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Covered Recreation Space Open House On Behalf of the CRS Committee

COMMUNITY INFO

By Sam Borthwick

The CRS Committee, DICES, and various special interest groups who are looking forward to the structure will be available to answer questions, and we will have a rendering of the building, along with some of the preliminary design sketches on hand for the public to review.

We look forward to seeing you then, and taking the next steps towards a new public space on Denman! 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

MY cup is overflowing! Spring has arrived in a burst of sunshine, flowers and social intercourse, and no shadows anywhere! Perhaps a shadow or two, nothing I want to mention. OK. I will mention that my e-bike battery is in the shop so I am either walking or using a borrowed battery (Cue miniature violins--oh the humanity! The unfairness!).

Enough about that. It's sweet out. Walking isn't so bad. It's a glorious world. (What, me complain?) Besides, I am still floating after another pair of days recording with the amazing Marc Atkinson. I now have two finished songs all spiffed to perfection. I want to listen to them over and over. Be warned: I will play them on repeat every Sunday for a while, just so you know. My show is the Songwriter Circle, noon to two, CHFR-FM 98.5. (I believe we can be heard on the East side of Denman, just saying...)

The long weekend was everything one could wish for, sweet, warm and thronging with visitors brandishing cash. The season's first Farmer's Market was a banging success. I was so busy I had no time to walk around and check other vendors' wares, something I intend to enjoy over the next few Saturdays, time to visit, chat and sample each-others' offerings.

If you want to check out the market before things get too crazy, June is the time. After Canada Day weekend, forget visiting; that's when serious shopping begins. If you want to set up a stall in the high season, there are spaces available. Contact our market manager, Landys Klyne (she's in the Hornby Phone book).

Drop by for a chat if you are in the vicinity of my tent at the far end of the market. Thanks to the many who stopped by to tell me how much they enjoy this column! Another full cup. And thanks to Oakley for his kind offer to tell me how much he hated it, when I let him know I keep waiting for that shoe to drop. You know, just to get it over with.

I used to have a red tent, but alas, you get what you pay for. I now have a shiny new white commercial-grade tent on order. I signed a deal with the Devil (Amazon Prime) to get it, so you know I'm serious. I meant it to be temporary, as you get a 30-day free trial before you have to hand Bezos any cash.

The Devil knows my weakness... turns out you get Audible for free with the package. Confession: I am an audiobooks addict. I've had a terrible time with library audiobook apps. I even resorted to pirating the odd copy of a book I just had to have. I tried to sign up for Audible, but it's crazy expensive. It's... free... with

Amazon Prime. At a third the price. Damn you Jeff Bezos!

I had a talk on the Co-op porch with a lovely man named Robert (I remembered it!), sitting a table for the new Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness group (I believe the acronym is NEPP but I can't remember what the second 'P' stands for) that's started up on Hornby. I'd like to talk with someone in this group for a more in-depth interview, but here is what I recall so far from our conversation: they are looking for representatives of various Hornby Island neighbourhoods (I put my name down with a question mark because... maybe?) to serve as helpers, talkers, walkers. I need to learn more, but it is intriguing and certainly important in the event of the inevitable emergency to come. You know it will; it's only a question of when. Representatives are to help distribute water and emergency supplies, and provide information and resources. Something like that.

Please contact someone in the group if this interests you. As it happens, my neighbourhood is fairly well represented, but there are a lot of neighbourhoods on the island with no representatives as yet. For contact information, check the First Edition, the Tribune or visit the table at the Co-op where they have been setting up a display. Friendly chat guaranteed. Alternatively, you can watch this space, because I intend to learn more and I'll pass that information on here at some point.

That's what I think! What do you think? Email me at phoenixonhornby@gmail.com

Support for Afghan Refugees

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Joni Daniels

WHEN the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan last August, thousands of Afghan refugees fled for nearby countries in hopes of finding shelter and eventually permanent homes where they could begin new lives in safety.



DSG - Denman Sponsorship Group

Through a Denman resident, we were alerted to the plight of two young Afghan women, sisters who had been orphaned at a young age and are in desperate need of resettlement. A group of Denmanites came together last fall to sponsor these women to come to Canada and receive our financial and emotional support for one year. So began the Denman Sponsorship Group.

Sponsoring a refugee is a long and complicated task involving many levels of government in two countries, extensive fundraising and a lot of time. We are working with the Anglican Diocese of BC, an official Sponsorship Agreement Holder with government approval and charitable status, though it is not a faith-based project.

The application process is almost complete but the government screening processes are lengthy. They are currently backlogged with hundreds of refugees from many countries who had already been approved for travel before Covid hit and have been waiting for two years. They are starting to trickle through, but the bottleneck will cause additional delays for those of us who are applying now.

The processing time is currently estimated in multiple years, but we have applied and been approved for a special expedited program, due to the urgency of the danger faced by these two women. We are hoping for arrival within 18 months.

The DSG has held a series of fundraising events over the past months, including a Valentine's Day pottery mug/hot chocolate

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
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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

2022-05-27 (Fri)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:54	4.5	14.8
11:14	1.2	3.9
18:11	4.1	13.5
22:57	3.1	10.2

2022-05-28 (Sat)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:22	4.4	14.4
11:48	0.9	3
19:02	4.3	14.1
23:51	3.4	11.2

2022-05-29 (Sun)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:47	4.3	14.1
12:21	0.7	2.3
19:47	4.5	14.8

2022-05-30 (Mon)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:40	3.5	11.5
05:10	4.2	13.8
12:52	0.7	2.3
20:27	4.6	15.1

2022-05-31 (Tue)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:27	3.7	12.1
05:32	4.1	13.5
13:23	0.7	2.3
21:04	4.6	15.1

2022-06-01 (Wed)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:12	3.7	12.1
05:52	4.1	13.5
13:53	0.7	2.3
21:41	4.6	15.1

2022-06-02 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:01	3.8	12.5
06:11	3.9	12.8
14:24	0.8	2.6
22:17	4.6	15.1



...continued from P.3 sale that saw people enjoying delicious hot chocolate donated and brewed by Denman Island Chocolate, and taking home the mugs, donated by local potters. The trunk sale at the Earth Club Factory, and a plant sale at Seedy Saturday provided more opportunities to spread the word and to accept the generosity of our Denman neighbours. Events will continue with the Sunday lunch for the Home and Garden tour, June 12 with all profits donated to the DSG, and many more to come.

Throughout the summer you can find us at the Saturday markets, where you will have the opportunity to enter a raffle for one of 6 gorgeous quilts donated by Denman quilters. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 so you can make it a weekly stop along with your other regular purchases. Two names will be drawn in an early-bird event on Saturday August 6 and the four remaining quilts will be given away on September 3. Hope to see you at the market!



More information about the Denman Sponsorship Group is available on our website: denmansponsorshipgroup.com 🍷

Green Wizardries, A Regional Cuisine

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

blessed islands: apple trees, green pastures, wild herbs, nut trees and oysters to name a few at random. We really are very fortunate to be here.

The sad truth is that a lot of people on Denman and Hornby have a lot of money and nice big houses but they travel to town every week to buy the cheapest, crap food they can find at a certain big box store. That is up to them of course but how much longer is this sort of thing going to be viable given that California produces most of the food we eat in British Columbia?

California is well on its way to becoming a failed state and the central valley of California, where they grow the most food, is falling at a rate of about 3 inches a year since they started measuring such things in 1920. It has sunk 28 feet in that time and this is due to groundwater pumping.

The water they are using for irrigation is fossil water, put there over an unimaginable time span. As the water is pumped out, the aquifers are crushed by the pressure above. This causes the valley to sink. Once they have pumped out all the commercially-viable water, they will have to leave their man-made desert to the curiosity of future archaeologists. The aquifers, being crushed, will never be refilled with water, at least during a time span that will matter to our species.

So, the more we garden here the better for a number of reasons. The first is that a well-maintained garden has soil that gets better every year. Yields will increase which is good as we will, sooner or later, have to wean ourselves off commercially-produced fruit and vegetables. The cost of diesel fuel going up is seriously inconveniencing farmers everywhere as is the shortage of spare parts for their farm machinery. The cost of pumping water from deep below the earth is also going up as the price of energy goes up. All this spells much higher food prices for the consumer.

The good news is that the regional cuisine we are about to develop is so much better than the conventional diet that most people are eating right now. The reason that so many people are obese, prediabetic or diabetic is simply that the processed-food diet they eat is killing them and it does not taste anything like as good as fresh,

homegrown food does. The chemicals in processed food and industrially-produced meat, milk, fish and eggs are also implicated in a host of cancers and autoimmune diseases.

So, clean, fresh, locally or home-produced food is the way to go for a variety of reasons. The superior taste and nutritional value of farm-fresh food is at the top of my list.

The spring is a great time to start eating locally. Nettles, (you just pick the tops), are one of the first greens to show up and they are delicious. I was introduced to nettle pesto this spring and love it. The nettle tops are briefly boiled and pureed with my 6-year old home-made pecorino Denmano cheese, walnuts, pumpkin seeds, garlic, salt and olive oil. The olive oil is not local and I will be distraught if a day comes when we cannot get good olive oil. This pesto makes an excellent dressing for pasta, crackers, beans and toast.

Next is the horsetail fern. I have an ample supply of these ancient ferns and chopped, boiled in water and left to cool and sweetened, they make an excellent pink and tangy drink. I was so impressed by the colour of the resulting cold tea that I looked up their use as a dye. Apparently, they can be used to get a nice yellow dye but some people report wool coming a nice pink which is worth pursuing!



Ages ago, I introduced the Jerusalem broad bean to Denman and have recently introduced it to Hornby. Someone, not a million miles from here, bought the first seeds in the old-city of Jerusalem and smuggled them out of Ben Gurion airport to bring these valuable seeds to Canada.

They have to be planted in the spring as they will not endure a frost but they produce a huge harvest of tasty, nutritious beans in a small area.

My favourite way to prepare these beans is to soak them overnight, boil them gently until tender and drain. While they are still warm, I dress them with dried tomatoes and peppers from my garden, add fresh chives, parsley and cilantro also from my garden. I add some olive oil, salt and chili sauce that I fermented from my own habanero peppers. A dash of ground cumin completes the dish which is fit for any company at all. This salad has received rave reviews from everyone who has tried it.



The kale is trying to flower in my garden to no avail. I go out every couple of days and harvest a basket-full of kale flower sprouts. They are like the tenderest of broccoli but with a taste reminiscent of asparagus. They make an excellent salad chopped and dressed with the simple home-made dressing of your choice. I like them steamed and served with a home-made Hollandaise sauce made from our own fresh eggs. Other people like to serve the sprouts raw with a dip. They make a wonderful spring tonic.

No discussion of spring tonics would be complete without reference to rhubarb. A friend recently made a delicious dessert of rhubarb poached with a little honey, cinnamon, Marion berries, a bit of chopped orange peel and a sprinkle of chopped walnuts. It was divine. I had wealthy visitors from Vancouver recently and made this compote for them and they said it was not possible to get something that good in the city. They looked awe struck.

Now, I could go on about the glories of my kuchen (a simple cake) filled with home-made fig jam or quince jam and served with a fruit compote or whipped cream but you get the point. The life we can make for ourselves here on the Islands of the Blessed is far better than anything you could ever buy.



It Writes Itself

OPINIONS

By Keith Porteous

I look forward to reading the opinion pieces by militarist Gwynne Dyer in The Islands Grapevine. He consistently represents the talking points of NATO, the Pentagon, and various Western intelligence services. He's a reliable source for tracking pro war narratives and Western propaganda.

Dyer describes Putin as "Hitlerian" and that there are "rumours" of his ill health. The internet parlance of Godwin's Law suggests discourse on a thread ends when someone inevitably posts a comparison to Hitler. The speculation on Putin's health comes from "anonymous" Western intelligence sources. The Russian government, we are led to believe, is run by a single demagogue in failing health, while Dyer then contradicts himself immediately by suggesting that "thieves and thugs have taken power."

Dyer has the latitude to say the quiet parts out loud, where he manufactures support for regime change in Russia, as he speculates with certainty, that "one way or another", Putin will be gone. He claims that support from Russian elites and the general population have plummeted as a result of Russia's incursions into the independent republics in Donbas region, while Western research companies show his current support has increased to more than 80 per cent (Statista, April 2022).



As the fascist Azov Battalion and their allied far right ethno-nationalists have now surrendered to Russian forces in Mariupol, their last stronghold, in a metallurgical plant unironically called Azovstal, Gwynne Dyer describes this as a stalemate. Russian control of the independent republics in Donbas region is nearly complete, as described by even some mainstream Western analysts. For what it's worth, this part of the outcome was never in serious doubt.

The self declared independent republics in Eastern Ukraine wanted to remain as autonomous regions of Ukraine as they were being attacked by neo-Nazis for the last 8 years, killing 14,000 mostly Russian speaking citizens. As the attacks by NATO armed and trained etho-nationalist forces escalated in early 2022, Russia invaded under the premise of protecting the predominantly Russian speaking population and destroying the forces of Azov fascists and their allied ethno-nationalist forces.

For Canada and the US/NATO this is a proxy war against Russia that started even before the US backed coup in 2014. NATO expansion had long been a trigger for Russian leadership who were promised this would not happen at the dissolution of the Soviet Union, putting NATO forces and nuclear weapons on Russia's borders. Acknowledging these facts should not be seen as an apology or rationalization of Russia's invasion of a neighbour, but context for why Russia is reacting militarily where its existential interests may be at stake.

We can do nothing about Russian leadership and militarization, but we can hold our country's leadership to account for the constant expansion of the NATO "mission" in Eastern Europe and elsewhere, arming, funding, and training extremists in a series of proxy wars dedicated to achieving Western hegemony globally, while spending trillions of tax dollars given to primarily US arms manufacturers. Under the guise of spreading "freedom and democracy", we've seen the regime change policy results in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Libya, Somalia, and elsewhere.

The policy goal of a regime change in Russia is insane, and make no mistake, the same game plan is being readied for China. Funding, arming, and military training in regions adjacent to, or even within countries that are rivals to Western hegemony, then provoking a premise for proxy wars and regime change is the neocon/neoliberal playbook. When these rivals to Western hegemony are armed with nuclear weapons, the total annihilation of a liveable planet is threatened.

And while we can argue which country's leadership is more demented in holding the nuclear Sword of Damocles over the heads of the entire planet, the Western governments manufacture the narrative that is dutifully reported in all Western corporate news sources, apparently convincing even intelligent and liberal minded people that a single madman in Russia is planning to destroy the "free" world.

In supporting calls for de-escalation and peace in Ukraine for all its citizens, regardless of their ethnicity, we need to recognize how we are being manipulated to support the aggressions of our own governments. Responding to Gwynne Dyer's regular contribution to the pro war narrative is surprisingly easy. In fact, it writes itself.



Letters to the Editor

As the island convenes for the Covered Recreational Space 'Open House' (12-2pm May 28th at the Community Centre), I want to invite you to take a walk around the Downtown area from The Bistro to the Hall and see how many buildings there are equal to open space? Most spaces are for parking and the rest are full and getting fuller with buildings.

The Community Hall may soon have a HUGE building in the middle of the space we use for gatherings like Fall Faire and Halloween, not to mention just playing frisbee by the playground. This new building will have one wall closed in, so we will not even see the sports field, and create shade, not to mention create more water saturation that the hall meadow already has to deal with.

If we really need another covered area, given that the school district is building two others, why don't we spend the grant money on a big tent that we could use and move around to different spaces? Let us see what the school builds first before we take up the only green space left downtown to build another covered space.

The whole idea of the European model of leaving a square that holds the community seems like the right idea to me.

At the risk of sounding like Joanie Mitchell...do we want to Pave Paradise? That little meadow will be gone if we build a huge redundant building.

Never mind that we will be leasing this DIRCS land to DICES. Would you lease a part of your land to another interest that wants it? How will it be taken care of and who has the responsibility?

Pave Paradise ?

Leyah Kelly 🍷

I see your two resident conspiracy theorists are at it again. Maxine Rogers takes aim at federal medically assisted dying legislation, while Thomas Provencal manages to find all government initiatives detestable. The Grapevine's commitment to 'free speech' is commendable, but surely somewhere there is room for editorial discretion to keep the wacky and offensive stuff out of our community newspaper?

MAID was a carefully and lengthily debated piece of legislation, and contains all kinds of conditions to prevent its abuse. To claim that it is a plot by Government to kill children and the homeless and the poor is beyond reasonable belief. And then to denigrate the Prime Minister as a "failed drama teacher" and the Leader of the NDP as a "cheap shyster" resorts to the sort of 'ad hominem' attack that is always the refuge of the school yard bully or those of a limited vocabulary. My goodness, the PM deserves criticism--failure on electoral reform, the purchase of a pointless pipeline, the lack of effective action on climate change are just some of the policies for which he merits a failing grade. But why is it necessary to use cheap insults to make a point, Maxine?

Of course, your regular poet Provencal has already displayed his own offensive and

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Denman Island Local Trust Committee
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Rezoning – DE-RZ-2021.1 (Denman Green)
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?

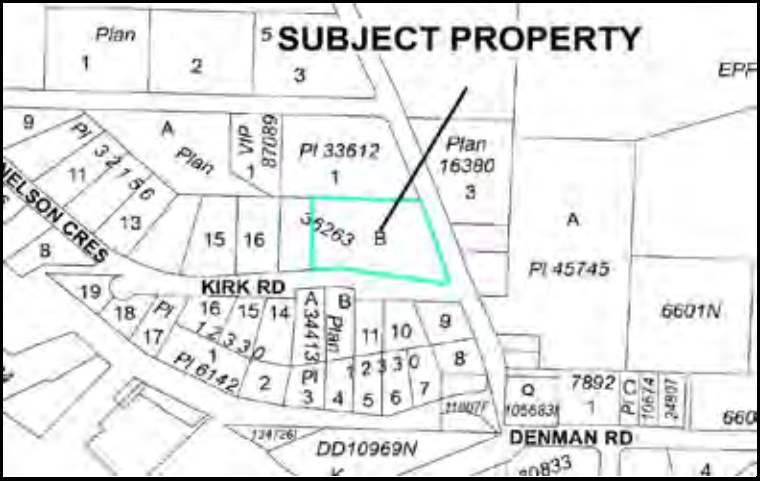
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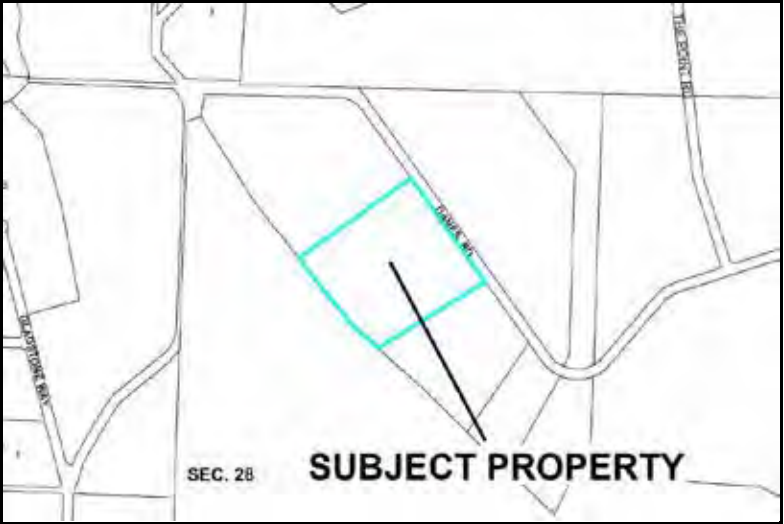
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How Do I Get More Information?

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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...continued from P.7 sexist language directed towards Dr. Bonnie Henry, so evidently Maxine Rogers would have known that the Grapevine editor has no objection to rude and personal insults to public figures.

I know many people on this island who do not appreciate this trend towards conspiracies and insults in your pages and who do not read the Grapevine as eagerly as they did before. May I respectfully suggest you use a bit more editorial judgement before you lose even more of your readers?

Stewart Goodings. 🍷

Covered play area

Personally I have little or no stake in this matter.

However having been on a couple of boards I know that very few people have the time or energy to attend meetings particularly in the past two years. This matter has been discussed throughly by both boards and debated as well. This project has had much planning and thinking and the arguments for and against have been weighed. The folks on the these two boards have worked hard and have secured the funds for this building.

I have read the current Facebook pros and cons and it seems to me the majority still want this project. I find the pros make sense and I am glad to see local towns gets some services for the taxes they pay.

Suzette Cullen 🍷

Dear Denman Community, DIRCS, and DICES,

The Denman Island Soccer Community would like to express its enthusiastic support for the proposed Covered Recreation Space next to the Community Hall. Community Soccer is a thriving Denman tradition that provides irreplaceable physical, mental and social wellbeing to many members of our community.

The COVID pandemic was a challenge for Community Soccer. We lost access to our usual indoor space (the school gym) and struggled to find times to play outside that fit within people's work schedules and the daylight available. Furthermore, the rain often kept us off the field, and even though we avoided playing when it was really wet, the field was degraded from the increased pressure it received throughout the winters. The potential of a Covered Recreation Space has always been of great interest to the Soccer Community as it would allow us to play at times when the school gym is not available and would simplify our ability to access a dry space to play.

We are thankful for DIRCS and DICES work on this project and encourage them to move ahead and take advantage of the funding opportunities that have presented themselves. This project will undoubtedly improve the health and wellness of the Denman Island Community for generations to come.

Thank-you!

The Denman Soccer Community 🍷

Dear Grapevine:

We had a good turnout on Saturday the 21st of May at the market day, mostly to support but also to oppose the Covered Recreational Space, (CRS).

The Question is, do we need this?

In the scheme of things it is just a speck in a vast horizon, a puff of cloud in a big blue sky (some day).

I have a picture history of "the day the pad was made." In it there are Roger Vinnedge, Wes Mitchin, Dave Symons, Dave Fairbairn, Leslie Gillet, John, Nancy and Kenny Mather, John Isbister, Sue and Paul Scanlon, Richard Lonsdale, Paul Vigneau, Tom Kirwin, Daniel and Theo Terry, Clark and Gloria, Janine Smith and others with their backs turned and some bossy looking guy. This was a long time ago!

Do we need this? Do we need a trail in the forest, a swim dock, a soccer field, a wharf, bridges over streams, park benches, lookouts at vantage points, Christmas?

If I might take one thing away, twenty five plus years ago a bunch of people from various walks of life got together on a day and started a dream. That was a dynamic and powerful day that could have carried on that way from a lifetime ago.

There are some people in the CRS that have raised an incredible amount of money towards this project. My hat is off to them.

Thank You.
Roger Smith 🍷

The BC Farmers' Market Trail

PRESS RELEASE

By Krystal Wiggins

Add BC Farmers' Markets To Your Must-Visit List This Summer The BC Farmers' Market Trail makes local shopping easy and accessible, connecting shoppers to farm-fresh food and preserving food traditions, while providing a launching pad for 6,000+ small businesses and entrepreneurs across British Columbia

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, May 16, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE)

-- Summer is almost here, and the farmers' market season looks to be more impactful than ever. Locals and travelers can find buzzworthy up-and-coming food businesses, farm-fresh food and artisan goods across every region of BC by using the BC Farmers' Market Trail. It is a free, comprehensive mobile- friendly website to 145+ authentic farmers' markets across 10 regions from Northern BC to the Kootenay Rockies to Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands, and beyond.

"BC farmers' markets have always been known for supporting local food and foodlands, but people may not realize that farmers' markets are where thousands

of BC's most beloved businesses get their start, including local favourites like The Juice Truck and Spread Em' Kitchen," says Heather O'Hara, Executive Director of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets.

Each year, farmers' markets across British Columbia contribute more than \$150 million in economic benefits to the provincial economy. By supporting vendors at farmers' markets this summer, British Columbians will be directly supporting local businesses, while also contributing to the preservation and sustainability of BC's foodlands for future generations.

"In the wake of ongoing supply chain issues faced by many in our province, people have become more committed to shopping for food and dining out in ways that reflect their values," explains Wylie Bystedt, Board Chair of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets, "Each and every one of us plays an important role in preserving our local food systems, and supporting our communities through the thoughtful, sustainable food choices we make. The BC

Farmers' Market Trail tool makes it easy and fun for people to shop and dine with their values top of mind - while supporting local businesses, too!"

The farmers' market summer season begins in mid-May and runs until early September, with specific opening dates and times varying by location and region. The unprecedented events of the last two years have amplified the importance of supporting local businesses and the role we all play in preserving our local food systems and food preservation traditions. The BC Farmers' Market Trail gives British Columbians and travelers alike a user-friendly website to find markets by name, region, community, season or other key features - such as dog friendly or wheelchair accessible - making it an essential resource to use all season long.

HOW TO USE THE TRAIL

Step 1: Visit: [https://](https://bcfarmersmarkettrail.com/)

bcfarmersmarkettrail.com/

Step 2: Filter by region and season to find the best local food and businesses that BC has to offer!

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About The BC Association of Farmers' Markets

The BC Association Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) is a non-profit organization committed to supporting, developing and strengthening farmers' markets in all regions of British Columbia. BCAFM is passionate about local food and helping markets, farmers and small businesses grow so local food continues to thrive. To learn more about BC Farmers' Markets, visit bcfarmersmarket.org.



2022 MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Visitors to this year's markets can expect a diverse variety of food, artisan goods, and delicious eat-at-the-market options! Newsworthy vendors include:

♦ **Nina's Pierogi**, handmade pierogies in gluten-free or organic unbleached dough in the City of Vancouver region

♦ **The Banana Bike**, serving small batch chocolate dipped frozen bananas in the Metro Vancouver region

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♦ **Nechako Microgreens**, locally grown microgreens in the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region

My Name is . . .

by Thomas Provençal

*I've been accused of peppering
our paper with my poems.
I like to be akin to trees,
their xylems and their phloems.
Like carbohydrates passed along,
messages within my song,
mycelia spread them through the
throng.
I'm sharing my ideas.*

*When my quirky attitude
gets confused with being rude
I must confess I'm just a dude
with passion on his sleeve.
When my freedom is in question and
I sense a bold deception,
I seek my personal direction
to build what I believe.*

Too Much of Not Enough

by Helen Grond

*There's too much of most things
But it feels like not enough*

*There's too much food but
Not enough nutrition
Too much stuff but
Nothing made to last*

*Too much medicine, not enough health
Too much security, not enough safety
Too much politics, not enough leadership*

*Too many people, not enough community
Too many phones, not enough conversation
Too many houses but not enough homes
Too many toys, not enough time to play
Too many voices, not enough laughter
Too much education, not enough wisdom*

*Too much money but it's mostly all debt
Too much entertainment but it's mostly all
violent
Too much news, but it's mostly all fake*

*Too much communication
But not enough understanding.*



*We are having an Open House celebration
of life for Jennifer Ellenton on Saturday, June
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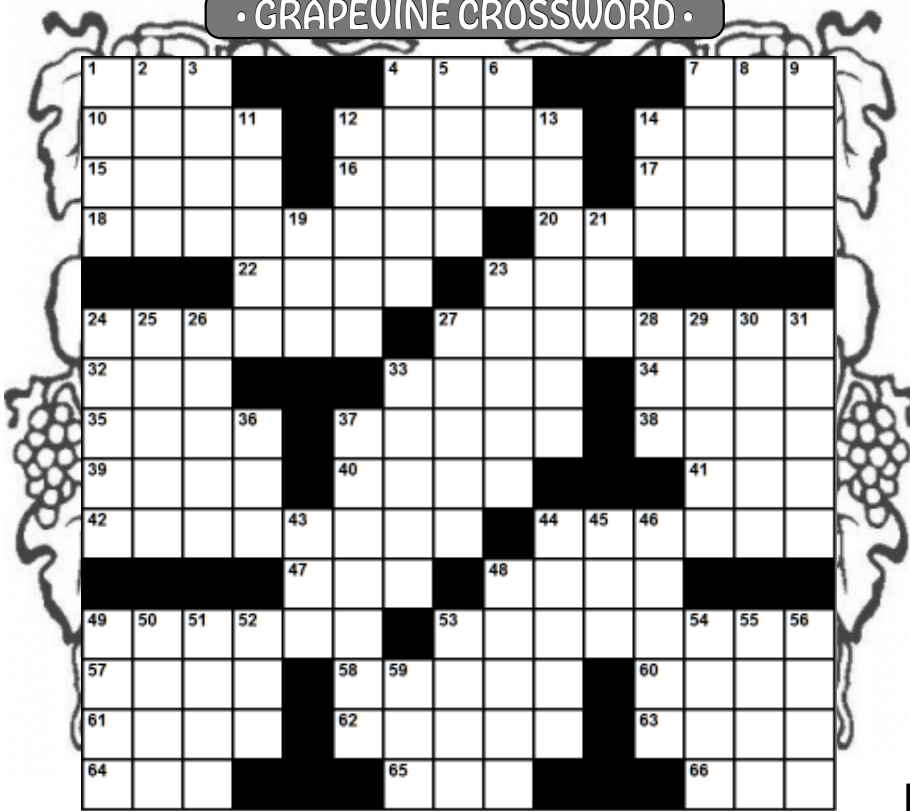
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4. Conniving
7. Actor McBride
10. Black-and-white cookie
12. Ring toss ring
14. Exuberance
15. Frightful
16. Liquid excretory
17. Aged, to Burns
18. Draw up a new course of action
20. Make less dense
22. Baptism, e.g.
23. Chicago lyricist
24. Clutches
27. Asian
32. A little resistance
33. Bible twin
34. Carbamide
35. Authoritative edict
37. Light bender
38. Black sheep's burden
39. Add to the pot
40. Bingo card word
41. Opposite of trans
42. Dancer, e.g.
44. Exactly correct

47. Additionally

48. Actress Miles
49. Newspaper feature
53. Tofu
57. Comic strip penguin
58. Entomb
60. Banjo locale
61. Cover with wax
62. Hired guns
63. Awkward try
64. "A Chorus Line" finale
65. Change the locks
66. Elect to

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1. Go abroad
2. Advance an argument
3. Fix, in a way
4. Rise and fall
5. Cut of meat
6. Yang partner
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8. Fifty percent
9. 500 mi. auto race
11. Hearings or inspections
12. Leaves the job
13. 65th element
14. Anvil setting
19. Drink cognac
21. Actor Vigoda
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24. Be very successful
25. Type of wine
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30. Defense
31. Catch a dogie
33. Fouled up
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44. Harlow and Stapleton
45. Cineraria
46. Tackles the quarterback
48. Father of sci-fi
49. Chanel's nickname
50. Accessible
51. Artificial bait
52. Avail oneself of
53. Warning float
54. Biblical preposition
55. Bring in a crop
56. Chapter 11 cause
59. Agree silently

Grumpism



“I was going to try walking on hot burning coals but I got cold feet.”

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

SUNDAY 29

MONDAY 30

TUESDAY 31

WEDNESDAY 1

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

THURSDAY 2

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WEDNESDAY 8

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THURSDAY 9

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Denman Baroque Music Workshop & Festival - a Round of Thanks

From the organising committee (Pelka Wiltshire Robert Newton & Andrew Fyson)

This year's festival went really well! A musical triumph thanks to Marco Vitale (musical director), Paul Luchkow (strings tutor), Romeo Ciuffa (winds tutor) and all the workshop participants. Excellent concerts by Contrasto Armonico (the tutors) and the participants were followed by the semi-staged production of John Blow's short opera Venus & Adonis enhanced by the wonderful dancers and excellent surtitles. We gratefully acknowledge the many financial donors from the community and workshop participants as well as The Comox Valley Regional District and our corporate sponsor Brendan Somers of RBC Wealth Management / Dominion Securities. None of this would be possible without the amazing generosity of our little community. Could this be possible anywhere else? Key to the success of any residential workshop are the billet hosts who share their homes with the musicians. During the workshop, meals were catered by the Earth Club Factory and Ima's Kitchen. To make this a festive occasion, there was an opening reception catered by Sharon Clarke and a wrap-up party hosted by Selinda and Mike White. Volunteers filled many roles: Manya Sadouski helped with COVID-19 safety; Pelka, Margaret and Daryl were at the door selling tickets; Kathy and Donna put out treats for breakfasts; Michael (the Boar) was stage manager; Kerri outfitted costumes; and Scott and Robert projected surtitles. Thanks to all!

Margaret Bilan
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Harold Gluesteen
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NEWSLETTER

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May 2022

Denman 2022 Home and Garden Tour Returns! June 11th and 12th

The recent Denman Conservancy Association's purchase of the Pickles Waterfall Wetland brings into sharp focus the purpose of the Home & Garden Tour. While galivanting about admiring the horticultural and architectural achievements of our friends and neighbours makes for a fun-filled weekend, the proceeds raised by the tour are an important part of the Denman Conservancy Association's ongoing campaign to protect wild spaces for public use, the Pickles Waterfall Wetland being one of them.

The Pickles Waterfall Wetland property was purchased in September 2021, rounding out a series of conservation campaigns and land acquisitions that spans the entire 30-year life of Denman Conservancy Association. The property, totalling 80 acres, is contiguous with Denman Island Provincial Park lands and is across Pickles Road from the Inner Island Nature Reserve, held by Islands Trust Conservancy.

The land also has a common boundary with DCA's Settlement Lands. This new conservation area is home to the SARA-listed (Species at Risk Act) red-legged frog (*Rana aurora*) and contains habitat for many other species at risk recorded in adjacent conservation areas.

This property will be making its debut appearance on the Denman Home and Garden Tour, along with four other never-before seen properties and eight familiar favourites. Across all the colourful gardens is a small-footprint ideology, whether through xeriscaping, pollinator-friendly design, or simply going pesticide-free.

**The Home and Garden Tour runs June 11-12, 9:30-5:00 (last entry at 4:30)
Tickets \$20 until May 15, \$25 thereafter.**

Bats Bats Bats

Our Precious Bats are returning - we're hoping good weather soon will bring them back in numbers to eat those pesky insects around our homes and in our gardens! As of this writing, there are at least 4 bats visible in the attic!

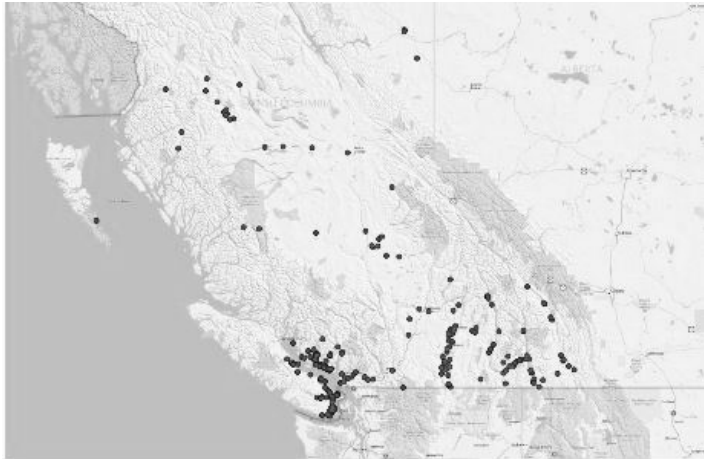
Folks should notice the new fascia on the Old School!



Bat Counts

As usual, we will be counting bats around the islands. Each year, the Denman Hornby Bat Project contributes lots of count-site data to BC's Annual Bat Count! This summer, we're lucky to have the help of two university students who will be working with the Bat Project. Island volunteers who would like to assist with bat counts and find new bat roosts are very welcome.

All across BC, folks are counting bats. BC Bat count sites:



Bat Viewing at the Old School

Our big News is the *soon to be open* Old School Bat Viewing Display! Cameras and temperature/humidity monitors have been installed in the Old School attic and as the bats return to the Old School, we will be able to watch the bat mums give birth and raise their new babes.

Bats are a key component of the islands' biodiversity, and two of our 9 confirmed bat species are rare, including the endangered Little Brown Bat. Four species of bats have roosted in different parts of the Old School's attic: Big brown, Little brown, Western long-eared and Yuma bats. From bat counts and from these cameras and the temperature/humidity devices, we hope to learn more about our bats' important activities and needs. Each year, more knowledge helps us improve our stewardship of these essential animals into the future.



Photo credits: Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project, BC Bats and Denman Hornby Bat Project.

IN PRAISE OF ERIKA

Keeping a non-profit conservation organization going on a small island is no small feat. There are, of course, the rusty and greying stalwarts and the loyal volunteers. However, in the life of an organization, there is simply too much to do, often not enough hands, and creativity occasionally stalls out. Progress ebbs and a general organizational malaise creeps in.

And then someone like Erika Bland comes along. Assuming the role of DCA Lands Manager seven years ago, she brought a breath of fresh air, likened to an injection of B¹² into DCA's bloodstream. Her skills are unparalleled. She keeps track of where things are (hard copy and electronic). She writes proposals that soften the hearts of even the most miserly of funders. She is fearless at making "cold calls." She can talk to and meet just about anyone - from someone with an ax poised at a tree, to young newcomers, to government officials, to environmental scientists, to students, and to some of us cranky Denman Islanders. She is highly collegial; as they say, "she plays well with others." She is a life-long learner. When she started, she didn't necessarily know as many plants and critters as the job required, but it wasn't long before she was winning at bird counts, and the Latin names of plant and animal species were rolling off her tongue. And, in the midst of all this, she earned a master's degree.

Erika has left the position, though ever loyal, she has joined the DCA Board of Directors. For the moment, she is busy having a baby, bringing a new little life to Denman. DCA gave Erika a gift as a token of our gratitude for her work. It is sterling silver bracelet made by a First Nations woman artist. It features an orca – the symbol of great strength, bravery, family, and unity.

Thank you Erika for who you are and all you have done.



Erika with her new addition to the family and the newest, and youngest, DCA member



Monitoring in the Denman bush with her puppy

You don't need me to tell you that it's been a cold and wet spring so far and that some of our wild plants (and gardens) have been slow to wake up, but I wonder if you've noticed how the mosses have been absolutely loving it! You may have witnessed the shiny, bouncy, vivid-green carpet around your feet while exploring some of DCA's trails. Perhaps you've glanced over the membrane-thin leaves of Badge moss or watched the raindrops cascade down the tiered platforms of the aptly named Stair-step moss, both common ground cover in our coastal forests. Whilst many others are struggling to get going, these diminutive yet extraordinarily successful surface-dwellers are thriving in this unpredictable springtime.

May has been declared 'Invasive Species Month' in BC and you may have seen some of DCA's Facebook posts highlighting some of our most notorious invasives here on Denman.

As things start to warm up into June (hopefully!), we enter the crucial time for monitoring for one invasive species in particular; American Bullfrogs. Early detection and action are key in preventing invasive species like American Bullfrogs having potentially disastrous impacts on fragile ecosystems. For several years now we have had a dedicated team of volunteers monitoring Denman's wetlands and lakes for Bullfrogs through June and July. If you haven't already received an email from me and are interested in getting involved in this important project, please drop me an email at lands.dca@gmail.com

Another one of the usual suspects where invasives are concerned is English Holly. In the coming months we will be embarking on a Holly Hunt; it's just like a good old-fashioned treasure hunt, except in this case where GPS marks the spot, instead of a buried treasure chest there's a prickly stump waiting to be clipped back. Fun for all the family!

We may have plenty of invasive species attempting to thrive here in these unpredictable times, but we also have the mosses; the very first colonizers of the land that transformed the world. In a recent essay, Robin Wall Kimmerer describes them beautifully:

"Mosses make minimal demands on their surroundings.....when times are

tough, most simply stop growing and wait until water returns. They don't die, they just crinkle up and pause, following the rhythms of the natural world, growing in periods of abundance and waiting through periods of scarcity: a wise strategy for life that is in tune with uncertainty."

If you're not already on our volunteer email list and are interested in getting involved in any of our various projects this year (poking at mosses included), please drop me an email!

Andy Blackburn – DCA Lands Manager

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Have fun and stay safe this summer!