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Graham Lake Swim Dock Renovations

COMMUNITY
INFO

By Graham Lake Dock Committee

the work and with the fundraising, but we still have a ways to go. Our goal for December is something between \$3500 to \$5000 in order to finish phase #1. Beyond the bottle depot and e-transfers, this December we're offering a "seasonal" way to donate, drop by Naomi's Christmas Craft Faire booth and purchase some fundraising treats (contact Naomi, 1663, if you would like to make some).

Ian Elliot (on behalf the Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee) 🍷

Share in Our Joy

MUSIC

By Kathy Rieder



YOU are invited to join Denman Community Choir and Ukulele Ensemble for a concert on Saturday Nov 26 at 7:30. at the Denman Community Hall. I can't tell you how joyous it has been to be able to be together singing again. Bethany Ireland and Sheelah Megil are leading these festivities and choir and ukuleles are doing a song together. Come along and share our joy...Admission by donation..... 🍷

Allies in Health

By Dr. Christiane Hoppman

HEALTH&WELLNESS

Photo by Tiana Broen

AN interdisciplinary team of researchers at The University of British Columbia has embarked on a journey to investigate how social support plays a role in the everyday lives of adults aged 60+. Dr. Hoppmann and her team are seeking to better understand how recruiting social support from close others over the age of 18 years old (e.g. spouse, family member, friend, neighbor) can promote health.

As part of the study, titled Allies in Health, they are seeking volunteers from both urban and rural environments across British Columbia. Participation involves two virtual appointments via Zoom as well as morning and evening questionnaires for 10 consecutive days. During this time, participants will also be asked to wear physical activity monitors, take pictures of their food and drinks, and provide an optional blood sample at a Lifelabs of their choice.

Those who participate in the study are given the choice between receiving a monetary reimbursement or a wrist-worn Fitbit device. Participants will also receive health feedback at the end of their study participation.

If you are interested in participating, contact us at: 604-822-3549 or allies@psych.ubc.ca. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/AlliesStudy>. 🍷



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New Faces at the Craft Fair

COMMUNITY INFO

By Laura Busheikin

vendors from Denman, and a bunch more from off-island.

While the long-term vendors provide a sense of mastery, tradition and longevity, the new ones keep things fresh. Here's some of the Denman artisans vending at the fair for the first time this year:

Many of us know Emma Sheurwater and her company, Keep Floral, from the exquisite bouquets she sells at the Farmers Market and her gorgeous contributions to weddings. At the fair, she'll be offering handmade wreaths using locally grown and farmed species, with your choice of ribbon and cones.

Des Bowman will be selling wildlife photographs and cards, magnets, and possibly paintings. Des grew up on Denman and was a stalwart for many years at the kids' table. This is his first year having his own table.

Isabel Alguita is a fabric artist (bags and pouches) and makes jewelry and cards.

Leya Tess will sell silkscreen print and digital prints on cards, organic canvas, paper, and wood. Look for her marigold design, printed on organic canvas using dye she made from Denman Island grown marigold flower petals! If you are not sure you know Leya's work, have a look at the beautiful mural on the East side of the Old School that she did as part of Arts Denman's public art project.

Melissa Winkler makes lovingly crafted leather goods, which she describes as "a nice mix between classic, staple leather goods, and the strange and wonderful."

Renee Robichaud's table will offer a portal into pampering, with a focus on pleasure and health. Her cold pressed soaps, bath teas, body butter, salves, face washes, and massage oil are made with pure, natural ingredients and reflect her background and training as an aesthetician.

Mikel Roos and Deborah Nugent created their Apricot Rose Petal and Rosehip Rejuvenating skin serums because they love co-creating with nature. "Learning to love ourselves is a journey and caring for yourself with organic products is one way to do that," they say. The serums are made from wild-crafted rose petals infused in organic apricot, Golden Jojoba, Bulgarian rose oil, and organic grape seed oil. Mikel also will be selling his decorative ambient lamps made with skulls, bones, stones, and other found objects from nature.

Brittany Hemmerling's booth will set you up for a cozy afternoon, perhaps with a favourite child cuddled up next to you: she'll be selling coffee beans roasted in small batches by her company, Lacon Trading Post, hot chocolate bombs, and a selection of children's books that she has written.



by Leya Tess

Linda Adair will sell glass art, ceramics, pieces that combine those two genres, mosaic art, and wind chimes.

Jack Fletcher of Marshwood Farm (at the big red gate on Denman Road, also at the Farmers Market most Saturdays), will offer a cornucopia of craft genres—wooden toys, bat boxes, bird houses, harvest bins, and crates; baked goods including cookies, candies and buns; and textile art in the form of denim whales and zipper bags.

Bronwyn Schuster (Nywn Art), who most of us know from her presence at the Craft Shop and her powerfully beautiful (and beautifully powerful) herring mural downtown, will be there with original

TIDE TABLE

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

2022-11-24 (Thu)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
07:02	4.8
12:01	3.6
16:43	4.6
15.1	

2022-11-25 (Fri)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
00:18	0.3
07:51	5
12:53	3.7
17:22	4.6
15.1	

2022-11-26 (Sat)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
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08:40	5.1
13:48	3.8
18:06	4.5
14.8	

2022-11-27 (Sun)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
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18:58	4.3
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10:15	5.1
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21:16	3.8
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2022-11-30 (Wed)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
04:12	1.2
11:48	5
18:32	2.9
22:47	3.5
11.5	

2022-12-01 (Thu)

Time PST (m)	(ft)
05:09	1.7
12:31	5
19:32	2.5
8.2	



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...continued from P.3 illustrative art, oil paintings, wood burnings, prints and reproductions.

Jeanie Rogers' ceramics are focussed on colour and lustre. Working with special firing processes, she creates lustrous treasures. She also works in terra cotta to produce functional ware for everyday use, using a palette of colourful clay strips.

C Urquhart makes decorative pillows, some of which are intended to support and enhance the design and function of a room, and others that are intended to be the focal point.

Angelika Capaldo makes malas, sculptures, pottery, dishes, and mugs. She is also an abstract painter and will bring some of that work.

The Denman Craft Fair takes place Dec 3 & 4 at the Community Hall & Activity Centre, 10 – 4:00 PM. Delicious home-made lunches and desserts are available. Check us out at denmancraftfair.com and on Facebook, and tell your friends! 🍷

Phoenix Riting! **MUCH ADO ABOUT POO**

SPECIAL INTEREST By Phoenix Bee

Recently poop has become a local controversy. HIRRA has been working on finding a way to encourage householders to use composting toilets (a laudable goal). The solution voted in by members has some folks concerned, both with the use of tax dollars to fund it (while non-composters must pay to have their own septic systems drained), and with fear of possible contamination of groundwater downstream from the Depot. The solution decided on involves creating a way station for the contents of composting toilets, to be located at the Recycling Depot, then to be trucked off-island for processing.

I am not going to write about that. Instead, I will share my poostory.

A few years ago, my partner and I lived in a cabin with the most rudimentary composting toilet system imaginable. Our landlady drilled holes into plastic garbage bins, then placed them under the poop-only hole in our toilet room (pee went straight onto the ground into a sort of gravel-lined drainage path that led, it was hoped, to the ocean). After each poo, we sprinkled sawdust over our doings. Once a bin was full, we hauled it into the bushes and replaced it. When it was time to move out, we had eight bins full of our poop, numbered oldest to newest.

What to do? We had no idea, but we were determined to deal with our own shit, so to speak. We hauled the eight bins to our next home, to be stored in the bushes pending a solution. When the community garden started up, I thought, what if we used our poop as fertilizer? Would that be safe? We were plant-based, ate minimal processed food, mostly organic, so it seemed worth exploring. I did a Google deep dive. I learned that the pathogens that make human excrement unsafe as fertilizer can't survive longer than a year outside the human body.

Since our bins were all at least three years old, that seemed a safe enough bet. We hauled the oldest bins over to the brand-new garden plot. With some trepidation, we cracked the lid and found... dirt. Rich, deep brown, odorless, full-of-worms, lovely gorgeous soil. All without any turning or processing whatsoever, merely enough time had passed to do the work.

Over the next three years, we used up all the bins and I miss them dearly. I tried to convince my current landlord (son)

to implement such a bare bones system, but he inexplicably prefers to use regular toilets. My poops now go to waste, and I wince with every flush. Ah, well!

The point of the story is, poop wants to be dirt. It's perfectly easy to leave it alone, give it time, take care of your own, and make your own priceless fertilizer out of your own body. Of course you do have to be careful what you eat; what goes in will come out. Too simple perhaps? Humans prefer complex, technological, multi-leveled solutions, and patience is seldom part of the mix. I'll just leave that here, something to think about.

Last week, this column was truncated: the final two paragraphs inadvertently omitted. I will copy them here, for any who wondered what was meant to come next:

"I do know attendance has improved since we started using Zoom. Its advantages are undeniable: there's no need to arrange childcare, go out into the cold, or figure out transportation. Those like me who aren't feeling well can participate, and part-time residents and ratepayers join in from off-island. Maintaining the Zoom format allows for a broader cross section of the community. It's not either/or, it's both/and. I'm very glad that HIRRA is taking measures to make the in-person experience possible. Both are important, I feel.

An enlivening sense of presence unites us when people are together in the room, sharing space. It helps to build community. I understand Zoom is here to stay, but having the option to gather together is a blessing. HIRRA is our community decision-making body and something important goes missing when it's only online. We have some hiccups and glitches to iron out, but I think we're on the right track."

Note: don't miss the Winter Studio Tour this Saturday Nov 26th, from 10am until 4pm. There are 21 stops on the tour, including the Crafter's Holiday Market at the Hall, all worth spending your Christmas shopping money on. Brochures with maps detailing the stops have been mailed out, and if you missed that or are a visitor, you can go to maps.hornbyarts.com for the online version.

That's what I think, what do you think? Email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com



Publisher's Notes

The Good Vibes Page
(With apologies to Anonymous Denman Island Community Stalwart)

IM not a betting man, by nature. Money, often hard to come by, seems foolish to chance on, well, chance. My poor grasp of odds and spiking inflation do little to alter this thinking.

But then there comes along an opportunity of the 'can't miss' variety that has me reassess. I mean stealing candy from a baby isn't technically gambling, is it?

And so the bet has been laid!

I can already sense your trepidation. "Oh gawd, has that mop head gone and bet the farm? He professes to not gamble and then goes ahead and gambles?! This won't end well. He'll likely crap out and suddenly there'll be no more weekly paper cluttering up island mailboxes" (queue Lucas' applause).

Thirty-one years of documenting our islands' history up in smoke.

"I heard he gambled it all away."

But wait dear readers! You haven't even heard the bet. Check it out:

A longtime Denman Island community stalwart *who shall remain anonymous* approached me with a proposal of sponsoring a 'Happy Good Vibes' page.

We would ask people to submit very short happy sentences about what they like about Denman or its Denizens or any positive statement for that matter.

I thought that there could be a few rules:

- First of all it has to be positive.
- Second, not too long a few sentences rather than a few paragraphs *continued on P.6...*



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- Fourth, C'mon kids tell us old
farts some good stuff

My examples:

- Just thinking about Grumpy makes me smile.

- Way back when the Highways Dept. on Denman was Bob, Gordy, and the boss, Cliff. Cliff was old school and good at the job but as usual a boss is a boss so anything that he did that was at all a mistake is hilarious. Anyway one day Cliff had a new pickup with four doors, a "crew cab," which was a new thing then. So he had told Bob and Gordy what to do about something and (he was always in a hurry) then he ran over to the pickup and jumped in the back seat and slammed the door only to have to get out and, muttering, get in the drivers seat. NO, NO, that's not the joke. The knee slapper is I did the same thing the other day. Anyone who knew Bob Hansen can imagine how funny his rendition of this story was. Bob could have done stand up.

A Good Vibes.. PAGE. Did Anonymous Community Stalwart miss the pandemic memo? Do they not read the GV's Letters to the Editor? A page. More like a few sentences, *maybe*. A quarter page, tops. I don't wish to appear excessively craggy and hardened but how can I not compared to Anonymous Community Stalwart, all dewey and pink and supple, and crying without their lollipop?

Yes readers, I took the bet... as well as the lolly. And no, I'm not ashamed. If you are appalled at my behaviour I know I'll hear about it in the aforementioned Ls to the E but do keep in mind you'd only be helping to prove my point for me. You see, I think filling an entire 8.5"x11" page with 'Good Vibes' is either naively ambitious or ambitiously naive. By either measure, I'm only claiming what will rightfully be mine in the end.

What's that you say? You beg to differ?!

Troy, Roy & Leroy

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451

Date: February 20, 2007 4:04 PM

TODAY was our final day of the set-up for the Maple Sugar Festival. In the morning scramble to depart for work, confusion reigned. The appointed C.O. for the day, Diebold, being unfamiliar with the crew and instructed to only transport ten of us along, made his decision on who to bring based on who gave him their I.D. cards first. The problem being that we had a new guy with us this morning. As Diebold was collecting our cards, Troy had taken his usual seat at the back of the crummy. With ten I.D. cards in hand and eleven guys looking ahead to what we all knew would be real food and coffee for lunch, he asked who hadn't given him their card. When Troy replied that it was he, Diebold stated rather curtly, "get the fuck out." This set Troy to fuming and he exited, slamming the door of the crummy closed with such force that had Diebold not



shifted when he did could've seen him properly injured. Troy's face nearly slid off his skull in recognition of what his lashing out nearly wrought prompting a chorus of muffled snickers from the rest of the guys as he spun away, retreating back down to the range. It was quite the display and I question if he would've reacted similarly were we heading off to do highway work. Still, considering we only get paid 3-4 dollars per day, I'd say he overreacted. However, seeing how the new fellow was chosen over him, I can empathize with Troy's gripe. Ah jail! What's a convict to do?

"Our idyllic island communities can fill a GV page with Good Vibes in our sleep! You've got the smiling faces that greet everyone at the Farmer's Market each Saturday. Or maybe the crew at DICES coordinating activities for and managing our youngsters blossoming worlds. How about the tireless staff at Hornby Denman Health Care Society making house calls assisting our elders. And don't even get us started about magical meal trains for families of newborns. We could fill a page and then some! DreadyMike, you're a fool for taking that bet!"

Oh really? Well that's what gambling's all about now, isn't it? Determining who's right! Tell you what. Seeing as how Dr. Walford has HONESTLY, TRUTHFULLY RETIRED, I'll refrain from sucking on my recently acquired lollipop while we see how this plays out. Besides, now that we have to travel to town to address cavities, it's probably wise I avoid excess sweets anyway.

So, it's now in your hands dear readers.

An invitation to illuminate, share and celebrate what makes Hornby and Denman life so special.

A chance to demonstrate how the publisher of the community paper underestimates the islands that paper serves.

And an opportunity to prove why it is I should always shy from gambling!

THE WAGER?

If we fall short of a full page of 'Good Vibes,' Anonymous Island Stalwart will foot the bill.

If by *some form of miracle* we can fill a whole page with 'Good Vibes,' the Grapevine will eat the cost and I'll eat my hat (figuratively speaking, Stewart).

Come on Denman and Hornby! Whatcha waiting for? The Grapevine's 'Good Vibes Page' awaits your contributions.

Got something to share of a positive nature? Send it the GV's way at: theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com. 🍷

Our third day of work at the fest proved to be less organized than the first two as the majority of the coordinated work was done. Most of the day's tasks were confined to fine tuning. Even still, what appeared to be little left to do managed to fill up our day. My tolerance levels were challenged for this. I prefer having a bulk of work to roll my sleeves up

for. This piecemeal stuff I find tedious, sapping my interest and will. It also meant having to pair off occasionally with whomever was immediately available to tackle this chore or that. Frequently this left me tied to what I'll describe as 'undesirables,' heightening my tedium.

Undesirables are referred to as 'heads' by the inmates and one of the most prominent is this fellow, Roy. He just can't seem to shut up and, worse yet, he finds everything uproariously funny... and I do mean everything. The problem being, most of what he laughs at isn't funny in the slightest. Further compounding the crew's chagrin is that Roy's laughter has this grating quality. We've all begun referring to him as 'Woody Woodpecker.' He can't seem to stop long enough to sense the collective disdain of his crew mates which only affirms his status of 'head.' So anyways, Woody Woodpecker was in his usual form this morning, chattering and laughing away in his machine-gun strafing manner before we'd even breached

the compound gates. The new guy, Leroy, and him were spurring each other along at the expense of our collective ears. Evidently they had some reminiscence to catch up on. It got me to concluding that I prefer jail-house neophytes as new additions to the crew because they tend to remain quiet as they settle into the routine. Roy and Leroy were having quite the spirited reunion, they were. We were roughly three-quarters of the way to work and they were still nattering on like schoolgirls when suddenly Roy turns around to face his fellow conversationist and asks him what his name is! Are you bloody serious?! They didn't even know one another's name. To hear them go on, you'd have sworn they grew up together for all the past they were retracing. Unbelievable! When I was told that I was going to jail I suspected that it would be shitty. I just couldn't say in what ways. Vignettes like this provide colour and texture to my misfortune. I'm holding out for the proverbial 'file in the cake,' I am!



Letters to the Editor To the editor:

It is understandable that you wish to give people the opportunity to express opinions in your newspaper, but opinions should be based on knowledge and fact.

Recently one of your writers has been expressing very unfavourable opinions about our medical system.

Until the past year I have had the good fortune to be healthy and have not needed to visit a hospital for care until I had a heart attack last November.

At this time our own first responders and ambulance people arrived to care for me within five minutes of my husband's 911 call. They were kind and reassuring, and got me to the ferry immediately, sitting with me all the way to the hospital. Unfortunately the ambulance couldn't take me to Victoria that day since the Malahat had caved, so a helicopter had to be arranged to be flown out in the morning. The hospital staff pulled in a bed for my husband to stay near me all night, and I was flown to Victoria in the morning

All medical staff and hospital workers were kind, and helpful. I was placed in a private room in which my husband was allowed to be with me. I was never left alone unless while sleeping, and a press of a buzzer gave me instant access to help.

For over twenty years I have enjoyed reading the grapevine, and would like to continue doing so.

Sincerely,
Carol Ralston
Denman Island

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...continued from P.7 Dear editor:

I'm hoping that perhaps in the near future your publication might renew its policy in regards to allowing ads for selling puppies and dogs as Facebook has done. There is a world wide surplus of dogs which means that instead of having happy homes, dogs are often abused, neglected, tortured and murdered.

Dogs are family and are possibly a 15+ year commitment. When a dog is purposefully bred, those puppies displace others needing a loving forever home.

We have adopted (from a family member) a "working farm dog" who is one of the smartest dogs we've ever had but his genetic makeup directs him to chase, so he can never be off leash unless in a controlled environment and needs to play non stop! Definitely not a good match for a busy family without a large fenced yard.

As well, all dogs/cats should be spayed or neutered which will also help ensure that more dogs get the loving forever homes they deserve.

Please consider following the Facebook Commerce Policy which states- "Animals for sale- Selling animals isn't allowed on Marketplace or buy and sell groups".

Thank you for your time and consideration- you can make a difference.
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COP 27: Glass Half Full **OPINIONS** By Gwynne Dyer · OP Nov. 21, 2022 **A**S after every climate summit, the air is filled with shouts of rage and despair. What was agreed was unclear and inadequate, and what was left undecided or simply ignored was vast and terrifying. For example, they still haven't managed to agree that the world needs to stop burning fossil fuels.

What? Isn't that what this whole traveling circus is about? The climate is getting hotter because we're burning fossil fuels for energy, soon people will be dying in large numbers, in twenty or thirty years entire countries will become uninhabitable, so stop! Alternative energy sources are available! Act now, or global disaster will happen!

Yes, that's what it's about, and every year tens of thousands of politicians, experts, campaigners, and lobbyists trek to a different location – Glasgow last year, Sharm-al-Sheikh this year, the United Arab Emirates next year – to debate and decide how to deal with this literally existential threat.

And in all those 27 years they haven't even managed to mention the name of the threat? No, they haven't. Last year, for the first time, they actually inserted the word 'coal' into the final report – we will eventually 'phase it down' (not 'out'), they said – but the words 'gas' and 'oil' are still taboo.

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Oh, well. This is the price you pay for belonging to a species still emerging from a long tribal past that has developed a high-tech, high-energy civilisation before it was culturally equipped to manage it. Do the best you can, and hope that it will be enough.

So much for the philosophy. What actually happened at Sharm-al-Sheikh?

After the inevitable all-night negotiations

(two all-nighters, in fact), they managed to agree on a new fund that will recompense poor countries that suffer 'loss and damage' from extreme climate events. The money will come from the developed countries whose historic and current emissions are the reason for the damage.

Pakistan's catastrophic floods made it this year's poster boy. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif told the conference: "Despite seven times the average of extreme rain in the south, we struggled on as raging torrents ripped out 8,000 km. of [paved] roads, damaged over 3,000 km. of railway track, and washed away standing crops on four million acres.

"We became a victim of something with which we had nothing to do, and of course it was a man-made disaster....How on Earth can one expect from us that we will undertake this gigantic task on our own?"

"Loss and damage' is not charity; it's climate justice," said Pakistan's climate envoy Nabeel Munir, and this time the message got through. That's about par for the course: if you bring up the same obvious injustice at the climate summits every year for a decade or so, eventually those who did the harm and should pay the price will admit that you have a case.

It should now take only two or three more years to set up the new 'loss and damage' agency and agree on the rules for who pays how much into it each year, and exactly what qualifies as climate-related damage eligible for compensation.

The biggest remaining question by far is what about China? It is still classed as a developing country and therefore automatically a victim, but actually it is a middle-income country and the world's single biggest emitter of carbon dioxide. It's bigger than all the rest of the developed countries together, and almost three times bigger than the United States.

Should it be paying into the 'loss and damage' fund, rather than claiming money from it? And how about India? It's only third in total emissions now, after the United States, but it will also probably overtake America in the next ten years.

So the titanic struggle over who pays for the climate-linked loss and damage inflicted on the poorest countries will continue, but at least the next climate summit can also focus on other things. Just as well, because stopping at the 'aspirational' target of no more than a 1.5°C rise in average global temperature is probably a lost cause by now.

The 'never-exceed' hard target is no more than +2.0°C, because after that we lose control. The heating we have already caused will trigger warming 'feedbacks' in the system that we cannot turn off, and away we go into the nightmare future.

So it's good to see them getting a little more reasonable each year at these summits. There's still a very long way to go, but at least we're moving in the right direction. 🍷

Mette's Light

by Anonymous

*A new star was born in the sky
tonight*

*You may have to tilt your head
just right to see*

*Her light does not burn like the
summer sun*

*Neither does it crackle or snap
Hers is a gentle light, Mette's
Light...*

*Guiding without blinding
Warming without burning
Her glow welcomes the darkness
not as a foe*

*But as a friend, for she knows
both belong*

*And if you're lucky like me
You may learn from her
How to tilt your head just right to
see*

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Green Wizardry, Water To A DRUID,

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

life. To a British Columbian, water is something we have always had plenty of. I had no idea the drought was so bad in this province until a friend showed me an article from the BBC about salmon dying in dry stream beds in the interior of our province.

That is not something I have ever heard about before in my lifetime. I knew the salmon were precious few and many runs had been destroyed but I had always supposed water would remain in the streams and lakes. I was wrong.

The drought that is afflicting the West Coast of the United States, all the way from California to Washington State, is now also ours. When I was a little girl, there was a popular song that went, "The bluest skies I've ever seen are in Seattle." I think that was, mostly, a reaction to the shock of seeing any sort of blue sky in a State where the coast was a rain forest. For the last couple of years, they have been fighting forest fires in Washington State. When I was a little girl, only an act of God could have started a fire in their soaking wet forests.

A neighbour on Denman recently told me she had to have 4,000 gallons of water pumped into her reservoir. Our ponds are way down too as you would expect after a dry summer but they normally fill after the first couple of rains in October.

The forest is still dry and the past several years, I have heard many times that cedar trees were dying on this or that property. The climate is indeed changing. The climate has always changed. Ours is a very unpredictable planet. For example, about 50,000 years ago in the Pleistocene Epoch, Death Valley was filled to some 600 feet deep with a freshwater lake. It is quite possible that our very stupid habit of dumping chemical pollutants into the air is making these natural trends worse.

I wonder how this dry weather is affecting BC Hydro? They may be able to cope this year and next year but if the drought carries on, as it has in California, then there will come a day when they cannot release enough water to generate electricity. Even before that day, I expect they will find a way to ration electricity simply by putting up their price.

As a student of history, I know that cities tend to get the first shot at resources so rural customers will be the first to be cut off from power. They will also be first in line for rolling brownouts and blackouts.

I think we can make our communities more resilient by using electricity for light and to power electronics and find other means to fulfill our daily energy needs. Gas stoves are wonderful to cook on, being so much easier to get a good, searing heat on compared to an electric stove. Wood stoves are also excellent resources and while some people feel that wood stoves are unnecessarily polluting they are also cozy,

efficient and reliant on a renewable resource. If you feel bad about having a wood stove then you can easily assuage your conscience by giving up flying.

The lack of water is going to be tricky in the garden, orchard and pasture. The best way I know of protecting land from drought is to add organic matter to the soil. In the garden, that is easy, you just make lots of compost and fork it lightly into the top layer of the soil. Regular dressings of the orchard with compost will help there.

If you do not keep livestock, you may find it difficult to make enough compost to give your garden and orchard a good, top dressing. I remember reading in a permaculture text that one of their tricks was to set out a bale of straw or hay and pour human urine on it. The nitrogen in the urine bonds to the carbon in the hay or straw and you end up with a nice rich compost to put on the garden.

Before you go into the, "Ew, Ick," phobic stage, please remember that human urine is pretty clean stuff, coming as it does straight from our kidneys. It contains a lot of nitrogen and a little phosphorus and it is the fertilizer of choice from all the best gardeners I know.

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As for pastures, the best way to protect them from drought is to practice rotational grazing. We have planted walnut, apple and pear trees on our grazing paddocks as the shade of a tree is very desirable to sheep and cattle and it helps plants by shading them from the noonday sun.

There are some tricks to rotational, or management intensive, grazing practices. The first is to always keep fewer animals than you think you can support on your land. This is the farmer equivalent of living below your means which is a practice that brings true happiness to man and beast alike.

The second trick is to never graze the land right down but to only graze or mow until the grass is three or four inches high. This keeps the ground shaded and does not stress the grass plants too much. Keep moving the livestock every few days so they do not put too much stress on the grass and so you also keep them off the grass before parasites can hatch out of their poop and reinfect them. I hope more people will start to raise livestock as inflation bites deeper and meat becomes more expensive.

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Matta May

by Ron Sakolsky

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for sharing
the incandescent laughter
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of the Elaho Valley
to Fairy Creek
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among kindred spirits
on Inner Island shores
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of mad mushrooming
mama bear magic.

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an old-school
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of a life
worth living
who,
like poet
Diane di Prima,
knew that
“the only
war that matters
is the war
against the imagination
all other wars
are subsumed
in it.”



Global Domination

by Thomas Provençal

When politicians sell us out
to evil occupation,
suspiciously they lose their clout,
their morals on vacation.
Klauss is playing puppets

like Justin, Joe and Lula
who are selling out their countries
in a world suddenly gone crueler.
The goal is domination
of our every thought and deed.
While we comply with mandates
the leaders watch us bleed,
dialling back the human race
to numbers more conducive
to global aspirations

using methods most abusive.
It's a ar of ideology
where truth is mixed to bake
into outlandish suppositions
with love and life at stake.
Noncompliance with the edicts
that make no moral sense
strengthens our convictions
and emboldens our defense.

A Compass and A Questing

by Eartha Muirhead

Trusting your sorrow is all you
can do.
Is the sunrise not always faithful?
Slowly tiptoe up to your scarred
heart,
Hold out your empty hand
Quiver, quake and tremble
Loss is afraid to be witnessed.
Wait and wonder out loud
"How can I feel so disoriented?"
Drop on your knees, catch a
falling leaf
Gaze at hazy horizons
"Why have I lost hope?"
Surrendering but not freezing
Walk, with faith, into unknown
lands.
Out in those gray fields of fog,
attend to your
Tears and laughter, sometimes
madness.
Comfort your confusion and

sadness
Remind them there is no escape.
Watch for fairies, flocks of birds
Humming over silver waters
Sometimes, surprising joy will
flash through clouds
"This is not what I had planned."
Weeping and stumbling through
misty mysteries
Rage, laugh and sing at the fires of
friendship.
Sleep and ask the ancestors what
they did
to survive their sorrows.
Tenderly, they cradle death,
sighing:
"Loss never truly ends.
Without a doubt
Quietly, live on.
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When tended well."

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20. Detroit action
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67. Afflicted
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1. Bouquet
2. Arm of the sea
3. Huge constrictor
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5. Leaf angle
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9. Walk with difficulty
10. Big flap
11. Oceanic bird
12. Literary genre
16. Like ears and brains
21. Back at sea
23. Encouraging cry
28. Is down with
29. Calligrapher's supply
30. Plywood layers
31. Batter ingredient
33. Circle, in a way
34. Baseball great Mel
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40. College growth
41. 1 billion years
42. Fit for a king
43. Anonymous Jane
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48. An ungulate
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50. Big home
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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)

• HEALTH & WELLNESS •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165 (D)
- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac • 250-508-8160 • www.
heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
- Physiotherapist • Acupuncturist • TCM Herbs • Carmen RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Registered Massage Therapist • MG Vellet • 250-202-1268 •
marygillianvellet@gmail.com (D)

Randy Duncan, Ericka Bland & Jordan Hilberry NOVEMBER 25TH



Introducing Bonnie Baker Show
Pasta Dinner 6pm music 7pm

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 24

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

FRIDAY 25

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

SATURDAY 26

- 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
- DENMAN COMMUNITY CHOIR &
UKULELE ENSEMBLE Comm. Hall 7:30pm

SUNDAY 27

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 28

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

TUESDAY 29

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

WEDNESDAY 30

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

THURSDAY 1

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



FRIDAY 2

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

SATURDAY 3

- 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
- DI CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY 4

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm
- DIUC Gathering Place Rev. Ingrid Brown
10:30pm
- DI CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

MONDAY 5

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

TUESDAY 6

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

WEDNESDAY 7

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

THURSDAY 8

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm
- DIGPA AGM Denman Activity Centre 7pm



"Hey Brian ;) Howya doin'?"