc@gmail.com

Location: *Old School Centre,
5901 Denman Road*

Visit the website for more information:

<http://denmanresidents.com/waste-management-committee>