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Native & Invasive Plants This Weekend

COMMUNITY INFO

By Bev Hollingsworth

**Free Event
March 11 on
Native and
Invasive Plants**

DON'T miss the Saturday March 11 native and invasive plant event at the Activity Centre from 10-2.

There will be speakers, displays, experts to answer questions as well as a Kid's Corner! Light lunches, refreshments and beverages will be on sale.

Have fun while learning about which native plants to use and which invasives to lose. Learn from displays and talks about plants such as Broom – the latest techniques to lose it.

Put on by the Conservancy and Pesticide Free Committee – both of whom will provide talks – the event features speakers beginning at 10:30. A speaker every 15 minutes will be followed by questions and answers.

Also learn about Mason bees from David Scruton (honey bees are not native) or about Spirulina from Jenny Balkie.

Help us by setting up at 9 and clean up at 2! See you there. 🍷

Art Centre Community Event Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun

COMMUNITY INFO

By Lee Andra Jacobs & Cynthia Minden

RECENTLY
Cynthia
Minden and I were
creating a book of

the 2019 Moonlight Madness Community Collage pages when two things occurred to us. One: people need to see these amazing books, they are such time capsule treasures dating back to 2006! Two: community collage could happen more than once a year! Collage is such an enjoyable, relaxing yet stimulating activity accessible to everyone, no particular skill is required. The Muse loves to interact through the creation of a collage.

Starting at noon on Sunday, March 19 and going until 4:00 p.m. you are welcome to stop in at the Art Centre and get creative. All materials will be provided but you may wish to bring your own scissors and glue stick. Say farewell to winter and welcome spring with a creative burst alongside other Denmanites. We will have hot tea and baked goodies available. This is all by donation, just hoping to cover costs, thus whatever you can afford. **Come out of hibernation and join us!** 🍷

Coastal Community Members Won!

COMMUNITY INFO

By Bruce Batchelor · CCCU Members

WE WON!!!
Our special
resolution to set

a 9-year max tenure for directors at Coastal Community Credit Union passed with 69.5% in favour! (And the board-sponsored 12-year counter-resolution failed.)

CONGRATULATIONS and a huge THANK YOU to the hundreds of members who signed the petition, helped spread the word and voted! Our margin of victory (getting over the required 66.67% mark) was only 92 votes, so everyone's efforts were so necessary.

The new 9-year max limit should ensure a progressive majority on the board after elections this spring, for the first time this century.

Imagine how much great community development work could be done now by our co-operative credit union with \$4.25 billion of members' assets under management... Housing co-ops, retail co-ops, help in addressing the social and environmental crises facing our communities...

Next up: getting everyone's tales, dreams, gripes, advice, cartoons, photos, poems, whatever into a compendium/ scrapbook of our vision & expectations to present to the new board. What do you want the new board to know and do? Send to CCCU.membersgroup@gmail.com.

Again: THANK YOU to all members! You are amazing. 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

I have called to clarify my column about the Islands Trust STVR meeting. Thank you to the reader who pointed out my ambiguous wording; I said I thought the option

to end STVRs was 'reasonable,' but I did not intend to imply that I support that option. I meant I can see the point. It would be great if we could return to the days before STVRs. However, by now, too many long-term islanders can only cope with skyrocketing property taxes and costs by hosting short term renters. I support some version of the middle option, which is to limit new STVRs from being created. The purchase of property on the island to be used solely as a short-term vacation rental should be disallowed. We should require that buyers live on the property, only then supporting their life here by hosting STVRs if necessary. First, become a contributing part of the community.

The other thing my reader pointed out is that in twenty years of hosting STVRs on her property, she's never had a problem with parties; all her renters proved to be kind, clean and respectful humans. This doesn't, of course, disprove the tales told at the meeting about huge party problems in busy STVRs in other neighbourhoods. The difference is, those are absentee landlord situations. I believe the reader attracts respectful people to her home because she lives there and it is clearly a home. A house without a permanent resident does not feel like a home; it is essentially a hotel, and attracts the same level of respect as a hotel might, which is markedly less than that accorded someone in their own home where one is a guest.

Existing STVRs should continue, provided they are not absentee owner situations. I would like a moratorium on such. There has to be some sort of limit, obviously. A small island has a fragile, limited ecosystem. What we can handle is finite, and I don't know how many times this point can be stressed, not if we wish to preserve and protect as mandated. We can't continue to accommodate every single soul who wants to come here. I feel badly for those who will be denied, but seriously, that ship has sailed.

STVRs were not a thing in the 80s and 90s and we managed. There have always been artists, crafts and businesses who made their living from summer people; there were plenty, even then. We even had year-round indoor cafes--more than one, in fact. For visitor accommodation, without allowing new STVRs, we have campsites, B&Bs, glamping sites, existing cabins and resident-hosted STVRs, not to mention many locals who host family and friends over summer. No, it's not enough to accommodate the ever-swelling crowds we currently contend with. But it's enough for well filled markets, restaurants and other destinations. It's enough to sustain our community, with some creative problem solving and enough housing.

We need to focus on developing a sustainable island economy, which starts with providing our people with affordable, livable homes. That means tiny-house communities, the Beulah Creek project and allowing extra dwellings on residential properties. Let's continue the conversation.

Kudos to Islands Trust again for providing the forum, and to so many people for showing up and speaking courageously and vulnerably. I hope they do it again and again.

International Women's Day on Hornby

This week (yesterday, by the time you see this) it will be International Women's Day. When I first moved to Hornby, IWD was a big deal here. In the 80s and well into the 90s, there was an active, passionate and committed women's group that met regularly and organized events. Women's Day was a huge Hall event. IWD on Hornby was my first confidence builder in becoming a performer. It felt so safe. I have many amazing memories of women coming together on stage, sharing their truth and talent. All those IWD variety shows where women who never performed anywhere else would come out and strut their stuff. It wasn't all heavy, though, there was comedy too--remember the 'talk show' about 'coming out' as heterosexual? Hilarious!

Men were in the audience too, at least most of the time? I can't recall. I was not one of the organizers, but I loved it so much. Women showcased our raw poems and vulnerable reveals about what it means to be female, how our lived experience as women has stamped us, harmed us, broken and remade us. The creativity was astounding.

Then there was the IWD when Anne Cameron spoke. Anyone remember? It was 1990, the first IWD after the Montreal massacre. Raw and real doesn't begin to touch what happened that night. It scorched. I cried in my car afterward then went home and wrote a song. It rocked my world. I don't remember what she said, just the power of the woman, her rage at misogyny, male violence, and the murders themselves. It was shattering, that

TIDE TABLE

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

2023-03-09 (Thu)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
00:25	1.7	5.7
06:57	4.6	15.1
13:13	2.3	7.5
18:57	4.1	13.4
2023-03-10 (Fri)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
00:59	2.1	6.7
07:16	4.6	15
13:46	2	6.6
19:51	4.1	13.5
2023-03-11 (Sat)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
01:35	2.4	8
07:38	4.5	14.9
14:23	1.7	5.7
20:53	4.1	13.5
2023-03-12 (Sun)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
02:17	2.9	9.4
08:01	4.5	14.6
15:06	1.5	5
22:06	4.1	13.5
2023-03-13 (Mon)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
03:07	3.3	10.8
08:29	4.4	14.3
15:56	1.4	4.5
23:36	4.2	13.7
2023-03-14 (Tue)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
04:15	3.6	11.8
09:05	4.3	14
16:55	1.3	4.1
2023-03-15 (Wed)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
01:05	4.3	14.1
05:47	3.8	12.4
09:56	4.2	13.7
18:02	1.2	3.8
2023-03-16 (Thu)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
02:16	4.5	14.6
07:19	3.7	12.3
11:13	4.1	13.4
19:12	1	3.4

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...continued from P.3 massacre, for Canadian women, that women could be murdered just for being women, just for getting educated in the field of their choice, even here.

That was part of a string of mass IWD events that brought the community of women together on Hornby. Then, after the turn of the millennium, it all faded away. A women's community no longer exists here, as such. Women don't get together as women anymore. I tried to organize an event in 2004, which proved a miserable flop--almost no one came. There have been one or two midsize events over the years, but they have been pale affairs compared to what had come before. What a time that was! And how the world has changed!

IWD is a time to reflect on the state of 'woman' in the world today. We are so very far from 'there yet.' Times are more confused than ever, and change, backward and forward, is generating turmoil and stress. How it will all settle is far from clear.

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

Gravelly Bay - Good Vibe

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Mary Jane Stewart

one who was reminded of this famous quote from Margaret Mead last week as the protest at Gravelly Bay ferry terminal on Denman succeeded in saving 140 plus marked trees from being felled. While there are some on Denman who don't seem to have qualms about razing their own property, I think you'd be hard pressed to find many who would like to see public lands unnecessarily desecrated and paved over for parking lots. We are here for the nature, right? And so are visitors. Likewise, no one is happy about all the Hornby traffic speeding between ferries or the line ups along East Road during the summer months. I hope we, as a community, can agree on those two things and present a united front to BC Ferries. Surely, with their highly paid professionals and access to consultants, they can come up with some imaginative and clever solutions to the traffic problem that does not involve the destruction of sensitive ecosystems. We must insist that they do so. I might add the obvious, lest we forget; it is especially important in this climate emergency that we do not remove trees that sequester carbon to make way for parking lots for cars that produce carbon. 🍷

Green Wizardries: Leadership, at the Food Bank

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

TIMES are only just beginning to get tough. I expect much worse inflation to be coming at us but for the moment, I find it breathtaking every time we buy groceries and are presented with the bill. This is more an inconvenience for us as we produce so much food in our garden and little orchard that we are insulated from the brunt of food inflation.

Food inflation is only part of the problem around here as rents have gone up shockingly and taxes keep going up for homeowners. If you believe the various levels of Government and the CBC everything is just fine and things have never been better in Canada. If you look around at your neighbours, you will see something different.

Food Banks are important because a malnourished population is more susceptible to disease. Epidemics typically start with the malnourished but can proceed to the more affluent which is why Food Banks are a good idea for all of us.

I spoke with community activist and all around lovely man, Serendipity (Seren) Uprising about the Food Bank on Denman. "At the beginning of Covid, most governments shut down all support for the impoverished. They shut down overnight shelters, Soup Kitchens and Food Banks," explained Seren.

"I asked if they needed a volunteer to run the Food Bank here. I ended up volunteering and found one of the huge issues of people going to the Food Bank for the first time was internalized class bigotry. So, I started to post on Facebook that people were not necessarily responsible for their

NEVER doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has." I'm sure I wasn't the only

impoverishment at this time," said Seren.

By doing this, Seren convinced a lot of new customers to give the food bank a try and he also attracted a lot of donations of wonderful local vegetables and cash donations for the Food Bank. I thought the Food Bank was paid for out of our taxes to the Comox Valley Regional District but this is not the case. The Food Bank is run on donations and they get some money applying for grants.

"When I started with the Food Bank, we had one large closet filled with very simple basics such as rice, pasta and canned beans. Now, we have between 80 and 100 clients which is almost 10 % of Denman's population. More people with kids are using the Food Bank. Some of the people who are coming in are two parents, both working, but they need to come in to top up on the healthy stuff."

I told Seren a story about going as moral support when a young friend had to go to the Food Bank in Victoria and how wretchedly shaming doing the intake form was for her. He replied, "One of the things I have really tried to explain to the Powers That Be is that intake forms are insulting and invasive. If you start the relationship like that, no good will come of it."

At Denman's Food Bank, the customers walk in the door and the only record keeping they are asked to do is to move a plastic toy from one bucket to another so the volunteers know a family group has come through. The customer then takes a shopping bag and goes around the shelves selecting what they need. A volunteer will usually mention special things such as meat, if the customer didn't find it.

At the Food Bank I went to in Victoria, after the dreaded intake form was over, the volunteers would pack a box of

food for the customer and it seemed as if they didn't trust their clients to shop for themselves.

I was really impressed when I went in to see Denman's Food Bank. It is a nice, large room with many shelves of food and there were a couple of comfortable couches and a coffee table so it looked very welcoming. I think that is important, as so many of us would feel pretty desolate to be going to a Food Bank at all. The cheerfulness of the place is essential.

There was peanut butter, soup, dry legumes, dog food, shampoo, razors, dried fruit, coconut milk for those of us who are allergic to dairy, a big jar of free condoms and the fruit and vegetables looked so good that I longed for one of the bananas.

I asked Seren how the customers support the Food Bank. "I noticed quite soon that if there was a large package, they would ask for it to be divided so they could leave some for the next person. They contribute by being generous to one another. They will donate money when they have it, they bring things if they have a lot of one thing at home," he explained.

I asked Seren why he does this volunteer work and he replied, "I believe that if you see a need and you are capable, you fix it."

If you would like to donate, volunteer or go shopping, the Food Bank is open at the Community hall every Thursday from 3:45 to 7 pm. You can also donate through Denman Community Programs online site. 🍇



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March 7, 2007 7:25PM Teddy Bear & Yellow Rose

By CS#05943451

ARTS&LIT

TODAY was far and away the best weather day yet. After a strong rain last night the clouds had broke by the time we were loading into the crummy for work, as if on cue. By the time we reached the day's worksite sunglasses were the order of the day. Too bad the prison doesn't issue such wear.



With most of the brushsaws now at Walker's being serviced, the broom we were tasked with cutting back wasn't falling at such a rate and there were more hands to lend me help with pulling and piling the refuse. Within half an hour I was stripping out of my long johns so as to not overheat. We began a bit of a milk-run along the northbound side of the Inland Island Highway, just north of the Parksville cloverleaf. Soon thereafter, we arrived at the south end of the overpass spanning Englishman River.

Of note there was an understated shrine to someone who had met their maker by way of a vehicle accident. There was a modest cross with no identification, a small weatherbeaten teddy bear and a yellow rose encased in a plastic cylinder. The condensation within, and the tarnished appearance of the plastic showed the site to be dated. Maybe a year, maybe less. Some of the guys worked at clearing broom that was encroaching upon this place of remembrance, sprucing it up a bit.

What I found peculiar was spying bits and pieces of vehicle that I can only assume were associated with this soul's untimely fate. A side-view mirror housing. A portion of shattered bumper. Scattered bits and pieces of electrical components. While I'm sure that a vehicle crash can strew a multitude of flotsam and jetsam, these telltale signs of a crash weren't all that far from this lonesome altar. I couldn't imagine the family of this person going to memorialize their loved one, *at the scene of their demise*, only to happen upon visual evidence of that exact moment in time? I just assumed

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Letters to the Editor Congratulations on your poetry Kenny Fisher,
best poem I've read in a long, long time.

I am proud to say that my skinny "arse" is out there with yours you guitar pickin, house building, baseball playing, prairie boy.

John Mather 🍷

Open Letter to Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Health

HEALTH&WELLNES

By BCRHN



BCRHN

British Columbia
Rural Health Network

Date: March 8th 2023
Attn: Jennifer Rice
Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health
Ministry of Health
Via: email

Re: Physician Assistants

Dear Ms. Rice,

We are writing on behalf of the BC Rural Health Network and the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants to request clarity from the government on the licensing of Physician Assistants (PAs) to practice in British Columbia.

The rural communities in our province have been hit hard by emergency room closures, transfers, and inequitable access to healthcare, and we believe deploying PAs could help address these issues. We are confused by the government's messaging on this issue and urge you to use your role as Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health to push for immediate action.

The BC Rural Health Network has faced criticism for being partisan in its support of the creation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health position. However, we want to clarify that our support for this position is not based on partisan politics, but rather on the importance of ensuring that the voices of rural communities are heard within the Ministry of Health, regardless of who is in power. Our network will both utilize and hold the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health accountable to ensure that this position is effective in addressing the healthcare needs of rural residents across the province.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to obtain clarity from the Ministry regarding their position on Physician Assistants. We have received mixed messages and confusion, which is why we are requesting direct communication from the Ministry. We were disappointed by MLA Chant's response

in the legislature on this subject just last week, as it did not address the issue at hand. While we welcome the investment in Nurse Practitioners and other future healthcare workers, these announcements do not address the immediate need for the deployment of Physician Assistants who are fully trained and ready to serve. If work opportunities were available, many more Physician Assistants would be able to come to BC and help address the healthcare needs of rural residents. We acknowledge the complexity of team-based care and understand the importance of adding the right tools in the correct way. However, we must emphasize that we are in an emergency situation where many rural residents are unable to receive care due to lack of personnel and exhausted teams. We are not duplicating existing skill sets, but rather addressing the urgent need for support in many rural communities where healthcare teams are overworked and in need of assistance to keep facilities open. Physician Assistants skills are not a new skill, their skills are recognized and known, and they are actively being sought out by healthcare teams to work in collaborative environments. The Doctors of BC have expressed their support for their inclusion since 2013.

While we recognize the need to establish a regulatory framework for Physician Assistants, we urge the Ministry to urgently request the College of Physicians and Surgeons to commence this process. In the meantime, emergency measures should be put in place to allow for their temporary inclusion in the BC healthcare system, whether through Order in Council or any other means that will enable immediate deployment in understaffed communities across the province. This is a reasonable and necessary response to an urgent situation.

We have been provided with mixed messages regarding licensing, we have reached out to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC to clarify their position on PAs. The response was immediate and direct. Dr. Oetter, CEO, writes on February 27th, 2023 "The College is prepared to do licensing and regulation of PAs if that becomes a priority of the Ministry of Health. And please tell all your friends. We are getting tired of the false accusations that the CPSBC is a barrier."

We have consensus from the BC Liberals, the BC Greens, the rural communities of BC, the Doctors of BC and the body who will be entrusted with the licensing framework in the CPSBC and many other professional bodies! What else does the Ministry need to act?

We write to you with respect and understanding of the major challenge you face with the crisis in rural health in BC, which predates the pandemic. Unfortunately, both our organizations feel unheard and shut out from the conversation, and we hope you can assist us.

We appreciate your ability to meet with the Minister, the Premier, and with senior staff, and unfortunately, to date, that opportunity has not been offered to us. The BC Rural Health Network represents rural residents pan-provincially and is a solutions-based organization. We encourage you to look at our membership map and members and understand the extent of the network's support. The Canadian Association of Physician Assistants is a national organization that advocates for and supports physician assistants across Canada.



We request a full response from you and ask for the Ministry's official position on Physician Assistants being deployed in BC. We are also happy to meet with you and provide additional details, resources, and assistance to move this forward with haste. We see a solution and ask for action.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in health and wellness,

Paul Adams
BCRHN

Lisa Stewart
CAPA

Wimmin & Allies Rocking the Boat

OPINIONS

By Eartha Muirhead

BOLD and radical Indigenous leaders bent the rules to reach into our hearts and minds. Three wimmin scientists sang, cried, danced, joked in front of thousands of

tree-huggers on the weekend of February 25, 2023. I think they reveal to us the "cutting edge" of a paradigm shift that is long overdue.

On Friday, Feb. 24, I hosted a last minute Victoria fundraiser for Chiyokten, an Indigenous Wesanac forest defender. With 5 wimmin friends and one daughter of mine, we raised \$700.00. Hats off to all the generous Denman Islanders who donated art, books and auction items. One kind donor slipped \$100.00 in my pocket after she drove around the island picking up donations.

At the benefit, we heard from my brother Ross Muirhead, with Elphinstone Logging Focus, who helped save the Dakota Ridge, home to many active bear dens. He told me on a walk at Willows Beach: "I am so lucky to have grown up with three sisters; I learned how to feel safe while taking calculated risks." When he learned that this forest was on the brink of being cut down, he raced up there, hours from home, with Calvin, a local Indigenous hereditary elder. When Calvin saw several moss covered burial cairns and bear dens in huge openings at the base of many cedar trees, he said he felt his ancestors there. Six years later, after numerous blockades, bringing in independent scientists to confirm the dens and threatening blockades, the forest was protected.

Amber Peters, a young biologist from the Valhalla Wilderness Society, spoke next. She explained how the Mountain Caribou and their home, the Inland Rainforest, which stretches from Quesnel Lake to Idaho, is under threat. She shed tears as she spoke of how residents have been fighting for 4 decades to save that area, which is on the brink of collapse due to rampant clear-cut logging. Her gentle respectful love of the land was strongly felt and she read us a poem she wrote inspired by these mighty forests.

At the Old Growth Rally, we were treated to an amazing line-up of speakers. Chiyokten, opened and closed the day, with prayers, songs, drumming and words of love and gratitude. My heart soars when I recall his deep devotion to building alliances with all forest defenders and social justice communities. Jessica Sault, spokesperson for ANSWER 2 Drumming Group, blew my mind, with her booming voice full of passion for Indigenous pride. When she asked us all to raise our fists while they sang the American Indian Movement anthem, the air seemed to vibrate with new possibilities for a united front against post-colonialism. Janelle Lapointe, an Afro-Indigenous scholar and climate change activist, was also a huge highlight. Every word she spoke was fiercely confronting and evocative. After she walked off the stage, I jumped up from the freezing cold snowy lawn to thank her and she was open-hearted and warm.

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...continued from P.7 Dr. Karen Price, forest ecologist, who helped write the Old Growth Technical Review, spoke to us. She came down from the Kootenays and had just lost her mother. She said: "In the spirit of moving beyond our comfort zones, and to further the needed paradigm shift, I am going to sing you a song. One day I was feeling grief and despair about the ecological crisis. I went to the forest and asked The Earth for her help. This song came to me." And then she danced and sang as if she were 5 years old again. I will offer just a few of the lyrics. "If we dance with the earth, she'll be happy, if we dance with the Earth she will smile, if we dance to Her rhythm, she'll keep on giving, Let's dance and stay for awhile." No offense, but compared to David Suzuki's lecturing tone, she was showing us, not telling us, how to be fully human.

Neil Young was introduced by his wife, drop down dead gorgeous Daryl Hannah, who made a clear and simple statement that saving forests will save us from climate crisis. Neil and his beat up old guitar, made me cry, remembering

my teenage-self, rocking the boat to his music. Sentimentally, he kept saying: "Thank you Canada." I guess he feels guilty living in L.A.

Dr. Rachel Holt, also from the Kootenays, a forest ecologist, and co-author of the Old-Growth Technical Review, spoke at the Valhalla Wilderness film that night. She opened her talk by saying she was ready for a beer and to get some sleep and for the NDP to get their shit together. She reminded us that talk and log continues behind the government's sugar-coated promises to save Old-Growth. We have to hold their feet to the fire and demand that policy change is enacted to ensure that promises are actually operational.

Taking back the streets brought on massive waves of joy, belonging and inspiration. Opera singers, giant trees and octopuses, costumed dancers, species at risk painted banners; all helped to celebrate the debt we owe to ancient forests in the evolution and health of life on this fragile planet. 🍷

Neighbours & Sensitive Issues

OPINIONS

By Graham Brazier

READERS of last week's Grapevine benefited from Phoenix Bee's summary of a recent Islands Trust meeting on Hornby where she reported that over a hundred people participated in a lively zoom meeting focussed on a discussion of the impact of Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs) throughout the community. In the broadest of terms; economic benefits for the community as a whole and negative impacts on neighbours of busy STVRs were both noted with some vigour.

What wasn't noted however was that none of the benefits of STVRs accrue to the closest neighbouring community. Residents of Denman Island only suffer impacts as STVR guests drive across the island twice. This was evident late last month when a spontaneously formed group of Denman residents gathered at Gravelly Bay after it became known that B.C. Ferries planned to cut 127 trees in the interests of accommodating traffic destined for Hornby Island — traffic that had just completed driving across Denman Island through its most densely populated residential area where the 60kmh speed limit is designed to serve only the interests of those driving through rather than those who live there. Over the course of many years this had almost become tolerable for many residents but recent growth of summer influxes of Hornby-bound traffic have suggested to many that some significant long-term changes need to be considered. The figures for July and August of 2022 show that during those two months the number of vehicles driving across Denman Island bound to Hornby Island was 19,026 and, of course, a large majority of those would likely return in the same time-period which would mean well over 30,000 crossings of vehicles with one desire — to cross Denman Island as quickly as possible. Well over 30,000 in two months — that works out to more than 500 per day!

B.C. Ferries justified its decision to cut the trees at Gravelly Bay by citing the need to enlarge the parking facilities as described following a Public Engagement Process carried out in 2017 and 2018. The protestors pointed out that only a very small number of residents participated in the process which, furthermore was outdated by 2022. In addition, cutting 127 trees was part of a short-term solution which may be avoided altogether if a long-term plan for managing Hornby bound traffic could be developed. B.C. Ferries agreed to delay the project for an unspecified time period and the spontaneously formed group shifted its focus to a search for alternative and perhaps long-term approaches to offer to B.C. Ferries.



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In conclusion, it may be of interest to reflect on two responses from the very small number of Denman Island residents recorded during the Public Engagement Process of 2017-18: https://www.bcferrys.com/web_image/h3b/he0/8798825512990.pdf

1) "I took the survey regarding options for upgrading both the Denman East and Hornby ferry terminals. We have an ongoing problem with Hornby residents and tourists speeding across Denman to try and beat East Rd versus Lacon /McFarlane Road ferry traffic. Could the Hornby ferry not just use the existing dock at Buckley Bay that was used for the old ferry? The Hornby ferry could go straight from Hornby around Chrome Island and

to Buckley Bay. You could use the money allocated for both those terminal upgrades and just expand the Buckley Bay terminal. This would take care of all the problems in one project. I thought about this after I had taken the survey."

2) "I think that the Hornby Ferry should leave from Fanny Bay, direct to Hornby Island. The entire issue of people speeding across Denman Island to get off Denman is foolish. Let the summer traffic which are travelling to Hornby go back and forth from Vancouver Island." 🍷

Shortages in the Land of Plenty: *NO Shortages in the Land of Plenty*

OPINIONS

By Helen Grond

IMAGINE living in a land of no shortages. Plenty of good food, clean air and water. A place to call home.

A land with space for everyone. A land that values community, safety and opportunity for all - especially our young people. A land of resilient and healthy people. A land where everyone is heard and every voice counted equally. A land where people can meet and face one another with good intentions and honest communication.

A land where people's independence and imagination are valued. A land where communities can solve their own problems and make decisions that are based on what is best for their families, friends and neighbours.

A land where the natural world is recognized for its ability to provide for all creatures. Respect for the land is understood to be the guiding force for all decisions. The steady wisdom of local people is valued above the loud voices of the rulers.

A land where the government works quietly in the background doing the basic task of supporting a rich and free space for imagination to thrive. Politics wouldn't be needed because the task of helping people thrive isn't about competition, money or empty promises.

The people of this land are allowed to keep most of their

production and use it wisely to build strong families. A strong society naturally flows from that. We don't need multiple levels of Government to control everything. People provide for themselves and are there to help each other when needed.

Imagine the power of such a nation where respect and gratitude are the most important values taught. Schools can't do that and they shouldn't even try. It is in strong families and communities that these values are taught as part of everyday life. Morals and values that help guide people are the basis of learning to be a productive, valuable and confident human.

Governments should never be counted on to tell people how to think. They shouldn't even try. We are not just a statistic with a social insurance number. We are unique individuals capable of thinking for ourselves. Our fundamental human rights and freedoms must be protected at all costs.

Living in harmony with one another and the natural world is not something that comes from outside. It comes from within. People who recognize the need for connection, freedom and independence are all around. They remember what that kind of living is like.

People like that are forming unique communities all over the world in these difficult times. They know what is best for their families and their local societies. They are not waiting for the government to come and fix their problems. They

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The meeting will be held by ZOOM

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property owners who may not reside on island.*

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Tony Gregory, Chair 778-838-7110

...continued from P.7 know what that looks like. More problems. They are choosing to take a different path. Not too long ago, our own communities used to resemble that image. In fact, there are multiple groups like that building resilience on our own islands right now. They don't need government to show them the way. They need government to get out of the way.

We need to rebuild what we've lost before we can improve. We need to use wisdom for that and we can only do that ourselves. We need to look ahead while being very aware of how we got to this place. We must trust each other and the fact that our Land of Plenty can be our safe home. No matter what anyone else says, we live in the Land of Plenty. It's time we believe it. 🍷

Waging Peace

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

zoom chat. They reached consensus in no time flat. **Women Strike for Peace** had sent them each a copy of the ancient Greek play *Lysistrata*, and each of them was mightily inspired by those spunky women from a much earlier era. So on February 24th, 2023, they each announced to these powerful men: no smoochie smoochie, no dance of the sheets, no bonga bonga, in short: NO SEX until this terrible and unnecessary war is ended.

Now, Joe was utterly despondent; Putin was simply flabbergasted; and Zelensky – well, right then and there, he declared: “If I can't have my daily dose of passion, how can I be a rock star? This war has to end immediately!!!”. So Zelensky talked to Putin (who still couldn't believe that *Pussy Riot* had somehow entered his boudoir) and they both agreed to an immediate ceasefire, just like that. To be followed by diplomacy and negotiation, with the help of skilled mediators. That was exactly what those women wanted to hear. And it happened. Things went pretty much back to normal after that. And Joe, at last, got to have a good night's sleep after some sweet canoodling with Dr. Jill.

End of story, end of war. 🍷

On One-Sided Arguments

OPINIONS

By Oakley Rankin

I must confess I am not capable of the strong psychic powers demonstrated by Mr. Porteous in sorting out the elements of a character from a few thousand words on paper. I cannot extract from his writings as complete a psychological profile as he has from mine when he claims to know that I am stuck somewhere in “an old McCarthyite Soviet Cold War perspective unrelated to present day Russia” and that I promote “imperialism, jingoism, and war”. I am limited by what he actually writes as interpreted through my professional study of Russian colonial history from Ivan the Terrible to the present day. But in the spirit of full disclosure I will say that I did indeed come of age in the time of McCarthy, Truman, St. Laurent, Gouzenko, and the Korean War and I offer pictorial evidence (1958) of an ironical ‘cold warrior’ in the making. For the aficionados among your readers that's a '36 Ford Coupe, chopped but not channelled, powered by a '48 Merc flathead V8 with a Holley four barrel carb, dual headers, and a Hurst gearbox. Please note the curb feeler to protect long gone whitewall tires, the black leather jacket and the ducktail! That lot says as much as anything could about my passions in the Cold War era!

I am only too aware as an amateur writer that words which are written from one perspective can easily take on another for the reader. It is hard to get your points across without ambiguity. But it is even harder if you don't pay attention to what is written. I do my best to pay attention to what Mr. Porteous writes and draw conclusions from it; I do not imbue him with a stereotyped character in order to avoid paying attention to his words. In his case it is the words he doesn't write which, if he did, would clearly change the conclusion

he draws. By refusing to consider any Russian culpability he makes a case by default “that the U.S. alone is what has caused Russian military forces to have occupied the ethnic Russian Donbas region of the Ukraine”. In one of his articles Mr. Porteous damned the Ukrainian government by quoting its high level of corruption among nations while ignoring the fact that Russia's level of corruption was almost the same. (Transparency International's Corruptions Perception Index where, out of 180 world nations, the Ukraine in 2012 rated 144, Russia 133, U.S. 19. 2022 ratings: Ukraine 116, Russia, 137, U.S. 24). This is a example of Mr. Porteous refusing to allow the reader even the simplest perspective on Russian motivation. He claims that his audience has “no Ukrainian or Russian readers” so he need be critical of only the U.S. I stated more than once that I have no complaint with many of



his claims about U.S. machinations in the area. My only criticism was one of methodology. If you wish to know what caused an historical event you simply cannot rely on demonizing one side only. Does the U.S., NATO, and the EU play a role in the current Ukraine war. Of course, they do. Does Russia play a role in the current Ukraine war. Of course, it does. Can you accurately account for the war by critically analyzing one side only. No, of course, you can't.

Character assassination is used to distract the reader or listener's attention from actual events and facts. It is a rhetorical device at least as old as Cicero's denunciation of Catiline and a central necessity in all conspiracy theorizing. Think of the multitude of disparaging terms applied to our own Prime Minister by Grapevine correspondents over the past months. Proper dissent, like proper orthodoxy, must rely on full analysis of the situation; dissent built on one side of an argument is partisan obsession at best and conspiracy theorizing at worst. 🍷

...continued from P.5 that there would be a premium put on clean-up when a life is lost. You know, out of respect for the family or some such naive notion.

"Chin up! That steady hum of traffic'll melt away that sensitivity in no time!"

'As long as the remaining bits don't contribute to another crash,' seems to have been the directive informing this cleanup. Which then leads to the notion that these pieces of vehicle could've resulted from a subsequent accident. At the very same spot? What are the odds? And where then might be those shrines?

The place didn't strike me as being a 'high accident' spot, though one never knows. All I can say is, "from the perspective of a jail crew managing broom alongside the highway, the cars pulsing by are innumerable... and fast." 🍷



Operation Paperclip

by Thomas Provençal

*A plethora of parallels
cannot be ignored.
Similarities with Nazism,
the plans of which were stored
by 1600 technocrats,
smuggled to the states
from genocidal Germany
to paperclip our fates.
75 years later
evil is prepared
to make another comeback
by keeping us all scared.
First infiltrate our healthcare
then wreck economy.
Once everyone is weakened
they boost the killing spree.*

Haiku River

by Keith Porteous

Winter, Spring, and Fall
I don't hear the seasons call
As a waterfall

Winter, Spring, and Fall
I don't know summer at all
Like a waterfall

Cried a trillion tears
I dried up and was alone
My heart turned to stone

Winter, Spring, and fall
Don't know the reasons at all
I am a river



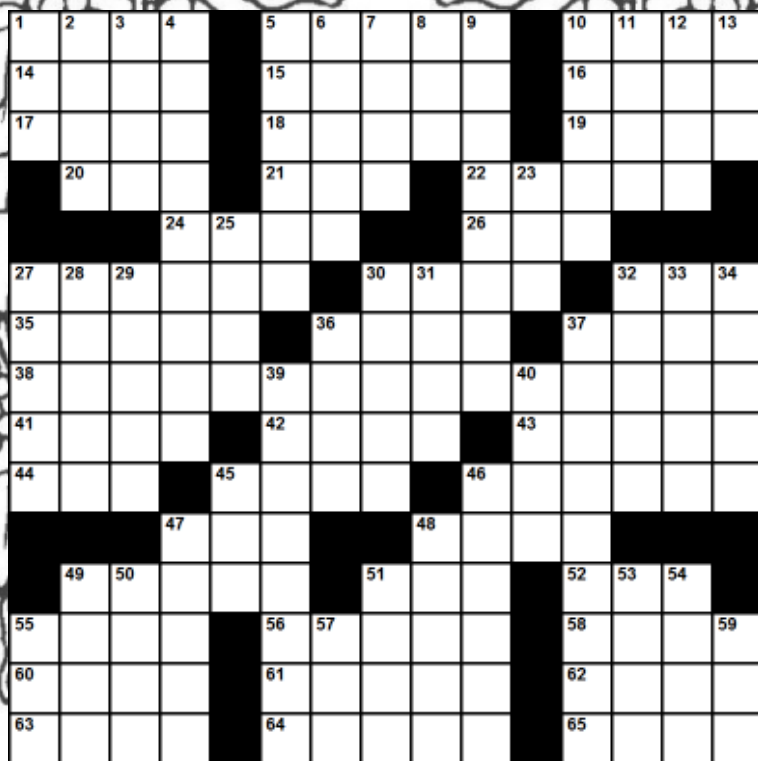
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17. Hammer ball
18. Bit of lowlife
19. Apartment
20. Angeles preceder
21. 1773 jetsam
22. Home of the Masai
24. If follower
26. Aquatic zoo
27. Bare
30. Computer fare
32. Additionally
35. During a broadcast
36. 100 cents overseas
37. Dispatch a dragon
38. Violating accepted standards
41. Adhesive item
42. Cloyingly sweet
43. Anxious
44. Pig's place
45. Covered with cinders
46. Fox pursuers
47. A pair
48. Kong preceder

49. Political

51. Former French coin
52. Colorization
55. Congressional caucus
56. Goes sightseeing
58. Aspen, for one
60. Actress Howland
61. Destined to diet
62. Hard to handle
63. Large intestine cavity
64. Building locations
65. Flatten a bit

• DOWN •

1. African serpent
2. Asian weight unit
3. Black-and-white cookie
4. Type of suit
5. Flogged
6. Smallest detectable sensation
7. Brain wave
8. Bird's beak
9. Erupter of 1883
10. Moved furtively
11. Infinitesimal
12. A Met score
13. Gangster's weapon
23. Historic time
25. Adds spirits
27. Battles
28. Dead minister's half year pay
29. Gravelly voiced
30. Somewhat dark
31. Battle group
32. Correct the camber
33. In the raw
34. Fabric workers

36. Draw on glass

37. Carnage
39. Italian dishes
40. Ad sign
45. Wiedersehen preceder
46. Realtor's offerings
47. Russian villa
48. Basketball game
49. Club of notes
50. Campus org.
51. Bird feeder treat
53. Type of organic compound
54. Electric fish
55. Eng. channel
57. Decorative belt
59. Appreciation for beauty

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Grumpism



“I used to be a drill operator, but it was boring.”

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- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm

FRIDAY 10

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

SATURDAY 11

- 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
- DHA AGM Community Hall 3-5pm
- PLANTS NATIVE/INVASIVE see p.2
- DHA CELEBRATION see insert for info.

SUNDAY 12

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm

MONDAY 13

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

TUESDAY 14

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

WEDNESDAY 15

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- INT. WOMEN'S DAY Comm. Hall 6:30pm

THURSDAY 16

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

FRIDAY 17

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

SATURDAY 18

- 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 19

- AL-ANON United Church 7pm
- COMMUNITY COLLAGE see p.2

MONDAY 20

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

TUESDAY 21

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

WEDNESDAY 22

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 23

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
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Denman Housing Association
and
Denman Community Land Trust Association
*Invite the Denman Island Community
To Celebrate
Ownership of the Denman Green Land*

When: 2 - 3 p.m. Saturday March 11

Where: Opposite the Community Hall

Enjoy: Refreshments

Walking the site





CoHo Landing invites you to a

Community Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Activity Centre Lounge

We will present our rezoning plans, answer questions, and hear feedback and suggestions. This is hosted by CoHo Landing, and is happening early in the process. Down the road, there will be opportunity to give feedback to the Local Trust Committee.



CoHo Landing: The Story So Far

Most of you have driven past the purple “CoHo Landing” sign on Denman Road. Maybe you know something about what’s up that long driveway; maybe you wonder.

Here’s a chance to learn more. CoHo Landing is bringing forward a rezoning proposal to increase our capacity from 15 to 20 homes, plus the option of secondary suites. To support that, we are offering this FAQ and also inviting you to a community information meeting (see above).

What is CoHo Landing?

CoHo Landing is a limited equity land cooperative with 15 households on an 88-acre property. The houses and associated outbuildings, along with our Common House, are clustered on about 12 – 15 acres in the centre of the property. There is a cleared area near Denman Road of about two acres for our orchard and garden.

The property is owned by the cooperative. Most residents are members and directors of the cooperative.

Water for homes is provided by rainwater catchment. Well water is used only for garden and orchard irrigation. Homes have composting toilets; greywater is dealt with by professionally designed greywater treatment systems.

How is it regulated?

The project is regulated through zoning (a unique R3 designation), a covenant, a housing agreement (requiring and defining affordability), our cooperative Rules of Association, and our cooperative Memorandum of Understanding,

both of which are registered with the BC Corporate Registry. A portion of the property is in the Agricultural Land Reserve and thus is subject to their regulations.

Our zoning allows a maximum of 15 homes and one common house. They limit the maximum size for homes to 1500 sq feet, and the maximum square footage of *all* outbuildings on the property to 13,724 sq ft.

Also, our covenant requires a 30-metre buffer zone next to neighbouring lot lines, where no trees can be cut and nothing can be built. This allows the previously clear-cut forest to heal and regrow.

How is it affordable?

CoHo Landing’s approach to affordability focusses on removing the land and housing from market forces. Resale follows a legally binding formula based on the depreciated replacement value of the house plus the co-op share value.

For someone joining the project without a house, there is price cap of \$80,000. For someone joining the project and purchasing a house from an outgoing member, there is a cap of \$310,000 altogether (adjusted for annual inflation).

This creates ownership-style housing at significantly below market rate. The project is not attainable for everyone, but for the people here, it has been life-changing.

Oversight of affordability guidelines is provided by the Local Trust Committee. When a unit is sold, CoHo Landing submits legal paperwork to the Islands Trust for review.

How does the project function?

CoHo Landing is almost entirely financed, managed, built, and maintained by its members.

It is an engaged neighbourhood with a lot going on: work-bees twice a month, concentrated work “pushes” on specific jobs, shared meals, movie nights, saunas, bonfire gatherings and other social events, garden and orchard care, driveway maintenance, administrative work like bookkeeping, and lots of meetings. We make decisions by consensus.

Is there a shared belief system?

CoHo Landing doesn't have a vision statement but does have shared values. Our main tenets are:

- a do-it-yourself approach based on mutual aid and hard work;
- low-budget, low-tech solutions where possible;
- willingness to experiment and take risks;
- acceptance of inconvenience and limits;
- a rejection of a commodified relationship with land;
- prioritization of communal, cooperative, and shared ways of living;
- minimal impact on the land and ecosystems.

Who founded it, why, and how?

It's hard to pin down the beginning of this project, because some founding members were dreaming and talking about it more than 30 years ago.

We have minutes of meetings from 2000, so this could count as the formal starting point—a time when a group of friends started getting serious about making a collective land project happen.

The journey since then has been filled with adventures, challenges, learning, good and bad fortune, helpers showing up in the nick of time, members leaving, members joining, hard work, and, of course, meetings.

In 2006 the Triple Rock Cooperative (CoHo's legal name) submitted a rezoning application to the Islands Trust. Once the rezoning was complete, in 2008, the first residents moved onto the land, and work began to install a driveway,

bring in hydro, build the common house, and more.

Since then, the project has expanded to 15 permanent households, the maximum allowed by current zoning. Some elements of the project are still under construction, but we've come a long way and residents consider this a great place to live.

Can CoHo be a model for other projects?

Yes and no. Its specifics are unique and might be difficult to replicate. We don't want to raise false expectations that creating a project like this is simple, or that our society's current financial, regulatory, legal, and cultural systems easily support it.

But we can say that the project has been inspirational and educational to others interested in land sharing and alternative ways of life.

Last year we hosted a regional Land Share Summit, which brought together people involved and interested in land shares. We also hosted a group of UVIC students doing a field school on creating alternatives to dominant systems.

Where can I learn more?

Come to our preliminary community information meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 pm at the Activity Centre.

Check out our Facebook Page, CoHo Landing.

Participate in a work bee! Just contact us (for this, or anything else) at denmancoho@gmail.com.

Read a series of personal essays based on life at CoHo Landing, written by one of our members, at <https://medium.com/life-on-a-land-cooperative/notes-from-an-intentional-community-5a1a4955aed3>

CoHo Landing resident members: Rose Dickson, Phillipa Joly, Elizabeth Gries, Micah Gries, Melisande Gagnon, Kevin Mitchell, Brad Taylor, Sheelagh McKenzie, Vali Majd, Ian Avery, Seva Ganga, Yolande Laking, Rosie Graham, Tristan Pinal, Rafal Jasinski, Grzegorz Hajdrych, Miho Hajdrych, Tomas Hajek, and Laura Busheikin





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When: March 22, 2023 from 9-12

Where: Denman Island Seniors Hall

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