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COMMUNITY INFO

Tips for the Denman Craft Fair

By Laura Busheikin · Christmas Craft Fair



Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the fair with a Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair cotton shopping bag, on sale at the Community Hall.

IT'S happening this weekend! The 40th Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair will take over the downtown village, offering us a cornucopia of beautiful, hand-made wares, delicious things to eat and drink, a chance to see each other, an opportunity to impress visiting friends, and above all a celebration of creativity, craft, hard work, and talent.

Here are a few tips and encouragements for the weekend:

FEAST AT THE FAIR

Delicious lunches are available at both halls. In the Activity Centre, Ima's Kitchen will have falafel platters, soups, focaccia, salad, and cinnamon buns.

At the Community Hall, Melanie and Teegan are diving deep into comfort food with chicken noodle soup, beef stew, butternut squash soup, orzo salad, and rolls. Nostimo Foods (Sophia) takes us to Greece with spanakopita, moussaka, oven-roasted potatoes, dolmades, Greek salad, baklava, and bougatsa (Greek Custard Cake). And Pun invites us to Thailand with her Pad Thai, spring rolls, and salad rolls.

Outside the Community Hall, Naomi Elliot will be serving bacon and egg scramble breakfast buns from 10 to noon, and chilli con carne with Orkney Farm beef, vegan chilli with local veg, and cornbread (regular and gluten free) from 11:00 on, and the Earth Club Factory coffee food truck will be on hand with hot drinks and snacks.

And as always, there will be ever-changing offerings of desserts at both halls, as fundraisers for Blackberry Lane Children's Centre and the Community School.

BUY A BAG

To celebrate our 40th anniversary, the fair will be selling cotton shopping bags with beautiful artwork by Denman Islander Jasmine Naswell. Jasmine's image of the Denman Community Hall inside a snow globe captures the fair's sense of magic and cozy, welcoming ambiance perfectly. The bag could be used in place of wrapping paper to add value and meaning to any gift, or buy it for yourself to store your purchases. Bags will be sold just inside the entrance of the Community Hall.

COME DURING QUIET TIMES

If you find the crowds overwhelming, wait till Sunday to spend time at the fair. It's usually a bit less busy. Most vendors have lots of wares and restock as needed, so you don't need to worry about missing out. Also, afternoons tend to be less busy than mornings.

CHECK OUT THE KIDS

Stop by the kids' table just on your left as you enter the Community Hall. Every year Denman's young artisans impress us all with their creativity and skill. Over the decades, many of them have gone on to become the adult artisans who fill the halls.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Craft Fair weekend is one of the very few annual occasions when the Island is set up to welcome large groups of people—there's transportation, oodles of delicious food, and above all an incredible concentration of artists and makers, all eager to share their work. The local retail and food outlets are geared up for the crowds and offer their best hospitality, and the mood everywhere is festive. Many off-island friends visit the fair every year as an annual tradition, helping make this event a vibrant contribution to our local culture and economy.

The Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair takes place Dec 3 & 4, 10:00 – 4:00 at the Denman Community Hall and Activity Centre. Tell your Vancouver Island friends they can park at Buckley Bay, walk on, and then take the free shuttle van up the hill to the fair site. Check us out at denmancraftfair.com and on Facebook and Instagram.

Baroque Returns!

ARTS&LIT

By Andrew Fyson

Monteverdi Madrigals and Il Ballo delle Ingrate April 30 – May 6, 2023.

THANKS to all who made our 2022 workshop & festival a great success! Plans are under way for next year's event which will run from April 30 to May 6, 2023 in the Denman Island Community Hall. Under the direction of our Music Director, Marco Vitale, the workshop participants will perform *Il Ballo delle ingrate*, a short ballet-opera (35-40 minutes) by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643) in the final concert in the afternoon of Saturday, May 6. Additionally, they will perform Monteverdi's four late, great madrigals from *Madrigali guerrieri et amorosi* with instruments and great passion.

Il Ballo was commissioned as an entertainment at the wedding of Francesco Gonzaga and Margaret of Savoy in Mantua in 1608. It tells the story of Venus and her son Cupid asking the god of the underworld, Pluto, for help because Cupid's arrows were no longer having their intended effect. Pluto tells them that the *Ingrate* or thankless souls were not giving their partners enough love, hence they were condemned to eternity in the underworld. The *Ingrate* should express their love while they can in their youthful beauty. Pluto brings the *Ingrate* out of the fearsome mouth of the underworld to dance and demonstrate what a wretched future can be expected if partners do not express their love.

In addition to the Monteverdi workshop, our winds tutor Romeo Ciuffa will lead a workshop for recorders and other wind instruments appropriate to the period, and our string tutor Paul Luchkow will lead a workshop for strings. Participants in these two workshops will perform in a Friday evening concert in addition to the Saturday performance. We are excited to welcome the internationally renowned tenor, Marcel Beekman (www.marcelbeekman.com), as voice coach. Marcel has made a name for himself in a wide-ranging concert repertoire and performances of character roles in operas all over the world. As members of *Contrasto Armonico*, the tutors and our Music Director, Marco Vitale, will perform during the festival week.

The workshops provide a unique opportunity to meet and sing or play with other musicians as well as receive instruction from world-class, professional tutors. We are particularly keen to attract local participants, past and new. This year, we will be performing in modern pitch (A = 440 Hz) and not our usual baroque pitch (A = 415 Hz) as it is more appropriate for Monteverdi music. String players may use modern instruments if fitted with gut strings. Baroque bows are preferred (we may be able to find you one). We very much welcome recorder players to participate in Romeo's workshop. Singers need to have the ability to read music and have some experience in singing in small choirs.

Applications for workshop participation will be accepted from December 1, 2022 to January 15, 2023. The application form and further information is available on the website www.denmanbaroque.ca or ask me (250-335-9047).

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

ROGERS has applied to build a 200-plus foot cell tower behind the Spark, on Central Road across from the Fire Hall. Copies of their detailed proposal have been uploaded both to local Facebook groups 'Word of Mouth Hornby' and 'Hornby Island Community Connections'. You can read the whole thing there. In a nutshell, they are trying to expand Rogers' cell coverage on the island. That means Rogers customers only, although they 'will consider' (not exactly a commitment, is it?) applications from other cell providers to share the tower for their own customers' use. Canada does not require cell companies to share their tower facilities with other providers so it's not at all certain that would happen.

Before considering such a thing, I would expect a commitment from Rogers to share the facility

continued on P.4...

TIDE TABLE

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

2022-12-01 (Thu)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
05:09	1.7	5.6
12:31	5	16.4
19:32	2.5	8.2
2022-12-02 (Fri)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
00:32	3.5	11.5
06:11	2.2	7.2
13:11	4.9	16.1
20:23	2	6.6
2022-12-03 (Sat)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
02:19	3.6	11.8
07:17	2.7	8.9
13:47	4.8	15.7
21:07	1.6	5.2
2022-12-04 (Sun)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
03:47	3.9	12.8
08:25	3.1	10.2
14:20	4.7	15.4
21:48	1.2	3.9
2022-12-05 (Mon)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
04:54	4.2	13.8
09:32	3.4	11.2
14:51	4.6	15.1
22:25	0.9	3
2022-12-06 (Tue)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
05:48	4.5	14.8
10:34	3.6	11.8
15:21	4.5	14.8
23:01	0.7	2.3
2022-12-07 (Wed)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
06:35	4.7	15.4
11:30	3.8	12.5
15:49	4.4	14.4
23:36	0.7	2.3
2022-12-08 (Thu)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
07:17	4.8	15.7
12:21	3.9	12.8
16:16	4.3	14.1



...continued from P.3 with other providers so that all can benefit.

On the whole, though, I don't see the point of a cell tower on Hornby. We need improved internet access here, of course; that's why we said 'yes' to City West's installing fibre-optic service here. That is ongoing as we speak, and we can look forward to zippy home internet speeds in the not too distant future. There are lots of reasons that is desirable, ranging from being able to join in local Zoom-only meetings and classes, to working from home online, to having access to reliable streaming services. And yes, we did it! It's coming.

But cell service? When you move to a place like Hornby Island, you have to expect certain limitations. Being off-grid when you walk in the woods is a feature, not a bug, of living here. I do not want to hear my phone or anyone else's ringing or dinging while I am bathing in nature. I go into the woods to connect to a different sort of network. Having wild places to escape the usual modern constant connectivity is a crucial part of living on a remote island. If this lifestyle is not one's preference, why choose to move here?

I don't have much signal at my house; there are places the phone won't ring, and I can only make calls while standing in a certain area. Sometimes I have to go outside to make or receive a call. If you call me, you might have to leave a message and I'll get back to you. And you know what? I'm fine with that. It works. People who use the phone a lot can install a landline, use FaceTime, Skype, WhatsApp or various other wifi based services. It's not a problem.

There is certainly no need to be livestreaming from the woods or tweeting from the mountainside. Take a breath, listen to the wind, be in the moment.

There are other reasons to say no to this particular tower. For one thing, the proposed location has already been earmarked by HICEEC for a community housing project. There have

Green Wizardries, Water Conservation in Winter
SPECIAL INTEREST By Maxine Rogers
YEARS ago, before I ever came to Denman Island, there was a drought here. Neighbours of ours moved into a house on Nixon Road that summer. They came from Kitimat where there was no drought and it was quite wet. The husband noticed the lawn was brown so he set up a



been in ongoing discussion with Crown Land about this, and we should give it a chance. This is arguably much more important than increasing access to cell signal. For another thing, the location is quite close to the school. 'Electrosmog' is a concern for many parents.

Where would be a better location? Personally, I think nowhere is fine, because as I've said, increased cell service isn't necessarily a perk when we already have decent home internet. We need to have access to quiet places free of interference and intrusion. Do we need to make it possible for people to wander along woods trails staring at their phone screens, tripping over tree roots?

We need to let wild places be wild. There are so few left, and we are blessed with a glorious trail network on the Crown Land, so peaceful and free. Some of us, for our mental health, need to be able to relax and immerse our awareness into the matrix of birdsong and leaf-quiver, to listen to bees buzzing and the sound of our own feet walking, without the constant draining temptation of technological distractions. There are not many places left where we still have this spaciousness and freedom. Let's not spoil it.

Rogers is hosting a digital public meeting on December 8th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. For details regarding how to join the Microsoft Team meeting, contact Brian Gregg at briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com. You can give him your opinion at that address too.

There is also a form you can fill out attached to the pdf that has been uploaded to the community groups. Let's just say no to this. Keep internet indoors where it belongs, and let the woods be woods, a wild place to be entered with respect.

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



sprinkler to water the grass. An hour or so later, the sprinkler stopped working because their well was dry. It stayed dry until the autumn rains came.

They had to learn a new way of dealing with water as the well was all they had. When we were first here, we tried to use well water to irrigate the garden and then some thirsty friends came over and told us our water was salty. The salt levels had changed slowly and we had become accustomed to drinking salt water. I have heard of this happening to other people too.

Wells are fickle creatures and do not like to be over exploited. I heard a lot of talk on the island about our water coming from the mountains of Vancouver Island and coming under Baynes Sound to appear in springs on Denman. I thought that sounded unlikely and had it explained to me by a man who works in the water and well business that this was fantasy and our water comes from rain that falls on our islands. In either case, we and Vancouver Island are not getting much rain at all.

A very wise friend of mine who was born on the West Coast of Vancouver Island still has a brother living there and he tracks their rainfall which is much diminished these last few years. The very thought of Western Vancouver Island not swilling

in rain water is kind of outlandish but the world's climate is normally unstable and with all our man-made pollution it may be even more so.

I don't usually worry much about water conservation in the winter as the blessed rains normally come in November, if not before, and we are saved for another year and can happily soak in full bathtubs of hot water with never a thought to conservation. The rains have still not come. This is really a winter to go easy on your well.

I read about water conservation strategies and found some people suggest having showers instead of baths and other people suggests baths instead of showers. When one of my young friends comes to visit, I always ask her to have baths as she can shower for an hour or more at a time. To conserve water, we need to take short showers or shallow baths.

In the Navy, they take sea showers. This involves showering until wet and then turning off the water. They then soap up and shampoo. Once all that is done, they turn the water back on and rinse. One of the ships my husband served on was having a problem with their hot water for months; large, hairy, tough, old sailors could be heard screaming as they had ice-cold showers of very brief duration.

Hot showers are quite a new thing. Only a century ago, cold showers were common. When I was a girl in Spain, I was astonished to find that they only heated water once a week and had cold showers every other morning. I now have my morning bath in a basin of cold water. This morning, it had ice chunks floating in it. I do this as training for the will and other reasons but I find it pleasurable which just goes to show, you can get used to anything. I use a quart of water for this bath and have enough left over to water some plants.

I think this is the key to water conservation. See how many times you can use it before it leaves the house. For example, when you want a glass of cold water, get it from a jug in the fridge instead of running the tap until the water is cold. If you need hot water, run the tap into a jug until it is hot and save the cold water to rinse dishes or wash vegetables. When I wash dishes, I put two plastic tubs in the sinks and wash in one and rinse in the other. When I am done with the water, I pour it into a pail and take it outside to water the compost.

I see friends from the city quite innocently running a tap to rinse dishes and they have the water going for ages before they put something under it to rinse as if water was not one of the most precious commodities on Earth. People waste a lot of water running the tap when they are brushing their teeth or shaving. This is just a habit and in no way contributes to cleaner teeth or a better shave.

We all use much less water when there is a power outage so we all know how to do it. This may be the winter to become more aware of water conservation. 🍷



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• I would like to make a "Good Vibe" shout out to my friend Seren, who recently shared his story/ trauma related to being a gay man in Canada. Through his art, Zine, and talk he presented as an individual dealing with his "shit" in a way that, to me, makes him a role model for showing up in Calm-unity.

Make It Real
Tracy

• Speaking of good vibrations, thanks to the hydro crews for their hard work and dedication!

• Thanks to the Denman choir for their excellent musical vibrations at their recent performance.

• The Denman Choir and ukulele concert - what a joy! Renditions of Moondance, Moonriver, Imagine... - Had me singing along and smiling all the way home.

• Seeing Leo when he goes "downtown" for coffee. He always has a smile and a greeting.

• My Night in the Country by Cypress Smith (age 12) Do you like walking in the dark? I don't mean walking in the city with all the lights and cars and signs, I mean walking in the dark on Denman. Where all you can see is the big, bright moon. When the air is so sharp you can feel it going into your lungs. When you can taste the big trees and small, frail bushes on the cold and brisk wind. Where, if you're lucky, you can hear the squirrel's scuffling through the tall arbutus trees or see a little deer and its mom in the thick, dry grass by the large bramble bushes. Where you can smell the blackberries and all the foliage of the crisp, cold night. When you can pick up pine cones from the side of the road and throw them into the air and hear the rattle of the bushes. But the best feeling of all is when you can feel the serenity of walking in the darkness of the night. So let me ask you, are you ready for a walk in the dark?

Wow!

A half page filled with 'Good Vibes' is a commendable start Denman. Thanks to all who have responded with their Good Vibes.

Still, it is not a full page which the 'Good Vibes Page' is intended to be!

Come on readers... dig deep! I know you can do it. This recent snow might force us all to dig deep but it can also inspire even more reasons to share 'Good Vibes' from one islander to another, no?

So I'll say it again. The Grapevine's 'Good Vibes Page' awaits your contributions. Got something to say of a positive nature? Send it the GV's way at: theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com 🍷

C.O. Diebold

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451

Date: February 21, 2007 5:22 PM

Topic: C.O.Diebold

TODAY Crew #2 had C.O. Diebold return to lead us into battle. Where the likes of C.O. Sarkozy goes by the book and C.O. Heinrichs almost gleefully so, it appears Diebold goes out of his way to disregard such stuffy protocol. He literally doesn't give a shit. In his sixties and approaching retirement, Diebold cuts a distinctly rumped figure compared to the younger, more pressed C.O.'s. His diminished frame makes his garb appear comically oversized, from his blue C.O. jacket right on down to his jailhouse keyring. While C.O.'s come in all shapes and sizes, based on what I've seen to this point, I imagine somewhere there is a broken mould with Diebold's name etched upon it.

After Crew #2 departed the compound, you know, the one encircled by a fence adorned with spiralled razor wire, Diebold pulled over and grabbed Billy from the back for some company up front during the ride. A blatant breach of protocol but, in Diebold's defence, riding alone to work must get pretty boring. Sheesh!

Upon arriving at the work site over half the crew loitered

around with Diebold while he regaled story, after story, after story, as this seems to be his want. I soon took to working as, at a point methinks, there is something inherently wrong with dog-fucking and cozying up to the blue-shirts too much. Those who have been here longer than I, mind you, find Diebold's attitude simply irresistible compared to the established norms so I can hardly begrudge them taking advantage. By my count, two of the guys didn't even attempt working at all! As it was, the majority of the guys eventually



cajoled Diebold to move sites for lunch and, a full 45 minutes early, we motored from Nanoose, just south of the Giant Gnome, to the rest stop at Bonell Creek a few km's south. It was there that I enjoyed a moment that I never thought I'd have the chance to experience in jail. An unsupervised 15 minutes sitting on the bank of a creek within a thicket of trees. Sweet serenity! I laid back looking up at the trees with their flitting leaves and the babbling creek waters providing a soundtrack to my revelling in such rarity.

Once we were done lunch there was no active plan to resume working and it was only 12:30 pm. We had a full two hours to kill and it took all of about five minutes before those of us who'd sooner whine about working rather than doing it, began whining about having to kill the remainder of the day. Is it me or is it becoming all too clear that these tattoo emblazoned tough guy convicts only know whining? Anyways, we eventually drove off to find a lower profile locale with which to sit around in wait of quitting time. Now don't get me wrong. Given the choice of attitudes that I've

seen in the C.O.'s, Diebold is far preferable than that of the others but to have the collective will of malcontent convicts overrunning his laissez-faire command actually made the workday drag on. For this reason, Blaster Hank, myself and a few other stragglers hopped out of the crummy at our new locale to do some work. It was either that or sit around listening to Diebold's incessant stories and that of the mostly senseless gab of the 'heads' on the crew.

Over the course of the afternoon it was learned that Diebold himself is in hot water with his superiors because he didn't shackle a prisoner he was charged with transporting. A serious breach of procedure indeed but, given this prisoner only had one leg, what the hell was he supposed to do?! I suppose this in some measure explains Diebold's decision to move on to a lower profile locale (Rumming Road) for our afternoon slacking.



Uninformed Consent - Film Screening

COMMUNITY INFO

By Amanda Hale

FILM SCREENING of a new Canadian Documentary at the Hornby Island Community Hall – FRIDAY December 9th, 5.30 pm.

Screening will be followed by Q & A with Dr. Stephen Malthouse, and Elizabeth Chapman.

Doors open 5pm. By Donation.

Free refreshments

Everyone welcome – Hornby & Denman Islanders, and visitors



UNINFORMED CONSENT speaks eloquently about transparency, medical knowledge, consent, and the legal and moral right to refuse a medical procedure. The film offers an in-depth view into the Covid-19 narrative, who's controlling it, and how it has been used to inject an untested, experimental technology into almost every person on the planet, and now the children.

Featuring doctors and scientists unafraid to stand up against Big Pharma and the elite class who profit from mandates, this important film examines how the mandates have been used worldwide to strip us all, vaxed and unvaxed, of our human rights, while following a local man's experience of loss and devastation.

"This film reveals that we have been massively deceived by our own governments, public health, and mainstream media."
– Ted Kuntz – President – Vaccine Choice Canada

"Todd is a brilliant filmmaker who has a unique way of exposing the devastation to families from the mandates." – Odessa Orlewicz – Liberty Talk Canada

Letters to the Editor

Gimme some of that old-time religion, it's good enough for me. Thank God for the wisdom of the ancient religion and its contemporary visionaries. To read the brain-washed mainstream media these days, you'd think innocent people like us islanders, the world's genteel rich, were somehow behind the weird weather. But our local luminary has once again Trumped the sheeplike climate scientists, and those credulous ninnies who believe climatologists know much about our weather, which has always been changing for goodness' sake, far, far faster than it used to. Get a grip, crank up the wood stove, and marvel at the ignorance of the world beyond our sacred isle. At least we can be thankful for the heroic few still fighting for us out there, like the lobbyists at COP27 who made sure no one took any gratuitous swipes at our cozy, sacred fires of oil and gas.

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The Original Islands Trust Mandate

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Denise MacKean

**THE ISLANDS
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original basic
mandate puts

“preserve and protect” at the very beginning because it will fulfill the original driving force. Preserve and protect is meant to protect all living creatures and vegetation on Denman not just human animals. This process occurred in the mid 1970s and has had several reviews involving large and active groups of local residents. These reviews were undertaken by many volunteer committees who read, discussed and changed or left alone the mandate for each committee. The process included several island-wide discussions and were not trivial. Such reviews take awhile. Long-standing organizations like DIRA, Denman Island Ratepayers Association, had time set aside for discussions at regular intervals of the Trust Policy but could only recommend not change it. All newcomers should understand before moving here that there are “rules” involved in living here and be willing to accept them. To live on an “Islands Trust Island” means accepting special obligations before moving here and they should not expect to

change what they bought into. It means a special obligation to treat other species the same way we treat human animals – preserve and protect all living organisms.

History tells us Denman Island, for hundreds of years, thrived as a food-source for native cultures. They spent several months a year harvesting clams, for instance, and never destroyed the source. Nor did they introduce or wipe out the other animal or plant species.

Covid lock-down action has prevented in person and informed discussion for three years and now we should have DIRA and/or other organizations pitching in to establish a “look at the Islands Trust Mandate” committee. Top on its list should be affordable housing to tackle the problem of people unable to afford today’s offering. Taking a good look at existing secondary homes that can be used for yearly rentals is a good start. Remember “Rome was not built in a day” so we better get started. We need person to person problem solving. Forget Zoom! 🍷

Home Support Services on Hornby & Denman Islands Transitioning to Island Health

HEALTH&WELLNESS

By Island Health

**H O R N B Y /
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ISLANDS**
- Island Health
will be assuming
responsibility for
the delivery of

publicly-funded home support services on Denman and Hornby Islands effective December 15, 2022.

Island Health and the Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society, the non-profit society that currently delivers health authority funded home support services on Hornby and Denman Islands, are working together to transition the current home support services to Island Health.

Home support services are provided for people in their homes to enable them to live independently by providing the care and support they need to live safely and longer in their own homes and in their communities. Home support helps eligible clients with things like assisting them to take their medications, bathing and dressing, as well as respite for a caregiver or care for individuals at end of life.

“The Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society has been a valuable partner, and we want to thank the Society for its many years of service in home support delivery,” said James Hanson, Island Health vice president, clinical services delivery, north and central island. “We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Society to ensure a smooth transition for clients receiving home support services and their families.”

Island Health already directly delivers home support services in the majority of communities on Vancouver Island. This shift of health care service on Hornby and Denman Islands will support the streamlining of services and enhance the efficient use of resources, technologies and systems.

Beginning December 15, 2022, Island Health will assume responsibility for scheduling and delivering home support services to the current clients and families receiving publicly funded home support on the islands. The society will continue serving the community through its other charitable community programs, and it will continue to contract with Island Health for the delivery of some other community-based services, including youth outreach/counselling services.

“Over the coming months, Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society will be transitioning the delivery of publicly-funded home support services to Island Health to better support complex, medically-frail residents on the islands,” said George McRae, President. “Our organization will continue building a comprehensive seniors support program that enables seniors and others to live well in our community. By moving our focus from providing health care services for adults with medical needs, we will build a broader program with a greater variety of much needed support for seniors, including for transportation, meal delivery and house maintenance.”

Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society staff who are affected by the change will be offered the opportunity to join the Island Health team. Island Health is committed to ensuring the transition of employees is respectful, that they continue to receive compensation and benefits they are entitled to under their collective agreement, and the transition and employment for unionized employees complies with the requirements and provisions set out in their collective agreements.

Clients and families with questions about the transition can contact Island Health’s Community Care Access line at 250-388 2273 or toll-free at 1-888-533-2273, or email Jennifer.Block@islandhealth.ca.

About Island Health:

Island Health provides health care and support services to more than 860,000 people on Vancouver Island, the islands in the Salish Sea and the Johnstone Strait, and mainland communities north of Powell River. With more than 27,000 staff and over 2,900 physician partners, 1,000 volunteers, and the dedicated support of foundations and auxiliaries, Island Health delivers a broad range of health services, including: public health services, primary health care, home and community care, mental health and addictions services, acute care in hospitals, and much more across a huge, geographically diverse region.

About Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society:

Founded 43 years ago, Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society (HD Health) is a non-profit organization and charity dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of island residents through a variety of programs and services including Better at Home, Seniors Activity Programs, Equipment Loan Cupboards, Child & Youth Counselling and Family Support, Youth Outreach, and Adult Mental Health & Substance Use services. HDCHCS is one of the largest employers on Denman and Hornby Islands and own the Hornby Clinic and Annex, for provision of primary care and other health services. HDCHCS hosts monthly Health Network meetings which bring together local health, social and community organizations to promote coordinated service delivery, planning and advocacy.

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Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society
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Denman Island Growers and Producers Alliance AGM

Thursday, December 8th @ 7 PM

Front room of Denman Activity Centre
Coffee, tea and snacks provided
Discussion about the future of grain growing on Denman!



• DENMAN: 700 • HORNBY: 520 •
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**PUBLIC NOTICE - HORNBY ISLAND
PROPOSED ROGERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY
63.0-METER SELF-SUPPORT TOWER STRUCTURE**

PROPOSED STRUCTURE: As part of the public consultation process required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada, Rogers is inviting the public to comment on a proposed telecommunications facility consisting of a 63.0-meter tall self-support tower structure and ancillary radio equipment situated on Provincial Crown land on Hornby Island.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: A digital public information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th, 2022, from 5:00-6:00 pm and shall be hosted via the Microsoft Teams application. For details regarding how to join the meeting, please contact the Rogers contact listed below by no later than December 7th, 2022.

ANY PERSON may comment by close of business day on January 13th, 2023 with respect to this matter. Please submit any comments to the following contact:

ROGERS CONTACT:
Brian Gregg, SitePath Consulting Ltd.
PO Box 20138, Vancouver RPO, Fairview, BC V5Z 0C1
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As the record of our times, every issue of the Grapevine is a compilation of that week's submissions. We do not editorialize content, nor do we censor. We ask that writers moderate their own content. The Grapevine reserves the right to edit for brevity. Inciting violence, hate speech and pejorative language will not be tolerated.

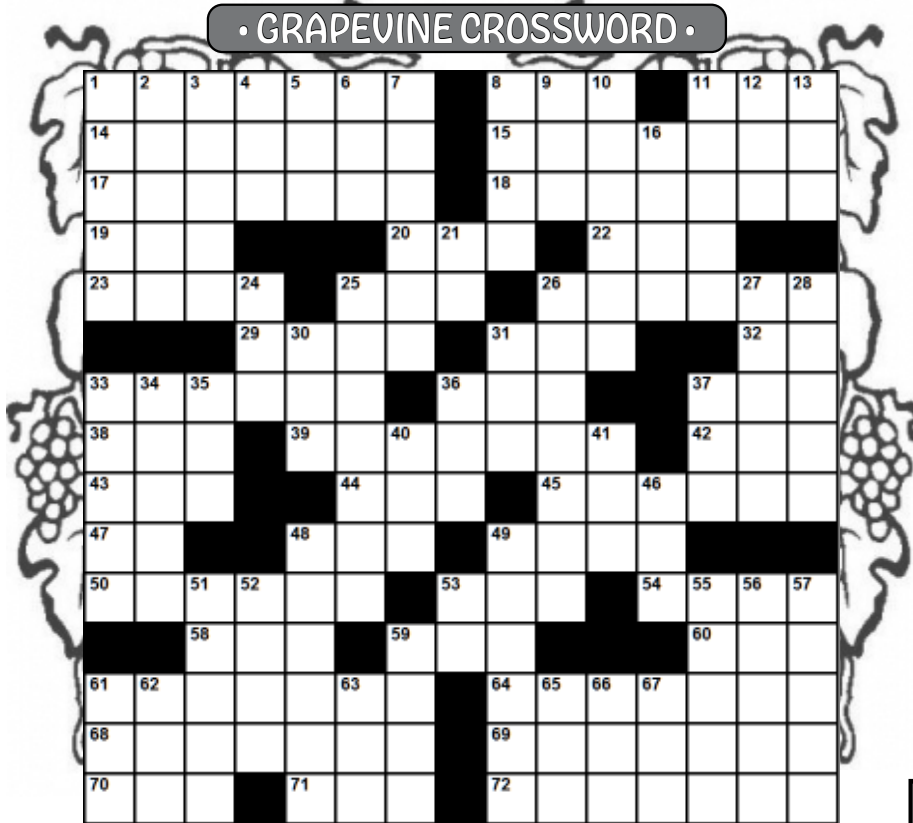
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4. Mild interjections
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8. Feel certain
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10. Ladies man
11. Baseball's hot corner
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13. Dyne-centimeter
16. Made haste
21. If not
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25. Worrier
26. Chief
27. Dutch cheese center
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36. Even the slightest
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49. Small ornament
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53. Gift tag word
55. Rock bottom
56. Omit a vowel
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- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-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
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- DI CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY 4

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

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 4:30-6pm
- DIGPA AGM Denman Activity Centre 7pm

FRIDAY 9

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

SATURDAY 10

- 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

SUNDAY 11

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm
- DIUC Gathering Place 10:30pm

MONDAY 12

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

TUESDAY 13

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

WEDNESDAY 14

- 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 15

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

