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Herringfest 2022: Hope Amid the Questions

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Anthony Gregson

the First Nations of the Northwest Coast, the return of the herring was their new year, the true beginning of the food-gathering cycle and reaffirmation of the mutual interdependence of humans and the non-human personages on which life depends, not just for first nations but, as we now realize, for apartment dwellers in Vancouver. If there ever was a feast of celebration, the herring run is truly inclusive, in the fullest ecological sense, where over-indulgence, so to speak, is a necessity, and not just a hangover.

Assuming, of course, that there will continue to be a herring run.

That's what stood out for me about Herringfest, now in its sixth year. The festival started in 2017 as a campaign for the preservation of the last major herring run on the Pacific Coast from southern Alaska down to northern California. That remains fundamental, but for anyone who has followed the festival videos and lectures, what is striking is the broadening of the constituency of concern, the ever more-nuanced science, as well as the appreciation of the cultural significance of herring.

As yet another ecological crisis, the destruction of the herring runs has plenty of company on the crowded agenda of Armageddon. But like most prolonged struggles, where victory does not come quickly or easily, the goal posts move, and a longer-term perspective begins to emerge. Herringfest has become an opportunity to immerse oneself in the profound change in cultural perspective needed to be with (and not just manage) herring and, indeed, the entire Salish Sea. For those of us who despair of the human response to climate change, Herringfest offered hope, not just of practical solutions, but of getting into a right way with an ecological perspective.

The relationship of the First Nations continues to be front-and-centre in all this. WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) Chief Eric Pelkey had a tragic story, told with compelling rhetorical calm, about his sister, who died of a mysterious liver complaint that afflicts other women in the Saanich nation. Too late for his sister, a specialist came over from Vancouver who diagnosed her condition as something that he claimed was commonly known, and quite treatable, in the medical profession: seafood deficiency amongst coastal indigenous peoples.

Particularly striking was the story of the Tlingit Herring Women (Kiks.ádi) from the area of Sitka, who strive to protect the herring and the culture tied to them. There was a beautiful story of how they got their name, when a woman fell asleep on the shore and awoke to find that herring had filled her hair with eggs.

Anthropologist Jim Thornton has published numerous book on herring and their relationship to the peoples of the Northwest Coast, doing a lot of work amongst the Tlingit. He pointed out that it is well past date to refer to the indigenous peoples as mere hunter/gatherers. It is now obvious that they were also cultivators in their relationship to the landscape, which he sees as a product of human and non-human interaction, a perspective far different from the traditional conservation idea of restoration to a baseline pristine environment.

The indigenous peoples did a great deal to encourage and husband the herring spawn, putting down boughs of hemlock, keeping the spawn areas clean, relocating spawn that was too exposed on the shore, or lying too deep, as well as transplanting spawn to new or depleted locations. They felt that herring had a choice, and in one instance, even spoke of putting down hemlock branches "for your wives". In fact, Thornton went so far as to typify the relationship between indigenous peoples and the herring, as non-human actors, as an exchange of services. This idea of an ecological economy is about as far as you can get from the crude concept of Maximum Sustainable Yield, so obviously failed. This and much else is available in his latest book, *Herring and Peoples of the Northwest Coast*.

All this pointed to a program of herring recovery, politically, still unrealized, but

now the goal of CHI. A presentation from Jim Shortreed of Victoria and the Herring Rabble Rousers offered some heartening possibilities. I was astonished to learn that Victoria Harbour once yielded a catch 16,000 tons of Gorge Herring – with predictable results. Although this once heavily polluted inlet is now carpeted with eelgrass, no herring have as yet returned to spawn. The Rabble Rousers are taking care of that using weighted young fir trees and nylon mesh to attract spawn when herring are present. The spawning mesh has managed to restore a regular spawn in Vancouver's False Creek, the most unlikely of places, with boat traffic, marinas and urban din year round.

There was much else, but the question remains, how's the Hornby/Denman spawn doing this year?

Grant Scott, Chair of CHI, says the news is good, as far as it goes. The allowable catch has been halved to ten from twenty percent by the new Fisheries Minister, just why, nobody can say. It may be an incremental step to abolishing the fishery altogether. Whatever the intent, the industry isn't pleased, and everyone is going to be watching closely. As to whether the catch will actually be ten percent, there's the uncertainty between the allowable catch, which is based on an estimate issued prior to the return of the herring, and the only sure way of knowing how much was caught, which is when every last fish is counted at the processor. There's also what happens on the water. Seiners grab what they can, when they can. There was a recent instance where thousands of fish were dumped because the eggs were not sufficiently ripe for market, and the fisherman didn't want the catch counted into their quota.

A huge issue is the actual composition of the catch. There are the migratory herring, which dwell in open ocean off Vancouver island, and the resident populations. There were 170 Salish Sea resident populations; now there are thirty. It has been discovered that herring have the same sort of homing genes as salmon, which return to their birth river. Herring are not, as DFO once thought, a homogeneous genome. Like the salmon pouring into the Salish Sea through Johnstone Strait, a wall of seiners is going to catch salmon headed not just for the Fraser, which is the majority, but also those headed to the inlets and other rivers. The catch could easily wipe out a whole race of salmon from a particular river.

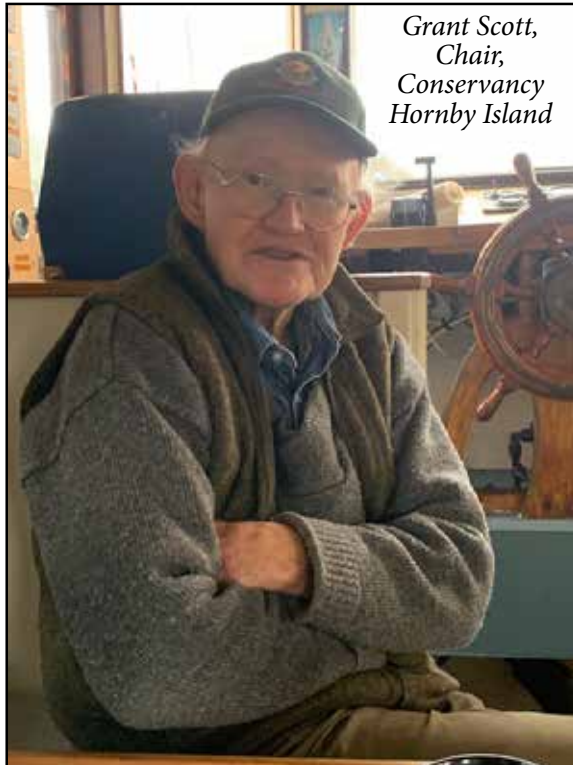
The same is true of herring, pouring into the Denman/Hornby run. This means that the resident herring populations, who hang around the Salish the rest of the year, could be severely compromised, removing them from the food chain. The run is now compressed, where herring used to come in waves, instead of over a couple of days as they do now. Were these waves different resident populations? Nobody knows. According to Grant Scott, the DFO is doing a study of this question off the West Coast of the island, but it will be five years or so before they get to Hornby/Denman.

A recovery program would look not just at reducing the harvest but also enhancing the environment. That's going to be a big problem in Baynes Sound where a member of DFO's Pelagics staff acknowledges the herring have not spawned as they used to (with records going back to 1928) in the past twelve years. This staff member thought the impacts of the shellfish industry on herring spawning habitat should be researched.

A recent DFO ecological assessment of the carrying capacity of Baynes Sound in terms of food (plankton) for shellfish, mapped every area from Deep Bay up to the end of Baynes Sound. It looked at the impacts of the current number of active leases, then the full activation of all existing leases, and finally, expansion into future leases, which would total a 63% increase in cultivated stock.

Even though the study says "ecological carrying capacity", there is no mention of the food needs of any species other than shellfish. It concludes that even with a 63% expansion of stock the shellfish will be fine, but doesn't present any specific information about the competing food demands of other species, especially the

TIDE TABLE		
• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •		
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2022-03-10 (Thu)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
00:40	4	13.1
04:56	3.7	12.1
09:09	4	13.1
17:34	1.7	5.6
2022-03-11 (Fri)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
02:12	4.1	13.5
07:19	3.8	12.5
09:17	3.9	12.8
18:37	1.7	5.6
2022-03-12 (Sat)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
03:15	4.3	14.1
19:42	1.7	5.6
2022-03-13 (Sun)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
03:56	4.4	14.4
10:07	3.6	11.8
12:47	3.6	11.8
20:40	1.5	4.9
2022-03-14 (Mon)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
04:27	4.4	14.4
10:20	3.4	11.2
14:15	3.7	12.1
21:29	1.4	4.6
2022-03-15 (Tue)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
04:55	4.5	14.8
10:41	3.2	10.5
15:14	3.9	12.8
22:12	1.3	4.3
2022-03-16 (Wed)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
05:20	4.5	14.8
11:06	3	9.8
16:05	4.1	13.5
22:51	1.3	4.3
2022-03-17 (Thu)		
Time PST (m)		(ft)
05:44	4.6	15.1
11:36	2.7	8.9
16:54	4.2	13.8
23:28	1.4	4.6



Grant Scott,
Chair,
Conservancy
Hornby Island



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An Unpainted Portrait: The End of the Beginning

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons

one Wednesday shortly before Christmas 1984 when I found myself about to head out into the world as a fully operational 'Bobby'. I collected my radio and gathered my bits and pieces, stuffing my tunic pockets with everything that I thought I might need. I'd like to tell you that a serene calm fell upon me, and a strange, warm confidence flowed through me. However, I can't. As I strode for the first time onto the public highway as an independent officer, I was trembling with nerves, acutely aware that everyone out there expected me to be able to deal with – quite literally – anything that came my way.

In the weeks to come, I would look back upon my time spent with Dan my work tutor/mentor, and as the usual pressures of a real police officer's job began to build, I'd repeatedly wonder just what the hell he had been thinking during all that time we'd spent together. I wasn't ready, and I knew it. Some of the blame fell upon my own shoulders, of course, but the truth was that it had become more and more clear that Dan had never had his heart in his role. Slowly – too slowly – it dawned upon me that we had only done pretty much one of everything, and not much more than that – other than taking crime reports, which was an endless and mind-numbing task. As I headed timorously out along Duke's Avenue into the city centre for the first of hundreds of times, I began to feel terribly unprepared to deal with the dramas that could assail me. What made it worse was that I knew that on this point – if hardly any others – I was probably correct.

The first one hundred yards of my life as an independent patrolling, protecting-life-and-property 'Bobby' went swimmingly. I made my way towards the general hubbub without interruption. The sun was warm on my back, and underlying even my rising apprehension was the excitement of all the effort that had been leading up to this moment. I wondered if my peers – in theory, all facing the same moment in different parts of the country – all felt the same level of trepidation. I was concentrating upon establishing a measured, dignified pace and trying to project an air of competence when to my abject horror, a member of the public approached me. Shit.

It began like some kind of theatrical sketch. A woman – approximately forty years old and heavily loaded with multiple plastic carrier bags – rushed up to me, actually shouting "Officer! OFFICER!" I glanced around quickly, but no movie cameras or sound engineers were visible. It crossed my mind that this was one of the fabled set-ups, where the new constable is sent to deal with a farcical situation and is doomed to abject humiliation no matter what choices he or she makes. Alas, no, it was real. "My car's been stolen!" she wailed, pawing at me as if asking for a reassuring hug. Since I was feeling a little emotional myself at the time, I wrapped my arms around her. Right there on the street, we held one another for a few moments, crying softly; she into my tunic, me into her scented hair.

Actually, that didn't really happen. However, trust me, I wanted it to. Instead, I nervously removed my notebook from my tunic pocket – discovering as I did so that a tunic breast pocket button is nigh on impossible to undo with trembly fingers – and began to take down some details. Thank goodness; the very first thing for me to deal with (even if through the medium of an unnecessarily melodramatic complainant) turned out to be the only thing I was used to doing: taking a crime report. With my heart hammering away somewhere immediately under my lower jaw, I took the details that I needed then circulated the vehicle as missing on my radio. I did my utmost to reassure the lady – less than truthfully, I must say – that the full might of the Crumbleshire Constabulary would instantly be engaged in locating the vehicle. We would, I said somewhat optimistically, bringing the rascally thief to justice. Before doubts could begin to form in her mind, I helped arrange – in the days long before mobile phones – a means of her transporting some of the city's finest merchandise back to her home. It was my very first bit of independent 'Bobbying'. It was simple, innocuous and routine as far as these things can

ever be when dealing with one of the many millions of variants of the human species, but it was my very first 'job' on my own with nobody to jump in when I made a mess of it. The universe had been gentle with me, after all.

It wouldn't last. Life would not be that simple for very much longer. For example, a short time later I would have a nightmare file land in my lap: five juvenile shoplifters having been caught near the end of a dozen-store theft spree, laden with stolen goods. The 'best' part was that they were all Italian and on a school-arranged trip to England. That one file took up a full shift and several hours of overtime. For someone who hated more than anything else to be embarrassed, not knowing what I was doing (and quite obviously not knowing what I was doing) was a drawn-out form of torture. That was the hand that I'd been dealt, however, and although I didn't know it at the time, I was far from alone in that predicament. Many of us – usually, it seems, those of us who needed the most help – were given a thoroughly shitty start to our careers, courtesy of more experienced officers without the professionalism to do their job properly. It's a failure that I find difficult to forgive, even now.

Ahead of me – and I'm grateful now that I didn't have the gift of prescience – lay two probationary years of hard struggle. Included in that was the emotional impact of the malicious attentions of a deeply unpleasant bullying supervisor. Various factors would combine to play fast and loose with my mental health. All of this I would keep from even my closest friends and loved ones as I fought intense feelings of inadequacy and shame at the same time agonizing over my future. In my very darkest moments, I wondered whether I had a future of any kind. Cops are human beings, after all.

Fortunately, such experiences were in my unknowable future as, with immense relief, I strolled away from where I had deposited the grateful lady and her shopping into her sister's car. That first interaction was a tiny victory, but it felt good. I'd helped someone, which was my main motivation for doing the job. I basked in the feeling (an illusion, perhaps?) that at least as far as that lady was concerned, I was the real thing.



...continued from P.3 newly hatched herring. “Since Baynes Sound is a rearing ground for herring, this is unacceptable” concludes Dorrie Woodward of ADIMS, “it’s just another example of a gateway study for the expansion of the shellfish industry.”

Already there are signs that the Baynes Sound marine ecosystem is degrading. The waters are becoming more acidic and warmer, which depletes oxygen. Warmer waters also encourage the growth of an endemic bacteria, *Vibrio*, which can be lethal to oysters already environmentally stressed. Shellfish leases tend to cluster in the most sheltered areas, in Deep Bay and Fanny Bay which are also rearing grounds for salmon smolts and herring hatchlings. As stated by DFO Shellfish Management staff, between 50 to 90% of oysters die every year from a condition known broadly as oyster mortality syndrome which affects oysters as they grow to harvestable age. The dead and dying oysters are left to rot in the intertidal areas and no one knows how this affects the marine ecosystem, let alone the young salmon or herring.

The proposed expansion of cultivated geoducks is another factor that may affect herring recovery in Baynes Sound and Lambert Channel. A large seafood company is looking at planting geoducks over a large area off the Northeast end of Denman island, which, according to DFO, is amongst the top 5 percent most productive herring spawning grounds on our coast. Although DFO studies seem to demonstrate that no harm will come to these herring spawning grounds, in fact the actual installation of geoduck cultivation would last far longer, cover a much greater area, and be done with greater intensity than these studies portray. In reality, the herring spawning grounds would not be able to recover before the next round of disturbances, and so they would gradually degrade, threatening the well being of this herring population. “Again,” Dorrie Woodward says “it’s another example of DFO doing gateway science to rationalize expanding the shellfish industry – even at the expense of another species”.

One thing is clear. It took thirty years for the herring to return to Powell River after they were fished out. A recovery program will be a long process and there is still too much we do not know. The indigenous harvesters did not have modern science, but they clearly understood one thing: that of care and cultivation of herring, there be no end. 🍷

Phoenix Riting! ***A Hornby Perspective***

By Phoenix Bee

IT’S holiday time on Hornby for Mother Nature. The annual herring spawn brings out the party animals, sea lions, seals, eagles, sea birds and humans. This year we may see fewer fishboats, though not none (none would be great). By all accounts, this is one of the most abundant spawns in years. So many species depend on this tiny silver fish for their survival, wouldn’t it be wonderful if we humans could enjoy the spectacle without hornning in on the fun? So many tonnes of tiny fish are taken by fishboats to be sold, without a trace of irony, for fish farm food.

The snake is eating its own tail. Fish farms are themselves an abomination, but to take wild fish from the sea (a foundational species on the verge of collapse, no less) to feed farmed fish, contributing to all the problems caused by that toxic model, is just bizarro-world. Do we ever learn? Individuals can clearly see the issues, but institutions are very slow to catch up. The momentum we have built up, of ‘progress at all costs,’ seems unstoppable.

I have come to believe that the best and quickest solution to our environmental woes is to throw up our hands, admit we don’t have a clue what we’re doing, and hand control of the continent to the first nations, who have accrued thousands of years’ wisdom and experience living in harmony with nature and each other. A couple years ago, I was privileged to watch a native fish boat collecting roe by tossing cedar boughs into the water, to return later to collect them, laden with roe. Beautiful. The old methods are small and sustainable. Hands in the water, hands in the earth, so our organism can settle and breathe, opening cells, hearts and minds to the pure splendor of nature all around us and within us.

Instead, to modern eyes our one planet shrinks smaller and smaller as we puff up ever bigger and badder, our footprints swollen to the size of giant world spanning robots. Does anybody still believe this is okay? Fine? Nothing to see here?

Sigh. Never mind. Let’s go down to the water and revel in the blessing of the sperm and the egg, rejoice in the sparkling turquoise waters. May we blend our bodies into our surroundings, dance the dance of sea lion and eagle, and join in the ancient ritual of spring from time immemorial here in the Salish Sea. All nature knows the secret of harmony and balance.

We have so much to learn, starting with how we got so far off track from our place in the order of things. Surely it is not in our or the planet’s best evolutionary interest that we burn through all the fuel, dig up all the minerals, build upon all the soil and treat each other and the natural world as things, products, resources. To what end? Mutually assured destruction?

The herring spawn stirs deep emotion, a poignant longing for how easily we might have avoided the path we started down so long ago. Our ancestors could have learned from the first nations and joined with them, to live in a good way with integrity and peaceful spirit instead of what did happen. Now that we are in the soup, must we give up and cook or is it too late to abandon the pot and live on the ground? Can we stop the train before it crashes? I know, I am mixing metaphors. Who is in charge here? Soup or train, it’s not good.

Some things are worth celebrating for no cause other than beauty. We need to reclaim awe and

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...continued from P.5 blessing, honouring the sacred cycles of nature. Our self-image as humans is artificially inflated. We belong on the same ground as other life forms, all equal parts of the same interdependent systems, and we need one another. I pray we may drop the controls and learn from our mistakes. Let the sea lions and salmon have the herring, they've earned them. Glory be to the grand cycles and to the spirit underlying and interconnecting us all.

What do you think? Please send feedback, comments, interview requests et al to phoenixhornby@gmail.com. I'll see you at the beach. 🍷

Green Wizardries: Compost is King

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

I am sure you all know there is a war in Europe, considerable trouble in the world of international banking, astronomically huge government debts all over the world some very disturbing political events here at home in Canada. 2022 is shaping up to be a perfect shit storm of a year.

There is so much of interest to write about but I think we need to get to the heart of the matter: fertilizer.

I want to talk about fertilizer because I believe it is something that will affect every person in the world by this year's end. So lets talk about how it is made. Synthetic nitrogen fertilizer is made using natural gas as a feed stock. Earlier last winter, a lot of fertilizer plants were forced to stop production due to the high cost of natural gas. Russia's sales of natural gas to Western Europe, and the United States are subject to sanctions. This means that, globally, the cost of natural gas is going even higher.

I have read that the Russian Government asked fertilizer manufacturers in Russia to suspend all shipments of fertilizer out of Russia. My assumption is that the Russian companies will comply.

Almost all food in conventional (industrial) agriculture is produced with synthetic fertilizers. So, if the cost of fertilizer is up, conventional farmers will have no choice but to produce less and/or charge more. There is only so much that people will pay for food or heat or transportation before they have to reduce their consumption because they have run out of money. This is called demand destruction.

I do not pretend to know when, or if, we face a crisis of food shortages but I am damned sure that food is going to get more expensive. Most of British Columbia's food is farmed or ranched far from our province. This makes us kind of vulnerable not only in the matter of food but also in livestock feed.

Just because we have been able to drive to the grocery store all our lives and buy stale vegetables and meat, eggs and milk products, from sickly animals that are raised in horrific conditions on factory farms, is no guarantee that this state of affairs will continue.

So, lets talk about compost! Composting is a way of saving nitrogen and other nutrients and creating a soil conditioner that will slowly release nutrients into the soil over a course of many years. This is why gardens fertilized with compost carry on getting more and more fertile over the years.

MURPHY'S LAW states that, "What can go wrong, will go wrong and it will go wrong at the worst possible moment."



To make good compost you need sufficient quantities of carbon such as maple leaves, spoiled hay, or in a desperate pinch, fine bark mulch. You will also need a lot of nitrogenous materials such as green weeds, food scraps, horse manure, donkey poop, blood meal, fish meal or chicken bedding. Rabbit, llama and sheep manure is also great. Dog and cat manure is of no use whatsoever.

So, you need to gather a large heap of carbon; think of it as the Browns. Get a great heap of it together so you can make a lot of compost at once. Being in a large pile helps the compost heat up enough to digest quickly and to cook any weed seeds. Do the same with your nitrogenous material which you can think of as the Greens.

You can have a compost heap with no fence around it. You can make a great circle of chicken wire and fill it with your compost. I like to make a square bin with four wooden pallets held together with a few twists of heavy wire. This makes it easy to separate the pallets when I have to dig the compost out.

Whatever sort of compost pile you are making, start with a layer of carbon about six inches deep. On top of that, heap six inches of nitrogenous material. Water that in until both layers are quite damp. Do this again and again until you run out of materiel. You must water each layer as you build the pile because water will not trickle through the heap, no matter how hard it rains. Ideally, the compost should be as wet as a wrung-out sponge. This is going to take a lot more water than you might think but the bacteria that do aerobic decomposition need both air and water to to do their job.

If your compost does not heat up after you have given it sufficient water, it lacks nitrogen. A ready source of liquid nitrogen that also contains useful traces of phosphorus is human urine. It is

sterile, or nearly so, having come straight out of the kidneys.

Linda Gilkeson, the PhD Entomologist and garden writer, once said at a lecture that if something goes wrong and we can't get fertilizer and need to grow our own food, we can still manage to feed ourselves using our own urine as long as we can also get some leaves for mulch.

Some of the best gardeners on our islands have been using human urine in their gardens for over thirty years. If you don't want to use urine directly on the garden, it still makes an excellent addition to heat up a compost pile.

If your compost stinks and attracts flies, it has too much nitrogen and you need to add more carbon. It really is as simple as that.

I hope everyone will try to grow some potatoes this year. Now is a good time to put some seed potatoes in a seed tray and leave them in a bright window to chit. That is, to develop their sprouts. This speeds the time from planting to harvest by a couple of weeks. The potatoes can be planted by the last week of March.

I am planning on planting a large bed of potatoes this spring because they are very nutritious for humans if they are cooked with their skins on. I have been adding cooked potatoes to the hens' hot breakfast and find the hens do very well on this ration. Potatoes can also be fed raw to sheep, cows and rabbits. So, potatoes are a very useful crop and one that benefits from a thick dressing of finished compost. We can't do much about war in Europe or a banking crisis but we can at least cultivate our own gardens. 🍷

Reducing Fire Risk in Helliwell

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Chris Junck

A local Hornby Island company was hired to remove dead and dying shore pine along the coastline trail east towards St. John's Point – the first phase of a multi-year project for fuel management and ecological restoration in Helliwell Park.

Historically, First Nations used fire as a management tool to maintain important plants and other species associated with open Garry oak woodlands and coastal meadows. After decades of fire suppression in the area, the fuel hazard has increased within the park.

The project will focus on high wildfire risk areas as well as on high priority ecological restoration areas. It will also benefit Helliwell's Garry oak ecosystem and associated species such as endangered Taylor's checkerspot butterflies.

The main components of this work include:

- Reducing fine fuels and ladder fuels, while enhancing ecological values.
- Selective, multi-year manual thinning and limbing of dead and dying shore pine.
- Leaving unique and iconic trees such as Garry oak, juniper and arbutus undisturbed.
- Using on-site pile burning to dispose of finer debris that cannot be scattered as coarse woody debris along the coastal bluff trail area.
- Ongoing management of invasive species throughout the park and planting and seeding burn piles and other areas of the coastal bluff area that require restoration with native species.

BC Parks met with community members to discuss this work. Residents provided a list of locations within Helliwell that are significant for the community, and flagged these areas to prevent unintentional damage during the project.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team and BC Parks thank the Cowichan Tribes, Halalt, Homalco, Kōmoks, Lake Cowichan, Lyackson, Penelakut, Qualicum, Snaw'Naw'As, Stz'uminus, Tla'amin, We Wai Kai, and We Wai Kum First Nations for allowing us to restore ecosystems in their traditional territories. Thanks to Ilze Raudzins, Tina Wai, Neil Wilson, Rebecca Benjamin-Carey, and Serena Laskin for their insightful comments and questions about the

SOME winter visitors to Helliwell may have wondered why they heard chainsaws in the provincial park.

fuel management project during our community information session.

To find out more about fuel management or other aspects of the Helliwell Provincial Park Ecosystem Based Plan, visit <https://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/acat/public/viewReport.do?reportId=17734>

Background Information

Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly (Euphydryas editha taylori)

Also known as Edith's Checkerspot.

Historical range was Hornby Island, southeastern Vancouver Island, Puget Trough and to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In BC, they were once abundant at 10 sites in the Greater Victoria Area, one site each near Mill Bay and Comox, and sites on Hornby Island (including Helliwell Provincial Park).

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

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

Taylor's Checkerspot butterflies need open sunny meadows where they can find suitable host plants (food for larvae and nectar producing flowers for adults), such as Woolly Sunflower,

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...continued from P.7 Common Camas, Small-flowered Blue-eyed Mary, Wild Strawberry, Sea Blush, and Yarrow. Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation are major factors in the species' decline. For example, the meadows along the coastal bluffs in Helliwell Provincial Park became less suitable for butterflies due to invasions of non-native plants and encroaching forests. Habitat enhancement work (weeding, selective limbing +/- removal of conifers, re-planting and seeding with native species) has been ongoing in Helliwell Provincial Park for several years. The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project is led by the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and is guided by the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team's Invertebrates at Risk Recovery Implementation Group. It is a collaborative effort to restore Taylor's Checkerspot populations in British Columbia through habitat enhancement, captive butterfly rearing and release, monitoring, public outreach, and other activities.

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For more information about the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project, visit: <https://goert.ca/activities/taylors-checkerspot/>
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* More photos available by request 🍷



Jed Young and co-worker with Pacific Arbor Care burned dead trees and limbs that were removed to reduce the wildfire hazard in Helliwell Park. Photo by Erica McClaren



Burn piles and other areas of the coastal bluff area that require restoration are planted and seeded with native species such as sea blush, small-flowered blue-eyed Mary, blue wildrye, California brome, field chickweed, yarrow, Roemer's fescue, and woolly sunflower. Photos by James Miskelly (left) and Kristen Miskelly (right).



Sea blush (left) and small-flowered blue-eyed Mary (right). Photos by Chris Junck



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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee wants your feedback to help guide the Farming Regulations Review Project.

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It will remain open until April 15, 2022.

Questions? Email northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca or phone 250-247-2063



Musica Intima

MUSIC

By Anthony Gregson

MUSICA INTIMA is a Vancouver ensemble of professionally trained singers. Now in their thirtieth year, Intima started commissioning works by contemporary international and Canadian, including West Coast composers, about twenty years ago. By now they must have a unique repertoire of respectable size. There was no discussion of how they choose their composers or what they are looking for but their selections ranged widely, from a beautiful setting of a Cree lullaby, all the way to settings of poems by BC writers Colin Brown and Lorna Crozier, a lively stomping number from Iceland about death, Estonian pieces about lost peoples, culminating in an arrangement of Cindy Lauper's True Colours, and a rousing piece about teenagers and Covid. The programme had



freshness, truly a tour of contemporary issues and feeling. They were highly skilled and integrated, with a pure tone and lots of intricate shifts and layerings, but not to the point crystalline clarity, where precision becomes an aesthetic end in itself. Given the range and challenges of new repertoire, there has to be flexibility.

The choristers performed with masks, which one of their number told me required some getting used to, because it was harder to hear your own voice. The same

might be said for the audience. "It's wonderful to see so many welcoming . . . eyes," said Steve, to laughter, when he stepped forward to introduce a piece. Choral music isn't easy to dramatize in performance, but Intima created a sense of personal involvement by having different members of the ensemble come forward to introduce a work, as if it was their favorite. You could also see that everyone was unhesitant with their individual response to the music as they sang.

Asked by a member of the choral ensemble what I liked about their programme, I was somewhat arch. "It's not about me," I said. "It's about the music." But I meant what I said. Commissioning new works would be pointless if you were only trying to please, especially when it comes to classical music (though that term is rather awash nowadays with the blurring of genres). The first rule is to respect the composer and the integrity of their work. The second is to accept change or at least, try to see the value. After all, there is a pure musicality in what they do, looking for new sounds.

Introducing the concert, Concerts Denman Robert Newton noted that audience numbers are creeping up as we start to recover from Covid and gain back our confidence. His mention of plans for more theater at the Community Hall will be very welcome indeed. 🍷

Letters to the Editor *TRUDEAU IS VIOLATING OUR CONSTITUTION'*

Brian Peckford is the last surviving father of the Canadian Constitution. In this video he speaks to the fact our Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms is being abused and violated by government under guise of a pandemic. The Constitution is supreme above all law in Canada yet instead of holding that line, most take their freedom for granted. As Canadians, we are under no obligation or requirement to obey any government official acting outside of our Constitution.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpbuACXk-hE>

Vanda Wood 🍷

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mister Fraser and Mister Rankin,

I want to thank you for your very polite letters and compliments. I hope your letters will serve as a template for future letters to the Editor in their civility.

Mr. Rankin, you make me blush by saying George Orwell would appreciate my writing style. To my mind, George Orwell was the most seamlessly-perfect master of English prose in his century.

You say you do not always agree with the points I make and I would suggest it would be a strange world if we were all alike.

What is the point of discourse if not to learn from each other and to test the validity of our assumptions on a critical audience?

I do hope you will consider putting your mechanical talents to work for the good of our community. Your skills in fixing machines are very much needed to prevent waste of materials and money. I hope you will open a little business, even if only for your friends, to fix mechanical devices.

Dear Stirling,

I am so sorry to be the bearer of bad news. Our Constitution has been set aside these two years of the Covid 19 flap. I know you have studied Constitutional Law but the Honorable A. Brian Peckford, former Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, was one of the First Ministers who wrote the Constitution so I think he may know a little bit more about it than you do.

He helped craft sections 2, 6, 7 and 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms dealing with our constitutional rights to freedom of association, movement all through Canada, to leave and reenter Canada, freedom of conscience, freedom of religion, the right to life, liberty and the security of the person, equality before the law, freedom of assembly, the right to peaceful protest and freedom of expression.

All these rights have been summarily trampled on by Canadian governments at all levels. Have you not noticed Churches being shut down while casinos have been allowed to remain open? Pastors being arrested by goons and held in solitary confinement for holding church services that are their right and duty to hold under the freedom of religion clause?

Have you really not noticed the provincial authorities saying who and how many people you can have in your own house? Have you been napping while Canadian governments at all levels have used coercion to force people to take an experimental gene therapy even though if the people are injured or killed by the injection, they have no right to sue the pharmaceutical company who prepared the gene therapy? My list of abuses is by no means exhaustive.

Section One of the Canadian Constitution allows for the Government to override these Charter Freedoms, "in times of peril, time of war, in times of insurrection, when the existence of the State is in peril." What Mr. Peckford and the other First Ministers who wrote the Constitution did not include in Section One was the existence of a virus with a greater than 99% recovery rate. If you think about this deeply, I feel sure you will conclude that such a virus is not an existential threat to the State.

The legal tests to ensure the Government had the right to suspend the Constitution were never carried out. Mr. Peckford feels the Canadian Government, under Justin Trudeau has overreached their authority and I am sure he is not alone in his thinking. Mr. Peckford and his legal team, the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedom, (you may be sure they have also studied Canadian Constitutional Law) have launched a court case against the Federal Government in January 2022. If you have not heard about this before now, that is because our corrupt main-stream media refused to cover this story and why would they when Justin Trudeau is so lavish to them with his gifts of taxpayer money to buy the loyalty of journalists and news broadcasters across Canada?

If you would like to hear Mr. Peckford, I suggest you listen to Jordan Peterson's podcast with Mr. Peckford from January 26, 2022. I am, of course, gratified that you enjoyed the peaches.

I remain, Sir, your humble and obedient servant.

Maxine Rogers 🍷

Provincial Government "Missing in Action" as Islands Trust Founders

OPINION

By Frants Attorp

Submitted by Margie Gang

• OP March 2 - saltspingexchange.com

ONE year and \$75,000 after commissioning an independent review of its own performance, the Islands Trust, the governing body charged with "preserving and protecting" the Gulf Islands, has received a devastating report card.

The bad news is summed up on the first page: "Current *continued on P.12...*

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

2022 Community Project Grant Applications

Denman Works! invites all non-profit organizations to apply for a Community Project Grant to assist with financing their proposed projects and ongoing plans.

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Hard copy applications can be picked up and dropped off at Abraxas Free Post under Denman Works

For more information, contact Tony Gregson, Chair, Denman Works
778-838-7110 or email
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...continued from P.11 Trust Council practices do not meet the requirements set by good governance principles.”

Created by special legislation in 1974 in response to “unprecedented pressure for residential development”, the Islands Trust received passing grades in only four of thirteen subcategories.

The most serious indictment is that Trust Council, the political body of the Islands Trust, cannot agree on its role: There are “persistent divisions around the meaning of the Preserve and Protect Object, and the measures necessary to uphold it”.

Equally damning is the observation that the Trust has no idea about the sustainability of existing development, let alone what has yet to come: “There is no comprehensive analysis of the Trust Area’s capacity to sustain current population and activity, or its ability to accommodate more growth and development, especially in light of climate change and other considerations. The absence of an overarching vision for the Trust Area as a whole, setting out limits to growth, measures for protection of the environment, and sustainable strategies for development must be addressed.”

The report points to many other failings such as “trustees who don’t understand their collective and individual responsibilities”; “conflict of interest”; “rubber stamping of important decisions”; “disregard of policies on a regular basis”, and poor enforcement practices. Additionally, there is insufficient representation on Trust Council of provincial and First Nations interests.

Fixing the myriad problems requires a major revamp. For example, a “corporate secretary” should be hired “to ensure the framework by which the organization’s governing body fulfills its duties and responsibilities is upheld and operates efficiently.” At the island level, official community plans must be updated “as soon as possible”.

But “the first challenge that confronts the Trust is to agree on how to interpret the Preserve and Protect Object”. Elected trustees have to decide “if the Trust is an environmental steward with land use regulatory powers, or a land use regulator with a particular concern for environmental stewardship.” This is not just semantics, as one allows for much more development than the other.

There is much to consider: “The extent and means by which growth should be limited...are all part of an increasingly fraught debate as complex environmental concerns grow, property prices sharply rise, and shortages of water, labour, housing, and, in some areas, land itself becomes acute. As the population grows, evolves, and ages, service needs change and increase, adding to citizen pressure on the Trust.”

Meanwhile, the provincial government, which has ultimate responsibility for oversight, is missing in action: “The absence of any instructions to the Trust by the BC government on this subject, coupled with government officials’ decision not to participate in this review, may suggest the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

has no appetite to take on questions regarding the Islands Trust mandate and its future. The Islands Trust seems to be missing a champion within the provincial government.”

Unfortunately, there is a gaping hole in the report. Since the review explicitly excluded the Islands Trust Act, the deficiencies of the original legislation are not examined. Yet it is the wording of the Act, and specifically the mandate to protect the islands’ “unique amenities and environment” that is now being hotly debated as a new Policy Statement is drafted.

Those who support broader development are claiming “unique amenities” can mean anything that contributes to healthy communities, including, but not limited to, housing and transportation. The more conservation-minded have a more restrictive interpretation, and point out there is nothing “unique” about shops, roads, ferries, and such.

Despite the report’s emphasis on building consensus, it is doubtful the current crisis in the Islands Trust can be resolved without provincial intervention. The original legislation needs to be revisited to remove the ambiguities that have given rise to prolonged in-fighting and rendered the Islands Trust dysfunctional. Only the provincial government can reword the legislation to ensure the original intent of the Islands Trust—to limit development on the Gulf Islands—is not subverted as humans continue to assert their dominance throughout the region.

The report will be discussed by Trust Council at its quarterly meeting on March 8. 🍷

Ecojustice to Challenge Road Closures

By ecojustice.ca

Submitted by [Eartha Muirhead](http://EarthaMuirhead.com)

OPINION

• OP March 1 - ecojustice.ca

REPRESENTING Dr. Royann Petrell, Ecojustice is going to court to challenge at least eight road closures granted by the B.C. Ministry of Forests throughout Tree Farm Licence 46 (TFL 46) – an area that includes the injunction enforcement area established by the B.C. Supreme Court against blockades in the vicinity of Fairy Creek. Dr. Royann Petrell, Associate Professor Emerita at the University of British Columbia, is an esteemed scientist whose work has detected the Western Screech

Owl and the Marbled Murrelet in TFL 46 – both listed as threatened under the federal Species at Risk Act. Her Western Screech Owl detections prompted the B.C. government to send officials into the area to verify findings.



Due to road closures blocking access to TFL 46 since June 2021, Dr. Petrell and other citizen-scientists have been prevented from accessing areas rich in old-growth forests and biodiversity and have been unable to effectively carry out their work of documenting threatened species in the area. After receiving approval to close the roads, Teal Cedar Products Ltd., the company involved in logging in TFL 46, installed gates and hired a private security firm to operate them. The ability of citizen-scientists monitoring, studying, and protecting birds and other species to access the area has been significantly impeded. By closing access to

roads that have been used regularly by the public, Teal Cedar has effectively turned wide swathes of public lands into private property.

Under Bill 23, B.C.'s new Ministry of Forests has the authority to close or restrict the usage of roads if property, public health, or public safety might be endangered. However, the ministry granted many of Teal Cedar's requests to restrict public access for the purpose of "protecting logging operations". Dr. Petrell's work is scientific in nature, and in no way inhibits logging operations. Further, the ministry did not include any conditions in its approvals requiring Teal Cedar to maintain reasonable public access.

The current injunction against those protesting logging at Fairy Creek applies to those involved in the blockade, and the court has made a clear distinction between protestors and those going about their everyday business. Dr. Petrell is not directly involved in blockades surrounding the logging at Fairy Creek and must not be denied access to the area.

"By permitting blanket road closures, the B.C. government is effectively putting the interests of resource development and extraction companies before the rights of local people and communities to access public lands. "At a time of a biodiversity crisis, we need scientists like Dr. Petrell to be able carry out their important work of mapping species unimpeded. Logging companies shouldn't be able to stand in their way." Rachel Gutman, Ecojustice lawyer.

"The B.C. government doesn't generally know where endangered birds and other wildlife are located. Citizen-scientists like me are trying to fill that gap before the province's few remaining areas of old-growth forest are logged. The gates in TFL 46 prevent citizen scientists from identifying and protecting at-risk species in areas where logging is imminent and prevent us from doing what the B.C. government should have done years ago, before it approved logging in those areas." Royann Petrell.

We are grateful that Ecojustice has helped the Fairy Creek blockade in many ways, using legal power to defend nature, combat climate change, and fight for a healthy environment. Their strategic, public interest lawsuits and advocacy lead to precedent-setting court decisions and law and policy that deliver lasting solutions to Canada's most urgent environmental problems. As Canada's largest environmental law charity, Ecojustice operates offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, and Halifax. 🍇

Islands Trust is Inviting Community to Share Their Views

PRESS RELEASE

By Islands Trust

on proposed draft Policy Statement changes Between February 25 and April 17, 2022, Islands Trust is hosting 24 in-person engagement opportunities throughout the Trust Area.

LĀK'WĀDĀN, METULIYE/VICTORIA, B.C. – Islands Trust is inviting everyone interested in the Trust Area to share their feedback on the proposed draft updates to the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

As part of the third phase of engagement, ISL Engineering, hired by Islands Trust, will be hosting 24 in-person public engagement events and two online virtual events to share project information and offer opportunities for community members to provide input. In an effort to hear from as many people as possible,

there will be events throughout the Trust Area, in addition to an online survey.

Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project engagement dates, times and locations

Virtual Community Workshop

- Part 1: Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Part 2: Tuesday, March 29*, 2022, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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*Please note: the initial dates of March 15 & 22 have been changed to March 22 & 29.

Denman Island in-person events

- Friday, March 18, 2022 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Event booth in “downtown” Denman
- Saturday, March 19, 2022 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Drop-in Event at Denman Island Community Hall

Hornby Island in-person events

- Friday, March 18, 2022 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Drop-in Event at Hornby Island Community Hall
- Saturday March 19, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Event booth outside Co-op Grocery Store

“Islands Trust is encouraging everyone interested in the project to participate in one of the many engagement opportunities,” said Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair. “We are looking forward to hearing people’s views.”

Project information is available on the Islands Trust’s Islands 2050 webpage, including a project video and multiple fact sheets. A recording of the March 1, 2021 Virtual Question and Answer session, which included an overview

of the draft proposed changes to the Policy Statement, will be posted to the webpage along with answers to questions that didn’t get answered during the virtual event.

About the Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project The Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project is designed to help Trust Council plan for the challenges and opportunities that the Islands Trust Area will face over the next 30 years. The Policy Statement shapes land and marine use planning across the Trust Area, but the current version hasn’t been meaningfully updated since 1994, and a lot has changed since then. Trust Council is now seeking to update the document to better address its commitments to reconciliation, climate change, and affordable housing with your help.



Ukraine: After the Pause

OPINION

By Gwynne Dyer
• OP March 9, 2022

Two weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine, and still no ‘decapitation’ of the Ukrainian government, no city captured except

Kherson (which no non-Ukrainian had ever heard of before the war), and maybe 2,000 military dead on each side.

It’s not exactly a stalemate, since the Russians have more tanks, more artillery and more air power, and they have not yet used them as aggressively as they might. So we can use this (relative) pause in the fighting to examine Moscow’s remaining options.

The Ukrainians have no option except to stay on the defensive, keep fighting and hope for the best, but the Russians have a plethora of choices ranging from ‘quit and go home’ to ‘use nuclear weapons’. Neither of those extremes is a likely choice, but with a little work we can figure out what they will probably choose to do.

What the Russians have done up to now is contrary to their own military doctrines. Indeed, it was probably imposed on the military by President Vladimir Putin, because it was based on magical thinking.

Standard Russian doctrine for attacking a country the size of Ukraine would require a methodical advance, with massive artillery and air strikes paving the way and logistical support following close behind. Instead, they sent tanks and motorised infantry on cross-country dashes to grab key targets with only the food and ammunition they could carry.



It would have worked if most Ukrainians had really been praying for Russia to liberate them from the drug-addled Jewish Nazi gangsters who Putin said ruled their country, but it's unwise to believe your own propaganda. The Ukrainians resisted and the Russian armoured columns stalled. By Day Five Russian troops were buying or stealing food from the locals.

The sixty-km.-long military convoy that has been stuck on the road north of Kiev for a week could serve as a logo for the whole misbegotten operation. Now there is a pause while scapegoats are found (because Putin must not be blamed) and new plans are being made (perhaps by new commanders). But there will be a second phase.

It will probably be 'by the book', which means that the defenders will be crushed by massive firepower in order to spare the lives of Russian troops.

So far only Kharkiv and Mariupol have had the full treatment, with only occasional rockets hitting other big cities. This is probably because Putin thought he could win without destroying iconic cities like Kyiv and Odessa and killing tens of thousands of people. Even the man who levelled Grozny and Aleppo understands that too much blood is bad PR.

That possibility no longer exists (indeed, it probably never did), so now his choices are retreat or mass slaughter. Since retreat would probably mean he also loses power – 'he led us into a needless war, he brought shame and humiliation on us, and he lost the war' – Putin will see that as no choice at all, so the mass slaughter will probably commence.

Beyond this, the questions multiply. How long will the sieges last? When will the guerilla war against the Russian occupation start? Will the Ukrainian government retreat to Lviv? Will Russia invade western Ukraine too? Nobody knows the answers, but my guesses would respectively be a) weeks; b) months; c) yes; and d) yes.

Here's a more fundamental question: could all this have been avoided by some different choice in the past?

Not by refusing to let the formerly Communist-ruled countries of eastern Europe join NATO. Having suffered under Russian overlords for forty-five years after the Second World War, and in some cases having been invaded to bring them back into line – Hungary 1956, Czechoslovakia 1967 – they desperately wanted the protection of Nato membership.

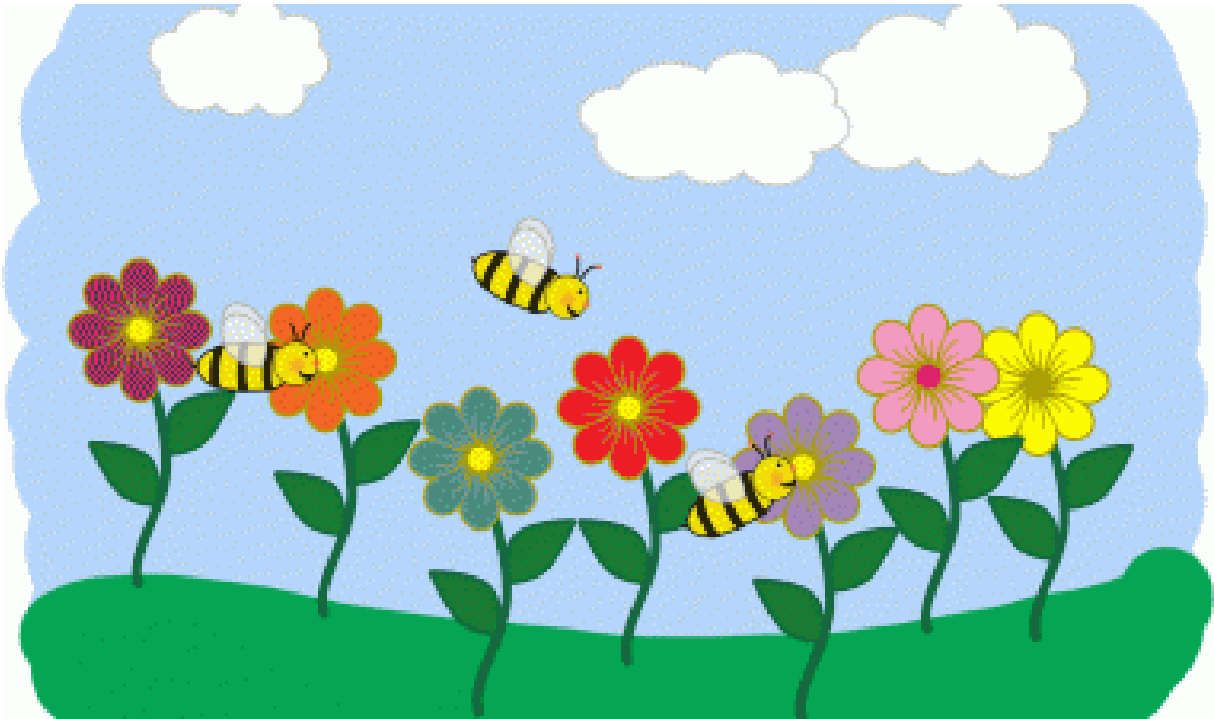
Some of them had even longer experience of Russian imperialism – Poles spent the entire 19th century under Russian rule – and they knew Russia's reflex is always to build a buffer zone of obedient vassal countries around it. It would have been unthinkable to leave them out in the cold.

That whole debate about whether NATO should have refused to let them in ignores the history. A better approach might have been to let Russia join NATO too, but it would have had to be a very different Russia.

Such a Russia may have been within reach in the 1990s if the country had been treated with respect, the carpet-baggers had been kept out, and the West had not put its money on that drunken fool Boris Yeltsin. But many people think all of that was inevitable, and maybe it was.

In any case, we are where we are, and the task for NATO now is to protect Ukraine, the country it kept out, while avoiding a nuclear war. 🍀





The Invaders Boots - a Shi Rensa

by Bill Engleson www.engleson.ca

*The invader's boots
sound the bell of invasion,
panned by all mankind.*

*Panned by all mankind,
and still the tanks move forward:
crushing sweet freedom.*

*Crushing sweet freedom
as innocents crouch below,
cellar captives all.*

*Cellar captives all,
to ego's machinations:
peace goes kaputin...*

Sudoku

by Thomas Provençal

*Solving a sudoku
helps to keep me clear
of all the fuzzy morning brain
especially after beer.*

*The logic in the puzzle
keeps my mind aligned
with the proper way of doing things
I doggedly must find.*

*Each square needs a number
that's related to the whole.*

*If I focus my attention
my success I can extol.*



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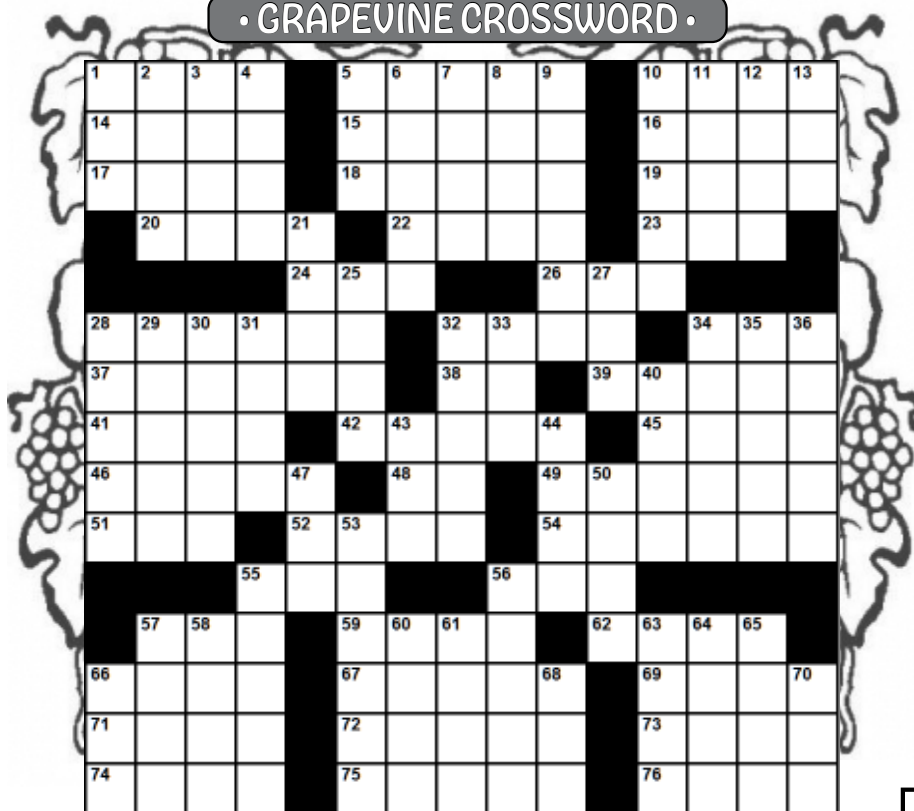
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• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Altar area
5. Utter chaos
10. One on the bottle
14. Fine wood
15. Bear patiently
16. Italian pre-euro coin
17. Construct
18. Delight in
19. Caesar's bad time
20. Ebb is one
22. Asian garment
23. Cat's cry
24. Change the locks
26. Drink cognac
28. Destruction
32. Cartel since 1961
34. French lake
37. French guided missile
38. Goodness gracious
39. Plant problem
41. Barge setting
42. Asimov or Hayes
45. At any time
46. Hot dip
48. Stylish
49. Fur for a king
51. Actor Ron
52. Approach the terminal

54. Overly fastidious
55. Put on the line
56. Bar basic
57. Blackball
59. Busy person's list
62. Featherhead
66. Biblical trio
67. Habituate
69. Exploited
71. One bit per second
72. Ladder components
73. Coaster
74. Helm position
75. Double curves

• DOWN •

1. \$\$\$ dispenser
2. Bog stuff
3. Wine served warm
4. Just got by
5. Is down with
6. Humble
7. Paper towel brand
8. Common scent
9. Moderate red
10. Buoyant airship
11. Assistant
12. Concoction
13. Affirmative reply
21. Add fringe
25. Abominable snowman
27. Arctic surface
28. Like pea-soup fog
29. The A in CAT scan
30. Aquarium fish
31. Air heroes
32. Man from Muscat
33. Rangoon monetary unit

34. Novelist Ira
35. Catkin
36. Drew of TV
40. Bruce's ex
43. Half a dozen
44. Currency of Ghana
47. Did lunch
50. Carry on about
53. Clothe
55. Bouquet bearer
56. Eat greedily
57. False god
58. Feverish situation
60. Encumbrance
61. Demands payment
63. Insipid individual
64. Atlas dot
65. Ager of parents
66. Biz degree
68. 19th of 26
70. Banned substance

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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Grumpism



“Denman bakers only trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.”

(Thank you Stewart Goodings)

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• **CLASSIFIED ADS** •

• **SERVICES** •

**HORNBY
COMPACT
EXCAVATION**

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



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

RUBBISH/TRASH REMOVAL.

Truck and single axle trailer. Lawnmower service come Springtime. Small Kubota tractor/backhoe. Ideal for small yard work call Brian: 250-335-2390 or 250-650-2390

THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. denmantruck@gmail.com

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

• **FOR SALE** •

ATTRACTIVE ANTIQUE FRENCH DOOR with bevelled panes. Exterior or interior. 36X80. Offers to John Wells, 250-335-1079

SHEEP FOR SALE Gotta move the flock. 3 Romeys (1 ewe two rams ages 1 to 3). 1 ewe Suffolk < 1yr. Familiar with people. Between \$120 and \$150/head. Call 2503351822.

RECUMBENT TRIKE - \$1500/obo - call 335-2377 for more info.

WAGNER FIREWOOD. 2 cords to Denman, \$610 plus GST. Hornby, \$630 plus GST. Text or call Scott at 250-334-7323

• **COMMUNITY NOTICES** •

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DENMAN WORKS Projector and screen: Book with Abraxas Books and Gifts 250-335-2731 abraxas9@telus.net Zoom meetings (unlimited time and free recording): See denman-works.wordpress.com/contact/

• **EMPLOYMENT** •

THE GENERAL STORE needs two more employees to start right away. The applicants must have some work experience, be able to take direction but also be able to determine and prioritize what needs to be done. A Serving It Right certificate is necessary, as are references. Call 250 335-2293 or email denmanisland.generalstore@gmail.com if interested. A resume could also be dropped off at the Store.

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

• **WANTED** •

LICENSED GUN BUYER wants your unwanted rifles & shotguns. Cash buyer, call 250-335-1686 or 250-650-0355

• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

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

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

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

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

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

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepner 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)
- Scott Knight • Licensed Home Inspection 604-779-9335 (D/H)

• SERVICES •

- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 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)
- Bottled Water Delivery • DenmanWater.ca • 250-228-7161 (D/H)

• HEALTH & WELLNESS •

- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac • 250-508-8160 • www.heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
- Acupuncture • Margaret Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165 (D/H)
- Acupuncturist, Herbalist, Physiotherapist • Carmen B-G, RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)



FORTNIGHT EVENTS

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 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 13

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

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 5-7pm



FRIDAY 18

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 19

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

SUNDAY 20

MONDAY 21

TUESDAY 22

WEDNESDAY 23

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

THURSDAY 24

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



Cause we are thinking about you Ukraine Dinner, Friday 11th March 6pm. Eat in or take out. Call Earth Club Factory to book take out times.
250-335-2688