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Coming to a "Theatre" Near You:

COMMUNITY INFO

By Erika Bland



Percy – A Movie Night to Support Farm to Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH please join us for a movie night to support Farm to Family: Percy is based on the true story of a small-town Saskatchewan farmer, Percy Schmeiser, and his battle with Monsanto after their GMOs interfere with his crops. The event starts at 7pm at the Community Hall (doors at 6:45) and admission is by donation – please be as generous as you are able. There will be complimentary popcorn, and beverages will be available for purchase. Masks are encouraged. A shuttle service is offered for those not comfortable driving at night (phone Erika at 250-702-7773 to arrange).

The movie will start by 7:30 after a brief address from organic farmer Arzeena Hamir of Amara Farm in Merville. Denman resident Hilary Pryor co-produced and wrote the screenplay for this film and is pleased to offer an opportunity for a brief Q&A following the film.

If you are a senior or elder resident of Denman in need of meals, please contact Better at Home Program Coordinator (Jenny) at 250-898-0245 or email farmtofamilydi@gmail.com. Donations are always welcome and can be directed to Farm to Family Meals Service Society, 1200 Lacon Rd, Denman Island, BC V0R 1T0. 🍷

Are Butterflies Rebounding in Helliwell?

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Chris Junck • TCBRPT

BC PARKS and the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team conducted butterfly surveys in Helliwell Provincial Park on Hornby Island for the third consecutive year. It's an important step in the multi-year project that aims to re-establish a population of the critically endangered Taylor's checkerspot butterflies in the park.

"We are trying to determine approximately how many of the 5,400 captive reared larvae that we released in March survived to become adults," said Jennifer Heron, chair of the project team and provincial invertebrate conservation specialist with the B.C. Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship.

The caterpillars were reared at the Greater Vancouver Zoo with the support of Wildlife Preservation Canada staff.

Local community volunteers and two conservation technicians conducted the surveys. They were initially concerned that they saw few butterflies and wondered if the long, wet spring caused high caterpillar mortality or perhaps the weather delayed butterfly stage development and emergence. Eventually, more than 300 Taylor's checkerspot butterflies were observed. Other at-risk butterflies were also seen, such as propertius duskywing and western pine elfin.

The number of Taylor's checkerspot butterflies that were counted was comparable to survey results from other areas where more than 5,000 larvae have been released. "We know from other projects that releasing at least 5,000 larvae per year for five years seems to be what is needed to establish a population, because that will usually result in about 250 adult butterflies each year," said Heron.

The project team is encouraged that the highest daily count for checkerspot butterflies (58 on May 28, 2022) is up from the 30 seen on May 4, 2021.

The two conservation technicians, Kihan Yoon-Henderson and Pascale Archibald,

were in the park for 39 days during the butterflies' flight period and logged approximately 172 survey hours. Despite the uncooperative weather in early May, Pascale said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my time working on this project. I conducted checkerspot butterfly surveys on Hornby Island last year and was very pleased to continue for another round of surveys in Helliwell Provincial Park."

Similar surveys were conducted on Denman Island and in the Campbell River area to provide a better sense of how Taylor's checkerspot butterfly populations in Canada are faring.



Kihan Yoon-Henderson.
Photo by Pascale Archibald

This recovery initiative has required extensive habitat restoration over several years in Helliwell Provincial Park, such as selective tree and invasive plant removal, and the addition of native plants and seeds. Although the project is focused on Taylor's checkerspot butterflies, several other at-risk and uncommon coastal bluff species benefit from this work, such as dun skipper butterflies, about a dozen other range-restricted butterflies, western bumble bees, bats, western screech owls, and numerous other birds and plants.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team includes biological consultants and representatives from the B.C. Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship, BC Parks, Denman Conservancy Association, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Mosaic Forest Management, Wildlife Preservation Canada, and others. There has also been a lot of local assistance for the project from Helliwell Provincial Park neighbours in High Salal Ranch Strata and local community volunteers. BC Parks and the project team thank the Cowichan Tribes, Halalt, Homalco, Kómoks, Lake Cowichan, Lyackson, Penelakut, Qualicum, Snaw'Naw'As, Stz'uminus, Tla'amin, We Wai Kai, and We Wai Kum First Nations for allowing us to restore ecosystems in their traditional territories.

The recovery project has benefited from funding and in-kind contributions from the BC Parks Licence Plate Program, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Fund and the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (Ecosystems Branch), Hornby Island Elementary School, Hornby Island Natural History Centre and others.

Learn more about the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly:

<https://goert.ca/activities/taylors-checkerspot/>
and

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/species-ecosystems-at-risk/implementation/conservation-projects-partnerships/taylors-checkerspot>

Background Information

Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*)

Also known as Edith's Checkerspot.

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

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

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

Taylor's Checkerspot butterflies need open sunny meadows where they can find suitable host plants (food for larvae and nectar producing flowers for adults), such as woolly sunflower, common camas, small-flowered blue-eyed Mary, wild strawberry, sea blush, and yarrow.

TIDE TABLE

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

2022-10-27 (Thu)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
01:37	0.9
08:44	4.7
13:56	3.2
18:58	4.5

2022-10-28 (Fri)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
02:16	0.7
09:40	4.8
14:48	3.5
19:31	4.4

2022-10-29 (Sat)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
02:59	0.6
10:37	4.8
15:49	3.6
20:09	4.3

2022-10-30 (Sun)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
03:46	0.7
11:36	4.9
17:04	3.7
20:58	4.1

2022-10-31 (Mon)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
04:39	0.8
12:35	4.9
18:31	3.6
22:05	3.9

2022-11-01 (Tue)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
05:37	1.1
13:32	4.8
19:52	3.3
23:36	3.7

2022-11-02 (Wed)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
06:40	1.3
14:23	4.8
20:57	3

2022-11-03 (Thu)

Time PDT (m)	(ft)
01:16	3.6
07:46	1.6
15:07	4.8
21:48	2.5



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Habitat loss,

degradation and fragmentation are major factors in the species' decline. For example, the meadows along the coastal bluffs in Helliwell Provincial Park became less suitable for butterflies due to invasions of non-native plants and encroaching forests. Habitat enhancement work (weeding, selective limbing +/- removal of conifers, re-planting and seeding with native species) has been ongoing in Helliwell Provincial Park for several years.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project is led by Jennifer Heron of the BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship and is guided by the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team's Invertebrates at Risk Recovery Implementation Group. It is a collaborative effort to restore Taylor's checkerspot populations in British Columbia through habitat enhancement, captive butterfly rearing and release, monitoring, public outreach, and other activities.

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Pascale Archibald.
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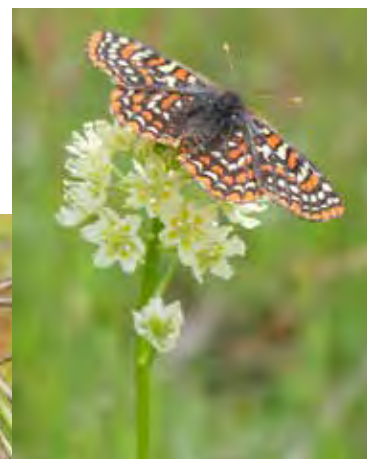
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Taylor's checkerspot
butterflies.
Photos by Pascale
Archibald

Green Wizardry, The Festival of Samhuinn

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

future for when our civilization finishes collapsing.

The world of the ancient Celts fell to the Roman invaders, except in Ireland where the Romans were sensible enough not to invade. I expect Ireland was too wet and boggy for their taste. Also, I am sure they had their hands full with the uncooperative natives of Britain. Celtic religious practice remained, and remains in some forms, to this day even though the Romans slaughtered the Druids of Britain.

Samhuinn, (it means summer's end) sometimes called Halloween or All Saints and All Souls Day are descended from these ancient folk traditions. All Saints Day on 1 November and All Souls Day on 2 November are Christian celebrations of this ancient festival. Halloween is a contraction of All Hallows Eve which is October 31.

All Hallows Eve was a time to prepare for the festival which in true Druid fashion, lasts three days; three being a magical number of great significance. On All Hallows Eve, people would visit the graves of their family members as this was thought the best day to communicate with their souls.

All Saints Day celebrates the Saints and martyrs of the Christian church and All Souls Day celebrates everyone who died within their faith. The Mexicans used to celebrate their Day of the Dead at the end of August but the Roman Catholics persuaded them to move it to 2 November as more seemly than a completely pagan festival.

The Roman Catholic church preserved many ancient festivals in this way, giving them a whitewash of Christianity but leaving the soul of the festivals, largely, untouched.

Why have a festival now? For people who are not in touch with the natural world and the realities of natural food production, this may seem an arbitrary choice of a day. It is not. Samhuinn is the last of the autumn harvest festivals and the first of the winter festivals.

It was always possible for the winter to last too long and the stored food to be exhausted. Or for the spring to be so cold as our last one was that the grass does not grow and the cattle and sheep would have no fresh forage and die. This was not just an inconvenience or a loss of money, it meant some people would die of starvation or the illnesses exacerbated by malnutrition. Life used to be lived on a knife's edge.

We typically celebrate this festival now as an entertainment for children with pumpkins carved into mysterious faces and lit from within and children dressed as spirits who demand candy to refrain from tricks. Nothing wrong with that at all.

All the nights of this three-night festival used to be lit with bonfires to drive back the coming darkness. Offerings would be thrown into the fires in thanks for the harvest gathered in. Until the First World War, bonfires lit up the night on every hill in Ireland and Scotland on these nights. Young

CIVILIZATIONS collapse all the time but rituals remain to guide us into the future. Let us keep our rituals lively so they may also pass into the

people would run with burning brands around farms or the parish boundaries to encircle these places in a magical circle of light.

Spirits abound on these nights and not all of them are friendly. If you are out late on Samhuinn, best if you carry a black-handled knife or at least have a steel needle stuck in your coat sleeve so you will not be, "taken," by the faeries.

Traditionally, this is a season of



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Arts Denman and DenmanWorks! are collaborating to publish a Holiday Gift Guide to assist Denman makers to market their products and to encourage shoppers to "Buy Local", especially those early shoppers who need to get packages out in the mail in November.

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...continued from P.3 death and ghosts. Death is not seen as an end by Druids, rather a beginning as the souls of the departed spend some time in the afterlife to refresh themselves and go over the lessons learned, or not learned in their past life. After some time, the soul will decide to return to Earth, perhaps to their own family, and begin another life.

We believe our prayers aid and comfort our honoured dead and this is the perfect time to pray for the souls that have gone to the afterlife before us. Tending their graves also shows respect and brings us closer to their memory.

So, this is a time of prayer and ritual. One of our great community rituals, the Denman Island Fire Department's excellent fireworks display, has been cancelled by the forces of darkness (the CVRD). The Fire Department fought for the fireworks event which they put on so unstintingly, year after year. We are such a small community and they gave us fireworks a city would have been proud of.

If this were not enough, sources have informed me that

DIRCS has succumbed to pressure from some anti-fireworks groups, may they be forgiven, and we may lose the fireworks altogether. If you love the fireworks and support the Fire Department, I suggest you write to DIRCS and let them know this cavalier cancellation of a revered community tradition is not acceptable. You can email DIRCS at communityhalldenmanisland@gmail.com.

With the community portion of Halloween cancelled by the CVRD, I feel we have to keep the festival alive by lighting bonfires (It just rained heavily so I expect the fire ban will be lifted.) and giving feasts to celebrate. We could celebrate the harvest by making feasts of only what we have grown or sourced locally this season.

You need not stick to just squash and pumpkin. The apple harvest is scant this year but the quinces did really well. A quince, washed of its fur and wrapped in foil can be roasted in the ashes of a bonfire or an oven until softly cooked. Unwrapped and drizzled with honey this is a dessert fit for our new King; long may he reign! 🍷

Toffy, and Coffee!

ARTS&LIT

February 16th, 2007

By CS#05943451

TODAY, all jailhouse work crews were stood down due to a staff holiday. All except Crew #2. This day we were assigned a special mission of sorts so off we went to earn our \$3.00/day. Actually, since I've been in beyond 29 days, my pay has ballooned to a whopping \$3.50/day! Woot! Woot!



Our job for this day was to help with the set up for next week's 'Maple Sugar Festival,' held at Beban Park in Nanaimo. To begin, a crew of nine of us offloaded a tractor trailer of various staging and kiosks. From there we were tasked with erecting fencing for a beer garden and a children's play area. Truthfully, I'm uncertain which group might need containing more, the beer addled or the kids infused with the sweet stuff! Alas, I won't be privy to determine which, for *come time of Festival* I'll be miles away from all the fun tucked safely in my cell at Campbell House.

From the standpoint of work it was a nice change from the highway norm. The weather once again held off and our C.O., Bankhead, is proving to be the most relaxed of foremen which always makes for a better outing. With him, for some reason, there is less griping and bitching to endure. Ahh!

Lending an air of authenticity to the Maple Sugar Fest were a group of volunteers who were predominantly Quebecois. Middle age fellows who'd settled locally and were only too happy to assist with the festival. Their enthusiasm far exceeding the standard of what mid-February on the wet

coast ought bear. 'Da joys of da maple sugar' I suspect harkens them each to their nostalgic past. Is this the root of their *joie de vivre*? Nostalgia? It's either that or the comp maple candy they'll 'tap' into over the week. Hell, I suppose it could possibly be 'FREEDOM' from where I stand. Tabarnac!!

For us boys in orange jumpsuits it was as good a reason as any to get off the compound and kill one more day. From my perspective it wasn't far off from feeling like a roadie, only the rock star

in this instance is a beaver mascot by the name of 'Toffy.' The prefab construction of the gear we were hauling about is something else. Designed for quick set-up and tear-down, it's a genuine feat of engineering that need consider packability, durability and most of all (as far as we roadies were concerned), ease of handling.

Without a doubt, the highlight of our workday was lunch. In spite of our garish duds, we were still considered part of the volunteer crew and thus were treated to pizza, muffins, raw veggies that literally set my skin to tingling and most special of all, real coffee! Black Gold. The elixir of life itself! Such was the case I didn't even regard the jail fare we drag with us daily. Honestly, I could have been sustained on the coffee alone and showed my unwavering devotion to the coffee Gods by sucking back what became countless cups of my beloved joe. Al put it best when he said, "it's the little things in life that you appreciate most when you're on the ins." In meeting his wistful gaze, my jittering eyes did their best at acknowledging his wisdom. All 4 of him! 🍷

Letters to the Editor To The Islands Grapevine:

Iwould like to reply to Maxine Roger's October 20 column, in which she claims that unless older people have a medically-trained spouse or an adult child to advocate for them in hospital they are doomed to an inexcusably poor outcome because "This province is now a terrible place to get sick." I cannot speak for others, but I would like to tell her of the kind of care my husband got at North Island Hospital Comox Valley over the last four years, all without direct payment or out-of-pocket expense.

When he collapsed in the garden one Sunday afternoon in his mid-70s, he was taken to the Emergency Department by ambulance. (I cannot say enough good things about the wonderful Ambulance Paramedics and Community Paramedics here on our islands, but this piece is about hospitals only.) There he was immediately given tests to check for a heart attack, along with several tests to check for level of consciousness and cognitive function in case he had hit his head. (I had my back turned when it happened, so I didn't know.) Eventually, because his heart rhythm was somewhat erratic, they decided to admit him, but by that time it was after 10:30 p.m. I was planning on taking a taxi to a motel after I'd seen him settled and coming back

in the morning, but to my great surprise they prepared a pull-out couch for me in his room, complete with sheets, blankets and pillow.

Over the next four days, while his heart was continuously monitored electronically and he was given many more tests of heart function, I was allowed to stay with him in his room. I did whatever I could to help lighten the nurses' and aides' loads, but at no time was he neglected or ignored, and at no time did I see any evidence of "dirty" or "lazy" staff. Quite the contrary. He was discharged with a diagnosis of a benign heart arrhythmia, which was later found to be due to an incurable neurological disorder.

Another emergency visit happened after

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EXCITING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



The Hornby Festival Society is seeking a new General Manager

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the General Manager works with the Artistic Director and acts as team leader for all admin support staff and volunteers, responsible for planning many aspects of the annual 8-day, mid-summer festival throughout the year, as well as overseeing the box office and events during the Festival itself. Attributes that we are seeking include: flexibility, dedication, attention to detail, problem solving, and a "can do" attitude. An interest in the arts and music is a plus.

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Interested applicants are invited to email their resume and covering letter to:
Meredith McEvoy, Child, Youth and Family Services Program Manager at
meredith@hornbydenmanhealth.com

Closing date for applications is November 14th, 2022



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COVID-19 and Flu vaccines will be available at

Seabreeze Lodge on Monday Nov 14th and Tuesday Nov 15th:

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• If you have not yet registered, you can visit the Get Vaccinated webpage to register. Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca

• Influenza vaccines can safely be given at the same time or any time before or after COVID-19 vaccines.

• Available to those eligible aged 6 months and older, children and adults.

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED. To book: call 1-833-838-2323 to book at the Hornby Island - Seabreeze Lodge site. If no appointments are available, wait a few days and call again, as more appointments will open up as the need increases.

...continued from P.7 he fell on our concrete steps and his knee started to swell and was obviously painful. (By this time he had advanced aphasia or loss of language, so he could not explain how it felt except to say “Sharp.”) Again, it was evening, and the emergency ward was so busy that his bed was parked in the hall. I had a bird’s eye view of how the doctors, nurses, aides and cleaning/disinfecting staff all worked together to care for the overflow of patients, all the while scrupulously changing their gloves, gowns, masks, etc. every time they exited a room of a newly-arrived Covid patient, of which there seemed to be many. I saw one nurse accidentally drop a new glove on the floor. Without breaking stride, she picked it up, threw it away, re-sanitized her hands, got a clean glove, and went about her business.

It was exceptionally busy that night, so my husband was given a mild painkiller but could not get his knee and hip X-rayed until after 11:00 p.m. It was near midnight before a very kind and patient doctor came over and said there were no signs of fracture, but there was blood pooled behind the knee – a very painful condition – but because of staff shortages it could not be drained until morning. He said he understood the ferries had stopped running, so we could both stay overnight. He then found a very small but empty room for my husband’s bed and had a reclining chair and bedding brought in for me.

On yet another emergency visit after collapsing and hitting his head on the wall – this time in early morning – we again had a long wait after initial tests, but he was eventually given a Ct scan to check for head or neck injuries. While waiting for the doctor to give us the results (by this time it was early afternoon) I asked an aide if there was a coffee machine anywhere nearby. She said no, but kindly brought me a cup from the nurses’ station. And then reappeared bearing two bag lunches, each consisting of a huge sandwich plus containers of milk, juice, and fruit, and two cookies. And wouldn’t let me pay for it.

During his last hospitalization, my husband became increasingly unresponsive and was having trouble even swallowing. All sorts of tests were run, all of which came back normal. Another Ct scan showed many brain abnormalities, but nothing new – and unfortunately “nothing they could fix.” They could have written him off then and there as a hopeless case – just another elderly man with terminal dementia – but they didn’t. A physical therapist tried to help him to re-learn how to stand but was hampered by his inability to communicate. An oral specialist left special sponge-tipped mouth cleaners with instructions for the aides on how to use them. An off-duty dietitian called me at home and spoke for 30 minutes, recording which foods he liked best or disliked and explaining the importance of food textures and the inadvisability of giving thin liquids in a case like his. When I could not be there, the aides and nurses patiently took some of their precious time to try to hand-feed him. The doctor spoke to me frankly but compassionately every day, finally telling me my husband would either come out of his unresponsiveness

without further intervention or get worse, in which case he would recommend palliative care. I agreed. He died two days later.

In all his many encounters with hospital personnel of every level, I never saw one instance of neglect, sloppiness or incompetence. Instead, I only ever saw hard-working, knowledgeable, efficient, dedicated, overworked, understaffed and probably underpaid people consistently displaying the best of their humanity with grace and kindness, despite very challenging and highly stressful conditions. I know that if Ms. Rogers ever needs hospitalization in the Comox Valley, she will be given exactly the same kind of highly competent and compassionate care I have witnessed over and over. Regardless of her opinions on the subject.

Carol Hall 

P.S. – Local nursing homes are chronically short of volunteers to help feed patients who have no family nearby (which is not the same as being “abandoned”). Nobody is left unfed, but either it takes an inordinate amount of time, or staff must try to feed multiple patients simultaneously. Ms. Rogers, would you be interested in volunteering? Say once a week? Just call any one of them.

Last week’s letter on the war in Ukraine by Keith Porteous is a fine example of what to say—and what not to say—when you’re trying to paint Russia as the victim.

Good start: he writes, “democratically elected Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich was ousted and replaced by....a fascist-infused coup government.” That sounds SO much better than, “notoriously corrupt Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich, who was helped into office by American criminal Paul Manafort and pushed out by a popular uprising when his administration suddenly rejected closer ties with Europe in favour of Russia.”

Also good is referring to Russian “draft peace treaties” (nice term) without mentioning what was in those drafts—since basically they called for kneecapping NATO.

Best of all is leaving out statements actually made by Putin, such as:

- Denying that Ukraine has a right to exist as a sovereign country, with its own language and culture. In other words, promoting genocide.
- Calling for the destruction of Ukraine’s civilian electrical grid. In other words, advocating war crimes.
- Calling the Ukrainian government “nazis”—odd, since the current president is Jewish.

But claiming that “the Russian military is now mounting an offensive that Ukraine will not be able to repel”? That’s just making things up. For months now, Putin’s cheerleaders have been promising that a big win was just around the corner. Instead, Russian invaders have suffered a steady string of

losses, and their military has been shown up as antiquated and inept. Their supplies of weapons, ammunition, and trained troops are all depleted. Where is this supposed offensive supposed to come from?

True, the Russian military is still able to lob missiles into Ukrainian electrical substations, apartment buildings, and playgrounds, and to loot household appliances from occupied villages. Which is "offensive" in a different sense. And yes, they can make veiled threats about using nuclear weapons, since their conventional war efforts have failed so miserably. So there's Porteous's conclusion: negotiate with Russia or risk nuclear winter. In other words, since Russia is losing the war, let it win the peace. And pretend that this isn't setting a precedent of bowing to nuclear blackmail.

John Heinegg 🍷

Counter to Keith Porteous' claim in his Op/Ed from last week's issue (Oct.20th, 2022), there are only 14 countries on the whole of the Russian border and only four of those are members of NATO.

Rick Graham 🍷

Letter to the Editor, by Maxine Rogers Concerning Fireworks.

The CVRD has shut down the Denman Island Fire Department's annual Halloween fireworks show. This is a grievous blow as the fireworks show the Fire Department puts on is spectacular and a popular community event.

It has come to my attention that DIRCS has been pressured by an anti-fireworks lobby to cancel the fireworks show from here on in. If you value the fireworks show and support the Fire Department, I urge you to contact DIRCS and let them know you do not agree with this cavalier conduct. You can write to DIRCS at communityhalldenmanisland@gmail.com. 🍷

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Research Assistant

PlanH Project

Hornby Island and Denman Island

The Hornby Housing Network has received funding from BC Healthy Communities to create a community database/profile for Denman and Hornby Islands that is easy to access, use and maintain. A research assistant is needed to work with the project steering committee.

The successful applicant will

- Identify what data already exists in provincial, municipal and local organizational database
- Compile that data
- Identify gaps in available data
- Working with the steering committee, create and implement methods to collect missing data
- Work with steering committee to create solutions including surveys to obtain missing data
- Create a database that is easy to access, use and maintain

Qualifications

- Experience with the practise of quantitative and qualitative data collection and management
- Experience with database creation
- Experience with theories and practices of community development and engagement
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- Experience with computer programs that can be used to manage data sets
- Experience in a health-related field
- Knowledge of the interconnectedness the social determinants of health

We are looking for someone who is assertive, who demonstrates effective communication skills, including public speaking, and is not only self-directed but also team-oriented. The ideal candidate is able to work collaboratively with diverse groups and underrepresented individuals on both islands.

Salary. We offer \$25.00/hr, plus some travel expenses. Some of the work can be done online, but the position requires in person meetings and activities, especially in the later part of the project (January to March 2023). Access to a good computer and reliable internet is required.

Please note that while we are advertising widely for this position, housing on both Hornby Island and Denman Island is very scarce. If the successful candidate is not currently living on one of the islands, securing accommodation will be a challenge. Temporary billeting may be available.

Closing Date October 31, 2022. Expected starting date November 15, 2022.

Email application including references to: wendy.Burton@ufv.ca

OPINIONS

On Commoning

By James R. Martin (sub. by Donna Millen)

ANY future progress toward a more egalitarian, just and democratic society must begin by violating the unwritten code which would have us define what we egalitarian communalists would call 'the communal sphere' as one, either, of public or private. Public and private are terms which emerge within property relations. Communal is a term which emerges not within property relations, but within relational being. The premise of egalitarian communalists is that our relations with one another are vastly more important than property relations, and that property relations constrain our being in ways which do our psyche and our bodies harm.

The communal sphere is a social space in which giving, caring, nurturing, supporting, collaborating... on egalitarian terms is the core ethos, that which informs and inspires our aliveness, our ethos, our politics. In the communal sphere we are not set into competition with one another, but rather do quite the inverse. We seek to empower one another by distributing power centrifugally, as opposed to hoarding it and concentrating it centripetally. Our aim is to liberate ourselves by liberating one another, and to liberate one another by liberating ourselves. In short, we are not interested in hegemony. We are motivated by love.

The perverse and impoverished map of social space provided by the longing for hegemony (rather than loving, kind and generous relationship) is, henceforth, not our vocabulary. We transform the very meaning of public and private by daring to proclaim the communal sphere as existing, real, and growing, evolving, and necessary. All social spaces, henceforth, always will include the naming and honoring of the communal sphere.

We intend to come home to one another, with one another.

Love is the revolution. The revolution is love.

James R. Martin

Independent scholar in human ecology, ecological design and eco-philosophy. Editor of The R-Word. Resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, Upper Rio Grande Bioregion

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Patient Gardens Threatened

By Ted Smith

OPINIONS

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professional body
that deals with
medical cannabis

regulations would be happy to see the whole medical cannabis system disappear. With that in mind, Health Canada has produced a public survey intended to gain feedback about the effects of legalization with a question at the end designed to justify doing just that. While there are some patient groups vocalizing their support for the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), there is a very real possibility that without strong support in the Cannabis Review for a distinct medical cannabis program, patient gardens could be threatened and lost forever.

The question appears at the end of the survey and the language is quite clear.

5.2 Is a distinct medical access program necessary to provide individuals with reasonable access to cannabis for medical purposes, or can access needs be met through the non-medical framework?

Cannabis Act Survey 2022 – Please participate now until November 21st!

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/programs/>

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The Allard v. Canada 2016 Decision

Patients that have been fighting for their right to use this medicine will quickly cite the Allard decision as the legal backbone upon which they built their grow operation. But that decision was 8 years ago, pre-legalization, and some of the circumstances that led to that decision have significantly changed. There is every reason to think that Health Canada has prepared to try to justify once again trying to remove patient gardens, using this survey as a means to collect information that will later be used in court.

For those new to the scene, the Allard decision was handed down in 2016 when a coalition of patients took the government to court for making changes to the medical regulations that eliminated personal licenses to grow cannabis. Patients, and their caregivers, had been able to obtain licenses to grow since the Medical Marijuana Access Regulations (MMAR) came into effect in 2001. However, Health Canada changed the program in 2013 to the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR), which did not grant grow licenses to patients, instead focusing on developing a competitive market of Licenced Producers (LP).

Federal Court Judge Phelan ultimately sided with patients

who were looking at losing their gardens at the beginning of the new MMPR but made it clear that the decision was not ensuring a right to grow your own medicine. Rather this decision was made considering the circumstances at the time. As the regulations change, prices go down and availability improves, the strength of this argument wanes.

[14] To the extent that affordability was advanced as a ground of s 7 violation, it has not been made out. More importantly, it is not necessary to make such a finding. Affordability can be a barrier to access, particularly where it is a choice made to expend funds on medical treatment to the detriment of other basic needs. However, this case does not turn on a right to “cheap drugs”, nor a right “to grow one’s own”, nor do the Plaintiffs seek to establish such a positive right from government.

[15] The evidence does establish that under the single source system of a Licensed Producer [LP] there is no guarantee that the necessary quality, strain and quantity will be available when needed at some acceptable level of pricing (through such mechanisms as flexible pricing or discount pricing) – due to the structure of the regulations and the characteristics of the market.

[211] It is unnecessary to debate whether the Plaintiffs’ preference of one strain versus another is medically established. There is enough anecdotal evidence that the type of strain affects the patients’ choice in treating their illnesses. Additionally, there is enough evidence that currently, the LP regime may not have an adequate supply of a patient’s dose amount in their preference of strain.

Allard v. Canada 2016

<https://cannabislaw.report/canada-allard-v-canada-supreme-court-of-canada-case/>

Health Canada has seriously considered the reasons for this decision but they certainly did not change their minds about wanting to stop issuing licences to grow cannabis. Rather than appeal, they reinstated the grow licenses for patients and designated caregivers, anticipating the circumstances to change enough in the developing medical

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Notice to the Public

PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSION & FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The BC Ferries team will be on hand to chat with you during a 75 minute drop-in session ahead of the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting.

Date: November 7, 2022

Time: 12:15pm - 1:15pm Hornby Island community drop in
2:45pm - 3:30pm Denman Island community drop in
3:45pm - 6:00pm FAC meeting Denman Island

Locations: Hornby Island - Hornby Community Hall
4305 Central Rd, Hornby Island
Denman Island - Denman Island Community Hall
Back Hall - 1196 Northwest Road

FAC meetings are open to the public. Find more information including the agenda at bcferries.com/in-the-community/ferry-advisory-committees

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...continued from P.11 cannabis market that a future attempt to remove personal grow licences could be tried later. Calling the new program the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR) these regulations were intended to monitor both commercial and personal medical cannabis production facilities.

It is interesting to note the judge in Allard also noted the weak efforts by Health Canada to seriously consider cannabis as a legitimate medicine.



[12] On the issue of the proper dosages and the alleged therapeutic effects of different strains of marihuana, there remains significant scientific debate on this topic. A clear theme running through the evidence of this trial is that despite the lengthy period for which marihuana for medical purposes has been available, there is a paucity of evidence, particularly from government, in respect of its use and effects. Marihuana is not treated as a "medicine" by statute, regulation or policy, and the information gap posed a significant problem.

Allard v. Canada 2016

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supreme-court-of-canada-case/

Legalization did not change much of the medical program, at least not on the regulatory side of things. While the quality and price of edibles and concentrates is still obviously inferior to what is available at compassion clubs like the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club, the prices and quality of the dried cannabis has improved dramatically since Legalization Day. With stores on almost every block in major cities, the availability of cannabis products has never

been so easy in Canada.

There is no doubt that the parties who tried to shut down the personal licences in 2013 have been frustrated with the program since and will be happy to add their voices to the chorus wanting to end the ACMPR. Police association, fire departments, municipal staff, realtors, insurance companies, and Health Canada bureaucrats all consider patient gardens a nuisance and take every opportunity available to shut it down. If enough people do not stand up and defend the medical program, there is a very real chance they could win.



Margrit Karsten March 1, 1930 – Oct 20, 2022

October 2022 at 92



"You now have sorrow but I shall see you again and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no one shall take from you." (John 16:22) These are the words Margrit wrote out and placed on my desk when we lost a very dear friend. As a Lutheran minister's daughter and studying classical music she knew these words from Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem" and Martin Luther's translation of the bible.

Margrit was born in Jena, Germany, on March 1st, 1930 and died of cancer peacefully surrounded by her family on October 20th in her beloved home. Her parents immigrated to Portugal in 1936 to take on the management of the German church in Lisbon. She completed her high school in the German and Portuguese schools and pursued her degree in Industrial Chemical Engineering at the University of Lisbon. In 1960 after spending several years as an engineer in Portugal Margrit moved to Sweden to take on a research assignment with a prominent agricultural company.

That is where we met while I did a practicum in agriculture at that research farm. It was the beginning of a 62 year long friendship and ever growing love for one another. We married in 1962 in Germany and immediately immigrated to Canada - Alberta to be specific. We worked two years on a cattle ranch and moved to Calgary in 1964 where I eventually became the Director of the Zoo and Botanical Garden. Margrit gave birth to Werner on May 2, 1962 and to Karen on September 17, 1965.

I brought many orphaned, wild animals home from the zoo which needed to be raised on the bottle along with our kids. At one time there was a badger, a cougar and a prairie hare plus Karen who needed regular feeding at 3 am. Imagine keeping the formulas lined up correctly at three in the morning!

Margrit later obtained a degree in computer science at the U of C in 1974, studied organ music, engaged in tapestry weaving and award-winning wine making. Margrit was the classic pioneer woman who created a wonderful home with her many talents and enabled me to make extra commitments to follow my career. Her kitchen was a laboratory! I did not dare mess around in it. We were the perfect team to reach for high endeavours and as Margrit often said: never had a real fight. But then who wants to fight with a former florett fencer, horse jumper, Portuguese Champion in table tennis and a chemical engineer who cooks your meals. I shall see you again my Love! By Peter Karsten

Tell Me Lies

by Helen Grond

Tell me sweet little lies
Because really - I don't want the truth

I know deep down that they are all lies

But really - I like to pretend

That you really mean what you say

That you have my back and even though

Your lies are blatant as hell

I'll keep believing in you and

That - you clearly know

Until one day, the lies get too big

Too many and too absurd

I wake up and I see the truth

And really, I just want to be

heard

Your sweet little lies

Don't convince me any more

And every time you pose

I can't help but note

The pretty emperor

Wears no clothes.

The Road to Hallowe'en Rushin

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To spice up my life,
I fell in with rogue felons,
the Pumpkin Patch Gang.

The Pumpkin Patch Gang,
night revelers of mayhem,
evil as candy.

Evil as candy,
scourging the streets with horror,
sticky sweets of death.

Sticky sweets of death,
O the litter, the regret,
the dental decay.



Uppercrust Economy

by Thomas Provençal

When you're raking in trillions
and fines are in billions,
you're a hundred times ahead.
Like oysters waiting on a beach,
humans morph akin to leech
and you decide which ones
are doomed for dead.

Power is inebriating.
It leads to myriad creating.
You stamp your ego
on the things you want
or spread your name
to chase the fame
and smile with no hint of shame,
choosing a most worthy
cause to flaunt.

You may hide within your pride
anonymously stand aside
and play monopoly
so money grows.
Paparazzi dog you down,
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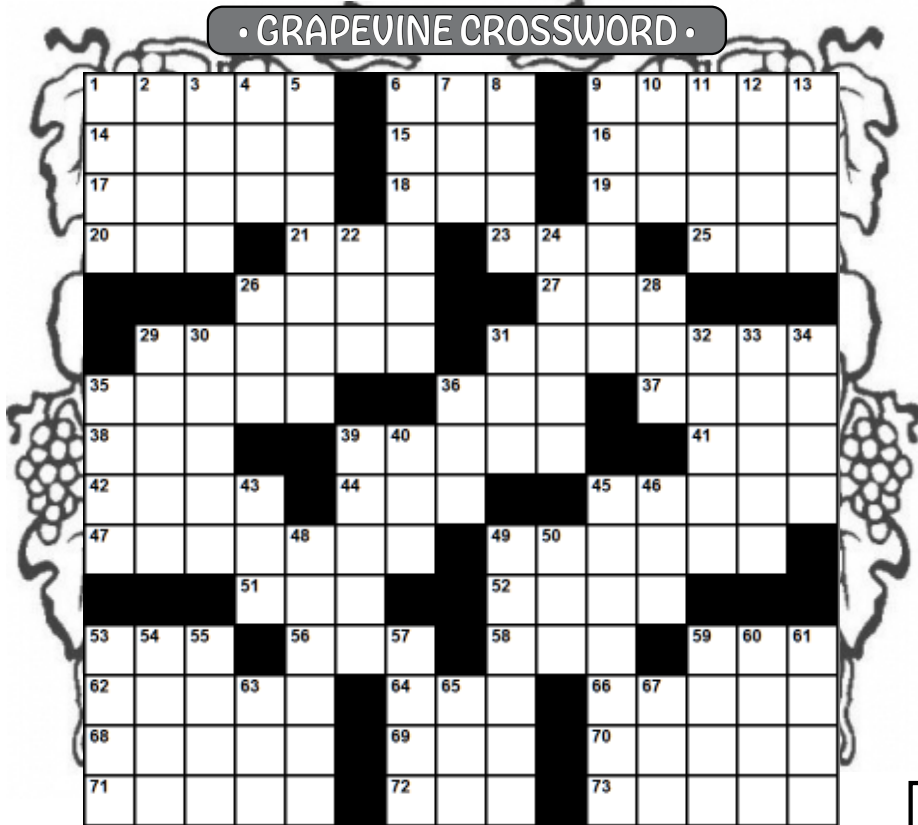
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Grumpism

“Ghosts are lousy at lying. You can see right through them.”



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ers, gas/electric range. All fully
restored and come with a full six
month warranty. Call
Rick Graham 335-0954.

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\$630 plus GST. Text or call Scott at
250-334-7323

• **COMMUNITY NOTICES** •

COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION
SOCIETY EMERGENCY CRISIS LINE:
250-338-1227 or Text: 250-218-4034
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COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DEN-
MAN WORKS Projector and screen:
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and free recording): See denman-
works.wordpress.com/contact/

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FREE on DI: McClary full size wash-
er/ dryer set, American Standard
pedestal sink and faucet. Call (867)
444-0455

• **WANTED** •

LOCAL COIN COLLECTOR
Would like to buy your
Old Coins & Banknotes
I am not a dealer!
DO NOT clean your items!!!
coincollector@shaw.ca
Cell: 250-897 6648 (Fanny Bay)

URGENT!

Due to unforeseen circum-
stances, my dog, Maya, and I
need a new home, JANUARY
1st or earlier. Very clean and
responsible, long time Den-
man resident with excellent
references.

Please call or text 335-2088
or email:
studiobythec@yahoo.ca
C Urquhart



• 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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- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)

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- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
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- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)
- 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)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator Septic Installation • 335-3145 (D/H)
- D.L.J.M. Holding's LTD Excavation/Landscaping • Dakota
• 250-650-2593 (All)
- DB Excavations • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • 250-465-1889 (D/H)

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- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Music Lessons & Piano Tuning • Scott Knight 604-779-9335 (D/H)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Bottled Water Delivery • DenmanWater.ca • 250-228-7161 (D/H)
- Florist-Keep Floral (Emma) • 250-335-2746 (D)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)

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- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165
- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac • 250-508-8160 • www.
heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
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- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
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Halloween treats are being made for purchase all weekend.



Open 4:30 Halloween night!
treats for kids & espresso
machine will be on for special
coffees too!

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 27

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm

FRIDAY 28

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SATURDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- DIRCS HALLOWEEN DANCE see p.4

SUNDAY 30

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 31

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY 1

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 2

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 3

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30-6pm



FRIDAY 4

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SATURDAY 5

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- PERCY MOVIE NIGHT see p.2 for info.

SUNDAY 6

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm
- LAFAYETTE STRING QUARTET see insert

MONDAY 7

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY 8

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 9

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

THURSDAY 10

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm



CONCERTS DENMAN PRESENTS

LAFAYETTE STRING QUARTET

ONE LAST CHANCE TO WITNESS THIS EMINENT ENSEMBLE BEFORE THEIR RETIREMENT

NOVEMBER 6, 2022, 2:30PM
DENMAN COMMUNITY HALL

TICKETS

AVAILABLE ONLINE AT CONCERTSDENMAN.COM

ADULTS — ADVANCE \$25

ADULTS — DOOR \$30

CHILDREN — FREE





Denman Conservancy Association

NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 60, Denman Island, B.C. V0R 1T0

October 2022

Thanks for Another Successful Fundraising Event!

Thanks to the generosity of Denman Islanders who supported DCA by contributing books by the boxload, and who volunteered to help sort many, many boxes of books and who even came back to buy those books, this year's annual Conservancy book sale was our most successful yet. The sale brought in donations of \$3405.70, a big boost to our fundraising budget, and all these funds go towards maintaining conservation lands on Denman Island.

Denman's book lovers told us they were delighted with our book sorting efforts, that these books supply their winter reading needs, and that they think of the book sale as a real community event. We agree!

Many thanks to everyone, including the Hornby Community Fund and Beltane Books from Hornby Island, who contributed books. All these recycled books will be recycled once again, as our leftovers will now be donated to the Rotary Club for their book sale.

In November we will be sending out our membership letter, but if you don't receive one and would like to become a DCA member, we'll be at the Xmas Craft Fair, and look forward to seeing everyone there.

New maps of Denman Protected Areas Network will be available for order as well!

Protecting Railway Grade Marsh in Perpetuity

In 2006, as part of the settlement of a complicated legal case, DCA received a Conservation Covenant Area on the Railway Grade Marsh (RGM). Although DCA has kept close watch on this sensitive area, it is only now, 16 years later, that a Management Plan will soon guide that vigilance. In 2010, the RGM became part of the Denman Provincial Park. The total area protected by the conservation covenant is 31.4 ha (77.6 acres) and is generally a narrow strip about 3.5 km long to the east of a railway grade that was cut in the 1930s. The Covenant Area is dominated by wetlands with two rare ecosystems and nine rare species at risk.

The Management Plan's goal is to conserve habitat for native wildlife and plants; provide for the

use, enjoyment and education of Denman residents and visitors through low-impact activities; undertake or endorse scientific research; monitor, and take on ecological restoration if warranted; consider the implications of Climate Change in the management of RGM; and, respect, support and protect the continued relationship of First Nations to areas of ecological, cultural, and sacred significance.

The Management Plan has been sent to all First Nations with claim over the traditional and unceded territory in which the RGM is located. We requested their special knowledge of the lands, relevant historical documents, and knowledge about ecological and cultural values associated with the Covenant Area. We are committed to learn about both traditional and anticipated current First Nation relationship to the Covenant Area. In addition, we

have worked closely with BC Parks during the drafting of the plan. A public information Open House was held on October 1 during the Saturday Market. Some revision of the plan will occur as result of feedback and then the plan will enter a final approval process.



An RGM walk was led by Andrew Fyson after the open house.



A small part of Railway Grade Marsh



Snake observed in the act of tree climbing during Railway Grade Marsh nature walk

On the Land

It's been a busy Summer and Fall for DCA, and as we patiently await some much-needed precipitation, it's a good time to reflect on how these shifting weather and climate patterns will dictate our need for adaptation and resilience over the next few years and beyond. The ongoing stewardship of protected upland, forest and wetland ecosystems on Denman becomes even more critical as we try to navigate the challenges ahead. On the land over the past few weeks, we have been able to share thoughts and ideas around DCA land stewardship projects past, present, and future with a couple of different groups.

We had a visit from folks at Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) who had asked to visit Denman and tour DCA lands on which various projects have taken place over the past few years. For the past 6 years HCTF have funded DCA work on the "Central Denman Conservation Complex" through their Land Stewardship grant. (The Complex includes Winter Wren Wood, Settlement Lands, Central Park & DI Natural Burial Cemetery). HCTF were also significant contributors to the 2021 protection of Raven Woods & Wetlands on Pickles Road, which now forms another crucial part of the Conservation Complex, through their acquisition grant stream. The

visit was a great opportunity to showcase the important conservation work that has been carried out through this funding, whilst also highlighting how much can, and has been, accomplished through ongoing contributions from our wonderful volunteer network and membership.

I'm regularly reminded by various organizations and agencies that DCA collaborates with, at how impressed they are with the scale of what has been achieved over the past 30 years, almost entirely down to volunteer efforts and community in-kind contributions.

We also had a visit recently from a group of BCIT students and their instructors from the Ecological Restoration Master's program. The students were interested in learning about DCA's conservation and restoration projects, and the challenges faced as part of this ongoing work. The group discussed ideas and approaches to invasive species management at the Settlement Lands, work with Species at Risk such as Taylor's Checkerspot butterflies, and ongoing restoration plans for Winter Wren Wood. It was great to meet so many engaged and interested students and hear their ideas around the future of conservation and restoration ecology and left me feeling optimistic about the future!

As we creep further into Fall and continue to wait for those rains, focus will begin to shift towards invasive species management. We will be holding several invasive removal work-bees to tackle areas of English

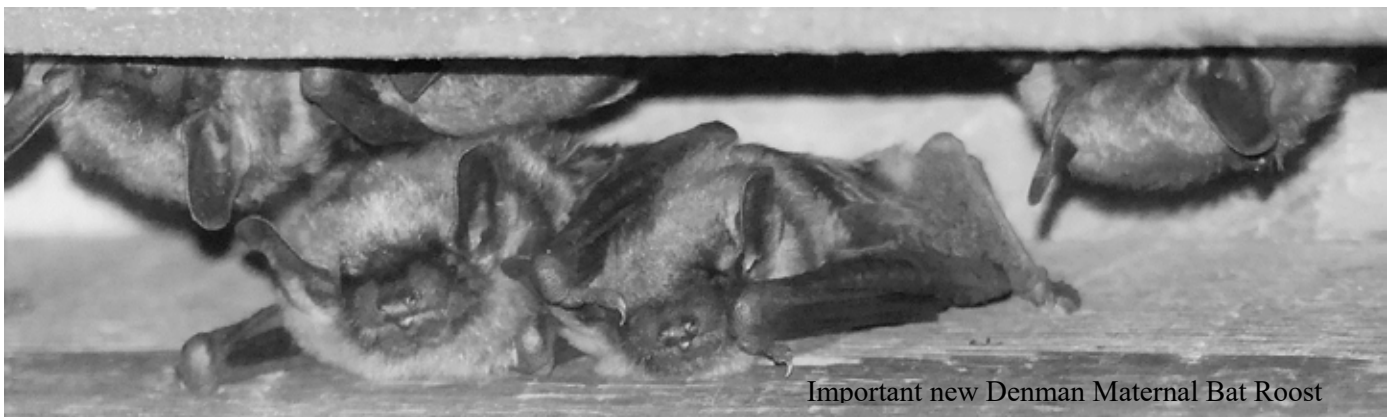
Holly and Daphne-Spurge Laurel, which is of increasing concern in some areas of the island. If you are interested in getting involved in any of these or learning more about invasive species management on Denman in general, please drop me an email at lands.dca@gmail.com.

Andy Blackburn

Bat Updates!

Bat Week October 24 through 31, is all about appreciating these amazing animals and their benefits, including eating insects, pollinating flowers, contributing nutrients... as they assist native and garden plants. "Bats need our help" says Mandy Kellner, Coordinator for the BC Community Bat Program. "Providing safe and healthy habitat for bats has always been important, since over half the species in this province are considered at risk. With the continuing spread of White-nose Syndrome in Washington State, bat conservation is more important than ever as we expect to see impacts in BC in the near future."

Bat Week also marks the time of year when most of our bats are no longer flying around Denman. Our bats hibernate until the return of warmer weather in spring. Where they hibernate is still a mystery! But young biology researchers together with BC's bat program are starting to uncover these secrets. As most bats are not in their summer roosts, this is a good time of year to do those bat-friendly home renovations to keep bats out of human-living spaces, without disturbing or injuring bats. Also, it's a good time to clean out, repair or if necessary, move the bat box.



Important new Denman Maternal Bat Roost

The Community Bat Program on Denman can assist...
dhbatprogram@gmail.com.

Jenny Balke

Denman Conservancy Association at the Museum

In case you missed it, the Denman Museum and Archives summer season showcased a great exhibit created by DCA. The Celebrating Denman Wetlands display featured a beaver pond and beaver, a dam, streams, wetlands' creatures, and even live plants. All was displayed in front of a simply beautiful background painted by Michael Zemaitis. This was the first interactive display to be exhibited by the museum and included questions about wetlands with hidden answer cards, which were especially appreciated by visiting families with children.

In late July the museum and DCA held a festive opening formally introducing the Wetlands exhibit to the community and acknowledging all the hard work done by museum volunteers. Des Kennedy, who moderated the event entertained the crowd (including ferry goers, who due to a ferry breakdown waited in a long line in front of the museum) while Andrew Fyson and the Denman Ukulele group provided the music. There was even a large newt wandering through the group. One audience member smiled and said it was a typical, wonderful Denman Island event!



Des Kennedy and the Wetlands Ukulele Ensemble



Museum Wetland Display



Old School Bats -Drawing by Maria Biddulph

**As I finish this Newsletter, the rains have
finally started – YES!
Happy Fall!**