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Summer Gallery Update

ARTS&LIT

By Judith Scruton

THE Summer Gallery committee has everything ready for the 2022 Summer season.

Anne Kimmins has phoned the many volunteers to sit at each show throughout the summer and their information packages are being mailed out. Unfortunately, this year we have had to shorten each show to end on the Sunday of the second week as we have lost several of our older loyal volunteers in the last two years.

This year we have two new Denman artists to join four names more familiar names, providing a wide variety of work for you to enjoy.

Our opening show features WEST COAST DREAM SCAPES, acrylic paintings by Rachael Dobie. Please joins us at 7pm on May 26th for the opening of Rachael's

33rd Annual Denman Island Pottery Studio

ARTS&LIT

By Trish Weatherall
• DI Pottery Tour

THE Denman Island Pottery Studio Tour is back after two long years on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The potters are so looking forward to having visitors into their studios once again to share all they've been creating. Stop by your friends and neighbours' studios to say hello and support local artists on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1. **Lilac Sun Pottery Studio, 3311 Denman Rd.** Single stem vases, cups, bowls, masks and wall torsos.
2. ***Gilded Petunia Pottery & Patty Osborne Pottery, 3415 Kelsey Rd.** Textured flower blocks, bowls and lidded pots. Functional, whimsical, textured porcelain ware.
3. **Bonus stop: Denman Craft Shop, 3676 Denman Rd.,** has samples from each studio on the tour.
4. ***Sandra Schaffer Pottery, 3590 Northwest Rd.** Simple stoneware dishes, mugs, vases, bottles and teapots.
5. **Gordon Hutchens Pottery, 4031 Wren Road,** From museum-quality pieces to functional pots, vases, platters and mugs.
6. **Tom Dennis' studio, 3660 Lake Road.** Square plates and platters, and mugs and vases.
7. ***Kim Taylor Co, 4220 Danes Road.** Bowls, trays, thumbprint mugs, vases, charcuterie boards, & decorative pieces.
8. **LeBaron Studio, 4200 Beaver Dr.** From dragons and ravens to bulls, horses and felines, and masks, bodycasts, vases mugs and other functional ware.
9. **Vasilisa Clayworks, 4200 Beaver Dr.** Sculptural forms and animals, and wheel-thrown mugs, bowls and plates.
10. **Hanne Christensen, 5315 East Rd.** Functional items for the kitchen and bathroom. This is Hanne's final pottery tour!
11. **Raucous Raven Pottery, 9850 Greenhill Rd.** John Mills' wheel-thrown bowls and casseroles, and Barb Mills' wildlife sculpture and playful masks.

**New to the tour!*

See samples of their work at denmanislandpotterystudiotour.com or @denmanislandpotterytour on Facebook and Instagram.

this weekend!



The Simple Life, An Immodest Proposal

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

they should sell their babies to the gentry for food. He was mocking the heartlessness of the upper classes toward the poor and the heartlessness of the English of all classes towards the Irish.

The Immodest Proposal I speak of is not one of mine but is, shockingly, actually a strategy of the Federal Government to offer assisted suicide to everyone not wealthy enough to fend for themselves in Canada.

I was a little shocked that even the Trudeau/Singh government would stoop so low as to allow, and even encourage, the euthanasia of the poor for no other reason than the Federal Government will not give disabled Canadians a pension they can afford to live on. I find the problem with being cynical about politics is that I can never make myself cynical enough to anticipate what our Dear Leaders will do next.

They are calling assisted suicide, "MAID," (medically assisted death which should really have MAD as an acronym but I guess it didn't look good). The legislation is Federal and our government was exploring MAID as a possible treatment for mental illness too. Why not just go all the way and call it forced euthanasia? Or we could call it state-sanctioned murder.

So far, at least a couple of women in Ontario have died of this cruel lack of care because they could not afford adequate housing on their tiny disability pensions. Rather than give these women adequate funds to live a frugal but comfortable life they were only offered medically-assisted death. There is talk of offering MAID to minors; these persons are also called children. Why would anyone

want to offer assisted suicide to children not facing terminal illness? That's right, assisted suicide is no longer just for the terminally ill. MAID, Tier Two makes death readily available to all as long as they are poor and friendless.

The reason for this is chronically ill people on disability pensions are a bit expensive and the Federal Government would rather dish out heaps of money on French-language training which is, I am sure we all agree, so much more important than helping disabled Canadians live.

Trudeau and Singh are also funnelling billions of Canadian dollars into the Ukraine rather than taking care of their own citizens. I am sure that only a little bit of rummaging around would land me a catch of woppers the Federal Government is spending our money on rather than helping disabled Canadians.

Now, let us be clear, these people who were killed by our Federal Government could have lived quite comfortably with their disabilities if only they had been given proper financial and medical support. Their friends and Doctors scrambled around and spent months asking for help from every Government Agency that might have been able to help but none of them felt like helping. These women were only offered MAID. They were offered death rather than any sort of care at all.

We have a housing shortage on Denman and Hornby and I wonder if the Liberal and NDP voters among us think we can solve the housing crisis by offering those among us who cannot afford the current ludicrously-expensive housing, MAID? "Let's just get rid of the poor, and import some Philippina nannies to do all the domestic work around our houses," I imagine them saying. This is after all why the women in Ontario were offer assisted suicide, they could not afford a place to live. How far do you really want to go with this line of action?

continued on P.4...

TIDE TABLE

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

2022-05-19 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:13	3.5	11.5
07:36	4.3	14.1
15:08	0.2	0.7
22:49	5	16.4

2022-05-20 (Fri)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:21	3.5	11.5
08:28	4.1	13.5
15:56	0.5	1.6
23:41	5	16.4

2022-05-21 (Sat)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
05:38	3.4	11.2
09:32	3.8	12.5
16:48	0.8	2.6

2022-05-22 (Sun)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:32	4.9	16.1
06:59	3.1	10.2
10:52	3.5	11.5
17:44	1.2	3.9

2022-05-23 (Mon)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:22	4.9	16.1
08:11	2.7	8.9
12:28	3.3	10.8
18:45	1.7	5.6

2022-05-24 (Tue)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:08	4.8	15.7
09:08	2.3	7.5
14:12	3.3	10.8
19:49	2.1	6.9

2022-05-25 (Wed)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:48	4.7	15.4
09:56	1.9	6.2
15:50	3.5	11.5
20:55	2.5	8.2

2022-05-26 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:23	4.6	15.1
10:37	1.5	4.9
17:09	3.8	12.5
21:58	2.8	9.2



...continued from P.3 I am reminded of the 2006 British film, "Children of Men," where the government included a suicide pack in every box of rations. I wonder how long until we get to the "Soylent Green," phase. Soylent Green was a 1973 American film where the euthanized citizens were processed as food for the remaining population.

How will you know if the new, UN-approved cricket patties are really cricket? Might not be cricket at all. The question in my mind is, why in hell is our Federal Government so determined to drag us into a completely dystopian future?

When I was a little kid, growing up in Canada, if I had brought up the idea of assisted suicide for poor, disabled people, I would have been told only the Nazi's did such things and we were civilized and I should stop thinking such disgusting thoughts. Canada really was a better country then, unless you were a Native or gay or something. But the rest of us really did think we lived in a decent country where the rule of law applied.

I wonder too where all those voices are that declared even one Covid 19 death was too many? Is it totally okay for people to be killed for being ill and poor but not for anyone to die of a respiratory virus? Is it because Covid 19 could kill people in the gentry class but assisted suicide is just killing poor women?

I think it is clear, we can no longer have any confidence in the Trudeau/Singh

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

AT last, Mayvember is showing signs (in the forecast, at least) of turning into May. Fingers crossed! This weekend, May Long, is our first Farmer's Market on Hornby. I haven't done the market since before Covid, but I'll be there in my red tent, ready for business. Our first Farmer's Market marks the start of our summer influx of visitors. I'm not looking forward to the increased traffic and crowds. Already, nearly every time I go out on my bike, someone risks both our lives by pulling into the oncoming lane to pass me going uphill, no idea whether anyone is coming on the other side. Terrifying.

For some reason, spring is when local nonprofits hold their annual general meetings. It's HICEEC's AGM coming up Sunday May 29th, at 3pm at New Horizons. It's nice to see that they are inviting members to join. Considering how many of our tax dollars they have responsibility for, their membership base has so far been vanishingly small. When I was on the board last year, that was one of the core issues: they need greater representation, accountability and communication with the community at large.

I have issues with the structure of HICEEC. It's a non-profit, and its board are hardworking, dedicated and sincere in their commitment to the work required; in fact, HICEEC might have the hardest working board on the island, and they've done a lot of good things. My issue is, it's a corporation, not a regular nonprofit society. As such, its board's loyalty must be to itself, not to the community. Corporations are legally persons, and they act like it. Its board limits how much community engagement they can allow because its Bylaws ensure that their primary loyalty should be to HICEEC, not to the Hornby Island community. I am unconvinced that the corporate structure is a viable format for our small community.

It's true, they are inviting members to join, but the invitation is conditional. Members are expected to 'commit to supporting HICEEC's purpose' which is "to take leadership in developing and implementing solutions to social and economic issues facing the citizens of Hornby Island."

Something about this purpose gives me the heebie-jeebies. HIRRA, for example, takes its direction from its membership, which includes all residents and ratepayers. HIRRA's loyalty is to the community; the community's loyalty is not to HIRRA. If the HIRRA executive were to say, "Our purpose is to take leadership," the membership would revolt. Direction should be given by the community, and a responsible community group should receive that direction and act upon it. In my opinion, HICEEC ought to view

government and I am not sure if we can have any confidence in Canada's Parliamentary Democracy at all. If you want to see where we will be in a few years, I suggest you look to Sri Lanka and Lebanon. Sri Lanka is broke and was down to one day's supply of petrol when last I looked.

Sri Lanka had been making its way into the middle-income tier of countries but resource depletion has hit them first. We will be something like that. I doubt a failed-drama teacher and a cheap shyster are going to help us make our descent to a lower lever of material wealth with decency. Poverty is nothing to fear, indeed, it is the natural state of mankind but a loss of human decency is to be feared above all things.



itself to be in service to the community, not 'taking leadership'.

Perhaps I am quibbling here. Possibly I'm prejudiced against corporations (full disclosure: I kind of am). I do not like that HICEEC imbues itself with the right to command loyalty from its membership. We as a community should not have to be loyal to it: it should be loyal to us.

When I joined the HICEEC board as a HIRRA appointee, I was asked to sign a confidentiality and loyalty agreement; I did so, with grave reservations. That is why I resigned from the board when I accepted this job. I felt my role would be compromised by having signed over my loyalty and confidentiality.

The trouble with requiring loyalty and commitment from its membership is this: if one does not agree to support its mandate, one may not be entitled to membership. That is simply undemocratic. This is not the fault or choice of any of the current board members; no one is doing anything wrong. I don't blame the HICEEC board nor do I expect that they should have done anything other than what they have done all along, which is to act according to their mandate. I simply disagree with their mandate.

But that's just me. What do you think? Email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com.



Denman Baroque Does it Again: *Venus & Adonis*

MUSIC

By Anthony Gregson

If there is one thing to be said about the workshopped performances of Baroque operas of Denman Early Music, they are, at the very least, educational. In Monteverdi's *Orpheo*, and Purcell's *Fairie Queen*, they have brought us landmark works in the history of opera, significant works of beautiful music that are not readily encountered. Saturday's *Venus and Adonis*, written by John Blow in 1683 as the first opera in English, was no exception. Despite its significance, *Venus and Adonis* is not often performed, so for this to be produced, all the more so in a small community like Denman Island, was an extraordinary opportunity. It may be music from another time, yet it did not seem at all bizarre or academic because the Baroque Festival is very much a community effort. It was as if Denman took the opera to itself.

Romeo Ciuffa, recorders, one of three expert instructors together with musical director Marco Vitale and Paul Luchkow, strings, points out the peculiar difficulties of the opera. A work from the early Baroque, Blow had his own style of notation which requires interpretation to understand just what he intended, especially with the ornamentation that must be improvised by the singer.



Leads Manya Sadouski and Andrew Fyson as Venus and Adonis

his mistress play Venus. The backdrop of glorious contemporary artworks on the famous story by such old masters as Rubens, Veronese, and Goltzius (thanks to Robert Newton's academic background in art history), illumined by the music and the lyrics, became a lesson in the sensibilities of the era.

I was appreciative. In fact, I took it all too seriously. Just prior to the curtain, the 2021 census of our faire island had come to my attention, where I discovered that no less than 82% (1145) of our population (1391) is 60 years old or better. So, when she scoffs at the old and the ugly and counsels Cupid to ensure the Earth is rid of such, Venus pressed my buttons. Here we are, in a bucolic landscape, made for love (if tales of the back-the-lander days are true), a veritable playground for swains and shepherdesses, but not for you, buddy! But wait! Is that shaggy greybeard, played by Andrew Fyson, not Adonis himself? You can't say that the Baroque festival doesn't think of everything, even if unintentionally.

The pace of the performance really allowed me to get into the music, which would not have happened just streaming (recordings of Blow's opera are, in

fact, few). Being in English, you could really get into the lyrics and appreciate the challenges of the keeping in synch where the words very much lead the music. Robert Newton later pointed out that the lack of bright stage lighting did not help, with the singers unable to read their scores easily.

I was also struck by the ballet, created by Cathy Stoyko, Caresse Nadeau, Lisa Hamilton, and Namchi Bazar, especially the beautiful Dance of the Graces which exalted a tenor of light-footed elegance. The dancing counterbalanced the fairly static presentation of the chorus and lead singers with liveliness and complexity, executed with precision.

There was some concern that Covid might spoil things with the audience required to wear masks, but there was no need to worry. There was a full house in the Community Hall, around 100 people (the orchestra took up a lot of room). If she didn't do such a good job of taking care of poor Adonis, Venus, sung by Manya Sadouski, who is a practising physician on Salt Spring island, made sure that Covid precautions were in place throughout the workshop. Without them, players and singers would have been irreplaceable, so everyone had to be tested. Even so, there was some illness. Sihana Dorfsman, who played Cupid, had only one day to learn the role when she was called in take over at the last minute.

Considering that all this is pulled off with only a week of rehearsal, *Venus and Adonis* was another amazing feat of Baroque Denman, not to mention, a wonderful treat, all the more after the long Covid shutdown of the last two years.



The Three Graces

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A Letter to PM Trudeau

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
By Sally Campbell cc. The Honourable Gord Johns, MP

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Re: May 11th targeted assassination of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh by Israeli military

I am sick to death of our country's complicity in Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people. Once again, Canada's government and mainstream media have soft-pedalled Israeli violence; this time, the cold-blooded murder by the military of a highly respected Palestinian-American reporter, aged 51, followed by unconscionable police attacks on mourners in her Jerusalem funeral procession. These events have even been unanimously condemned by the UN Security Council May 13th.

When will Canada stop looking the other way in the face of Israel's brutal occupation and its daily acts of violence against Palestinians, simply because Israel wants all the land?

May 15th marked the 74th year of the Nakba (the "Catastrophe"), the day that Israel declared its "independence", after dispossessing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Palestinian population from their homes, businesses & lands. This huge wrong, followed by the world's longest-running occupation of the remaining Palestinian territory in 1967, has yet to be righted. In the settler-colonial project in Canada, the indigenous people were vastly outnumbered by settlers, and their population decimated by various means. We are now in what will be a lengthy process of reconciliation for those wrongs. In territory controlled by Israel (all of the land), the Palestinian population matches that of Jewish Israelis. They are not going to "go away", or remain silent about their oppression.

Canada ought to be honouring its commitments to international law and the principles of democracy. Instead we help arm Israel, give tax credits to Canadian organizations funding illegal settlements, allow recruiting in Canada for the Israeli military, condemn the non-violent Palestinian-led boycott movement (BDS), attempt to label legitimate criticism of Israel "anti-semitic", and fail to hold Israel accountable for its ongoing, relentless atrocities. We participate in and perpetuate grievous wrongs.

Shame on you Sir, and shame on those who ride with you. You say you represent Canadians who support real democracy - that is, freedom, equality and justice for all. When will we see your government show the courage to stand up to injustice in Israel-Palestine?

Sincerely,
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Letter to the Editor

*Letter to the Editor,
May 14, 2022*

Islands Grapevine

Re: The Proposed Outdoor Covered Area/Pandemic lessons learned

Dear Editor,

As I write this small missive, we are twenty-six months past the initial lockdown that threw us and the world for a series of loops. By my reckoning we are still not out of the viral woods though I appreciate that others think differently. Early into the Pandemic, I had the opportunity to represent Pickleball players at the organizational meeting called by DICES to consider the covered area. The formed committee, with Paul Ryall stepping up to represent our recreational interests, has done a stellar job of shepherding this project through the subsequent two years.

If there is one outstanding reason why this proposed covered area is essential, it is the lessons we have learned from Covid. One lesson that simply cannot be denied is that during a pandemic, inside is less safe than outside. As I wrote on behalf of Pickleball players two years in support of the outdoor covered space proposal, "Our Denman Pickleball "Alliance" is mindful that the

prudent COVID-19 propelled closure of indoor recreational spaces on Denman, principally the DAC Gym and Fitness Centre and the Denman Community School Gymnasium, not to mention the local outdoor soccer field, has certainly impacted the social/ physical regimen of participants.

As we safely and wisely explore the means by which we can reposition our community so that once again we can plan and play a full array of sports, outdoor games, and various other health-based movement activities, it seems reasonable to consider extending/ enhancing our outdoor facility space to the max."

I trust most of us have a sense now that Covid and its offshoots will be with us for the long haul. An Outdoor Covered Recreational Area will serve as a safer recreational/community gathering space as well as provide a host of groups and individuals a semblance of much-needed precious normality in the time of plague.

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Denman Housing Association

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee invites the public to attend a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., May 30, 2022, at the Denman Community Hall, 1196 Northwest Road, Denman Island to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw Nos. 241 (Official Community Plan (OCP)), 242 (Land Use Bylaw (LUB)) and 243 (Housing Agreement (HA)). A Community Information Meeting will be held prior to the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

What are Bylaw Nos. 241, 242 and 243 about?

Bylaw No. 241 will amend the OCP with new general policies to enable the transfer of density from one parcel to another for the purposes of multi-family affordable housing and require Energy Step Code compliance for any dwellings as a result of rezoning or density transfer.

Bylaw No. 242 will amend the LUB zoning of the

- **Donor parcel** - to reduce the maximum permitted density on the non Agricultural Land Reserve portion of the parcel from seven dwellings to four.
- **Receiver parcel (affordable housing 'Denman Green')** - to a site specific zone for Affordable Housing and introduce site specific regulations for up to twenty units of density, setbacks, height, lot coverage and maximum floor area.
- **Receiver parcels (market housing)** – to introduce site specific regulations for Energy Step Code Compliance and a revised minimum average lot size that would permit five lots.

Bylaw No. 243 HA concerns a housing agreement with the owner of the **Receiver parcel (affordable housing)** that includes terms and conditions regarding the occupancy, tenure and availability to specified classes of persons of dwelling units located on those lands.

Where are the properties?

Donor parcel:

Subject Property Address: 6080 Woodham Road, Denman Island, BC
 Parcel Identifier Number: 009-704-523



Receiver parcel (affordable housing):

Subject Property Address: 1151 Northwest
 Parcel Identifier Number: 000-393-941



Receiver parcel (market housing):

Subject Property Address: 6800 Danes Road
 Parcel Identifier Number: 031-395-864



Receiver parcel (market housing):

Subject Property Address: 6900 Danes Road
 Parcel Identifier Number: 031-395-872



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A copy of the proposed bylaws and other information are available on the Current Applications webpage: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/denman/current-applications/ and, at the Islands Trust Office at 700 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC, V0R 1X3. **May 19 to May 30, 2022.**

Enquiries?

Contact the Islands Trust Northern Office, by email: northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, or phone: 250-247-2063.

Written Submissions?

Written submissions are welcome at the Public Hearing and can also be emailed to northphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca, or mailed to the Islands Trust office by May 29, 2022. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

All submissions received become part of the public record.

NO WRITTEN OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE DENMAN ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE, OR ITS MEMBERS, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Please note, due to limited WiFi at the venue, live streaming and Zoom are **not available** and public participation will be limited to those attending **in person only**.

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Russia Will Not Disappear

By Gwynne Dyer
• OP May 18th, 2022

OPINIONS

among the Russian elite (and among a large though mostly silent part of the population). One way or another, he will be replaced.

He may even save everybody the trouble by dying before he can be removed. He definitely doesn't look well, his behaviour is increasingly erratic, and rumours that he is suffering from some terminal disease abound.

Russia is not a fascist state, just a kleptocracy where the thieves and the thugs have taken power, but Putin's personal behaviour does begin to resemble Hitler in his bunker in the final days, and Hitler too was very ill.

Putin knows nothing about military matters, but he is reportedly micro-managing single 'battalion combat groups' (about 1,000 men) in the currently stalled Russian offensive in eastern Ukraine, trying to retrieve a military situation that has sunk into stalemate. Very Hitlerian. So what will become of Russia when he goes?

Alexander J. Motyl thinks it may just disappear. In an opinion piece in 'The Hill', the leading political website in Washington, Motyl, a political scientist at Rutgers University, suggests that "The Russian Federation could metamorphose into 10 or more states, only one of which would be known as Russia. That would change the face of Eurasia forever."

It certainly would, but it does imply the permanent demise of a state that has dominated northern Eurasia for the past four centuries (the first Russians reached the Pacific in 1647). It also ignores the remarkable homogeneity of that state's population: 81% are ethnically Russian, while none of the many minority group even reaches 4%.

There have been occasions, most recently during the civil war of 1917-22, when Russia was temporarily carved up into rival jurisdictions, but these interludes have never lasted long. The sense that there is a special Russian identity, even a unique 'Russian civilisation', always reasserts itself.

The break-up of the Soviet Union, by contrast, was permanent. The collapse of 1991 was actually the last phase of the decolonisation process that ended all the European empires during the latter half of the 20th century.

Decolonisation came late to the Russian empire and was harder to recognise, because Russia's imperial possessions were around its own land borders rather than across the oceans. Nevertheless, it was the same process, and just as irreversible (as Putin has been discovering).

Russia is as unlikely to split up permanently as France or Japan. Motyl's speculations on its break-up are wishful thinking, possibly motivated by the fact (unmentioned by 'The Hill') that both his parents were born in Ukraine.

It is understandable that Ukrainians might wish Russia to vanish, but that is not going to happen. So what will happen when Putin goes?

We cannot know yet what a genuinely post-Communist Russia would look like. Although it's 31 years since the collapse of the Soviet Union, almost all the people in senior political positions began their careers in the Communist Party.

The ideology was dumped, but the administrative style and the factional struggles remain.

Moreover, one single man, Vladimir Putin, has dominated Russian politics for more than two-thirds of that time. It's hard to disentangle what is intrinsically Russian in the way Russia has been run during that time from what was just part of Putin's personality, but we are about to find out.

The default position is to say that the Russians are somehow fundamentally different from other Slavs. After all, the Poles and the Czechs got real democracy and genuine prosperity after 1991, whereas the Russians got Putin, border wars, and (for most people) genteel poverty.

But there were two big differences that had nothing to do with 'national character', whatever that is. One was that all the former 'satellite countries' of Eastern Europe immediately ditched their local Communist collaborators and got a whole new set of politicians, whereas Russia was essentially stuck with the old Commies wearing new hats.

The other difference was that the western Slavs experienced the change as liberation, whereas their former rulers saw it as a loss of empire that stranded tens of millions of Russians in places that were suddenly foreign countries.

It would have been unreasonable to expect these two sets of people to react in the same way, and sure enough they didn't.

But it's equally unreasonable to be convinced that Russians will go on behaving in the same ways when the ex-Communist ruling elite loses power (which may be imminent) and a new post-imperial generation takes over instead.

We have no idea what's coming out of the box then. It could even be something good.



Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting

June 21-23, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

By Islands Trust

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– Islands Trust Council invites the public to participate in and observe its next business meeting being held electronically June 21-23, 2022. The public may listen and participate by telephone, join the meeting by computer or smartphone, or simply watch the meeting on a computer or smartphone. **

Trust Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust Area, and parts of the meeting involve routine business. Trust Council receives, discusses, and makes decisions about policies, finances, and proposed work for the coming quarter.

Trust Council works to preserve and protect over 450 islands and their surrounding waters in the Salish Sea. Input, comments, ideas, and feedback on topics related to the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust are welcomed.

Featured Sessions

Delegations and Public Comments – Tuesday, June 21, 7 pm – 9 pm

Present to Trust Council or speak at the Public Comments portion of the meeting on matters impacting the Trust Area. Visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/contact-us/share-your-views/> for more details.

Anyone wishing to present as a delegation to Trust Council is required to submit this form and presentation by June 2, 2022. Contact Lori Foster – lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca

Trustee Roundtable – updates by each of the 26 local trustees about initiatives, events, and developments of interest from their local trust area.

Council Committees – updates on top priorities and project status from each of Trust Council's committees: Executive, Regional Planning, Finance, and Trust Programs.

Electronic Meeting Format

Visit the meeting webpage for details on attending and participating electronically <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/trust-council-june-2022/>

On June 10th, the Trust Council meeting agenda package (reports, briefings & business decision items) and 3-day schedule will be published to the document library <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/document-library/> and meeting webpage.

**Although this meeting is scheduled to be held electronically, the place where the public may attend to hear, or watch and hear, the proceedings that are open to the public is 200- 1627 Fort Street, Victoria BC.

About Islands Trust

Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose government bodies representing

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

Contact:

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Rachael Dobie at the Summer Art Gallery

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

FIRST up this year at the Summer Art Gallery (May 26 to June 5th) is Rachael Dobie, raised on Hornby and married into Denman, though currently living down in Cowichan. It is her first solo show so it's an important event for this gifted painter.

A born artist who suddenly blossomed out with the discovery of acrylics in her last year of high school, Rachael Dobie describes her art as "calming and nature focused". Self-taught, Rachael leads a busy life with a family of four young children, but she is blessed with plenty of family support. Her mother is a painter, and she has lately enjoyed working with her husband, a carpenter, on driftwood sculptures. The kids plead with Mom not to sell the paintings they really like.

Images of arbutus, beaches, balletic whales, and breaking waves sparkling with light leave no doubt that nature is the starting point. The paintings are, Rachael says, controlled and cohesive – she is not the sort of artist who is going to let her feelings splash out on the canvas, seized with process. When you spend any time absorbing her work, it has a way of gradually taking hold. A tidal race of strong, rhythmic draughtsmanship, combined with a bright, carefully orchestrated palette, has elements of hyper-realism, suggesting a subliminal narrative of heightened experience. That torquing sprawl of an arbutus is bursting with life. The peaceful beach with its tidal swales and sinuous shoreline, the sand-nested rocks like some mysterious text, flow together beyond scene to story. Calm and beauty are there indeed, but it is not Nature as diversion or philosophical palliative. In her paintings, there is action, even if it is standing still. In a picture of a driftwood fort, with abandoned pilings and tumbled logs in every direction, a soft but luminous clarity draws the eye to explore the vast wreckage, as if something might happen.

Rachael doesn't have time for plein air painting, to take herself outside to capture on canvas what she sees on the spot. A painting often starts with a photo, not for reproduction, but for inspiration, an image that captures a feeling. From there her draughtsmanship and eye for dramatic colour take over in a process that articulates itself, without explanation. She is not one for theories or agendas. Rather, Rachael is trying to give us something, to, in a sense, re-experience our beloved landscape in a new way. I like to think that her aesthetic response is almost instinctual, a result of a long and profound engagement with the West Coast environment.

Rachael has been selling paintings over a career of around seventeen years (the most recent to a logger who bought one off the wall where she was showing in a pub). She shows in community group shows, and her website <http://www.paintingsbyrach.com/>.

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Shortages in the Land of Plenty
The Race to the Bottom (2018)

by Helen Grond

*How it started and why
Isn't the question any more
We know the answer to that one
The question is "how will it end"
Many are asking*

*Some are panicking, some are complacent
Some are feeling entitled to those last crumbs
Crumbs the ocean is giving us
Crumbs the land is giving us
Crumbs the government is bribing us with*

*Who can stop the race we have been forced
To run and run and run?*

*"Do as we say and not as we do"
Is the party we vote for
Doesn't matter which one
Which banner, which handy platitudes
Which pretty talk
Full of empty promises
And lately, threats
Believe them if you must*

*The race is on and if we keep running
We'll find out what awaits us at the finish line
Unless, we defy them and stop running*

In the race to the bottom.

Now What?

by Thomas Provençal

*They said a virus out there
could cause a ghastly death.
They paid to keep us home from work
because bugs are in our breath.*

*Government spent millions
to keep us in their story,
using mainstream media
to hype the fear and gory.*

*Many people ate it up
with grants and loans forgiven.
Those defending human rights,
from social venues driven.*

*Now we learn the virus
is a nasty little flu.
Deaths to it attributed
are relatively few.*

*An aftermath emotional
has our normal in reset.*

*Watch the politicians
lest our freedom they forget.*

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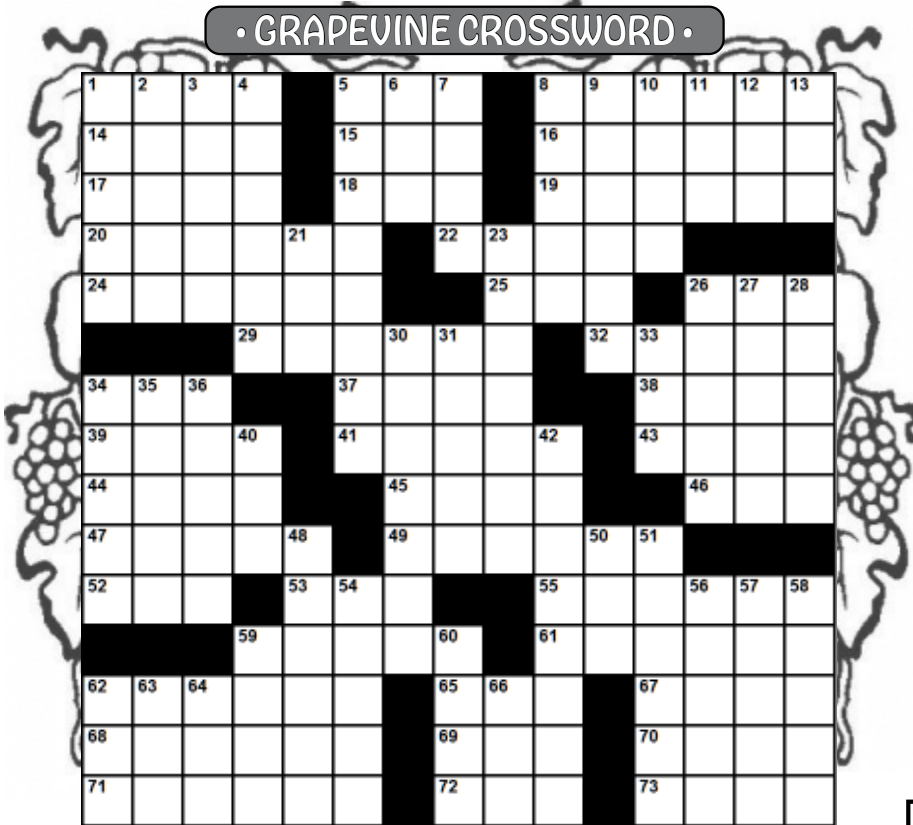
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5. Clear
8. Ridiculous
14. Angelico and Diavolo
15. Author's last word
16. Dr. Dre, for one
17. A cling on
18. Chromosome letters
19. Covered in fescue
20. Deadly
22. Not mine
24. Kind of association
25. Actor Marvin
26. Coll. degrees
29. Fished
32. Tamarack tree, e.g.
34. Clumsy clod
37. Musical Myra
38. Amazon estuary
39. Radar dot
41. Critical asset
43. Bad deed
44. Greek letter
45. Turned right
46. Adorer's writing
47. Baseball's hot corner
49. Misbehaving

52. Bernardino beginner
53. A memorable Arden
55. Lean on
59. Gaping hole
61. Flourishing
62. Rabbitlike rodent
65. Approx.
67. Gas station job
68. Nurse Clara
69. Art movement prefix
70. Bugbear
71. Bionic woman, e.g.
72. Asphalt
73. Become frayed

• DOWN •

1. Beautiful, Ital.
2. Disney mermaid
3. Congo language
4. Respiratory disorder
5. Traffic signal
6. Country lodging
7. 6/6/1944
8. Debate
9. Falls transport
10. Aerobics venues
11. Bullish market times
12. Part of RSVP
13. Anhydrous
21. Abby's sister
23. Graybeard
26. Cable arts channel
27. Caustic
28. Rock formed from clay
30. Baseball groupings
31. Ancient Hebrew
33. Be unoriginal
34. Final bios
35. Greeting on a lanai
36. Be a part of the crowd
40. Augusta stat.
42. Booker T. Washington, e.g.
48. Chapter XI filer
50. Badminton stroke
51. Cowardly
54. Contending
56. Blush's kin
57. Hooded snake
58. Arabian ruler
59. Before mobile or mat
60. Conveyed
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66. Aegean, for one

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- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm

FRIDAY 20

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 21

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

SUNDAY 22

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

MONDAY 23

TUESDAY 24

WEDNESDAY 25

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

THURSDAY 26

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



FRIDAY 27

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 28

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

SUNDAY 29

MONDAY 30

TUESDAY 31

WEDNESDAY 1

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

THURSDAY 2

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



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