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The Magic of Arts & Culture Through an Economic Lens

By Laura Busheikin
• DenmanWORKS

COMMUNITY INFO

THE relationship between business and the arts is not a one-way stream where businesses support the arts. It also flows the other way.

The arts support local businesses in many ways, in particular by drawing people to events and cultural spaces, creating a knock-on effect that spreads money through the community.

And of course, the arts play a huge role in creating a vibrant, place-based sense of identity. Arts and cultural spaces help tell the story of who and what a community is. All this feeds into a healthy economy and a healthy community.

There were some of the key messages at a presentation called *Magic Happens When Arts and Business Meet*, which I attended last October as part of the Vancouver Island Economic Summit, hosted by the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA).

The presentation was based on a report called *Impact Assessment of the Arts and Culture Sector for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands*, carried out by Nordicity, a global consulting firm, and commissioned by Creative Coast, a Vancouver Island & Gulf Islands arts coalition.

Denman resident Kera McHugh, Community Engagement Director at Comox Valley Arts, was one of the presenters, along with Chad Rickaby and Louisa Plant from Nordicity.

Here are a few key findings from the report:

About the respondents

- 69% attend arts and culture events weekly
- Each spends roughly \$300/year on art and culture in the region
- 68% create art several times a week or more

About the arts sector

- Arts added over \$900 million to the island economy in 2019
 - more than key regional institutions such as Vancouver Island University (\$624 million), the cruise ship economy (\$124 million) or the dairy industry (\$32 million)
- Arts support more than 20,000 jobs in the region (35 per cent more than the forestry sector)
 - There are over 1,100 arts organizations
 - There are 25 arts councils

About artists

- Over 37,000 artists in the region
- Average annual income of artists who generate revenue is \$18,000; average expenses are \$14,000
- 80 per cent of artists do not support themselves on their art alone

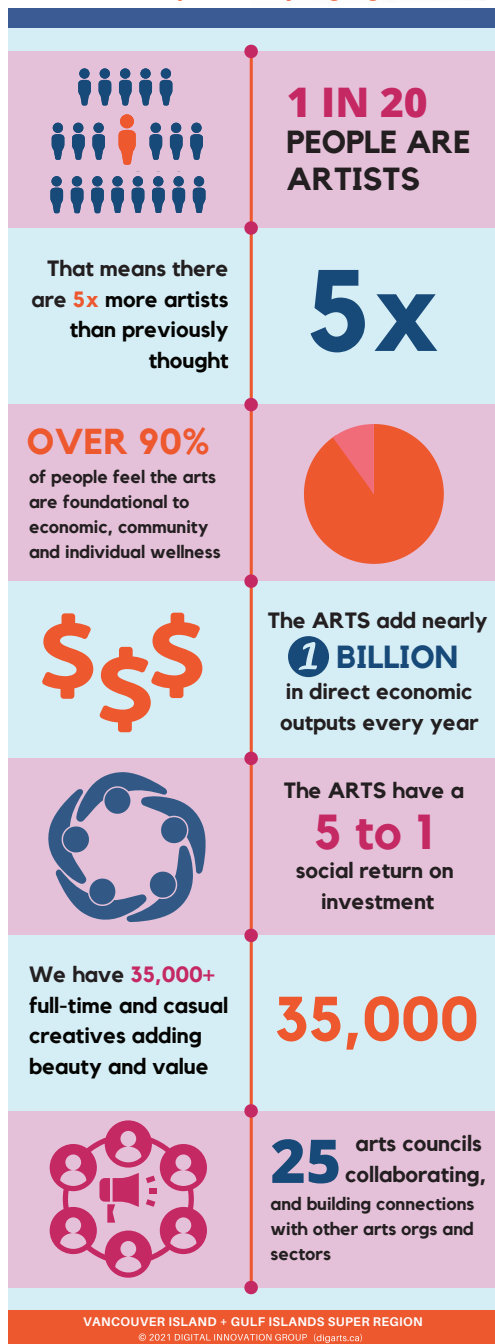
Cultural tourism is one of the largest and fastest growing tourism markets. Research shows that arts and culture travellers:

- Spend more than other travellers
- Are more likely to spend \$1,000 or more during their stay
- Stay longer than other travellers
- Spend money at local businesses before/after cultural events
 - 91 per cent spend at local businesses
 - Average spend is more than \$60 per single event

People who took the survey were also asked what social benefits they receive from the arts. The top response was "improves personal wellbeing (mental and/or physical)." As well, the arts create opportunities for personal learning and creativity, inspire new ways of thinking and creative solutions, help people grow personal networks and

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cost of housing, and the remoteness from work, education, and wider networking opportunities (not to mention COVID). I hope and believe that Denman's long tradition of creating and supporting arts and culture will continue, with all the innovation, adaptation, and creativity that are needed in these unpredictable times.

Read the full report: digarts.ca/impact
Resources for island artists and arts organizers:
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connections, and more.

And what about community benefits? Respondents identified creating a distinct local identity, providing a shared sense of belonging, creating educational opportunities, contributing to truth and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, and encouraging volunteering, collective action and civic mindedness. As well, the arts can raise difficult questions and inspire debate on important and complex issues.

The presentation included ideas for how to better support the arts and how to foster reciprocal relationships between arts and business. Also, there was discussion about the role arts and culture can play as our society emerges from the COVID pandemic. See the end of the article for info on where to find the report where you can read about these.

The presentation spurred me to reflect on arts and culture on Denman. I feel we are incredibly fortunate here. In non-pandemic times, we have so many wonderful events, some that rest on decades of tradition, others that are new and innovative. Some are mainly for locals, others draw visitors from all over BC and further abroad.

Classes, workshops, mentorships, creative collaborations, jam sessions, and more are continually bubbling up. Homes are full of local art. Every café has local art on the walls and the General Store has its own poet laureate.

We have more arts organizations than retail outlets. Also, we have a wildly abundant amount of community space for arts and culture (two multi-room halls, an arts centre, a summer gallery, a weaving centre, a church that hosts multi-genre performances, two arts-oriented cafes, a bookstore that hosts readings, and more). And by my count we have several hundred volunteers supporting the arts.

During COVID, Arts Denman pulled in grants to commission new public art and as a result we have a beautiful mural and some eye-catching sculptures, with more to come.

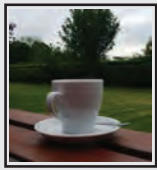
Yet the economic situation of artists on Denman is precarious, if we consider income statistics, the



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

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An Unpainted Portrait: Sorry, Surrey

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons

been put out to grass for the remainder of his career. He spoke infrequently to mere mortals mostly because he had people of lesser ranks to do that kind of dirty work for him. As a result, any real contact with the nasty, smelly recruits, when it happened, was rather awkward. In his defence, we were probably smelly quite often due to the preponderance of physical training in our schedule and the lack of available showers.

One of the great characters amongst our number, and a man who became a good friend to both Bruce and I, was an intriguingly short and frighteningly hairy Scot who rejoiced in the highly improbable name of Bobby Watt. Varied height restrictions were still a reality among different forces in the mid-eighties, but the national minimum was five feet eight inches. Bobby had clearly bribed the person holding the measuring stick on the day in question. His vertical challenges only ever showed themselves in a parade environment when he was among – and a little below – his peers. In every other respect, Bobby's charisma more than made up for his inability to grow any nearer to the sun.

He was in his late twenties, appeared to be in his early forties, and sported an impressive full beard and moustache of the kind that defied any human-devised cutting instruments. I envied him that beard. Bright, intelligent and mischievous eyes peeped out between his hairline and his exuberant moustache, his gleaming white teeth emerging every time he laughed or smiled, which was often. His rich Scottish brogue was a source of some amusement and occasional confusion to us ignorant Sassenachs, but despite the persistent fun-poking (albeit comradely), he proved to be one of the most delightfully level-headed and easy-going people that I had ever met.

Bobby was a proud native of the picturesque city of Stirling – apparently correctly pronounced 'St'rrl'n'. If you almost swallow your tongue, you've just about got it. As the only Scot/Barbarian (it was surprisingly easy to picture him leaping over Hadrian's wall painted blue, clad in animal skins and with a dagger in his teeth) in our midst, he added to the exotic nature of his presence by virtue of being the sole member on the campus of the Surrey Constabulary. I never got to the bottom of how he came to apply for a job so far away from his roots.

Imagine, then, the scene: it's a cool Wednesday morning in our fifth week, and we're stood to attention in our class formation while the commandant makes his weekly (or do I mean weakly?) inspection, with the course inspector and 'Orrible' following, as always. Their presence is necessary just in case anything untoward happens, such as a recruit beginning to ask awkward questions, for example, "Who are you?". The great man approaches the front rank and slowly examines uniforms, taking great care not to linger *too* long (just long *enough*, of course) upon my female colleagues' not inconsiderable bosoms, to which are – either the authorities had cunningly planned it, or more likely, hadn't thought it through at all – rather tactlessly pinned their names. Along the line he ambles, studiously pretending to have the merest glimmer of interest in the proceedings. He is not fooling anyone.

He reaches Bobby, whose force helmet and crest, while a little lower to the ground than those surrounding him, is a different colour – dark blue/purple rather than black. To add to the confusion, it is also smaller and a slightly different shape from the rest. This – which he has never previously noticed despite five previous

EACH Wednesday the campus Commandant – a man given to practising his tennis skills in full view of the classroom block on sunny afternoons – routinely took a moment out of his hectic schedule to 'inspect' the intakes. He was, I'm sorry to say, a rather pompous figure, and seemed to have

inspections – is clearly something worth pausing to talk about!

What follows I couldn't make up, and neither can I ever forget;

Great Man (with friendly, posh gusto): "Good morning, constable!"

Bobby Watt: (with matching, if less posh, gusto) "Gud morrrrrrrnin' sah!"

There is a pause while the Great Man, surprised by this unexpected turn of events, silently translates for himself...

GM: "...And...ah...which constabulary are you from?"

BW (with pride) "Surrrrrey, sah!"

GM (another, slightly longer and more puzzled pause) "I said which constabulary are you from?"

There is a spluttering cough from someone. People are already clenching things; we've been here before, but not with such an important figure.

BW: "Surrrey, sah!" Bobby knew exactly what was happening. Oh yes, he knew! He was used to not being understood.

The Great Man slowly turns towards 'Orrible' Harrison, somewhat perplexed.

"Sergeant, is there something wrong with this man?"

'Orrible, a man who, despite his terrifying reputation and appearance, is in possession of a fully functioning sense of humour, stands a short distance away and wrestles with his face. "Not that I'm aware of, SAH!"

Another cough, followed by two more from other members of the class. Sergeant Rumble, standing at attention at the front of the class next to the immobile Sgt Fosbury, is beginning to shake.

GM (bending a little and speaking slowly, as if to a lost child): "Listen to me carefully; which-po-leece-force-do-you-come-from?"

I have tears pouring down my face. Pain, lots of pain in my head. Ian Armstrong, our friendly neighbourhood twitcher, is standing absolutely still for the first time ever. Rumble is now leaning forwards and slowly folding at the waist.

Bobby (unable to keep a giggle out of his voice): "Surrrey...SAH!"

GM (by now thoroughly irritated, having exhausted his questioning technique): "Oh for Christ's sake! Your name, constable?"

Everyone knows what's coming now; Sgt Rumble is beginning to bend at the

knees, there are open sounds of giggling which 'Orrible cannot deal with because he is himself purple-faced and biting his lower lip. I have wet myself just a tiny little bit.

BW: "Watt, sah!"

There is a snotty, spluttering noise to my left. The Great Man looks up to see our contorted faces. We seem to be living out a Python sketch.

GM (only just suppressing his rage): "I SAID..." He paused and leaned towards Bobby "...are you mocking me, constable?" All around me there are sounds of people trying to control themselves, with varying degrees of success. Sphincters are suffering, of this there can be no doubt.

"No' me sirrr, no sirrr. Neverrrrr!"

"SERGEANT!"

'Orrible arrives at the great man's side with a lot of rather unnecessary stamping and saluting, temporarily unable to speak and stalling for time. "Sergeant! I want that...that man's name after the parade!" This is despite the fact that Bobby, like the rest of us, is wearing a name tag.

The brave, purple sergeant begins to form the first letter of Bobby's surname; "W..." and then, *thank God* thinks better of it. In a strangled squawk, he instead manages: "Right you are, sah!"

At this point, the intake inspector - who was a decent fellow with a streak of mercy running through him - thankfully intervened, and the Great Man was quietly persuaded to move quickly along to the next group. He was, to everyone's relief, dissuaded from trying to inspect the rest of the red-faced and teary-eyed rabble that 'Z' class had suddenly become. Many of us, instead of standing very straight, had by that time assumed the shape of question marks, temporarily unable to keep our thumbs anywhere near the seams of our trousers. It took most of us a couple of hours to fully recover from the pressure we had built up in our heads during that conversation, and several days to stop talking about it.

Despite the veiled threat of retribution, Bobby never heard anything else about the incident, the most likely reason being that nobody in authority wanted to try to have a conversation with him.



Free Hot Chocolate & Raising Funds

COMMUNITY INFO

By Danni Crenna

• Denman Sponsorship Group

coming to Denman).

Over the course of the next two years, you will probably see advertised many events/fundraisers for the Denman Sponsorship Group as we work to raise enough money to allow these two sisters to enter the Canadian immigration system. We hope that you will enjoy our many ideas for sharing this project with the community as we combine community fun with fund-raising.

This event is a great example of this kind of fun. Almost all of the potters on Denman have contributed generously to this project and so we have examples of some truly beautiful ceramic art to sell complete with some warming drinks to keep the chill off as you do your Saturday shopping. Complete with whipped cream or vegan marshmallows, you will enjoy this traditional Valentine treat in your brand new personally chosen mug that you get to keep. Prices range from \$20 to \$50 for the mugs. Mugs and drinks will be available from 9 am to 1 pm or until we run out of mugs!! See you there. Danni Crenna & friends 🌸

Music+Comedy = Shirley Gnome

MUSIC

By Concerts Denman

Musical Comedian Shirley Gnome to Expose Herself at the Denman Island Community Hall. Saturday, February 12, Doors at 7:30, show starts at 8pm

JUST in time for Valentines Day, raunchy and award winning musical comedian Shirley Gnome is set to entertain us at the Denman Island Community Hall.

From the west coast of Canada comes this multi-award winning cabaret musician, whose all original music is hilarious, uncensored, honest, subversive, irreverent, witty, empowering, and taboo. Her clever lyrics go down smooth with her gorgeous vocals, and her charm will disarm you through topics both provocative and silly. With genres as wide ranging as country, folk, rock, EDM, electro pop and r&b, her versatility as a musician and songwriter lends itself to her hilarious sensibility.

Her one-woman cabaret shows have wowed audiences and critics alike, with sell out shows across Canada, the US, Australia, New Zealand and the UK. She's appeared at JFL Northwest, The Melbourne International Comedy Festival and CBC's The Debaters. Her latest release Decoxification also went to #1 and was nominated for a Juno Award for Comedy Album of the Year. She also has a four song EP of pandemic themed erotic lovemaking tracks called Quantity Time which will hopefully not be relevant for much longer.

Also taking the stage to warm us up for this hilarious woman will be local comedy sketch trio Intolerant But Not Allergic (Joel Fox, Megan Rose, Amber Cella), and standup comedian Josh Lichti.

Tickets to this show are 20\$ per person and will be available at Abraxas Books, The General Store and www.concertsdenman.com. As with any event held at our Community Hall, vaccine passports will be required to attend.

For more info head to www.shirleygnome.com 🌸

Denman Island Physiotherapy Update

COMMUNITY INFO By Carmen Bedard-Gautrais

HELLO Denman and Hornby Islanders,

My maternity leave has come and gone, and I'm back to practicing Physiotherapy and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) at the Denman Island Medical Clinic on Mondays and Thursdays. I'm also available on Hornby one day per month, intending to eventually offer one day per week from the Hornby Community Health Center.

A few things have changed for the better since heading off on maternity leave. I have decided to focus all my efforts here and no longer practice out of Parksville. Because I'm now tending to both islands, I changed the name from *Denman Island Physiotherapy* to *Spectra Health*: honoring the spectra of parts that make up the whole and their interconnectedness.

This new name also reflects the greater scope of practice and treatment tools that I offer as a registered Physiotherapist, Acupuncturist and Herbalist.

Some additional changes include new state-of-the-art equipment and a booking website for those of you with access to a computer. You can still call the medical clinic to book an appointment if necessary.

For those of you who don't know me...I have lived on Denman Island for eight years now. I completed my Doctorate of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Victoria with a residency at the Liaoning Hospital in Northern China.

I attended the University of British Columbia for my Master of Physical Therapy, which included placements all over the province as part of the first Northern and Rural Cohort. I have also practiced at the Mary Pack Arthritis Center in Vancouver. I have done extensive continuing education courses in Vestibular Rehabilitation, allowing me to help you with dizziness/vertigo and concussion rehabilitation.

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Phoenix Riting! A Hornby Perspective

By Phoenix Bee

A trucker convoy, on the face of it, is a terrible idea: those machines suck vast quantities of diesel and that raises red flags for me. For goodness sake, is it sponsored by the oil and gas industry? The views of the hardcore few are another glaring red flag. Still, I don't believe in throwing the baby out, no matter how gross the bathwater. Many ordinary Canadians have joined with the truckers, and many more support them in spirit. Among the protesters, a high proportion are vaccinated but feel strongly enough about vaccine mandates to feel compelled to support this action. The mandates are the issue, not vaccinations.

It's no small ordeal to drive across Canada in the depths of winter. I've done it, and I hope never again. What desperate power drives people to drive so far for an outdoor protest in bitter cold? It's been two years, and rather than releasing, restrictions increase. Pressure has been building relentlessly, and collective emotions can't take it. There is a fringe minority of extremists involved in this trucker convoy, and that sucks. But what should matter is the far larger core of citizens who have hit their limit, who are ready and desperate for change.

When people come together in solidarity, they feel uplifted and pressure is released. They gather, sing songs together and feel a part of something important. I can't go so far as to unconditionally support the movement. I worry too much about forces that are intertwined and using people's desperation to further their ends. But the people themselves are not wrong. Someone created an opening and desperate humans are flowing through it. I understand their feelings, and there are so many worse ways it could manifest. So far there have been zero incidents of violence and no arrests.

Canada is close to 90% vaccinated, but it seems nothing short of 100% will do. It is not possible to get 100% of humans to agree on anything. There will always be those who won't, or can't, submit to an injection they don't feel safe with. Instead of finding or creating accommodations, the irresistible force (mandate that threatens livelihoods) is meeting the immovable object ("No one has the right to tell me what to do with my own body"). Vaccine mandates were meant to be a temporary measure, but they have gone on now for months with no end in sight.

Is this the 'new normal'? Are we meant to shut up and put up forever? It is no wonder people are on edge.

Here's where it becomes a local issue. I've seen a few posts from Facebook friends, saying, "If you support this trucker convoy, please unfriend me now." Everyone's emotions are raw, and some are resorting to a kind of righteous absolutism, digging in and drawing lines in the sand. "Good people on this side, bad people on that side." It makes me sad and tired. You can unfriend people on Facebook, but you can't erase them from your community. What do you say to an unfriend when you meet in the produce department?

I won't unfriend you. My ability to put myself in others' places and perceive the world as they do helps me understand why people support the trucker convoy. It also helps me understand why others are so fed up and ready to be done with the ones who don't comply. It all seems so simple and clear, when you are on the side of the 'right'. If only everyone would comply with the rules, this could all be over soon! But the truth is, humanity isn't a machine. We are organic, emotional and spiritual creatures, and while many try, others simply can't and won't comply with a heartless, mechanical way of living, no matter how efficient it may be at

keeping us safe. We spill over and out the sides. We react and act out. We weren't built for this kind of life.

On the other side of all of this, I pray we find a better, more humane and inclusive way to live as a society and as a community.

What do you think of all this? I would love to hear from you! Email me at phoenixonhornby@gmail.com. 🌸

Green Wizardries: Celebrating Imbolc

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

are not expected until May when it is nice and warm and there is a lot of nice grass for the ewes but that is another story.

HERE is a reason to celebrate: February third this year is the day the Imbolc season starts. Imbolc is an old Irish Gaelic word meaning ewe's milk. This is the season the lambs start being born. Mine

Imbolc is all about the spark of life returning to the land: little dandelion seedlings bravely thrusting their leaves up from the cold soil, tiny red flowers promising nuts on the hazel bushes, snowdrops shouldering aside the cold clay to bloom in the frost. That is what Imbolc is all about. It is a season of beginnings, hope and unstoppable life force.

Imbolc is celebrated by a lot of modern Pagans. It is a nice holiday because we also share it with the Christians. They used to call Imbolc, "Camdlemas," and used to bring out every candle to be used in the church that year to be blessed in a candlelit mass. They saw Imbolc as Christ's light coming back into the world. The lambs of Imbolc must have reminded them of their Lamb of God. I say they used to celebrate because they have gone all modern and neglect this lovely holiday. Maybe some of them will read this and be inspired by our celebrations.

I am a Druid and we only recently came to celebrate Imbolc and the other three Celtic fire festivals. The modern pagan calendar was made up in the middle of the twentieth century by Ross Nichols, head of a Druid order in Britain, and Gerald Gardner who was one of the creators of the modern Wiccan tradition. The Druids contributed the Solstices and the Equinoxes and the Wiccans the four Fire Festivals and that, dear readers, is how we got the Eight Great festivals of the pagan year.



Imbolc is sacred to the Mother Goddesses and the Irish fire Goddess Brigid in particular. Brigid seems to me to be an awful lot like the Roman Goddess Vesta who was the Goddess of the hearth. Brigid pushes the world to live again and brings back the sun. That is why we make Brigid's crosses. These are not replicas of torture devices to hang a man on but, rather, equal-armed crosses made of sedge grass that are sun symbols. The crosses are kept by the heart of the home whether that is the fireplace or the kitchen. They are also placed in the stables to protect the livestock.

We also make Brigid dolls by taking a handful of long sedge grass and bending it over in the middle. The top is Brigid's head and is tied at the neck with twine or yarn. More yarn is tied at her waist and below that, the grasses are spread out to make her skirt. A smaller bundle of sedge is passed through the torso of the doll to make arms. Then, we dress the doll in a cloth cape because Brigid is famous for her encircling, protective cape. The last act of dressing the Brigid is to slip a leaf under her belt to act as her apron. The leaf can come from an oak if you are lucky enough to have one or, because this is the West Coast, we could use a bit of red cedar bark or a salal leaf.

On the night of January 31, the old crosses and dolls from the past year are respectfully burned and replaced with the new ones made of fresh sedge. In Ireland, they call sedge grasses, reeds which *continued on P.8...*

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...continued from P.7 causes some confusion.

The British Druids have a lovely ritual with many prayers for fertility and abundance and thanks for all nature gives us. Part of the ceremony involves filling a wide shallow bowl with the waters of life and placing eight candles in the water and lighting them as an offering to Brighid. The candles in the water symbolize the rising light of spring emerging from the creative feminine waters.

The celebrations of Imbolc include the usual feasting with friends. Milk and dairy products figure largely in the feasts as it is the time of ewe's milk. Seed cakes, cookies and crackers are also served because of their symbolism of the spring planting of seeds and the life to come. All this is washed down with glasses of mead or cider. It is a poor heart that never rejoices!

Other things to do to celebrate the season include planting some seeds with prayers to Brighid that they flourish. Plant seeds in your life. Decide to renew a friendship or make a new friendship. Learn to sing, or play music. Decide to learn a craft. Clean your house and throw out anything that is neither useful nor beautiful. Do a one to three day fast to improve your health. Take a long walk and look for signs of spring. Read or write poems about spring. Have a long bath with candles floating in the water. Start a new garden bed.

It is certainly time to start the onion and leek seeds. They come first every year and are a very grateful crop on our islands. Last year was my first year growing onions and like my leeks, no pest or insect bothered them. They were quite trouble free and so very tasty. I still have some onions from last summer's garden and they are as crisp and perfect as they day we hung them on ropes.

We still have a lot of leeks standing proudly in the garden and they are wonderful in soups. It is also a good month to start celery and celeriac plants. I grew some celeriac plants last summer and have just been harvesting them for a very tasty



grated salad. The rabbits love their green tops as a treat.

February is the last month you have to finish the pruning of fruit trees and bushes including kiwi and grape vines. Disinfect your tools between each tree!

It is already late if you haven't obtained all your seeds. I really like the seeds from Sweet Rock Farm on Gabriola Island and buy a lot of seeds from them. Sweet Rock is a small family farm and grow all their seeds organically.



Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux Introduction

By Bill Engleson
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ARTS&LIT

For several 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 more years ago and share them. Hopefully, they will have some modern times currency.

Political Footballs October 7, 2007

We got the storm last night. Took the power out briefly.

Before I went to bed, I read the Globe and Mail article on Insite, the safe injection site in Vancouver. It is a political football. On a side bar, perhaps political football is akin to other terms my barber has suggested should be written about, terms such as 'ethnic cleansing' and 'friendly fire'. Both of these expressions do not really convey what is meant by them. Ethnic cleansing, the barber argues, does not sound so bad. A cleansing ritual, sprucing up a dusty ethnic notion.

Right.

I am not convinced.

Not by a long shot.

Regarding another long shot, he then suggests friendly fire is anything but. If your butt is fried, there is nothing friendly about it. Of course, it originated ...where did it pop up? Sounds like a case for Wikipedia.

But back to political footballs. They are akin to hot potatoes. The image of someone tossing the heated tuber from one hand to another speedily so as not to get burned comes to mind. Political footballs have a heat of their own, perhaps not one that burns but nevertheless, one that is best managed, passed off to someone else. The implication is that a political football will not benefit the holder. A forward pass, a lateral, some kind of way of getting rid of it is called for because if you retain

possession, you might have to do something, make a decision. The connotation is that if you do decide to bring closure to a political football, make a determination, you will lose points. Political points. Oh, you might gain some, but you are also bound to lose some.

Safe injection sites are political footballs. On the one hand, the research seems to show that if you provide a hygienic location for addicts to shoot up, provide clean needles, then you are condoning, nay promoting drug use. Currently in Canada, drug users are required to bring in their own substance to inject. If it is contaminated, the SIS argument is that medical personnel are in a position to respond and save the life of the user. Similarly, if the user overdoses within the SIS, they can get quick first responder intervention.

On the other hand, SIS's save lives. That is their purpose. This is not, apparently, good enough for the constipated conservatives in Ottawa.

I would personally like to see drugs provided to users. This would seem to enhance the safety. The anti-SIS proponents would see this as clear permission from the

Groundwater Licensing Program Info Webinar

PRESS RELEASE

By Islands Trust

LĀK'WĀNAN, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – In partnership with Islands Trust, provincial staff will be offering a free online information webinar on British Columbia's groundwater licensing program on Thursday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m.

This session will be moderated by Islands Trust's senior freshwater specialist, William Shulba. The webinar comes ahead of the March 1, 2022, deadline date to apply for a water licence with the Provincial Government for those who started using groundwater from a well or dugout before March 1, 2016, for non-domestic uses like irrigation, commercial, waterworks, or industrial use, or home businesses that increase intensity of water use. After this date, the Province requires that those affected by the legislation stop using groundwater until they have a licence. Non-compliance could result in losing priority access to the groundwater.

Domestic well owners are also urged to register their well for free, so their water use is known and considered by provincial decision-makers when dealing with other licence applications.

"The sustainability of freshwater resources is crucial across the Islands Trust Area," said Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair. "Licensing water helps protect aquifers and streams, along with the businesses and livelihoods that depend on reliable access to water. Join us as provincial staff from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy present about the legislation and what it could mean to you and the islands."

In the Water Sustainability Act, non-domestic groundwater is now included in the same regulatory structure that has existed for surface water for over 100 years. The Act recognizes that groundwater and surface water should be managed together amidst increasing pressures on freshwater resources.

The webinar will take place on Zoom Videoconferencing. To register and receive the invitation link, visit <https://bit.ly/3KLDRkr>. Participants are encouraged to submit questions ahead of the presentation to make the most of the evening webinar. Questions can be submitted to programs@islandstrust.bc.ca.

About Islands Trust

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larger society use drugs.

As with all sin, all moral failings, addictions of every stripe, there are those who will never subscribe to any plan that would appear to condone. Better let the chips fall where they may, they say.

God bless 'em. 🍷

Denman and Hornby Islands are very privileged to have free counseling for women provided by the Comox Valley Transition Society. They have forwarded us the following information about these ongoing services.

"The Comox Valley Transition Society (CVTS) offers Stopping The Violence Women's Counselling, a free counselling service for women in the Comox Valley and surrounding areas who have previously experienced or are currently experiencing violence of any kind, who have been sexually assaulted, or who have experienced childhood abuse or violence."

This service is available on Denman & Hornby Island the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. People are asked to please phone CVTS at 250.897.0511 to book an appointment.

Appointments are offered in person and follow rigid COVID protocols, which require individuals to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and sit at least 2 metres apart. Phone appointments are also available.

For more information, please visit <https://cvts.ca/womens-counselling/>

In case of emergency please call 911 Advice is also available by calling the Lily House crisis line: 250 338 1227

Free transportation from Buckley Bay to the Lily House transitional emergency housing can be prearranged through the crisis line

Short Term Contract

The Hornby Island Housing Society has received funding for a short term contract to update its information about the number of community members currently in need of housing, what type of housing and what is a realistic rent scale. The person hired will gather information in person about housing needs from individuals and will consult with businesses and community organizations to identify their staff housing needs. We are looking for a person who is comfortable reaching out to our diverse community, is skilled in gathering and collating information and is committed to maintaining confidentiality and anonymity. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact April at hornbyislandhousing@gmail.com

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...continued from P.9 Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area's unique environment and amenities by planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5,200 square kilometres.

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Communications Specialist 250.405.5178 🍷

Telephone Polling in Trust Area - Not by Islands Trust

HELLO:

It has come to our attention that island residents are receiving phone calls from a polling firm that asks questions about Islands Trust and the Policy Statement. We wish to advise you that this is not on behalf of the Islands Trust.

PRESS RELEASE

By Islands Trust

We are currently engaging on the 2022/23 proposed budget with an online survey (follow the link for details on tonight's budget webinar). We will be beginning engagement on the Policy Statement Amendment Project (Islands 2050) in February. 🍷

An Open Letter to Denman & Hornby

PRESS RELEASE

By CityWest

WE at CityWest hope you're doing well the first month into 2022! We've done a lot of work together over the last few months with the Comox Valley Regional District and the Internet Committees on your islands, and that hit a high note with the astounding success of the referendum at the end of November. With that in mind, we wanted to give you a bit of an update of what we've been up to since then, and to give you a high-level view of our plans for the year.

Since the referendum, we've continued to promote our "Dropping In" campaign, where you can sign up for a drop to your house. We also opened up pre-registration in December, which allows you to pick the packages you want today; once we're ready to install services, you'll get 2 months off, just for pre-registering! If you'd like to pre-register, please visit www.citywest.ca/south-waitlist

On the construction front, we've been very busy over the last month to secure permits and find a contractor to do the civil work on your islands. All the work on the project will be overseen by our Outside Plant and Project Management departments, who have many years of experiences undertaking builds like these. We're doing our best with ordering, given the major disruptions in the supply chain all over the world.

The contractor will be laying the fibre underground along the roadways, and they will also be involved in bringing the drop to your door. We are planning to start this phase of the build in the springtime, and hopefully have it finished by late fall. And that's just one part of the project! In parallel, we're also working to build the Connected Coast project, which will be the undersea backbone that will be providing you with tonnes of bandwidth.

This massive project – which, when complete, will stretch 3,400 kilometres underwater and will connect 139 communities – is currently in the construction phase, and already it has laid 50 kilometres of fibre in northern B.C. communities. We have been working hard to bring the Connected Coast to your islands as well, and we are estimating that the cable lay will be happening late in the summer. After that, we'll be commissioning the shoreline landing, which is the physical connection between the subsea fibre and the underground network on your



islands. Once all that is complete, it will be ready to connect customers to improved Internet, as well as TV and phone services!

As you can probably appreciate, for two projects of this size, there are many, many dependencies that may push back the timelines, including: delays with permitting, materials being choked by the supply chain, weather, and Covid. We will do our best to make sure these projects are completed as quickly as possible, and communicate any changes in the schedule as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for all your continuing support. We're looking forward to serving you as customers, and perhaps even meeting you in the months ahead!

Sincerely yours,
Chris Armstrong
VP of Sales & Marketing
CityWest 🍷

Connected Coast Starts Laying Cable January 28, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

By CityWest

FIRST 50 kilometres of subsea fibre-optic cable laid for Connected Coast project

PRINCE RUPERT – The Connected Coast project hit a milestone this week, as the first 50 kilometres of fibre-optic cable was laid at landing sites across Northern B.C.

The fibre was laid and connected at shore landings at three communities: Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla, and Dodge Cove. Another leg was brought ashore at Ridley Island, an industrial area just outside of Prince Rupert, which will connect into CityWest's main network.

"This is a significant milestone for a project that's laying the groundwork to bring better connectivity to 139 remote, rural and Indigenous communities along B.C.'s coast," said Jennifer Rice, MLA for North Coast. "Supporting innovative approaches to expanding connectivity has been a priority for our Government. With each successive kilometre of fibre being laid, this project ensures these communities will be able to participate in the digital economy and stay connected to their friends and loved ones."

When complete, the Connected Coast project will provide backbone communication services to 139 rural and remote communities, including 48 Indigenous communities – representing 44 First Nations – along the BC Coast from Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii, south to Vancouver, and around Vancouver Island. Financed by the federal and provincial governments, the \$45.4 million project is a joint partnership operated by CityWest and Strathcona Regional District.

"After years of hard work and arranging permitting, we're ecstatic to see fibre going into the water," said Stefan Woloszyn, CEO of CityWest. "We're extremely proud of everyone who has been involved to get us to this point, and we're looking forward to bringing underserved communities world-class connectivity. This is what they need and this is what we're bringing!"

Before the fibre-optic cabling was laid in the water, shoreline cabinets were constructed in each of the communities: this is the access point for each community, where their local network connects to the subsea network.

And this first 50 kilometres is just the beginning. Over the next few weeks, weather permitting, the project team will lay more subsea fibre-optics to other Northern communities, like Kitkatla and Oona River, before going westward to Haida Gwaii. The construction project team will then move down to the southern areas of the network off the east coast of Vancouver Island. When complete, the project will touch approximately 90,000 households in rural and remote communities around B.C., stretching 3,400 kilometres – about the distance from Vancouver to Ottawa. Laid in an environmentally-friendly manner on the ocean floor, it will be one of the longest coastal subsea networks in the world.

To find out more about the Connected Coast project, please visit www.connectedcoast.ca. Or email info@connectedcoast.ca. To stay up to date on the construction of the project join the Connected Coast e-distribution at www.connectedcoast.ca or follow along on social media.

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Construction crews working on the Connected Coast connect a subsea fibre line to Ridley Island, outside of Prince Rupert, part of the first 50 kilometres of the build.

Freedom Rally

OP/ED

By C. Urquhart

light of some very interesting developments as of late, I felt it was time for a follow up.

First, let's take a look at where we are in terms of Covid19. Have you noticed that every time things start to look as though they are going to get better, they come out with a new strain which is either stronger than the last or spreading faster than any other strain? Even though Trudeau has maintained his "get vaxed" mantra, people are still testing positive in record numbers, including himself! It's almost hysterical how he continues to blame the unvaxed even though it's been months now that our movements have been restricted and/or we've been forced into unemployment. Have you noticed that CBC has stopped comparing vaxed vs unvaxed when they are citing the number of cases and numbers in ICU each day? It is clear that the vax campaign has not been successful and yet people are still screaming "the greater good!" while attacking anyone who disagrees. The decades long women's right movement has virtually been wiped out in one fell swoop, "My body, My choice" being replaced by "do this or else!"

For many of us, it has been 2 years of tolerating bullying, name-calling, character assassination and in some cases, unwarranted job loss and even expulsion from family and friends. It was as though the whole world had gone mad as everyone accused everyone else of "unreliable sources" and of being "racists and misogynists" (that one, from our very own Prime Minister). Overdoses and suicides were hitting a record high, more and more indigenous children's bodies were being found, people were being arrested for protecting the old growth, all against the backdrop of the pandemic which, in some ways, seemed to be fuelling it all.

And then one day some truckers decided to stand up and say "no" to the mandates. No one could have known, even a few weeks ago, how many of them there would be or what kind of an impact they would have. We still don't know what the end result will be but we do know that the "fringe minority" that Trudeau spoke of is actually millions of Canadians, your countrymen and women, your friends and your family. This protest has even inspired convoys in several other countries and is being watched with anticipation worldwide.

Of course, the first thing the mainstream media tried to do is discredit it (as they are being paid/forced to do) in the same way that they have done with any doctor or scientist who spoke out against the vax. If you don't see the pattern, it probably means that you are deeply susceptible to the propaganda. Of course Trudeau is going to keep trying to push the vax narrative. According to the CBC, he's ordered over 400 million shots. That works out to over 10 shots per person! That's what Trudeau has in store for you. Thankfully, even people who are double vaxed are starting to realize that that is not the answer.

The truth is that thousands of people came out to cheer on the truckers on highway bypasses and all along the road sides right across Canada. Whole towns prepared food for them, gas stations donated gas and on Gofundme, they've raised almost \$10 million to date and no, it's not true that the funds were being withheld. It's also not true that it was organized by white supremacists. One of the two main organizers is Jewish and the other is Metis.

For so many of us, the convoy is like a thousand white knights riding in on their horses to save the day, not just because of the mandates but because there are millions of us who have been treated like second-class citizens for the last two years and we've had enough! We are Canadian and as such, we embrace diversity and the freedom to choose what is right for ourselves and **we are no longer going to tolerate the discrimination.**

So to all the people out there who have supported the mandates, who complied by getting vaxed and who believe the masks are actually helping, that's your right

SOME of you may remember an article I submitted to the Grapevine back in September regarding demystifying some of the myths about the unvaxed. Well, in

and no one is going to try to take that away from you. But if any of you decide that you are a better person than the next guy because you got vaxed, or if you try to bully us into complying with your ideologies, or you want to use mainstream media as your platform for convincing everyone that you are right, well, you can just *back right off*. I'm sorry if you're afraid but if you're afraid, then **you** stay home. If your immune system is compromised, then **you** take the necessary precautions. The vaxes were supposed to protect you and if they have failed to do so, who's fault is that?

We're done being the scapegoats and being treated as "less than" and we're not going to tolerate it anymore. We have as much right to be here, to live and be free, as anyone else on this island and anyone in this country.

And for all of you who have stood strong through all of this despite the almost abusive treatment by your community and in some cases, family and friends, I salute you.

Please stay tuned for our very own convoy, coming soon to a downtown near you. 🍷

Distories

by Thomas Provençal

*The medical establishment
has their testes in a squeeze
while king pin pharmaceuticals
are doing as they please.
Their condescending attitude
proves that they are prigs.
They use the hapless human
race
as lab rats, guinea pigs.
Government and media
are two arms of the mob.
They dissect and distort stories;
that's how they keep their job.
Evidence is out there
to prove conspiracy.
People must awaken
and TURN OFF YOUR TV!
Doctors back in Nuremberg
were convicted for their crimes.
Now brainwashed people
clamour
for return to draconian times!*

Trucking Highway #1 January 31, 2022

OP/ED

By Amanda Hale

IN Canada today, we have the attention of the mainstream media internationally, thanks to our brave truckers, who are being supported by tens of thousands of proud Canadians across the country, and by many of their fellow US truckers.

Now let's take a look at mortality, and the reasons why so many people refuse the Covid-19 injection. The CBC tells us that more people are dying of Covid than at any time during these past two years. What they don't say is that many of these deaths are caused not by Covid, but by the toxic gene manipulation they call "a vaccine." (See chart of official figures below) *

We cannot vaccinate our way out of this nightmare. Already 54,000 at the very least, (in the UK, Europe and the US alone), are dead from Covid injections, and these fatalities, usually following close on a Covid-19 injection or booster, are excused as "coincidences." Pfizer's liability protection is now in question, forcing the corporation to reveal responsibility for one million adverse events in the US alone, including miscarriage, permanent disablement, and death.

Science, (observable results of medical experiments), has shown us that the "vaxxed" are no more protected than the "unvaxxed." Israel's Director of Public Health, addressing the Food and Drug Administration Advisory Panel reported, *"Sixty percent of the people in severe and critical condition were, um, were immunized, doubly immunized, fully vaccinated. Forty-five percent of the people who died in this fourth wave were doubly vaccinated."* (Page 928 of the Kindle edition of Robert Kennedy Jr's book, *The Real Anthony Fauci*). This begs the question, what exactly is killing them?

Back in November 2021, Suzanne Coles, former Provincial Offenses Prosecutor for the Ministry of the Attorney General in Ontario, reported: *"Front line nurses have contacted me. Still-births have increased from 6 per year (average), to 86 in 6 months. Within 48 hours, one hospital had 9 still-births. That's an 800% increase. All mothers were vaccinated."* (At 5.10 on video link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5gAhfGA3zs>

And now, **Arne Burkhardt, German pathologist**, has discovered the reason for so many "coincidental" vaccine deaths and injuries. Post mortems have revealed that autoimmune cells have been attacked by killer lymphocytes that invade and destroy heart, lungs, and other soft tissue organs.

Why does this happen? Because of the viral spike proteins that trigger the attacks

* **December 2021 Official Figures of Covid-19 injection damage.**

Deaths:	UK 1,822	Europe 32,652	US 19,532
Injuries:	UK 1,314,659	Europe 2,970,644	US 4,421,178

Sources: MHRA – Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
EMA – European Medicines Agency
VAERS – Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System

This information can be verified at <https://rokfin.com/post/65615> in a 16 minute video, released in December 2021 with an explanation by Dr. Bhakdi

PORTRAIT OF A PSYCHOPATH

Robert Kennedy Jr. is an environmental lawyer. From 1986 to 2017 he served as senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, a non-profit environmental organization. In 2011 he founded Children's Health Defense. His recent book – *The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health* – is an exposé of a criminal career.

So, who is Fauci? An American physician-scientist and immunologist serving as

the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and the Chief Medical Advisor to the US President. He has been director of the NIAID since 1984, involved with HIV/AIDS research and other immunodeficiency diseases, both as a research scientist and as head of the NIAID. Wikipedia adds, *"Some falsely claim he was involved in creating the virus in a Chinese lab."* Why mention "false claims" in a Wikipedia article if not to point at the truth?

Kennedy's book documents in excruciating detail the career path of Fauci, his involvement with Bill Gates, and the horrors that these men have perpetrated on the world with vaccines and medical mismanagement in the cause of personal power and financial gain. The most alarming aspect of the book is the complete transparency of their machinations, and the impunity with which they operate. Dr. Jonathan Fishbein, former director of the US National Institutes for Health has this to say:

"Dealing with Tony Fauci is like dealing with organized crime. He's like the godfather. He has connections everywhere. He's always giving money to people in powerful positions to make sure he gets his way. These connections give him the ultimate power to fix everything, control every narrative, escape all consequence, and sweep all the dirt and all the bodies under the carpet, and to terrorize and destroy anyone who crosses him."

Fauci is known as Teflon Tony for obvious reasons, Teflon being not only a non-stick agent, but a highly toxic one.

Those experimented on are the easy victims – babies, orphans, foster children, the poor and destitute from Black, Hispanic and African populations.

Vera Sharav, holocaust survivor, and founder of the Alliance for Human Research Protection – a medical industry watchdog organization – has spent her life trying to defend children against practices of the biomedical industry. Examples of these atrocities are reported in Kennedy's book:

"Fauci's NIAID and his Big Pharma

partners turned Black and Hispanic foster kids into lab rats, subjecting them to torture and abuse in a grim parade of unsupervised drug and vaccine studies ... known to cause genetic mutation, organ failure, bone marrow death, bodily deformations, brain damage, and fatal skin disorders."

If you can stomach more of this, see page 529 in the Kindle edition of Kennedy's book.

Readers may remember Beagle Gate from last October – cruel animal experiments by the NIAID using American tax dollars. Beagle puppies were starved and had their vocal cords removed so that they couldn't howl. Their heads were trapped in cages with sand fleas that ate them alive.

Other puppies were injected with lab-made "mutant" variants of tick-borne bacteria before being exposed to hundreds of ticks that then sucked their blood for up to a week. Their blood was drawn twice a week for eight weeks before they were euthanized.

Fauci, along with a host of accomplices in his murderous campaigns, is one of the big players in the Covid campaign, which has a long history, going back in this case to 1984 and the AIDS crisis. AIDS didn't quite work for them because it became associated with a certain lifestyle. There have been several attempts over the years, and now they've hit the jackpot with Covid.

"Governments do like epidemics, just the same way as they like war. It's a chance to impose their will on us, and get us all scared so that we huddle together and do what we're told." Dr. Damien Downing, President, British Society of Ecological Medicine (Al Jazeera, 2009)

You need to read about it. It will shock you. These criminals cannot operate without us, without our ignorance, our turning away, our self-satisfied blaming of the "unvaxxed" for everything, as the bearers of "misinformation," i.e. anything that departs from the official propaganda used to control us.

That is how Fauci, Gates, and the rest of them manage to operate with impunity. They will go down in history as the tyrants and destroyers of humanity that they are; and we as their silent collaborators.

There are multiple lawsuits in progress across the globe – against Fauci, Gates, our fugitive prime minister, and against all the players in this incredible descent into moral corruption.

To name a few, the Honourable **Brian Peckford**, former Premier of Newfoundland, and the last living signatory of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, is suing the Canadian government over travel mandates; Canadian lawyer, **Rocco Galati** is suing the Canadian Government for human rights violations, the CBC for misinformation and fear-mongering, and the BC health authorities; German-American lawyer, **Reiner Fuellmich** is suing the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centre for Disease Control (CDC), and Klaus Schwab and his Davos group. The lawsuits are national and international, and the charges will trickle down to everyone accountable, everyone who has in whatever capacity cooperated in these crimes against humanity. Murder is a crime, and the guilty are being named.

The issues we face today go beyond borders. Our prime minister is entangled internationally with grave tyrannies. He was named by his father for the just society; and indeed, he will be brought to justice, as will Fauci and Gates. 🍷

Letter to the Editor *Dear Friends and Neighbours on Hornby and Denman,*

On January 30 in broad daylight, we had a shocking incident here on Denman where a elder man who lives alone found someone climbing up his back steps and trying to open the door of his house. The person ran away when he saw Mr. Le Barron. Mr. Le Barron called out for the person to show himself but the coward ran away.

Please be extra vigilant with locking your doors and securing your persons and movable property.

Maxine Rogers 🍷

Conservancy Hornby Island

Celebrating a Win With Dfo, Announces Their 6th Annual Herringfest!

PRESS RELEASE

By CHI

CONSERVANCY Hornby Island releases tickets to the public for their 6th Annual HerringFest to celebrate herring and discuss solutions for recovery of Pacific herring.

HORNBY ISLAND, BC - Conservancy Hornby Island (CHI) is going into their 6th annual HerringFest celebration with a sense of hope. In December 2021, Fisheries Minister Honourable Joyce Murray made an unexpected but welcome announcement of the closure of most Pacific herring fisheries on the west coast except for harvests by First Nations for food and ceremonial purposes. The Strait of Georgia commercial fishery has been reduced from 20% to 10% of the predicted spawning biomass. Although CHI views this as good news, there is still work to be done to better protect Pacific herring. CHI's concerns are, is 10% harvest precautionary enough given changing ocean conditions and increasing needs of a wide variety of marine species and how will the livelihoods of fishers be protected?

CHI has urged the Minister to consider making herring recovery the priority at this time, rather than continuing an unsustainable fishery at all. What is needed is a truly ecological recovery plan, which implements **continued on P.16...**

...continued from P.15 scientific study of the resident herring, protection of herring habitat, consideration for First Nations rights, protection of livelihoods of fishers, and prey availability for the many marine species which rely on herring as a primary food source, such as resident orca, humpback whales and chinook salmon.

Conservancy Hornby Island is inviting the public to be part of this special opportunity to continue building momentum towards ensuring sufficient protection of Pacific herring and to celebrate the ecological spectacle that occurs annually on the Salish Sea known as the herring spawn, with their event: HerringFest 2022. Taking place from March 3rd-6th, HerringFest will feature:

Sea Life Boat Trips: educational, fun, and the best way to see herds of sea lions, hundreds of seabirds, spawning herring and possibly killer whales and humpback whales. This in-person event runs from March 2nd-4th & 6th-8th on Hornby Island. Tickets are by donation with a suggested donation of at least \$20 per person. 25% of all boat trip donations will go directly towards CHI's Herring Recovery Program.

Art Show & Sale: In conjunction with Hornby Arts, HerringFest will feature a "Let the Herring Live" themed art show and sale, which will be both in-person at the Community Hall, as well as online. Viewing begins March 3rd until the 6th, after which a catalogue of artworks will be available for sale on <https://hornbyarts.com>. Proceeds will be equally split with CHI and the artists. Artists can submit their work by emailing Juniper at juniper@hornbyarts.com.

Film Night: Tune in on ZOOM for Friday Night Film Night which will occur March 4th, from 7-9pm PST, and will feature an array of films about Herring Defence, such as Yáa at wooné/Respect for All Things by Louise Brady and Peter Bradley, Dance of the Herring and Why is the Salish Sea So Rich with Life? by Bob Turner, We are the Herring by Sam Rose Phillips, The Price of Fish by Mike Bhana, introduced by Dr. Evelyn Pinkerton, and Before the Beauty is Gone by Mackai Sharp.

Herring School: The final event of HerringFest 2022 will be Saturday Herring School, an interactive webinar on ZOOM at 9:30am-12:45pm PST on March 6th. Herring School will feature an array of guest speakers knowledgeable on research, activism, and conservation including Chief Eric Pelkey of the WSÁNEĆ First Nation, Saul 'Hazel' hba Brown, who is from the Nuuchah-nulth and Heiltsuk Nations and the founder of Yilbas Consultancy, Thomas Thornton, author of Herring and People of the North Pacific: Sustaining a Keystone Species, Herring Rabble Rouser Jim Shortreed, Ben Friedman, Head of Product at Wildtype, a producer of lab-grown fish, and Gord Johns, the NDP MP for Courtenay and Alberni. There will be a round table discussion with all speakers, and attendees will be able to interact with the speakers through the Q&A.



Tickets to the 6th Annual HerringFest are by donation and can be purchased at conservancyhornbyisland.org/herringfest2022.

Photo/Video links

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ABOUT CONSERVANCY HORNBY ISLAND:

Established in 1991, Conservancy Hornby Island (CHI) is a volunteer organization formed to undertake and support local and regional conservation projects to benefit Hornby Island's land and marine environments. Each year, CHI hosts HerringFest, a gathering of art, music and renowned speakers which celebrates the annual herring spawn and engages scientists, environmentalists, First Nations participants, and local communities in provocative discussions to help protect Pacific Herring. 🍷





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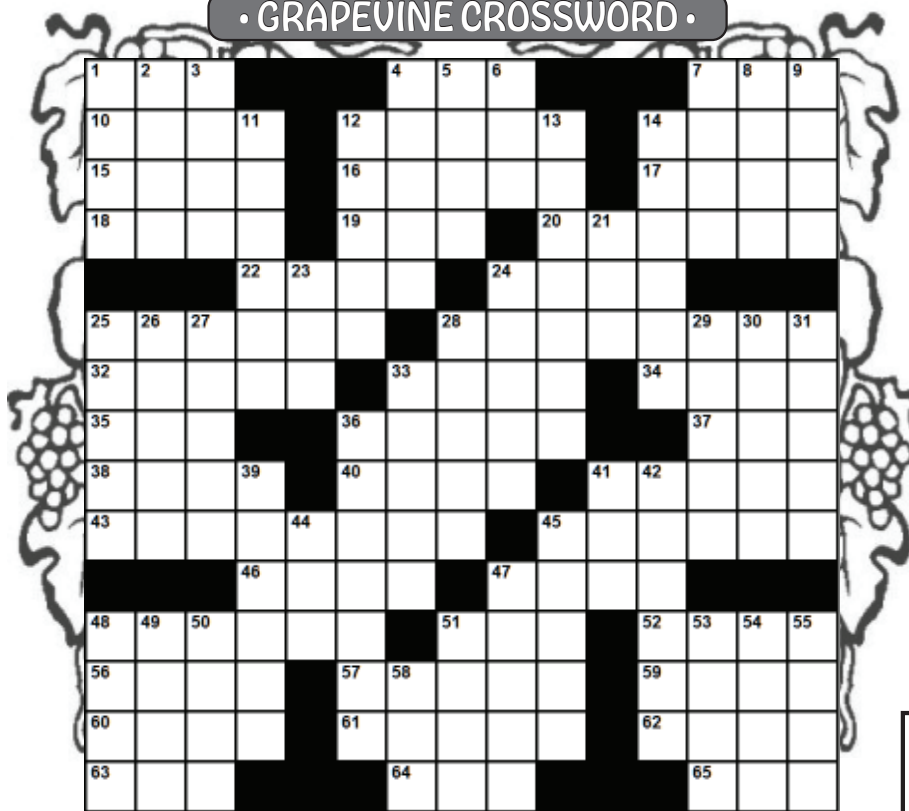
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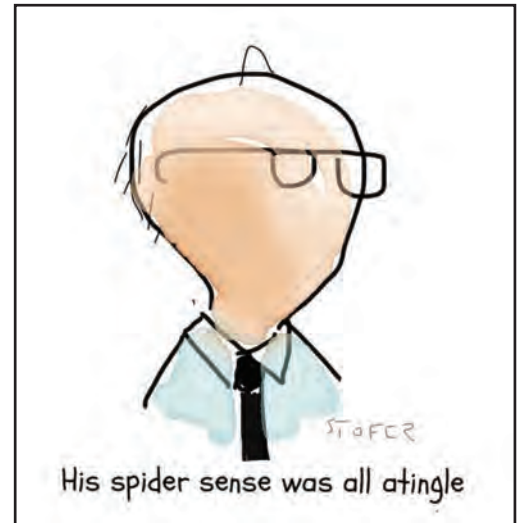
• ACROSS •

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6. Frau's spouse
10. Drop feathers
14. Snake venom
15. Sandwich snack
16. Bhutan's locale
17. Narrow bay
18. Cliff projection
19. Mountain valley
20. Baby fish
21. Calligrapher's supply
23. Iffy
25. Clinic cost
26. Evil grin
27. A 1977 movie
30. Exploiter
32. Analyze ore
37. Airplane fixture
38. Foyer spread
39. Bailey of comics
40. Asian garment
41. Express a view
43. Ad sign
44. Delivery person, once
46. Big argument
47. Crash result
48. Essential oil
49. Concluding passage
50. Fertilizer compound

51. Anemic's supplement
53. Boot hill abbr.
55. Egyptian ruler
59. Became one
60. Band aid
63. Excellent
64. Abominable snowman
66. Mountaineer's refrain
68. Barflys
69. A son of Zeus
70. Tibetan capital
71. Dance piece
72. Bounding distance
73. Navigational system

• DOWN •

1. Be up and about
2. Forbidden subject
3. Car bar
4. Expression of shock
5. Free, in a way
6. Patronize a pawn shop
7. Drop the ball
8. Bookshop browser
9. Dishonest person
10. Biblical trio
11. Capital on the Aker river
12. Stead
13. Beach shades
22. Brain bit
24. Highland hillside
25. Shrine site
26. Type of restraint
27. Or in music
28. Change chemically
29. Insert mark
31. Have a dinner
33. Sentence to prison
34. Cowboy's charge
35. By oneself
36. Gossipy one
39. Caveat word
42. Agree silently
45. A Met score
49. Cling
52. Like a king
54. Pastoral poem
55. Bidding word
56. Cry of derision
57. Add to the pot
58. Answer, abbr.
59. Smoke curl
60. Hebrew month
61. A real butte
62. Architect's design
65. 1773 jetsam
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TEA WITH YOUR TRUSTEE: Join Island Trustee Laura Busheikin for Trust-related conversation at the Guest House, Sat. Feb 5 & 19, 1:00 – 3:00. COVID protocols required.

HIRRA ZOOM MEETING:

Wednesday, Feb 9, 7:30pm.

AGENDA: Community Healthcare initiative; CVRD Composting Toilet Residuals Processing; Beulah Creek housing letter of support; Recycling; Water Stewardship; HICEEC. E-mail office@hirra.ca to register.

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

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THURSDAY 3

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



FRIDAY 4

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 5

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- TEA WITH YOUR TRUSTEE
Guesthouse 1-3pm 9:30am

SUNDAY 6

MONDAY 7

TUESDAY 8

WEDNESDAY 9

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

THURSDAY 10

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

FRIDAY 11

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 12

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- FREE STORE 9-Noon

SUNDAY 13

MONDAY 14

TUESDAY 15

WEDNESDAY 16

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

THURSDAY 17

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



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