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Recycle Your Used Oil at the Recycling Center on Denman

COMMUNITY INFO

*By Stacey Armstrong
• DI Waste Mangement Committee*

SOME of you may have noticed the retrofitted shipping container in the parking lot of the Old School. Starting Saturday, April 23rd, we will be accepting used motor oil for recycling as well as empty oil and anti-freeze containers. Motor oil includes engine oil, hydraulic fluid, transmission fluid and power steering fluid (a more comprehensive list will be at the depot). The oil that we collect will be re-refined into new lubricating oil or sold as raw material for manufacturing through BC Used Oil Management Association. You can have a look at their website at bcusedoil.com

Any oil you bring in for recycling must be uncontaminated, which means it hasn't been mixed with any other materials. Please bring it in a clean, sealed container. We will only accept used motor oil during the hours we are open (Wednesdays and Thursdays 2 pm-6pm and Saturdays 9am-5pm). If you need a container for your used motor oil we can find one from amongst our empty containers. By September we will also be able to accept used anti-freeze and oil filters.

If you have any questions you can email me at stacey.armstrong@mac.com or message us through our Facebook page. 🍷

Plant Sale Fundraiser this Weekend!

COMMUNITY INFO

*By Emily Guinane
• DICES*

COME get some new plants for your garden at our plant sale fundraiser, this Saturday, April 23, 9:30am-noon at recycling! We will have vegetables and other annuals as well as perennials, bushes and trees. The proceeds are going to our school garden which creates fun educational opportunities and produces food for our lunch program.

The Parent Advisory Committee will also be selling raffle tickets for their Mother's Day gift basket. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and we have some really excellent donations this year!

Our lunch program takes place on Thursdays and we cook together with grade 5-7 students and teachers. We are hoping to find a few regular volunteers that can come between once a month or one a week depending on their availability.

The school garden committee is a new initiative where we invite community members to help make the school garden into a vibrant educational space. We welcome gardeners, carpenters and farmers to get in touch!

School-garden fundraiser
Plant Sale
Saturday April 23 @ Recycling
9:30am-noon
To grow vegetables for our lunch program!
Plant donations welcome!
Drop off outside school garden April 8-21
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If you are interested in volunteering for our lunch program or joining our school garden committee please contact dices.emily@gmail.com.

DICES is hiring summer camp staff! For more information about this fun filled opportunity, please visit dices.ca.

Don't miss the Blood Pressure Clinic by our Community paramedics, Friday April 29th at 3:30pm at the portable. Email dices.emily@gmail.com or call 250 335 2058 to register.

Last but not least we would like to thank Comox Valley Community Foundation (CVCF) who supported the purchase of a new dishwasher as well as other kitchen equipment for our school lunch program. The CVCF is an amazing foundation that supports many exceptional projects in the valley. To learn more about their work at cvcfoundation.org. 🍷

Concerts Denman - Dance the Night Away

By Eli Hason

• Concerts Denman

MUSIC

that we haven't been able to present, and are happy to finally have them be allowed to happen again. Our Valentine's Comedy event with Shirley Gnome was a hit, though naughty and confusing to some (as suggested on the flier) and the attendance for Half/Asian and Amy the CODA was small, everyone who attended had a blast. This round is a DJ and



sounds of electronic bass music today. No stranger to the Vancouver and West Coast music community, Handsome Tiger has played countless shows and gathered numerous releases under his belt. Quickly becoming a west coast festival scene favourite with appearances at Bass Coast, Shambhala, and Rifflandia to name a few. He's shared the stage with artists such as EarthGang, Snotty Nose Rez Kids, Ky-Mani Marley, Sister Nancy, DJ MADD, TMSV, Madam X, D Double E, Lady Chann, Hypho, Distinct Motive & Light! Sound. Named in CBC music's 6 Indigenous artists you need to know in 2021 and CBC's Reclaimed artists to watch in 2020.

With a love of bass music he's been a strong advocate in supporting and contributing to many events in Vancouver's underground Scene. His DJ sets mix many flavours of sound system culture and global bass sounds including dubstep, grime, dancehall, afrobeats, rap and more all woven together to light up any dance floor.

We hope to see the community come out for a boogie and gain the togetherness we have shared in the past. Let's put our differences aside and remember how awesome our community can work together and play together. Bring some joy and positivity to the dance floor, and come shake your tail feathers. 🍷

TIDE TABLE

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• Source: tides.ec.ca •

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16:15	0.6	2
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16:34	3.8	12.5
22:24	2	6.6
2022-04-28 (Thu)		
Time PDT (m)	(m)	(ft)
04:50	4.6	15.1
11:36	1.7	5.6
17:38	4	13.1
23:14	2.3	7.5



Slava Ukraine

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Anthony Gregson

AS Graeme Isbister pointed out, it was fifty-one days since the Russian invasion began. The group that gathered for the vigil in front of the St. John's Anglican Church on Good Friday was smaller than the previous three, but it was considerably enlivened by the presence of two families of Ukrainian descent, all with items of traditional Ukrainian clothing. They spoke of their contact with people in the Ukraine, relatives or people they know from working there. Their stories and information painted a vivid picture, bringing the situation home. People remarked how the Ukrainians are so like us in many ways, it is hard not to identify personally with what is happening to them.



Graeme read out a poem (posted on her Facebook account) by Lana Nicole Niland, a Canadian who moved to the Ukraine eleven years ago and has chosen to stay in Kiev where she ventures out to shop for neighbours who are too frightened to leave their apartments. Her poem resonates with love for an extraordinary country:

Take my hand and I will take you to the mountains of the Karpaty where the
Hutsuls ring their trembita and tend the foothills.
Take my hand and I will take you to the shores of Odesa where we will dip our
toes in the salty sea water and splash in the setting sun.
Take my hand and I will take you to Chernihiv where temples and monasteries
many hundreds of years old whisper tales of transgression and virtue of every
visitor who may cross its border.
Take my hand and I will take you to the Sich of Zaporozhia where the spirit of the
Hetman still reigns strong and true.
Take my hand and I will take you to Kharkiv - the first capital of Ukraine, were
industry and trade turn ordinary men into knowledgeable tradesmen.
Take my hand and I will take you to the forests of Volyn where you will find
castles and fortresses and a picturesque tunnel of love.
Take my hand and I will take you to the beauty of Bukovyna where the diverse
ethnic landscape creates a mosaic of cultures.
Take my hand and I will take you to the plains of Poltava where unspeakable
truths are being revealed on a land much stronger than any occupier might ever
have guessed.

Take my hand and I will take you across a country far greater, mightier and more beautiful, soulful and authentic than anyone, including its neighbours, and perhaps even its residents, ever realised.
This is Ukraina and she is a light in the darkness that surrounds her.

It is one thing to have the big picture, another to see it from the ground. From a macro military viewpoint, the odds against the Ukraine can seem discouragingly bleak; but when we hear about the personal impact of the war and the resistance, you simply cannot accept the idea of defeat. Certainly, this is what I felt hearing what Jessica Thompson had to say. A human rights lawyer, Jessica worked in the Ukraine observing the elections after the 2014 Orange Revolution saw off the pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovych, into exile. Seeing the fervent desire for democracy of election officials in small communities, there was no way that the ballot was going to be corrupted.

Jessica also pointed out how important it is to let Ukrainians know that we are thinking of them and to help in whatever way we can. Anything you can do is highly appreciated.

Some of us had candles; everyone had a voice for the songs, led by David Hayward on the guitar, the well known Let There Be Peace on Earth: and let It Begin With Me, sung even at the United Nations, and the traditional canon, Donna Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace), ending Donna Ukraine pacem.





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Green Wizardries, Beltain: A Celebration!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

ON May Eve, 30 April, and the first day of May, Beltain, we celebrate the last festival of spring and the first festival of summer. I am writing this a little ahead of time to give people time to

prepare a proper celebration.

This is an old-fashioned Celtic nature festival but the customs of the Celts are mirrored in many other cultures. For example, the Romans celebrated the Parilia, a very ancient shepherd festival, with many of the same practices such as jumping over fires and leading the flocks and herds between fires for purification. The Romans, never very accurate astronomers, celebrated their spring festival on the twenty first of April. Spring coming earlier in Rome than in the British Isles.

Why do people still celebrate this festival? Druids and adherents of other nature-based religions do so to mark the turning of the year's wheel and to keep themselves attuned to the seasons and because everyone likes a party. I think there are too few celebrations in our current culture that do not revolve around being greedy.

Christmas has, largely, degenerated into a festival of overeating and being greedy for presents while being stressed out trying to shop for presents that in the end, may not be well received. There is too much hype for any mere real present to satisfy the longing created by all that advertising.

Easter is similar. It used to be a festival of divine death and resurrection (which is something a lot of Gods feel the need to do) but now I just ask people if the Great Sky Bunny has brought them lots of chocolate eggs.

So, Beltain is all about the return of the sun, fertility, pleasure and the renewal of life. Its emblem is the Hawthorn blossom, also called May blossom, which is, sadly, almost never in bloom on our islands during Beltain as we are that bit too far north. I usually have something blooming in the garden or orchard and use that in place of the hawthorn.

I have two rituals to complete for Beltain, belonging as I do to two old-fashioned Druid orders. My first order is the Ancient Order of Druids in America (AODA) and I have received great benefits from joining that order and pursuing their course of study. My second order is the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids (OBOD), a British order and I have learned a great deal to my benefit from that order as well.

Anyone interested in these orders can look them up online where they both have good web sites. These two orders

are very friendly with each other and their teachings mesh well. In fact, our current AODA Archdruid is a very accomplished member of OBOD too.

You don't have to join an order to be a Druid. In fact, I have met many good Druids who have never as much as heard of Druidry but the orders are fun and really helpful if you like that sort of thing. The great thing in Druidry is to learn from nature and to care for the Living Earth.

For anyone who would like to celebrate Beltain and would like to know the traditions around it, you must already have heard of Maypole dancing. This is an English custom and in Ireland, being so much poorer (largely due to being looted by the English) they danced under a decorated bush held up on a long pole. The Irish bush was decorated with ribbons, shells, painted eggshells and flowers. Dancing is a large part of Beltain celebrations. So are flowers. If you can't manage a May pole, then

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...continued from P.5 dancing under a bunch of spring flowers would be perfectly in the spirit of the tradition.

The next really important part is to make a couple of fires and lead your flock of sheep or goats or herd of cattle between the fires three times. If you are a poor person and have no flocks or herds, you can carry your cat, a representative of your chicken flock or lead your dog, children and friends between the fires. This is a traditional blessing and was done until about the 1950's in parts of Britain. The smoke from the fire purifies the people and animals from disease and misfortune. After this, the livestock were taken to their summer pastures which was a great event in the agricultural year.



After the flocks and herds have been purified, people can jump over the fires if they are strong and fit. People with mobility issues can walk around the fires while saying prayers. Pregnant women traditionally waited for the fires to die down a bit and then stepped over the fires to ensure an easy childbirth. Parents would pass babies and small children over the fires to the other parent. This had all best be done three times. The power of the fires can be substantially increased by adding last year's dried Saint John's wort, bay leaves and blue vervain to the fires to produce a stronger blessing effect.

Graham Lake Swim Dock

So many of us get so much pleasure swimming off the dock down at Graham Lake; but with so much use, and at times such inclement weather, we now need to do some serious renovations on the dock. Our preferred option is to raise about \$15,000 to \$20,000 to do a complete overhaul, something that will last for years (the last dock was built in 2007 and has made it to today), the second option is to raise about \$2,500 now, have another go at patchwork, and see if we can put the money together for the major work over the coming year. Our plan is to see how much money comes in by May 15 this year, if we have enough to do the major renovations by then, we'll proceed; if not, we'll do what needs to be done to keep the dock afloat for another year and keep collecting money for a major overhaul in 2023. If you would like to help, please make a cheque out to DIRA, and send it to the DIRA mailing address, 5901 Denman Road, Denman Island, BC, V0R 1T0. Cheques or cash can also be dropped off at the Graham Lake Swim Dock box in the general store (left side of the main counter). If you would like further details, or would like to help with the renovations, please contact J Thornton at 250-335-9089 or jmt.rtd@gmail.com (we are very grateful to J for leading the charge back in 2007).

Thanks so much, and happy swimming!
Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee
Ian Elliot (Chair)
ianelliott0@gmail.com

Prayers of gratitude to whatever deities you like are also part of this festival. Tradition associates Beltain with Apollo, Bel, Sol Invictus and other sun Gods and Goddesses. The dwarf God, Priapus, is the guardian of gardens, orchards and bees. You may very well find it worthwhile to address some prayers to him.

This is a great time to plant some seeds in the garden and it may even be warm enough for seeds to germinate after this very long cold spring. If humans show the Gods that we are interested in the return of good weather and fertility, the Gods will likely give us more of the things we politely ask for. Woe unto the people when they forget their duty to the Immortal Gods!

Then, there is the feast. This does not mean disgusting excess. It means inviting friends for a nice simple meal of seasonal produce including eggs as a symbol of resurrection, spring and because the hens are laying well with the return of the sun.

Other good things to feature are chives which are springing up now, kale blossoms, nettles, spring greens, milk products if you are milking and fresh loaves from last year's grain harvest. I bake a special cake stuffed full of spices that have aphrodisiac effects, Beltain being a festival of delight. I use chocolate, nutmeg, cardamom, cloves, honey, fresh ginger grated and cherry liqueur (homemade of course). These spices can be added to your favourite cake recipe to make a very tasty Beltain cake. I dust the top of the cake with cocoa powder. I do hope all my readers have a happy and blessed Beltain.



Shortages in the Land of Plenty

OPINION

By Helen Grund

What happened to our Imagination?

needed very little in terms of “stuff”. Clean air, wholesome food and fresh water were obvious needs. Basic shelter and clothing were (and still are) pretty darn useful too. Those are the obvious things we can point to. What else do humans need to thrive? I would say community and a sense of belonging are vital to a happy and peace loving human. Most of us live on these small islands for that reason. “A sense of place” is a concept that we intuitively understand. Yes, we are a pretty place, but it’s our community that draws and keeps people here more than anything else.

I’ve been thinking about Hilary Brown lately. I had the great privilege of spending a lot of time with Hilary after moving to Hornby thirty years ago with my partner and our toddler. We were looking for somewhere that would give our family a “sense of place”.

I got to know Hilary shortly after arriving on Hornby. She saw that I was young and strong and passionate about gardening. It didn’t take long before I was spending time in Hilary’s garden, volunteering to help her put it back into shape. By that time Hilary’s garden was a Romneya Poppy jungle. It had a lot of charm and beauty because of those magnificent towering blooms that seemed to find her sandy conditions near the ocean irresistible. It was a heavenly place to be. I loved having tea with Hilary on her porch and hearing about her dreams of finding her perfect spot to create a “garden by the sea”. Generations of families have enjoyed being part of the Heron Rocks campground that Hilary and Harrison started. “A sense of place” and community was what that beautiful creation of imagination manifested.

In her 70 years as a Hornby resident, Hilary had been instrumental in the initiation of nearly every community facility and many traditions that existed on the Island as of her death in 2007. These included the Co-op store, Heron Rocks Campground, Elderhousing, New Horizons, The Heron Rocks Friendship Center, The annual Plant sale and the annual Harvest Festival. I’m sure there were more. Hilary was a powerhouse and she inspired many others and me during her reign as a grassroots local leader. There was no stopping her in her vision for the community.

Hilary was also a driving force in the creation of the Islands Trust and she helped to initiate that level of local

government as a defensive force against indiscriminate development. This was a serious issue in the early 70’s and the lack of land use bylaws was a real problem. All rural areas in BC that had the wow factor were ripe for the picking by developers. It was shady for sure but probably the blame needs to land squarely on the shoulders of multiple politicians who contributed to those conditions and were asleep at the wheel.

There was a noticeable chill that set in by the mid-nineties when the Island became increasingly more politicized. Long accepted, OCP supported practices like home sharing came under attack by the Islands Trust. A major local push for an industrial zone never went anywhere. The shortage of commercial space made it difficult to start and retain businesses that could support a more diverse economy for locals. You couldn’t just do what was needed on your own land any more and the Islands Trust was never very good at creating alternatives. We are a tourist community by design and so are a lot of other communities.

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DENMAN LTC ELECTRONIC SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, April 29, 2022 at 4:00 PM

The LTC is holding this meeting to review the most recent updates to application **DE-RZ-2021.1 (Denman Housing Association/Denman Green)** and to consider advancing bylaws to a public hearing in late May.

The LTC will also be initiating a new project **to review housing policies and regulations** and will discuss the scope and objectives of the project.

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...continued from P.7 Affordable housing accessibility in every form has been falling over the years. The community has yet to address a critical need for simple temporary summer housing. With inflated costs of living (ferries, taxes, building costs, etc.) people had to start looking for more ways to get by. It was getting harder to live a simple and peaceful lifestyle for many, even retirees with established homes. Many people tried for years and were never able to gain a foothold on Hornby. More and more fulltime residents began to rely on tourism to survive. It became a crucial part of the economy.

The change in the mid-nineties was visceral. The tensions we feel today seemed to date back to that time and the pressures were largely political. We no longer felt that trusted organizations like the Trust and BC ferries were “on our side”. They only pretended to listen. Meetings became stiff and formal and there was no room to explore productive dialogue. Outcomes were predetermined.

People stopped going to meetings and community involvement faded. We could no longer use our voices and our imagination to create what people like Hilary Brown had done for decades. Instead, government money started to flow onto Hornby. Millions were required to buy the Link-Parsons land and many Islanders worked diligently for years to help make that happen. After that, it was as if the taps opened up and expensive projects became the norm. On top of that, rules around construction tightened up with the new stringent BC housing regulations. The fantastic driftwood homes that people had built for next-to-nothing morphed into high priced architecturally designed versions of those earlier inexpensive creations of found and recycled materials.

The independent “do it yourself” mentality seemed to be thwarted and it became all about seeking government funds for projects that were more about making Hornby desirable to the outside world than helping folks keep a roof over their heads. Hornby committees (and there are many) started having to spend a lot of their time raising money to pay people to apply for grants so they could be paid to apply for more grants so they could be paid. Hornby left behind its confident, funky, old-time farmy groove to become unsure of who it was supposed to be. Hornby was never a place to make money and that has become a great challenge to many who thought they could live here without much of it.

This was about the time frame that the United Nations’ initiative “Agenda 21”, that Canada, and close to 200 other countries, had signed onto. This is a brief summary: (<https://www.postsustainabilityinstitute.org/what-is-un-agenda-21.html>). This is the full 350 page report: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/outcomedocuments/agenda21/>

This was noticeable in government policies but most of us had no idea what was happening behind the scenes. We just knew that people didn’t seem to matter anymore. Government funded experts came and went and they decided what could and couldn’t be done using their endless targeted studies to justify their rules. Our community started to split apart.

Some people think “big” and intrusive government is a good thing. It certainly has come with a steady flow of money. The price has been very high though. It has cost us our imagination and our independence. Are we really expecting much from Government Induced Economic Misadventures Inc. (GIEMI)? Maybe, we need to reclaim our communities and look for our own homegrown solutions as more and more controlling governments are clearly making everything worse. There are many possibilities and we may have to go back to the time when we knew best how to fix our own problems. We used to be really good at it. The proposed Islands Trust revised Policy Statement, on the other hand is clearly headed in the exact opposite direction and is closely following the Agenda that distant billionaires have laid out for us decades ago.

I wonder what Hilary would think of the current revised Trust policy statement proposal? Many of her projects would likely face stiff opposition if they were initiated today. Not to mention all the other regulations by various levels of government. There would be no future for her, as a young person if she were to arrive on Hornby now, just like our own young people. So much wasted imagination! 🍷

Marriage Commissioner

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Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

I hope that by the time you read this column, spring will have arrived in the form of warmer temperatures. I don't know about you, but I'm getting so very tired of all this cold and damp. All right, that's my only complaint out of the way. Life is amazing! Flowers scent the chilly air. I step outside my front door and I can smell the neighbourhood flowers. What a tonic is the sweet breath of spring.

I missed writing a column last week, because my brains were soaked in music and I couldn't focus on writing. I spent last Monday and Tuesday in the Barn Studio with the one and only Marc Atkinson. It was a revelation. When a lifelong dream manifests at the ripe and ready age of 65, what can you say? Marc has lived on Hornby for 18 years. I've been shy to approach him, because oh my god, he's Marc Atkinson, and who am I? Then I was gifted studio time to record with him (thank you thank you!), so I had to step through the invisible barrier I'd erected between my hero and I. When I did, I found him to be a sweet, humble, kind and easy to work with human, in addition to being one of Canada's most talented musicians.

This column isn't a commercial for the Barn Studio, but I am going to point out what a fantastic resource it is for our island. When Marc shared the story of how he and Deirdre moved to Hornby, I realized, ah, of course. I know how it goes: when Hornby wants you, space opens. Doors opened, synchronicity provided, and they stepped into a magical, timely opportunity to move here without even knowing they wanted to. It is clear this island wanted these lovely people and what they had to offer. When Deirdre slid easily into the slot opened by the passing of the Hornby Festival's Artistic Director, that was icing on the cake.

In addition to his recording engineering skills, Marc provides multi-instrumental accompaniment for the music, placing a professional frame around our song creations to show them in the best light. This is Marc's dream, and he's living it. How wonderful, to have the dream of helping others actualize their dreams. What a gift. This man could be touring the world, playing his virtuoso music in shiny sparkly rooms to critical acclaim, and yes, sometimes he does that, but he'd rather hang out on Hornby, helping people like me (as well as professional musicians who come here to record) make our homegrown songs sparkle and shine. I am thrilled with what he has helped me create in those two days.

I write songs. They fly into me, and they won't shut up. Over the years, I've collected

quite a few and performed them a fair amount, solo and with my partner. But despite all appearances, I'm painfully shy. I show up and spill out my music, then I go home and convince myself that it was awful. Dark voices drag me down. Then the music rises again, and I am compelled to go out and repeat the process all over. It can be agonizing. But having a good recording holds up a clear mirror to the music, shines it up and shows its beauty.

Over our two days together, we finished one song and completed most of another. We have another couple of recording days booked in May, and more to come after that. It's never too late for the ice to crack, melt and flow. If you, like me, are a shy human with songs in your heart, this column is for you. It's tremendously painful to hold our creations apart from the world, when they pressure us so, to be shared. But we have an amazing resource, right here on our little island.

Now, when I feel like a fraud, I can press 'play' on my shiny new song, and have an immediate reality check. And it's good. It's really good. Thank you, new friend.

I would love to hear from you! Email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com





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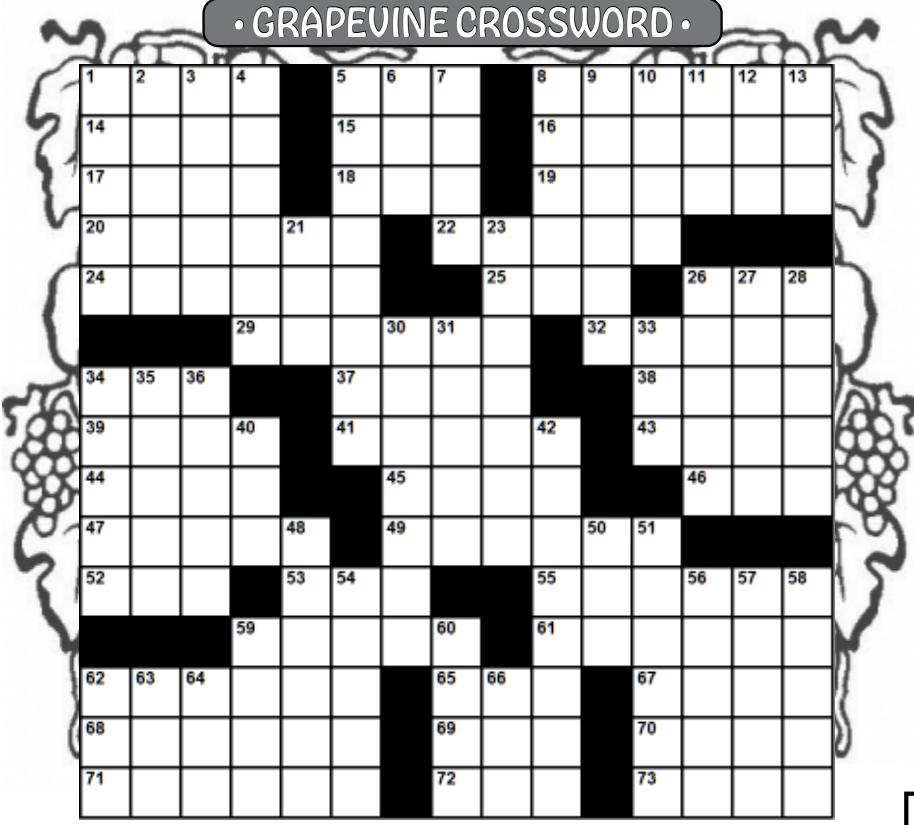
Multi-types

by Thomas Provençal

*I change some random pronouns
to make sure I include
all human interlocutors
avoiding being rude.
Words reflect our prejudice,
how people we perceive,
revealing inner stories
we subconsciously believe.
When gender creeps in, to the
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minds may sensitize
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• ACROSS •

- 1. Book increment
- 5. Love, in a sense
- 8. Double dealing
- 14. Part of i.e.
- 15. Anteceding
- 16. Breathe out
- 17. Currency of Lesotho
- 18. Adriatic, e.g.
- 19. Bailey of comics
- 20. In a correct manner
- 22. Dopey, e.g.
- 24. Disloyal
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- 26. Dos Passos subject
- 29. Creamy quaff
- 32. Shoulder gesture
- 34. Air hero
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- 41. 5th tire
- 43. Educator Horace
- 44. Verve, Italian style
- 45. Get ready for an exam
- 46. Banged into
- 47. Greased
- 49. Lofty nests, var.
- 52. Bearing pivot

53. Act the human

- 55. Capitol body
- 59. Fastener
- 61. Giraffe relatives
- 62. Fish hawk
- 65. Archaic
- 67. Ardent followers
- 68. A source of starch
- 69. Ring around the collar
- 70. Carbamide
- 71. Pollen holder
- 72. Bio-pouch
- 73. Be a homebody

• DOWN •

- 1. Broth cooked rice
- 2. Festoon
- 3. Catch on
- 4. Political outcast
- 5. Cash reserves
- 6. Angry state
- 7. 82nd element
- 8. Exclude
- 9. Brings to bear
- 10. Kitchen boss
- 11. Absorb, as costs
- 12. Afflicted
- 13. Ball perch
- 21. Show affection
- 23. Someone who bets
- 26. A Heap of Dickens
- 27. Branch of Islam
- 28. Actor's actor
- 30. Small boys
- 31. Egg producing organ
- 33. Sound of deep thought
- 34. Costello's partner
- 35. Unusual article
- 36. French writer Zola

- 40. "Annabel Lee" author
- 42. Appearing at intervals
- 48. Editor's word
- 50. Cry over a mouse
- 51. Foul ups
- 54. Nylon cousin
- 56. Asunder
- 57. Ringworm
- 58. Class paper
- 59. Study hard
- 60. D.C. types
- 62. Jupiter's mother
- 63. Heavy imbibor
- 64. Bake sale grp., maybe
- 66. Actress Thompson

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- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm
- ISLANDS TRUST meeting Denman Activity Center 6:30pm

FRIDAY 22

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 23

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

SUNDAY 24

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

MONDAY 25

TUESDAY 26

WEDNESDAY 27

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

THURSDAY 28

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



FRIDAY 29

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 30

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

SUNDAY 1

MONDAY 2

TUESDAY 3

WEDNESDAY 4

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

THURSDAY 5

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