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Top Tips for the DCA Home & Garden Tour!

COMMUNITY INFO

By Katarina Meglic

WITH the Denman Island Home and Garden Tour right around the corner on June 11-12, we thought we'd offer these insider tips, so you can make the most of your weekend!

Pick up your tickets

This is an obvious one. If you haven't already bought your tickets, you can buy them online at <https://www.denman-conservancy.org/home-and-garden-tour/>. The closest locations you can also buy them from are: the Denman Hardware Store, the Hornby Gas Co-op, or Weinberg's. If you've already bought your ticket online, you will collect it at the Community Hall on either day of the Tour between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., or at the DCA room at the Old School House on June 9th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (if you want to beat the line-ups).

Plan your route

Our suggested route on the ticket is a great one, but if your time and energy are limited, make sure you get to see all of your favourite places before you run out of steam.

Hydrate

You should do this anyway, not just for the Home and Garden Tour. But on June 11-12, you can bring your reusable bottle along, and there will be filling stations at some of the properties.

Prepare for the weather

We're hoping you'll just need a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, but an umbrella might be necessary, too. We're REALLY hoping you won't need a parka, but 2022 has been weird weather-wise, so just be prepared.

Check your phone!

Make sure you're fully charged, and with lots of memory available for all the photos you're going to be taking. This might be one of the most Instagrammable events you've ever been to (if you're into that kind of thing). Most importantly, we suggest downloading a plant-identification app, as our volunteers (and sometimes even the homeowners) won't always be able to readily identify a particularly colourful specimen.

Plan a picnic

There will be lots of food options available on the weekend: Baked goods and lunch at the Community Hall in support of the preschool, DCA, Ukraine situation and Afghan refugees. Lunches will also be served at: Corlan Vineyards, Abraxas, Chuck Wagon, and The Guesthouse. But, if you'd like to dine alfresco at one of the Tour properties (marked on the ticket), you can also pick up the fixings for a picnic at the Farmer's Market (fresh and prepared foods, open until 1:30 June 11 only), Two Roads Farm, The General Store, and East Cider Orchard. Delicious.

Bring cash

Some lunch and market vendors aren't set up for cards.

Please be patient

In addition to ferry line-ups, there will be long lines at many of your favourite Denman establishments and food services, and an unusually large number of cyclists and visitors navigating unfamiliar roads. We're working to create a joyful event that celebrates our island, its gardeners, and raises money for the Conservancy at the same time. Your patience is profoundly appreciated as we navigate this weekend together.

Please be flexible

We will be following the BC Health Guidelines, which could change at any time. In addition, some homeowners may require proof of vaccination, sanitizing and/or masks to enter their homes (you'll need to take off your shoes, too, but that's a different kind of flexibility!)

Wear matching socks

If you are prone to embarrassment, this can eliminate any awkwardness at the aforementioned shoe-removal.

That's it! For more general information on the Denman Home and Garden Tour, visit www.denman-conservancy.org, or email denman.hgt@gmail.com

The Denman Island Home and Garden Tour is supported by Denman WORKS! through the Community Economic Development Program of the Comox Valley Regional District. 🍷

Summer Camp Registration is Open!

By Emily Guinane
• DICES

COMMUNITY INFO

DO you have kids in your life who are looking for something exciting to do this summer? Registration for Summer Camp is open and welcomes kids aged 6-12 (or 5 if you've just finished kindergarten). We have a fun-filled summer planned here on Denman and we'd love to see you there!

Our Day Camp offerings (10am-2pm, Mon-Thurs) include:

- Week 1- Travel Around the World Camp (July 4th-7th)
- Week 2- Theater Camp (July 11-14th)
- Week 3- Science Camp (July 18-21)
- Week 4- Fantasy Camp (July 25-28th)
- Week 5- Carnival Camp (August 1-4th)

Our Afternoon Camp offerings (2pm-3:30pm, Mon-Thurs) include:

- Week 1: Board Game Building Camp (July 4th-7th)
- Week 2: Chef Camp (July 11-14th)
- Week 3: Pickleball Camp (July 18-21)
- Week 4: Comic Book Making Camp (July 25-28th)
- Week 5: Textile Arts Camp (August 1-4th)

For information about registration please visit www.dices.ca/summercamp/ or call 250-335-2058

Thank you for the plants!

Our Plant Sale Fundraiser was a great success and we raised \$1500 for our school garden. We want to thank all the generous gardeners who donated plants. We received a vast array of beautiful trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals this year and it is a joy to see all the plant enthusiasts scoop them up at the sale.

This week we will be harvesting radishes and salad greens from the school garden for our school salad bar and we look forward to feasting with the three sisters, corn, beans and squash in the fall. 🍷

Summer Gallery Update

ARTS&LIT

By Judith Scruton

OUR second show PATTERN LANGUAGE opens on June 9th at 7pm with watercolour drawings by Lorraine Martinuik, and decorated Pestles inspired by women in Ghana, created by Jude Kirk. Please come along to hear the artists speak about their celebration of Pattern.

For those of us who love dogs and Denman Island landscapes our third show is a special treat, as Dawn Stofer presents acrylic paintings at her show GONE TO THE DOGS. This show opens on June 23rd at 7pm, but please don't bring along your own dogs, even though they may be works of art!

These shows comprise the first part of the Summer Gallery as there is a short break to accommodate the Readers' and Writers' Festival. There are three more shows to come and I will tell you about those in July! 🍷

TIDE TABLE

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

2022-06-02 (Thu)

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

2022-06-03 (Fri)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
04:01	3.8
06:26	3.8
14:56	1
22:56	4.6

2022-06-04 (Sat)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
15:31	1.2
23:36	4.6

2022-06-05 (Sun)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
16:12	1.4

2022-06-06 (Mon)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
00:16	4.6
16:59	1.7

2022-06-07 (Tue)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
00:55	4.5
08:42	3
11:27	3.1
17:57	2

2022-06-08 (Wed)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
01:31	4.5
09:00	2.6
13:38	3.1
19:03	2.3

2022-06-09 (Thu)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
02:03	4.5
09:27	2.1
15:26	3.4
20:12	2.7



Cigarette Butt Recycling Comes to Denman

COMMUNITY INFO

By Stacey Armstrong

YOU can now recycle tobacco waste products locally! In partnership with community members and the local Conservancy and Marine Stewards the Denman Island Recycling Centre has joined Terracycle's program to divert tobacco waste products (cigarette butts, filters, loose tobacco pouches, outer plastic packaging, inner foil packaging, rolling papers and ash). Paying more attention to where tobacco waste products go is instrumental in reducing toxic substances into our local ecosystems and preventing potential ignition points for fires. In the initial rollout of the program six receptacles have been installed in public areas on island. You can find the small metal receptacles at the Community Hall, the Seniors Centre, the Old School, the community dock, and one on East Rd. near the Hornby Island ferry terminal. There is also a bright yellow metal garbage can at the recycling depot that can be used during the Recycling Depots hours of operation.

Terracycle (terracycle.com) sterilizes and separates out the materials by type. Tobacco and paper are composted and the filters, which are primarily made of plastic, are pelletized and used in the creation of new products.

If you have any questions about the program, want to volunteer, or sponsor the purchase and placement of more receptacle we can be reached via our facebook page (www.facebook.com/Denman-Recycling-and-Waste-Management-1974729269274700) or email Stacey.armstrong@mac.com 🍷

Occupied Denman CD Release Concert

June 4th.

MUSIC

By Eli Hason

HELLO all you Denmaniacs - aka citizens of the fair shores of Denmanistan. Many of you have heard about the compilation CD that was recorded on our fair shores last fall at Secret Clubhouse Sound thanks to generous funding from the BC Arts COVID relief fund, the Audio Arts Collective, and Arts Denman. It is called Occupied Denman, and features 10 local musical artists, bands, and collectives. We haven't gotten a chance to celebrate its release as of yet, so on June 4th we will have a show to highlight some of the artists who took part in the CD release. Artists performing include Ocea White, The Denman Ukulele Orchestra, Randy Duncan Band, Avro, Thomas Basil, and more. The show will have doors at 7:00 pm, with the show beginning at 7:30pm. It is an all ages show. Tickets are \$15 at the door and include a free copy of the CD. Students are \$5, and under 10 are free. We hope to see you out for a celebration of our creative community, and all funds raised at this show will go towards making another compilation, as we didn't get to even half the current bands on this fine rock. 🍷



Book Review - JP McLean's Blood Mark

ARTS&LIT

By Michael Rapati

Blood Mark is one of those stories that pulls you into and takes you for a ride through a chaotic series of events in a young woman's life. It has all the elements of a good suspense novel; murder, intrigue, mystery, stalking, and a lot of detective work. McLean adds in the supernatural, visions and folklore into a seamless storyline that will have you hooked from the first chapter. The main character is pushed to being a stronger person that she thinks she's capable of, and becomes the heroine of her own life. Sometimes a curse is actually a blessing and it isn't until the end you know what are the curses and what are the blessings.

Get Blood Mark at Abraxas Books where Tachi says she has two copies PLUS J.P.'s whole series

JP McLean Accolades

- 2022 Global Book Award – Occult & Supernatural (Blood Mark)
 - 2022 Chanticleer Paranormal Award for Supernatural Fiction Finalist (Blood Mark)
 - 2022 Wishing Shelf Book Award Finalist Adult Fiction (Blood Mark)
 - 2022 Readers' Favorite Award (Blood Mark)
 - 2021 Gold Literary Titan Award (Blood Mark)
 - 2020 Victoria Writers' Society Honourable Mention (Boone Park)
 - 2018 Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy Cover Kobo Writing Life (Secret Sky)
 - 2012 Whistler Independent Book Award Honourable Mention (Secret Sky) 🍷
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Summer Gallery June 9-19: Jude Kirk & Lorraine Martinuik

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

way of solving design problems has spread from the architecture of buildings to anything where patterns can be used to solve problems - computer science (systems and software), gardening, pedagogy, even meetings. Treating patterns



NEXT up at the Summer Gallery June 9th to 19th is Pattern Language, with Jude Kirk and Lorraine Martinuik.

Ever since Christopher Alexander published *A Pattern Language* in 1972, the idea of looking at patterns as a way of solving design problems has spread from the architecture of buildings to anything where patterns can be used to solve problems - computer science (systems and software), gardening, pedagogy, even meetings. Treating patterns as language (vocabulary, syntax, and grammar) was something everyone could grasp and gave the whole approach a universality applicable in all sorts of different contexts. Jude Kirk and Lorraine Martinuik have different takes on the idea of pattern language.

Jude will be showing a series of long, sturdy pestles from Ghana that she has decorated with vibrant textile patterns, chunks of colourful glass beads, and some small, thin castings. Each pestle is a microcosm of what Ghana is famous for: textiles, beads, and casting. The pestles are lengths of a hard, heavy wood used for pounding

cassava, each with a dense mop of wood fibres made by crushing the top to make the head. The textile patterns have astonishing variety, all meticulously rendered.

Pattern language is meant to solve design problems: a window, for instance is one approach to the problem of admitting light into a space. But Jude, who was very excited by Alexander's book, isn't taking such an abstract approach to patterns herself. She describes her approach as "literal," meaning, the pestles are not trying to solve any design problem, except, perhaps, she says, with a laugh, "depression." It's a proposition: if the problem is to how to admit more happiness into your personal space, the application of vibrant colour is a viable solution, in this case, in the form of a happiness stick. (In point of fact, some of the textile patterns themselves, do deal, she points out, with some problems in life: like the one about money, how it comes and goes).

Jude has made the pestles because she makes art wherever she goes, and in Ghana, which she has visited quite regularly, "Canadian art wasn't going to work." The pestles, she feels, are primarily beautiful objects. True, but I could not get away from the idea of them as a tool. I found it difficult to look at them as sculptural objects in their own space of aesthetic statement. You don't dialogue with a pestle; it's a tool, meant to be in your hand, and in your life. Moreover, Jude has given each one an imaginative character of its own, each different, which is to say, with personal appeal. I came away feeling we could all use one of these. Pounding cassava, pounding depression - why not?

Further up Jemima Rd., Lorraine Martinuik has taken a more formal approach to the concept of pattern language. Where Jude has created something without an explicit or pre-conceived message, Lorraine is thinking of the problem of

finding peace in these troubled times, specifically how, instead of admitting light into a space, we can soar up and into that light through beauty. Her solution is to take the concept of the mandala and translate it into an iconography of local flora and fauna, along with more personal references. The paintings are square, but the mandalas are circular in form. They are asymmetrical, in that



symmetry is suggested rather than directly expressed, which leads the eye to travel and explore. Like all mandalas, they are works of contemplation, but they also reference the forces of change, a restlessness that underlies the order of things, like looking up at clouds to

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...continued from P.5 make out shapes and faces that gradually dissolve in a continual flow.

Some are more explicit than others: an inner ring of herring is surrounded by a ring of eel grass, and beyond that, swirling garlands of bull kelp as a sort of memorial to what was the great pattern of the annual spawn. Another has a red bloom in the centre, embraced by the suggested shapes of fluffy, white wings, perhaps of doves, with glimpses of intervening rings, red, green, and blue, emerging from the vortex of the mandala. A poet as well as a painter, Lorraine is also concerned to include passages of text, of thoughts, as if caught up in the gravitational field of the mandala, the rotational form defined by brainwaves in various stages of sleep. She was inspired by the famous ceiling of the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, painted by Giotto in 1304, in particular, the deep field of the lapis lazuli blue with its gold stars. For Lorraine, this is the colour of soaring. 🌸

The Simple Life, On Our Own

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

level of depravity to which our governments, Federal and Provincial, have already sunk.

After my article, "An Immodest Proposal," a lovely woman from Hornby asked me what I thought we should do now. I have been thinking about that a lot. I believe what we are experiencing, with the rash of medically assisted suicides of people who are too expensive for the government to support, is really social collapse.

By social collapse, I mean destruction of the rules underlying the fabric of society. Civility, reciprocity, altruism and other virtues seem to be missing in action. For example, a friend took her beloved old father into a local Emergency Room when he suddenly became very ill. The young physician who saw him was bored and offered the opinion that if this didn't kill him something else would. The physician seemed offended that she wanted him to try to figure out what was happening to her father and rectify it. This sort of attitude is not something that is particularly helpful in a physician on duty in an ER.

My husband just insisted I mention that ever sick or injured person taken to hospital needs to have a family member with them to advocate for their treatment. For example, one of our neighbours fell down a flight of stairs and was injured. She was taken to hospital, the same one mentioned above, where the ER staff did not assess her for spinal injuries. Her daughter came as soon as she could and finding her mother in a reduced level of consciousness insisted they assess her mother for spinal injury. Her neck was indeed broken.

Then, there is the unedifying spectacle of the (federal) Parliamentary Budget Officer estimating in a report that the old Medically Assisted Deaths (MAID) act would save the Government of Canada 86.9 million dollars a year and the new liberalized regulations would save an additional 62 million dollars a year. Having to support a person on a disability pension is expensive but assisted suicide only costs \$2,327.00 per case. What a savings!

Rosie Ashcraft is a young woman in Victoria who has a debilitating degenerative disorder in her upper neck. She lives on pain killers and her life is one of agony. She would like to try for a surgery to stabilize her neck and has been waiting more than 4 years for an appointment with a neurologist. Even though she has three young sons, she is now considering MAID because being denied care is making her life unlivable.

On the other hand, Donna Duncan, a woman who was not in her right mind was granted MAID in Abbotsford only four days after applying for it and at that over the objections of her children and family physician. The Abbotsford police are investigating this as a possible murder. Donna Duncan had also been denied

necessary treatment for her condition due to long wait lists for patients.

So, under our wonderful socialized medical system in Canada you can wait for more than four years to see a specialist for a grievous condition but will be granted a death sentence in under a week even if you are not of sound mind.

Health Minister Adrian Dix thinks this is all just fine. He said it is up to the Doctors to make decisions about who to see. Talk about passing the buck. Rosie Ashcraft needs about 100,000.00 dollars to get the surgery she needs in the States as she certainly cannot get it in Canada.

I just checked and Adrian Dix is paid \$115,045.93 a year for being Minister of Health. Suppose he and all the senior managers in the BC Ministry of Death, oh, I really meant Health, take a 50% pay cut and we could use the funds saved to finance medical procedures not currently available in British Columbia? These people really are not worth what we are paying them.

This will not happen because we are clearly seeing the Federal and Provincial Governments are only out to serve their own needs. Citizens are just so many cattle to them. If the citizen is not producing taxable revenue or, horrors, taking governments funds, offer them the illusion of health care and a suicide pill when they tire of a life of dreadful illness, pain and crippling poverty. Next year, they mean to begin preying on the mentally ill, who are so often poor, by offering them assisted suicide.

What are we to do about all this? Should we write letters to our useless Minister of Health? I certainly will but this

will accomplish nothing. Vote these rascals out of office? Again, nothing is accomplished. You just get a new crew of rascals.

From the middle of the twentieth century to the end of the twentieth century, we in Canada experienced pretty miraculous times of peace and wealth. The Governments in wealthy countries could afford to buy the loyalty and compliance of their citizens with some medical services and a few pensions.

Now, we are in resource depletion and our wealth is based on resources such as oil, gas, coal, clean water, arable land and all these resources are in depletion. Governments around the world just spent the last 14 years (since 2008) printing money but "money" is not wealth. This printing of money has led directly to the inflation we are now experiencing. Governments are much closer to broke than they would like you to know. The bottom line is that we are now on our own and cannot expect any help for our various levels of government, unless you consider a suicide pill to be helpful.

This is what happens to societies in decline. Canadians, who have been used to getting some help from their government, are a bit behind in knowing what to do now. People from poorer countries with much more openly-exploitative governments have always known what to do.

They take care of their own. They, and I am thinking here especially of the Palestinian families we befriended, do not abandon their ancient mothers and fathers to nursing homes where they would be left to lie in their own urine and feces because adult diapers are expensive. They make sure that any member of the family who is in hospital is visited every day. They give of the little money they have that the poorest members of their family have the necessities of life. They would die of shame if they left a family member to suffer in poverty without trying to help. They have a functioning social structure. We need to work on rebuilding ours. 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

ebike battery will be in the mail tomorrow and I will be rolling free again soon, rain or no rain! Things are looking up.

Last Thursday I went to an event put on by the Arts Council at the Jeffrey Rubinoff Sculpture Park, one of the most unique and stunning venues anywhere. Glorious, in fact. Glass walls overlooking sculpture gardens in the fields below, setting sun basting everything in buttery golden light. The event wasn't bad either. Just kidding, it was lovely. The room was packed, the wine and refreshments were complimentary, the conversation was stimulating.

Dr. Vanessa Timmer gave a presentation called "Sustainable Everyday Living: From Island Life to Life on Earth," along with her husband, professional cellist Diederik van Dijk. He played Bach's Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major to open the evening, and then after her talk and an audience Q&A, closed with the Bach Cello Suite No. 1 in G. Major.

Bach leaves me--not cold--but cool. His compositions employ a lot of notes arranged in interesting patterns, all very cerebral and mathematical but lacking deep emotion, to my mind. But excellently performed! It was fascinating to see and hear this world-class musician's hands dance fluidly up and down the fretboard. I enjoyed it a lot, in the detached fashion I gather one is expected to enjoy Bach. Dr. Timmer's presentation, on the other hand, was passionate and engaged. She shared personal stories, her own, Diederich's and two others, telling of their journey to connect communities around the world to build and bond people together, from the ground up, and the successes they have enjoyed. Inspiring. The group she is associated with is called OneEarth; to learn more, check out oneearthweb.org.

Speaking of creating community connections, it was great to see people and have close up conversations after these past two years of distancing. I met quite a few new people, for example, a couple who had chatted with the RCMP who held court at the Co-op on Saturday. Apparently, they were here to let Hornby know that the CVRD intends to bring Hornby Island into line with the rest of the regional district. I don't know what that means and I would love to find out. On first impression, it seems ominous, especially coming from the RCMP. Bring us into line--how? I will have to learn more.

Hornby has long been a thorn in the side of the Regional District, with our idiosyncratic insistence on going our own way. Over time, we have been pressured to conform to certain standards, as witness the utilitarian design of the new Free Store and Fire Hall buildings, such a contrast to the

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THE weather is such a roller coaster these days. Last week's sunshine was followed by rain and the forecast is discouraging, but I have good news: my

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

...continued from P.7 quirky spaces they replaced. Our island has character, a soul that deserves to be preserved. I hope we don't let ourselves be pushed into abandoning it entirely, a path I fear we have traveled a long way down already. True, it's nice to have solidly built structures that aren't prone to falling over. But do let's keep the spark and free will that makes this island unique.

This makes me think of the 'spiffy biffy' at the Recycling Depot, built in 2006. Now, there is a stunning, innovative blend of beauty and function, a work of art, perfectly suited to our island esthetic. To quote the Aquarian Systems website, it's "an example of hydro-lodge-ical design ...not just an outhouse but a state of the art facility that integrates structural and landscape architecture with innovative wastewater treatment, stormwater management, roof water catchment, composting toilet, solar energy, reuse of waste materials, education, art, and an evolution in the island's recycling story and local building techniques." All thanks to Ed Hoepfner! If you haven't pooped in our biffy yet, you've missed out.

I would like to see us hold on to our vision, our differentness, despite what the CVRD might wish for us. The spirit of this special place deserves protection.

That is what I think. How about you? Email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com to share your thoughts. 🍷

Letters to the Editor *Dear Editor,*

I*have had an interesting education this week.*

I was surprised to see a notice in the Grapevine May 19 of a Public Hearing on bylaws relating to the Denman Green Affordable Housing initiative. The surprise mainly related to it containing notice of habitation densities being transferred to market based parcels on Danes Road, which seemed odd to be linked to affordable housing, but also because it was the first I heard of it, given a Public Hearing indicated second reading passed already, and given I own a lot adjacent to the receiving parcels, so thought I should have been notified earlier. I am personally concerned because the bylaws allow longstanding density rules to be broken and simply accepted.

I attended the Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing May 30, making a written submission and asking questions. There did seem to be a high turnout of support for the Denman Green initiative, in oral questions, oral and written submissions, and a few countering questions. There were only a small number of references to the density transfers, but all negative. Zero positive support. In a question on why the density transfers were not dealt with independently, the planner only replied that the proponents had it as an indivisible total package so that was it. Questions about water use impact were deflected as simply dealt with in reports available on the website. The density transfer situation was simply ignored in the focus on the affordable housing.

The subsequent Business Meeting May 31 seemed very odd to me, as I was essentially the only member of the Public attending, other than presenters and the applicants. Noticing I was there, when it came time to vote on the bylaws, an attempt was made to respond to my concerns, but it was primarily to deflect any question of density increase as irrelevant as it was only a density transfer from one property to another, so no overall impact, and concerns about negative environmental impact were negligible as a small price to pay for the net benefit of the affordable housing initiative. The bylaws were passed unanimously.

I do have serious concerns about the density impact as the situation is that 3 densities have been removed from 7 available in an R2 zoned property on Woodham Rd, where they were fully compliant, ie based on at least 10 acres per density. The receiving parcels only had 2 legal densities because they were in a previous (2021) subdivision of a large lot into 6 parcels, 3 of which were below the legal 10 acres. By giving those 3 additional densities to the receiver properties in Danes for a total of 5, the new lots and overall subdivision will have 9 lots, 8 of which look to be below legal size for R2, and averaging only 7 acres, well below the legal 10. These bylaws simply ignore the rules and make them legal. It is not only the simple size rule breaking, but the potential environmental impact on water and sewage, as this area is already noted from the previous subdivision to have water supply issues.

While I am willing to consider some flexibility to encourage positive progress, overall this process indicates to me that this Islands Trust is quite willing to negotiate anything in order to get "Net Benefit", ignoring or breaking longstanding rules and abandoning the principles that the Islands Trust Website proclaims in their history as the rationale for their creation in 1974, to control and prevent "unbridled development", excess density and its impact, and to "preserve and protect" the amenities of the islands. Negative impacts are now fully tolerable, if it is offset by a net benefit. Proponents of development appear to be encouraged to submit exploitive proposals as long as they are tied to initiatives that can be deemed of public benefit.

While I am critical of this level of local government, I have to admit all levels, including provincial and federal fail in the same way, letting net negative projects proceed, like pipelines and resource exploitation, on the basis that the magic "jobs" will be well received and get them re-elected.

I am just sad to say this Islands Trust does not match what I thought of them 16 years ago when I arrived on this wonderful island.

Charles Kinch 🍷

The Denman Island Community School PAC (Parent Advisory Council) would to express their support for the new covered space that is being proposed for the pad at the community hall.

Many parents and caregivers of small children on Denman Island struggle with isolation and depression, especially during the winter months. The rainy days, stuck inside the house can seem endless. The never ending screen time battles (both with kids and with ourselves is a daily struggle). Many of us are currently still stuck at home with sick kids who cannot attend school or visit with friends in our homes.

For the most part we don't envy our "town friends" with their access to library's, pools, rec centers or even malls. We prefer the wide open spaces and easy access to nature that is provided on these traditional lands that we have access to as uninvited guests. There are so many places on Denman to get out into nature without a building or a person in sight. But what we would love, is one space to

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...continued from P.9 meet outdoors that does provide shelter from the rain, snow and sun. A space where we can come together, feel safe and be together.

We urge you to consider our needs and move forward with this important, much needed project.

Sincerely,

The Denman Island PAC 🍷

I was on the original committee just shy of 20 years ago. With the covered play area turned into the equally needed recycling depot, ball hockey and skateboarders began to use the tennis court. This did not sit well with the tennis players so another community-minded solution was needed. The original covered play area committee was formed.

After months of research and consultation with interested user groups we decided it was possible thanks mostly to the overwhelming generosity of trades people and Denman individuals. To decide where to site it we put up flagging tape to delineate three possibilities; one was parallel to the road where the playground now sits, one was parallel and next to the tennis court; the other was where it is now. After weeks of input, comments and discussion we chose the present site though it was more costly for drainage work. There were three main reasons. The hall people wanted it close to enable spill over seating for events like H&G tour lunches, faires etc. The preschool wanted the pad closer as well so kids could use it for trikes etc. Also the wider community thought it was the best place as it was less intrusive re sight lines.

Fast forward to the incredible community effort into putting in the pad. Work on the half-walls and roof was stalled when new insurance stipulations came into place. Special engineered trusses and other unforeseen requirements created a budget shortfall. After a number of years, the remaining money was eventually turned over to DIRCS with the ask that an adult height basketball net be put at the north end.

So I am very pleased that this long awaited and much needed structure is finally coming to pass. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Leslie Gillett 🍷

I moved to Denman right as the pandemic hit. I had been planning the move for over a year, and had been visiting friends and contributing to projects here for several years before COVID. My decision to move here was shaped by my experience of its vibrant social fabric and the reciprocity I saw between so many Denmanites. But my first two years on Denman were pretty isolating, with few opportunities to meet new people on the island.

After many months of isolation, I am looking forward to weaving myself into the social fabric that was frayed by the virus and its consequences. While I want to meet new people and have fun, building strong community connections also feels urgent and crucial in these uncertain times. It's with all this in mind that the new Covered Recreation Space feels important and exciting. I can only imagine the difference a space like this might have made during the long, rainy winter months of the pandemic.

No matter what happens with the virus in the future, it's clear that social and ecological crises are deepening. This project will create crucial community infrastructure: a public, sheltered, low-barrier space to gather and connect in all sorts of ways. Going 'back to normal' may not be possible (or desirable), but spaces like these seem indispensable in any future. Oh and I want to learn pickleball.

Many thanks to DICES, DIRCS, all of the volunteers helping to make this happen.

Nick Montgomery 🍷

I am responding to Stewart Gooding's attack on Maxine Rogers and Thomas Provencal. It is critically important and commendable that The Grapevine allows all points of view to be expressed in its pages, no matter how diverse and fundamentally opposed they are in their points-of-view.

The death of every one of us is coming- that is certain. Allowing people with serious mental or physical illnesses to use MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) when they reach the age of 18 is a radical reinterpretation of previously

accepted norms in Canada. This new interpretation of MAID will, certainly, ease the strain on our Healthcare system. I find myself wondering how many people will end their lives prematurely when they might have been able to make contributions to their communities and families if they had chosen to stay with us longer, and, how many people will be "guilt-tripped" into ending their lives prematurely.

We crossed a dangerous line as a society when our elected representatives voted the revised MAID into law. Perhaps, a referendum would have been more appropriate, as this law potentially affects every one of us.

"Justin Trudeau is, indeed a failed drama teacher", who fired Jody Wilson-Raybould as Justice Minister and Attorney General because she refused to brush SNC Lavalin's corruption under the carpet. To quote CBC:

"The scandal all centres on one key question: did the Prime Minister, someone in his office or other government officials try to pressure Jody Wilson-Raybould when she was Attorney General to step in and resolve the corruption and fraud case against SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. in an effort to spare the Montreal-based giant from criminal prosecution?"

Trudeau has repeatedly denied any inappropriate actions on his part or senior figures in his administration. But Parliamentary Ethics Commissioner Mario Dion found that the Prime Minister had "directly and through his senior officials used various means to exert influence over Jody Wilson-Raybould. These actions, said Dion, violated Section 9 of the Conflict of Interest Act."

He is a very poor choice for Prime Minister.....

Dr Bonnie Henry used her "sweet voice" and "kindly" persona to destroy people's lives and close thousands of small businesses all over the province with her draconian and ineffective lockdowns and vaccine mandates, that infringed deeply on our rights in a major way. It should be noted that vineyards were not closed to the public during the lockdowns. Needless to say, Bonnie Henry is a part owner of a vineyard. She is, currently, being sued in the BC Court system and will, hopefully, be found guilty of contravening our rights as BC residents.

Finally, I must address Stewart Gooding and say that, in my opinion, now is the time to heal the divides in our island community, respect each other's opinions and treasure each other as human beings who care about each other and our environment deeply. We must, in my opinion, transcend the divides that have been created by the "powers that be" in the last two years and never return to that toxic world.

My thanks go out to Mike and his team at The Grapevine should they choose to publish my thoughts on these matters. Needless to say, I will be happy to converse privately with anyone who wishes to explore these matters further..

Sincerely,
Perri Gorrara 🍷

May 30, 2022

Editor, The Islands Grapevine

Dear Mr. Mike Van Santvoord

I agree 100% with Stewart Goodings' letter, published in the Grapevine May 26, 2022, that "a bit more editorial judgement" is needed in your newsletter.

I agree also that you may be losing readership. When I discuss the merits of the Grapevine with people I know, I am met with eyeball rolling, sighs of exasperation, and a statement that "I just don't read it anymore."

The Grapevine is a wonderful service for us all on Denman, and occasionally exhibits insightful, vibrant, and truthful writing! But please, be awake to the fact that a lot of the stuff that gets published in your newsletter is hateful drivel, and that should stop.

Sincerely Rosa Telegus
Denman Island 🍷

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Last Saturday I was at a concert to which I was never invited. Through the use of an amplifier of several thousand watts blasting out through a thick forest 3 or 4 doors down from my home the 'music' was brought right into my living room. Practice session was around noon; party session was in the evening and still going at midnight. I got over being a show-off teenager decades ago but some people never do; they seem to think that everyone within a half kilometre's earshot will be simply ecstatic over their choice in music. All this ear shattering volume when those really listening to the music are probably less than 100 feet from the source.

Of course it is not the music per se; it is the volume. Perhaps you can blame it on my age but I cannot understand why volume gets priority over musical performance these days. Does volume cover up musical sour notes? Are music amplifiers, synthesizers and the whole electronic paraphernalia just 'boy's toys'? Does ear splitting noise set off some atavistic character in our nature? What exactly is it that 120 decibels does for us. The rock and roll music we danced to in the fifties was loud enough but it could never compete with current 'advances' in electronic amplification and I simply cannot understand the desire to 'entertain' ourselves at the expense of our actual hearing. These volume levels favour beat over melody and drums and electric guitars over many other lovely instruments. Such amplification has, I believe, also led to the serious debasement of musical arrangement.

I sometimes think that popular music has largely been destroyed by electronic gadgetry. Even the pop musicians of the the fifties learned how to play a great variety of instruments—piano, saxophone, real drums, clarinets, banjos, etc. Today with a computer you can compose a piece with a variety of simulated instruments without actually learning how to play any. Our Hornby Blues week and our MADDWEve chamber music concerts demonstrate that there are still musicians around who take actual acoustic instruments very seriously, but even some of them appear to have given their souls over to simple volumetric power. When they selfishly impose ear splitting noise on their distant neighbours they are simply saying 'hey, look at us; aren't we having fun and don't you wish you were too'.

Well, I like choosing my own fun rather than having it imposed upon me and I do wish my neighbours would extend the same courtesy to all around them.

Oakley Rankin
Hornby Island 🍷

Letter to the Editor on Medically Assisted Death in Canada,

by Maxine Rogers

A couple of people approached me after I wrote, "An Immodest proposal," an article about people in Canada being granted MAID, medically assisted death due to their not being able to live on inadequate disability pensions. I was told I was simply wrong and that MAID was only for terminally ill persons and that I was a conspiracy theorist. How I wish all that were true.

A simple search of less than five minutes will locate a Government of Canada website on Medically Assisted Death. I know, the Government of Canada is a pretty sketchy source and I don't trust them either but I also have other evidence from more trustworthy sources. The website states that on March 17, 2021 parliament passed legislation on who may be eligible to receive Medically Assisted Death (MAID) in Canada. This act of parliament removes the requirement for a person to be terminally ill to receive MAID.

"The Government of Canada recognizes that other important outstanding issues related to MAID must still be explored. Areas such as the eligibility of mature minors." Mature minors are children.

"To be eligible for MAID in Canada you must be eligible for health services, be at least 18 and mentally competent and have a grievous and irredeemable medical condition."

"Canadians whose only medical condition is a mental illness will not be eligible for MAID until March 17, 2023."

On 30 April, 2022, the Spectator Magazine in the United Kingdom ran a story with the headline, "Why is Canada euthanizing the poor?" This was written by Yuan Yi Zhu. I quote from the article, "Since last year, Canadian law, in all its majesty, has allowed both the rich as well as the poor to kill themselves if they are too poor to continue living with dignity. In fact, the ever generous state will even pay for their deaths. What it will not do is to spend money to allow them to live instead of killing themselves."

On 11 May, 2022, Leyland Cecco of Toronto wrote for the Guardian newspaper in the United Kingdom, "After pleading unsuccessfully for affordable housing to help ease her chronic health condition, a Canadian woman ended her life in February under the country's assisted suicide laws."

I find it interesting that this is not being much discussed in the Canadian media, only abroad. Interesting too to note the number of Canadians who had no idea such an important law had been changed.

*I remain, your humble and obedient servant,
Maxine Rogers* 🍷

Re-Creation Space

I've been a dancer for most of my adult life and have led Nia sessions here on Denman. Our group has used various spaces including the school gym, the Community Hall and the Activity Centre. During the early stages of the pandemic none of these spaces was available to us, so when weather permitted, we took our practice outdoors onto the concrete pad and danced and dreamed about the day that pad would be covered.

Building and maintaining community during a pandemic has been challenging. Last winter –our second COVID-19 winter-- I wandered around Denman looking for a meeting space for the Reconciliation Group. I assessed the suitability of various carports, the porches of the Arts Centre and the Community Hall, even the ferry waiting room and the covered entrance to the green cemetery. I noticed other community groups having the same problem and saw meetings taking place outside Abraxas, the Guesthouse and the Activity Centre—all of us coming up with contingency plans in case of rain.

Covid is not going away. Similarly in this climate emergency, we need outdoor community spaces protecting us from sun.

Change is hard. I know. I get that. I read Octavia Butler. Also, all of my mitochondrial DNA is on this coast so in my bones I know change and loss of land and people moving in and doing things we don't want.

It seems the main objection to the project is aesthetic. I get that too because I used to worry about not being able to glance across the Hall field to see who was on the soccer pitch. Now I think about how warm my heart will feel to see folks gathering, playing, engaging together in the covered space.

But I do wonder if any of the design is negotiable? That one wall makes a huge difference. Here I agree with Selinda White; it's ugly). Is that wall really necessary? Is there another way to get the weather protection? Maybe a design that's lighter? airier? Maybe something more welcoming and less obtrusive?

We know the pandemic isn't going away and we haven't lost our need for social connection and feeling that sense of belonging. A covered space will make this island a better place to live, to engage in activities that bring us together safely.

Lastly, at the start of the construction of this much-needed covered space, can we bless that concrete pad with eagle-down? Can we do it with love and with a vision for the Great Turning, maybe even have a ceremony for the space as it was and for our vision of what it will become for our beloved community?

With kind regards and deep appreciation for all the work the many volunteers have done and continue to do for community,

Maxine V.H. Matilpi, JD, LL.M, and founding member of the Carmen Miranda Ensemble 🍷

The Rumble

ARTS&LIT

By Alan Black

THE two groups stood at each end of the large green field. They had agreed no guns would be allowed.

Dr. White led the disbelievers who banged their weapons on pots and pans as they moved forward. Dressed in a bright white jump suit Dr. White stood on an enormous bass drum on wheels and was pushed forward as he bounced up and down on his bare feet. He and all of his followers wore football helmets with face masks. Some had painted camouflage colors on their faces.

"We are here today prepared to fight to the death in the belief that we have the right to disbelieve and upon this sacred drum blessed by our local druids we will vanquish the foolish believers off of this wee gulf island!"

The disbelievers roared their approval and the doctor twirled and attempted a few break dance moves on top of the big drum but they looked ill timed and awkward.

On the believers side a burly hunched man pushed a standing man forward in a bright yellow wheel **continued on P.14...**

...continued from P.13 barrel. The standing man nearly fell over a couple of times. All of the believers wore all black as well as black face masks. Many had on black bike helmets with silver spikes and had painted their shiny bike gear black which had bits of bright yellow and orange blasting through. They too banged their weapons of knives, crow bars, base ball bats and hammers onto their pots and pans.

The standing man was a big man and his white beard tumbled out of his mask a full foot down his immense belly.

"I've got one word for you disbelievers. Science! Science! Science!" Soon all the believers were chanting, "SCIENCE! SCIENCE! SCIENCE!" Some held up pictures and signs of their symbolic leader: Albert Einstein.

On the other side Dr. White shook his head back and forth.

"It is time to take our cocktail of homeopathic war medication." Dr. White stepped off of the bass drum and handed out small yellow envelopes to his people.

"This will put fire in the belly although it may make some of you a bit gassy," warned Dr. White. A very tall woman in a shiny purple gown with deer antlers attached to her football helmet came forward; she held firmly to a long black hatchet.

"Are you sure this is the only way Dr. White? I have family on the other side."

"The believers must be vanquished for us to live in peace," said Dr. White unable to control a tone of mild irritation in his voice.

On the other side some of the older members swigged from bottles of tepid home made wine while the younger crowd did bumps of crystal in preparation for the battle as in their research they had learned that amphetamines are the best drug for war.

"It is time," said Dr. White as he got back up on the bass drum and began to stomp his feet.

"This is your last warning believers, either flee this island now or face ultimate destruction." Both sides began to beat their pots and pans.

The big man in the bright yellow wheel barrel pushed himself to his full height and began to thump his thick chest.

"Bring it you disbelieving sons of bitches!"

The two groups charged and the big man fell out of the wheel barrel and was knocked unconscious.

The woman with deer antlers planted her hatchet deep into the neck of a foe. Gushing thick red blood the man fell on his back where he lay bleeding to death with his black mask askew from his face. To her astonishment the woman recognized the man.

"Oh my dear brother I have killed you and I am so sorry," wailed the woman.

"Do not be sorry dear sister as I hope to have not died in vane, maybe now you will get vaccinated?"

"No!" She bristled and hit him again. 🍷

The Death of Irony?

OPINIONS

By Keith Porteous

THERE is really no such thing as free speech anywhere, and it would seem it's beside the point. There's a nearly unanimous consensus that inciting violence and overtly bigoted hate speech should be forbidden everywhere. The curious exception is that you may publicly advocate for actions that are certain to result in the death of thousands of people, but may not suggest that any individual be threatened with violence or death. Hate speech in Canada is policed by a Federal tribunal.

The issue of content moderation has risen in all media, including in our local weekly newspaper. Its publisher prints almost every letter without editorial interference, and includes that which often offends the liberal minded. In fact, its publisher even prints letters critical of himself that suggest he should intervene in the case of letters that are personally and rudely critical of public figures, by editing, censoring, or moderating in some fashion. Sometimes in a letter critical of the publisher's editorial policy, it does so condescendingly and with ridicule. So be it.

And sometimes in these letters that criticize this open editorial policy, the writer then personally attacks, insults, and dismisses our neighbours who submit letters with heterodox views by suggesting they are "wackos" and conspiracy theorists, in a teaching moment for the meaning of irony. These letters of complaint almost always punch downward on members of our community, and defend established and privileged public figures. Their claim is that personal insults aimed at people in

positions of power should not be tolerated, but they selectively apply this principle..

Often, in these letters that are critical of the editorial policy, there is the claim that the letters are “divisive” or so weird or extreme in their expressed opinions that the rest of us must not be “forced” to endure their existence in the pages of a community forum. Apparently, we are too fragile or too stupid to moderate our own reading material and we must be protected from certain ideas and the printed word. The other theme that has emerged is the presumptive threat of reduced readership of our weekly newspaper, while we have ample evidence that more and more people are intrigued by the widening spectrum of content.

Where are we, as a supposedly progressive thinking community that claims to celebrate diversity? And what is the intent of the self appointed pearl clutching hall monitors? What is this fear of including views that are “far out” or weird, or simply challenging the assumptions of overwhelmingly dominant narratives? A fundamental principle of liberalism is to tolerate views you don’t like, expressed in a way you don’t like, by people who you suspect are less than credible. The diversity of viewpoints included in letters submitted to our local weekly newspaper reveal as much about who we are as a community as any other local forum.

The attempts to silence our own neighbours from publicly expressing themselves is a form of bullying behaviour. The diligent and dedicated stewards of “appropriate” public discourse attempt to promote their own critical viewpoint as being representative of many other readers, while most of the feedback received is from people who privately express gratitude for the open editorial policy and inclusion of views more rarely expressed. And when doing so, they share that they choose not to speak up in relation to their own views out of fear of how they will be publicly ridiculed or shunned, even by people with “Keep Denman Weird” stickers on their bumpers.

The casting of editorial pearls before swine, make reports on the death of irony most certainly premature. 🍷

Publisher’s Notes *Hello Stewart.*

As you’ve called Thomas Provençal’s poem that references Dr. Bonnie Henry sexist hate speech a second time now, *three and a half months after the first*, I see you’re having difficulty letting go. I guess it’s time for me to rebut. I disagreed with you back then, as I do now. First off, levelling an accusation doesn’t make it fact. It takes more than that. You can think it’s hate speech all you want. That’s your opinion and I can respect that.

For me, Provençal’s poem was critical of a public official, which I consider fair game. It’s called punching up. Thomas’ frustration, expressed figuratively in a poem, was no different than telling Dr. Henry to “take a long walk off a short pier.”

Sure, the visual that Provençal painted may have lacked decorum for some of our readers but by expressing disdain for our PHO’s pushing of a vaccine **pass** in the preceding stanza of ‘The Jab’, it’s clear our resident poet had limited choice for words that would work with the set up as well as rhyme. I know Howard Stewart wouldn’t approve of:

The jab is just a smoke screen
They really want the pass.
Bunnie bitch can take em all
And walk right off the pier.....

I have to say I’m with Howard on this one. It’s clunky and lacks a certain punch. Let’s try again..

The jab is just a smoke screen
They really want the pass.
Bunnie bitch can take em all
And fill my tank with gas.

Closer, but it doesn’t quite work. *Although* the way things have been going lately a free tank of gas could be just the incentive to improve uptake of Bunnie’s carrot juice.

Now we could debate whether Provençal wrote himself into a corner or whether he explicitly chose those words for effect (gah!) but that’s neither here nor there. What I saw was someone expressing an opinion. I get that you *and some others* didn’t like that opinion, the manner in which it was expressed or the “conspiracy” ***continued on P.16...***

...continued from P.15 theorist" expressing it. But calling it hate speech? And sexist? Provençal's slight of Dr. Bonnie didn't target her gender. It targeted her policies. Gender is inconsequential to the office she holds. That you attempt correlating the two makes me wonder "who's being sexist here?" If our top doctor was Adrian Dix, I'm certain Provençal would've had just as much pleasure taking him down with rhyme. Lots more potential with Dix, too, though I can already hear the howls.... 'Sexist?' What, **again?!** *Damn.* Can't a weekly publisher catch a break for once?

I'm honestly flabbergasted, Stewart, that you would interpret the figurative so literally. You of all people! I don't see you as willfully ignorant so I guess such inflexibility stems from literary festival pressures and minutiae? (**Please, check out all the R&W Fest details in June's Flagstone**). You've got me grasping at straws here! I want to be able to see eye to eye with you on this so would you mind if I suggested a new workshop for your festival? I've an old friend who teaches a class that helps to distinguish the subtle yet telling ways that literal and figurative get mixed up. He's actually quite obsessed with helping people 'get it right.' When I think about it I'd say he's a bit manic. He would counter that he's passionate. We may differ on that but we both think his class has a catchy name. It's called 'Literally Figurative, with Chase Cox.' He's a busy guy, *always on the run*, but if you think it a good idea, I know how to hail him.

As you give consideration to that offer I think it best to move on from the semantics. The day is getting long and I'm getting hungry. So hungry, *as a matter of fact*, I could eat a horse.....hmmm, I better play it safe here... Fireweed... Mike... Cheryl. **STAND DOWN!!** No horse has been mistreated nor eaten in the course of responding to Stewart. I'm just horsing ar-, er... **being light.**

Words! They sure can be tricky at times. That's why I like photography. I appreciate how images can transcend words. *Say*, maybe from a visual standpoint we'll perceive more mutually! Look at this photo:

That's Des Kennedy punching up at a public figure as part of 'Denman's Got Talent.' Now a photo doesn't quite convey the atmosphere of his performance from Apr.1st, 2016, but *having taken that picture* I can share that the crowd's laughter was riotous... bordering on lustful. That night Islanders revelled in punching up as comedic device. Des performed masterfully. It's clear he's a good study. Such mimicry. Such a *YUGE* tie! The laughter he drew was well and truly earned. I must say it was a challenge to photograph handheld in low light while convulsing from laughter but I managed to get the shot! As I'm learning more about you through your correspondence I'll assume you boycotted the performance. Maybe you were out front of the Hall, picketing the injustices that public figures have to bear.



When I remember 150 islanders on the night enjoying the take down of a public figure inside the Hall and then think of you outside, 'white knightning' for public figures who needn't *your* help or protection, I get to questioning just *how many people* your views represent. I'm left with two thoughts. There's either a serious double standard existing on island or the Grapevine's neutral stance serves more of this community than you'd have me believe.

At that, I'm going to leave things as they are for now and get back to work putting out Issue #1536.

Till you write again,
Cheers. 🍷



We are having an Open House celebration of life for Jennifer Ellenton on Saturday, June 18th, from 1-4 pm in her garden at 9210 Mcfarlane. Please bring a chair and finger foods to share.

Life

by Thomas Provençal

*Life is restless. Life is wild.
Life will push you till you're
riled.*

*Then in some quixotic way,
life may bless you with a child.
What is spawned by splashing
sperm
but progeny to take their turn
floating down fallopian way
to face the world, so much to
learn.*

*Life sucks on your will to win
and feeds it to your next of kin.
Once they're born they find a
way
to keep you giving, giving in.
Giving in is full of love.
With inspiration from above
we help our children through
the fray
and share discoveries thereof.*



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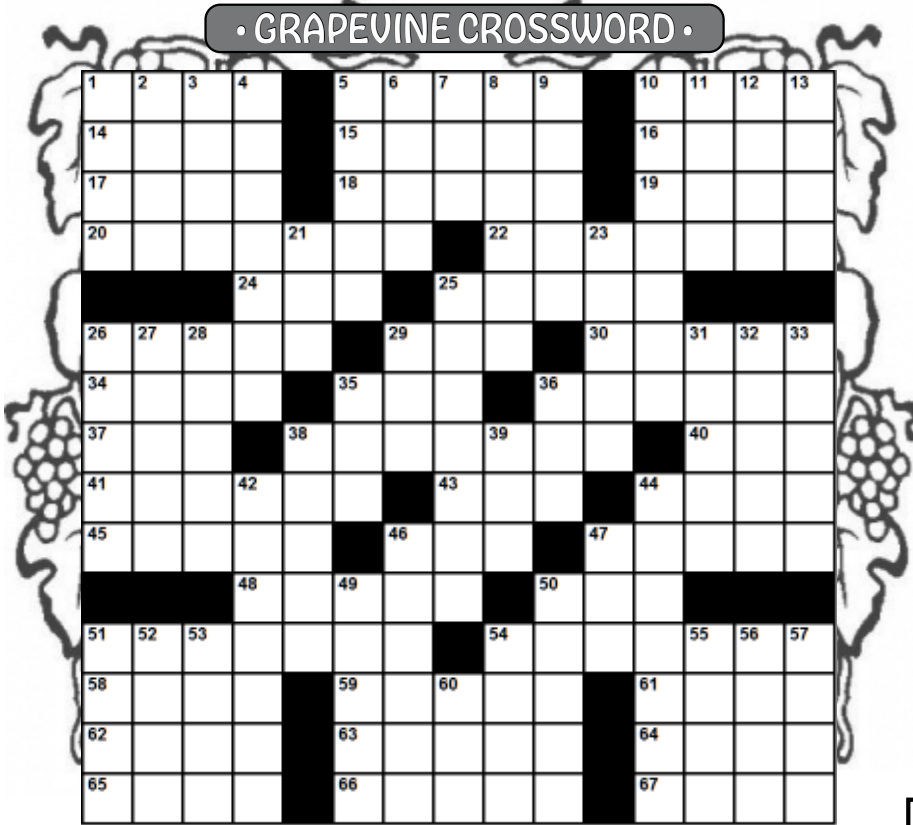
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36. Closer
37. Cooper's tool
38. Spray can contents
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41. Tool for gripping
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44. Iris's place
45. Classifications
46. "A Chorus Line" finale
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62. Pitcher's blunder
63. Balance sheet item
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66. Fundamental particle
67. Bone dry

• DOWN •

1. Apply rickrack
2. Radiate
3. Bundle hay
4. Trappers
5. Garment size
6. In a vulgar way
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8. Deteriorate
9. Biblical city
10. Household cleaning item
11. Stead
12. Cold war power
13. Complain nosily
21. Bavarian peak
23. Foolish Games singer
25. Sean Lennon's mom
26. Dull
27. Sorrowfully
28. Opens, in a way
29. Antony's loan request
31. Small group of trees
32. Lumberjack, often
33. Buy a round
35. Affirmative reply
36. And also not
38. Poetry accent
39. Behold
42. Resembling a conger
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46. None to bright
47. Aardvark fodder
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50. Big vessel
51. Jack or Clifton
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• **FOR SALE** •

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

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

• **CLASSIFIED ADS** •

• **COMMUNITY NOTICES** •

On Sunday June 12, 2022 at 3pm at the Community Hall on Hornby, there will be a gathering to remember the life of Dale Chase who died unexpectedly last year in May. Those who wish can meet at the Firehall at 2:30pm for a procession to the Hall.

HIRRA Zoom meeting:
Wednesday, June 8, 7:30pm.
AGENDA: Motion to approve draft collective agreement with CUPE. Updates: Hornby Is. Fire Rescue, HICEEC, Arts Council, Ferry Advisory. E-mail office@hirra.ca to register.

BLACKBERRY LANE is hosting the dessert table for the Home and Garden tour on June 10-12 and needs your baked donations. If you can't bake something please spread the word instead! Desserts can be dropped off Saturday or Sunday morning after 9 am. Please include an ingredient list and label your dishes to have them returned.

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

• **EMPLOYMENT** •

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER wanted for local tv production – underwater documentary series. Can work from home.

Book-keeping qualifications and experience essential. Please email hilary.pryor@maystreet.ca.

FEEL LIKE GOING POSTAL?
Come work at the Post Office! Call Jennifer for more info. 250 335-2293.

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

• **WANTED** •

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



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• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

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

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

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

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

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- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)
- Katarina Mezlic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

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- Shel Brodsgaard • Excavation & Services • 250-703-3898 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather •
250-703-6512 (All) • John Isbister • 250-335-2565 (D)
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• SERVICES •

- Denman Works! • Tony Gresson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
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- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
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• HEALTH & WELLNESS •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165
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335-2260 (D/H)
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- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Magnoliahealing • Deep Tissue Body Work • Kelly Hyllestad •
1(250) 640-2405 (D/H)



FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 2

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



FRIDAY 3

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 4

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

SUNDAY 5

MONDAY 6

TUESDAY 7

WEDNESDAY 8

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

THURSDAY 9

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



FRIDAY 10

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 11

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

SUNDAY 12

MONDAY 13

TUESDAY 14

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

WEDNESDAY 15

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

THURSDAY 16

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



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World Oceans Day Event!

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

12pm – 3pm

Fillongley Beach, Denman Island

Dear Denman Island Community,

ADIMS invites everyone to join us at Fillongley Beach for a casual World Oceans Day Event!

The United Nations World Oceans Day, 8 June 2022, will highlight the theme:

Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean



The 'Otter Daughters' will make an appearance for a 'community participation' swim (weather dependent), so bring your bathing suits!

After two long years, we look forward to visiting with ADIMS members and the Denman Island community.

ADIMS will have a table for signing a new petition, as well as providing updates on our current projects.

Bring a packed lunch, a beach chair and join us to enjoy the wonder of our beautiful shoreline!



For more information contact Liz Johnston email: lizji@telus.net
The Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards www.adims.ca
www.facebook.com/AssociationforDenmanIslandMarineStewards

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LOOK FOR OUR NEW TOBACCO WASTE
RECEPTACLES THROUGHOUT DENMAN ISLAND

ACCEPTED TOBACCO WASTE



WHAT IF I HAVE TOBACCO WASTE AT HOME?

NO PROBLEM! USE A POCKET ASHTRAY WHEN OUT
OR COLLECT BUTTS IN A FIRESAFE CONTAINER

DROP THEM INTO OUR YELLOW TOBACCO WASTE
BIN WHEN YOU COME TO THE RECYCLING DEPOT
5901 DENMAN RD — WED/THUR 2-6PM & SAT 9-5PM

