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Blackberry Lane Bottle Drive Fundraiser

COMMUNITY INFO

By Blackberry Lane Preschool

BLACKBERRY
B L A N E
PRESCHOOL will hold a Bottle Drive

Fundraiser on Wednesday, May 24th and Saturday, May 27th, with proceeds going towards remaking the preschool's backyard into a fun and usable space for our little ones. So save those bottles and cans for a worthy cause! You'll find us at the Recycling Centre on Wednesday the 24th between 2 and 6 pm, and between 10 am and 3 pm on Saturday, May 27th. If you need pickup, email brittany_guillo@hotmail.com to make arrangements!

You can also support Blackberry Lane by purchasing tickets for our art raffle. Tickets are available at Abraxas, the General Store, and the Guesthouse for \$10 each. The lucky winner will receive a beautiful painting by Françoise Pascals, valued at \$2100. The painting is currently displayed at the Guesthouse, and will be shown at the Saturday market on May 20th and 27th. You can learn more about the artist at fpascals.com.

If you would like to make a direct donation to BBL, you can give anytime via e-transfer to bblfees@gmail.com (marked DONATION).

Thank you for supporting the essential services Blackberry Lane provides on Denman! 🍷

The Mother of All Plant Sales

COMMUNITY INFO

By Hattie Armstrong · Grade 5

THE grade 5-6-7 class from Denman Island Community School

is hosting a Mother's Day plant sale to help raise funds for our class field trip to Victoria. The sale is Saturday, May 13 from 9:30-12:30 at the farmer's market.

We're going to sell plants, and there also will be busking, nail-painting, artwork and Mother's Day cards for sale.

On our trip, we're going to stay in the residences at UVic. We will be going to the Royal BC Museum, the raptor centre in Duncan, and the Malahat Skywalk. We just need a little bit of extra money for food and accommodation.

If you want to donate, you can email dices.communityprograms@gmail.com to do an e-transfer.

It would be greatly appreciated if you stop by. Thank you to all the people who have donated plants, and to our teacher Mr. Farrow for organizing this whole trip. 🍷

Arts Denman AGM

COMMUNITY INFO

By Arts Denman

THERE are exciting things happening with Arts Denman. The



Readers & Writers Festival, Creative Threads Conspiracy, Concerts Denman, Audio Arts Open Stage, Summer Gallery, Early Music's Baroque Festival, and now Community Projects are hatching events, exhibitions, workshops, and public art. To find out what is coming your way, and if you like how to get involved, come to the Arts Denman AGM on Tuesday, May 16th 7:30, at the Arts Centre 1016 NW road in downtown Denman. If you're not a member, yet, we do have new memberships available at the door. It's community involvement that makes the Arts on Denman so successful. 🍷

Seniors Musical Lunch Report

COMMUNITY INFO

By Kathy Rieder & Sharon Walberg

OUR first senior's lunch was a great success, and our next lunch is going to be Wednesday, May 17, starting at noon, again in our beautiful Back Hall. Back by popular demand guitarist Andrew Allan. If you know someone who you think would enjoy this event, think about bringing them, you will both have a good time. Admission by donation, Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available...If you want to come and need a ride call me Kathy 335-0559 Next lunch Wednesday May 17. *See you there!*

Denman Island Garden Society

COMMUNITY INFO

By Nairn Stewart · DI Garden Society

I would like to thank Maxine Rogers for providing an interesting history of the Denman Island Garden Society (DIGS, the easiest of Denman's acronyms to link to its mission!) in her article, *A Treasure Worth Keeping*, published in the May 4th edition of the Grapevine.

I would also like to correct the misconception that DIGS is desperately seeking a president and that we cannot move forward until we have one. During the pandemic, one of the few things we could all still do was garden. However, Covid-19 wreaked havoc on organizations such as DIGS – there were no meetings and few activities. Since then DIGS has had a complete turnover of our executive, and the members of the new executive are still finding our feet.

Please be assured, members old, new and prospective, that the Denman Island Garden Society is alive and well. We are currently in the process of regrouping in order to reinstitute regular meetings, at least some old familiar activities, and perhaps some new ones for the future. We are not actively seeking a garden club president at the current time. Our former president stepped down only on May 2nd and we have an excellent candidate for a future president in the wings. In the meantime we plan to proceed and will let members and the community at large know when we are resuming meetings in the near future. Members will also be notified of other coming events. Stay tuned!

The new executive wishes to thank sincerely the outgoing members of the DIGS executive for all their capable efforts on behalf of Denman gardeners.

Job Opportunity, Summer Day Camp Leader 2023

COMMUNITY INFO

By Jessi Schlegel · DICES

DICES is hosting our annual summer day camp from July 10 - August 10, 2023 and we are searching for one awesome day camp leader! Job start date is July 4 and ends on or before August 14. The position requires a minimum commitment of 30 hours per week which includes onboarding with our team and a few days to debrief, breakdown and wind up summer camp 2023. Compensation is \$18/hour.

The main responsibility of the camps leader will be:

- Planning, creation and delivery of a summer day camp program from 9am-2pm Monday through Thursday.
- Assisting other camp facilitators or leading your own weekly themed afternoon camps from 2-4pm Monday through Thursday.
- Creating posters and promotional material for the day camps; setting up for the camps every morning, cleaning up after camp in afternoons and managing supplies.

The camp programs will meet the needs of children ages 6-12 with activities like theme weeks, games, sports, arts and crafts, stories, and special outings.

For this position we need an individual who is:

- reliable and punctual
- self-directed
- experienced & enthusiastic about working with children
- already certified in Emergency First Aid and CPR training
- between the ages of 15 and 30 years old, inclusive
- able to pass a criminal records check
- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment
- legally entitled to work in Canada (have a valid Social Insurance Number)

TIDE TABLE

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

2023-05-11 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
05:59	3.6	11.7
09:25	3.8	12.5
17:04	0.9	3

2023-05-12 (Fri)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:00	4.8	15.6
07:21	3.3	10.9
10:52	3.6	11.7
18:04	1.2	4

2023-05-13 (Sat)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:49	4.7	15.6
08:26	2.9	9.6
12:34	3.4	11.3
19:08	1.5	5

2023-05-14 (Sun)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:32	4.7	15.5
09:18	2.5	8.1
14:15	3.5	11.3
20:12	1.9	6.2

2023-05-15 (Mon)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:09	4.7	15.4
10:03	2	6.5
15:46	3.6	11.9
21:16	2.2	7.3

2023-05-16 (Tue)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:43	4.7	15.3
10:45	1.5	4.9
17:03	3.9	12.8
22:17	2.6	8.5

2023-05-17 (Wed)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:14	4.6	15.2
11:24	1.1	3.5
18:08	4.2	13.8
23:14	2.9	9.5

2023-05-18 (Thu)

Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:44	4.6	15
12:01	0.7	2.4
19:05	4.5	14.7

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...continued from P.3 Please apply by May 26th, 2023 by submitting a resume and cover letter by email to dices.communityprograms@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessi Schlegel by email at dices.communityprograms@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 250 335 2058. 🍷

Concerts Denman Presents: *Nick La Riviere*

MUSIC

By Concerts Denman

HELLO there fellow Denmaniacs, Concerts Denman with an urgent report. We are bringing back Nick La Riviere, who performed in November of 2019, but only a small crowd made it for the best soul, funk, boogie show we have had in ages. "The Nick La Riviere Band takes its influence from modern New Orleans music... not the older dixieland music some people think of when they hear 'New Orleans', but the fun, horn heavy music people are partying there to now. The music is all about having a good time, keeping the energy high the whole show, and moving your feet. Nick's originals are like if Trombone Shorty met Ben Folds – wild horn solos, piano based grooves and melodic vocals. The band also plays their own take on tunes by great artists like Professor Longhair and Sly and the Family Stone. Featuring 3 vocals, trumpet, sax, trombone, guitar, piano/synth, bass, drums – and sometimes conch shells or wine glasses, the 7 piece band delivers a big powerful sound."



We were supposed to have this band back for an outdoor show in August of 2021, but due to an outbreak of the plague on our island, we had to cancel it a few days before. These fine folks have been itching to get your feet stomping ever since and are ready to amaze. Tickets are \$20 in advance at Abraxas and the General Store, there will be a bar, and the show is all ages. So come on down and get your funk on. 🍷

Save Paradise Survey Reveal at Back Hall

COMMUNITY INFO By Mary Jane Stewart · Friends of Denman Forests

4:30 – 6:30 May 18

HAVE you been wondering what happened after the Friends of Denman Forests (FODF) blocked BC Ferries (BCF) from taking a chainsaw to 120+ trees at Gravelly Bay back in February? Well, BCF decided to postpone their violation of this Coastal Douglas Fir habitat, stating, "It's unfortunate that the community is unable to reach consensus on this project and that one group's views are creating further delays." During the blockade we heard from many islanders who were shocked to learn for the first time that these trees were slated to be cut down for a bigger parking lot at the ferry terminal. Research confirmed what was clear to us; BCF had not done adequate public consultation before implementing their plan. We wanted to find out if most Denman Islanders would prefer a green solution to the very serious ferry traffic problems on our island, so we did our own survey and got feedback from a whopping 462 Denman residents. (Back in 2017, only 56 residents from both Hornby and Denman completed BCF's Gravelly Bay survey, and fewer than half of those residents opted for BCF's current plan for Gravelly Bay.)

On Thursday, May 18th 4:30 – 6:30 PM, we will be revealing the results of our survey to the Denman community at a come-as-you-are open house at the Back Hall. This



2023 Denman Island Recreation Grants

Applications are now available for the CVRD Recreational Grants for Denman Island non-profit Groups which provide sport and fitness related activities. Applications can be picked up at Abraxas Books free mail under "R" or on line <www.denmanresidents.com> link to "Committees and Services" Return completed hard copy to the Abraxas file for Rec. Grant. or email to gstholti@gmail.com
Deadline for submissions is MAY 31st at 5 pm.
(total funds available \$23, 000). Enquiries to Georgette at 250-335-0449 or Jennifer at 250-335-2120

will be an up-beat, by-donation event with amazing music by big-hearted musicians Basil, Rhythm, Goldie, Mikel and Steve, tea and homemade treats, info displays related to environmental assessment, BCF, and survey comments, and, last but not least, our SURVEY RESULTS in techno colour! Big thanks to everyone who completed the survey!!! We look forward to seeing you on the 18th. And gardeners, come as you are, dirt welcome.

On Friday, May 26 1 – 3 PM we will present the results of this survey at the BCF meeting with the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) at the Front Hall and discuss them at the

BCF public consultation meeting that follows 4:30 – 7 PM. We hope Denman residents will come out in full force to both those meetings to show BCF we are united in our desire to protect the environment and to find a green solution to the ferry traffic problems on Denman. You are welcome to bring placards and banners to peacefully reinforce our message and to catch the media's attention. Let's stand together and save paradise from becoming a highway to Hornby. 🍇

Baroque Festival 2023

MUSIC

By Anthony Gregson



Natalia Polchenko as Venere (Venus), Sihana Dorfsman as Amor (Cupid), and Andrew Fyson as Plutone (Pluto) in Il Ballo delle Ingrate. Costumes by Kerri Davis, sets by Bronwyn Schuster and photo by Sam Borthwick.



The chorus: From left to right: Jackie Hipwell, Terry Logan, Chelka MacKeson, Sihana Dorfsman, Natalia Polchenko, Sue Patterson, Paula Courteau, Anne Fisher, Kate Miller, Marcel Beekman, Rob Miller, John Heinegg, and Andrew Fyson.

REFLECTING on this year's Denman Baroque Festival, co-organizer Andrew Fyson is well pleased. A week of workshops and concerts given by instructors and students, culminated in a grand performance on Saturday of *Il Ballo delle Ingrate*, a short ballet-opera, and madrigals of war and peace by Claudio Monteverdi. The Community Hall was packed to the gills with audience and orchestra. The instructors, who come from professional careers on a much bigger stage, always remark on the gratifying enthusiasm of Denman audiences.

The strategy this year was to have a more varied program for the final performance. Andrew wondered if there would be enough of the madrigals but found that the thirty-five minutes were quite adequate. Madrigals are part songs divided between a small number of individuals, so translating each part to be taken up by a choir with one or two lead vocalists evened out the level of vocal skills. The opera was also just over half an hour.

Il Ballo delle Ingrate was surprisingly affecting. The idea of women banished to Hell for their refusal to take up the advances of men in the supposed joy of love, is, to say the least, disagreeable by today's standards. But the first rule of theatre is to take the idea seriously, and to their credit, there was no send-up or disdain for the notion. The dancers, Cathy Stoyko, Caresse Nadeau, and Nanchi Bazar, in white shrouds that glowed under a black light, were effective in conveying the grief and horror of the "ingrates" at their fate in the drear eternity of the Underworld. It was terrible to see the women return to the black caverns of despair between the two dancing skeletons linked by chains. At least we were spared standard hellfire and brimstone. Pluto, as Andrew pointed out, is no Satan. He's just the god, as he tries to explain, stuck with the rules of the worst of jobs. I thought, too, that the maternal Venus was a convincing presence, and I enjoyed the voice of Cupid. All that said, Andrew points out that the original Underworld is supposed to convert to a rose garden at the end, "though how we would manage that I had no idea." (Check out New York Fashion Week for tips).

The Festival was able to offer vocal coaching for the first time. Festival music director, Marco Vitale, invited Dutch tenor Marcel Beekman who enjoys a thriving career in Europe, often singing in contemporary opera. Beekman had never come to Canada and a place like Denman is not, as he pointed out, how most people live.

At first, he wondered if the workshops were going to work, but by the end of the week pronounced himself well pleased. Beekman noted that the vocal techniques for Baroque and contemporary classical music are the same, apart from some rules around ornamentation and the barnyard vocalizations required in a new opera, *Animal Farm*. (People might recall a baroque violin piece played by Enrique Gomez -Cobrero Fernandez which imitated farm animals).

The Festival also benefited from the presence of the Italian pianist and organist Simone Pierini, a colleague of Romeo Cuiffa, who has made recordings of lesser-known Baroque composers such as Agostino Tinnazoli.

Andrew thinks the workshop music this year was challenging and the participants and instructors did an amazing job in pulling it all together in a very few days.

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**Please join us for a
Celebration of Children's Art**

*at the Summer Gallery from May 20th to
May 23rd between 12pm and 4pm..*

*RECEPTION with cake and ice cream at
2pm on Saturday 20th.*

Come celebrate Denman's students with us!

...continued from P.5 There is already talk of next year's program. One of the great things about Andrew is his delight in costumes. His passion for the theatre and almost scholarly immersion in the music, quite apart from his life-long fondness for singing, is vital to the Festival, but Andrew also has to look after a lot of production details that take away from his artistic participation. I personally think that it is time the Festival freed Andrew up with a production assistant. 🍷

Dear Denman Island

COMMUNITY INFO

By Leticia Gardner

Dear Denman Island,

We are sorry we left you, and we'd like to come back.



We were just getting to know you, having only lived with you since the beginning of the pandemic. We had been falling in love with you, in large part because of the amazing humans who live on you,

and the tight-knit social fabric that so many of them have managed to cultivate. We also came to admire the way that some of them are relearning how to take care of you.

As you know, we really want to live in some sort of collective arrangement with other humans, and we had been trying to germinate a new land project. There were a lot of things that make this tricky, but the main one is probably the way that we (settler) humans have divvied you up into rectangles of private property, and decided that those rectangles should cost a lot of money. (Money, you'll remember, is that magical thing-not-thing that makes a lot of decisions for us humans these days, including what we do with our time, and whether we have food and shelter and iPhones). Even if we got a bunch of us together, it seemed hard to imagine how we'd have enough money for one of your rectangles. So when it seemed like this collective living dream wasn't going to work

out with you, and that we certainly couldn't afford our own rectangle, we made the difficult decision to leave you. We're sorry.

We decided that we'd go to Nova Scotia, where the rectangles are cheaper and a lot of humans have hung onto their social fabric, too. So we sold and gave away all our stuff and we visited NS in the fall. To be honest, it was pretty incredible. Because they have regular summer rain, the grass was literally greener on the other side. People were incredibly welcoming and we made fast friends, including some people interested in collective life. We found someone willing to lend us some money for a rectangle, and we came close to buying one. But before we did, we took some time to reflect on what was really important to us, and what we wanted for the rest of our lives. We thought about all the friends and family we'd be leaving behind on the west coast, and especially the ties that we'd be losing on Denman. And we decided that we love you and your humans too much to leave, in spite of all the uncertainty about money and rectangles.

For the past few months, we've been living at a friend's place in Victoria, and making plans to come back to you. Teesh has been in plumbing school and Nick has been doing some teaching at UVic. We will be coming back next month, and we're excited!! Teesh will be a plumber's apprentice, and Nick is looking forward to hosting the UVic field school again in the summer. We will never 'own' one of your rectangles, but we are trusting that some sort of collective thing will work out and we'll be able to make a home with you, for good. We have some relationships to rebuild with your humans, and with you. We hope to reweave ourselves back into the fabric, and to learn how to take care of you. We will also do our best to keep you really weird.

Love,

Teesh and Nick 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Phoenix Bee

IT'S been a busy week here on Hornby, what with Blues camp and events happening every day through Friday for myself and the other students. After a last brunch gathering, it was all over, and I was left changed by the experience. I had a day off Saturday to integrate the changes, then two radio shows and an AGM on Sunday, then a day in the studio Monday recording with Marc. And have you seen the forecast for the weekend? It calls for temperatures up to 27 by Sunday.

I called it on the weather, didn't I? We had a very long winter, and suddenly it's summer. What happened to spring? It lasted about a week. I miss the old gradual unfolding of seasons. No more. You don't have to climate scientist to observe that

weather is getting ever more extreme, and we will have to get used to weird weather events. This is lovely, now, especially after that extended winter, but I'm just the tiniest bit nervous about summer coming up. Ocean temperatures are breaking records. And this:

"2023 is on pace to be one of the warmest years on record for the oceans due to an El Niño event that is elevating global average temperatures from a higher starting point, making it easier to set records." (from Axios.com)

We can each do our part, shrinking our personal carbon footprints and recycling like we mean it, but really, that is a drop in the ocean compared to industrial and military wastefulness, nowadays. It's staggering to learn about these things that most people avoid knowing. Literally, it hurts the brain to try to grasp the obscene wastefulness of the extremely wealthy. Yes, I mean Musk, Bezos and other

wannabe cosmonauts, but there are even more, whose names we don't know, who fly under the radar in ultra expensive private jets, with multi-billion dollar estates all over the world.

The sheer unnecessary wastefulness, the toxic overload as a consequence of, boggles the poor individual brain. What can a regular human do in the face of the sheer scale of this mad rampage toward global ecosystem breakdown that we are carried along upon, like flotsam in a tsunami?

Maybe there's nothing we can do at all. Maybe all we can do is live our lives like aware and responsible entities, do the best we can do until something unforeseen happens, maybe some apparent miracle that was quietly building in the background all the time, or it will all crash to the ground. Yes, we need to speak up, because the problem is not personal, it is systemic. We ravage the earth to mine materials and refine them. We are on a hamster wheel, feverishly developing ever more sophisticated technological solutions to problems caused by the development of existing technology. As if creating more technology is the only possible solution to problems caused by creating technology. It's truly insane.

In the meantime, I live my life and do what I can, and enjoy every second of it as I do so. I so enjoy my peaceful hours and busy times all. Perhaps there's something about a looming apocalypse that makes life sweeter, or maybe it's just the perspective of the years. Or maybe it's that I have lived long enough to get the pension. I am far less stressed about global calamity than I used to be about money. Life is good!

Yes, Blues camp was wonderful, and now it's over. Last week I misspoke when I said there were only two Hornby campers this year, myself and the Tarbender. On the last day I sat down next to a familiar face and learned that John Nemy was also a student this year. It's always great to connect a familiar name with an equally familiar face, the a local version of connect-the-dots.

All three Hornby students have something in common. We are all current or former DJs at our favourite local radio station that not everyone gets, CHFR 96.5 FM. Of course, it makes sense that lovers of music would converge at Blues camp. I offer heartfelt blessings and thanks to the intrepid pioneers who started the whole thing on a wing and a prayer, 24 years ago, in a quest to bring the Blues to Hornby Island. Next year will be the 25th anniversary of Blues on Hornby and oh, my, my. I forecast an extra-good one. Double-plus.

Speaking of our local radio, our AGM on Sunday was great and we were able to fill the board (which has been one person short for the last year). Please join me in giving a big welcome to our two newest Radio board members Cornelius and Peter!

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

Green Wizardries, Side Stepping the Hungry Gap

By Maxine Rogers

THE hungry gap happens in later spring when all the winter produce such as carrots, beets and potatoes are either finished or really past their best while the new garden does not have much to harvest. This time of the year may assume new importance as food prices are going up sharply in Canada.

Canada's Food Price Report, done by four Canadian Universities from across the country, for the year 2022 suggested we would have seen food prices go up by 7%. Some people considered this to be alarmist but they determined that the actual rate of inflation for food in 2022 was 10%. The same Food Price Report for 2023 also suggests we will see food prices rise this year by another 7%. Would anyone care to bet that this estimate will also prove to be too low? So for the years 2022 and 2023 we are looking at inflation of at least 17% on food prices alone. Has your income gone up by 17%?

Opinion is divided as to

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Arts Denman AGM

Tuesday May 16th at 7:30PM

Arts Centre 1016 NW road

Come see what exciting things we've been doing and what great things are coming up in the future.

Also delicious chocolate treats will be served.

The Denman Conservancy Association is seeking applicants for the positions of Tour Coordinator and Media Coordinator for the 2024 Home and Garden tour. These are contract positions and run from the Fall of 2023 to the end of the tour in the Spring of 2024. Both contracts could be done by one applicant or shared between two or more.



The tour coordinator role includes managing all aspects of the tour (with the exception of those undertaken by the media coordinator,) including identifying the date for the tour, recruiting homeowners and volunteers, arranging for food service providers and ticket sales and related jobs.

The media coordinator is responsible for publicizing the tour in relevant print and online publications, handling media inquiries and related PR tasks.

The fees are negotiable and there is considerable support available from DCA directors and past coordinators.

The DCA Home and Garden Tour is one of the most popular events on Denman's calendar and has been an extremely popular event for residents and visitors for over 20 years. It is the principal fund raiser for the conservancy and is now held every two years. This could be an ongoing position for the successful applicant(s).

If you are interested in applying, please email to: denmanconservancytour@gmail.com

...continued from P.7 the Government's ability, or competence, to do anything about soaring food prices. Increasing the carbon taxes and forcing farmers to use less synthetic fertilizer, while having possible benefits downstream, are going to make food prices in Canada go up a lot. Inflation in every category is up but that sort of thing inevitably happens when Governments at home, and around the world, print money out of thin air in a kleptocratic frenzy.

In fact, we have been noticing for years how fast food inflation is going up; however, at our house, our total grocery bill keeps going down while the quality of food we eat goes up. Part of this is down to growing a big garden but another part is simply changing our minds. For example, poor people in many countries of the world have delicious, nutritious and affordable cuisine. It doesn't matter if you choose the cuisine of early twentieth-century Finland, Chesapeake Bay or, my current favourite, Turkey, you will find many tasty and nutritious recipes that consist of whole foods that are quick to prepare. These inexpensive recipes rely a lot on vegetables in season. But what do you do when it is the middle of the winter or the Hungry Gap?

One of the ways we achieve a year-round supply of vegetables and fruit is to preserve the summer harvest. One of the simplest ways to do that is to dehydrate fruit and vegetables. I am telling you this now so that you will have plenty of time to shop around for a good dehydrator. One of the things that makes a dehydrator good is to have the heat source and the fan at the bottom. Any good second-hand bookstore should have a couple of books on dehydrating food. Some foods need to be blanched before drying and some need to be dipped in lemon water to preserve their good looks.

For people who have space as a constraint, dehydration works really well. A huge supply of tomatoes can be dehydrated and go into a handful of quart jars or bags. Most foods need to spend about 30 hours in the freezer after dehydration just to ensure all insect larvae are defunct. I have also had great success before I learned this trick but also some failures.

You can re-hydrate dried vegetables or fruit for salads by covering a bowl of them in hot water and putting another bowl on top to hold all the food under the water. They will be ready in a couple of hours. A friend wanted to taste the dehydrated carrots I made so I gave her one. She said it

tasted very good but the texture was a problem. She found them too hard. I explained that they are not for snacking! You can toss dried vegetables into a soup, stew or casserole and they re-hydrate while adding a nutritional punch and great flavour.

My husband is justly renowned for the delicious salsa he prepares. He makes his salsa by draining a quart of home-canned tomatoes, adding dried cherry tomatoes, fresh or dried onion, cilantro, fresh lemon juice and hot sauce. The secret to a great salsa is the dried tomatoes. If you look at the price of a bag of dried, organically-produced tomatoes in a grocery store, you will see that it would take you much longer to earn the money to buy the tomatoes than it would take you to just do the job yourself with tomatoes you grow or buy at the Farmer's Market.

You might say, as so many people do say to me about the most pleasant of tasks, "Isn't that a lot of work?" Well, yes, but the Canada Food Price Report thinks the average Canadian family of four will need to find an extra \$1065 to cover their grocery costs this year. Earning an extra thousand dollars of after-tax money might also be considered a lot of work. 🍷



March 14th, 2007 So Long Al!

ARTS&LIT

By CS#05943451

given name, 'Al,' is about to embark on the next phase of the system's slowly loosening clutch on his life. A six week stay at the Surfside Recovery House in Nanaimo is the remaining hurdle before his finish line. The fact that he was here at all is a sordid tale of the injustices of our justice system. As he so succinctly put it, "it's not the justice system, it's the legal system." Growing Mother Herb has inexplicably become more and more demonized in our society and for this he's had to cohabitate with all the others deemed undesirable by society's dubious standards. And despite such a travesty, this soulful man has accorded himself most admirably. Most everyone that lands in this place could do well to learn from his dignified, classy approach to living through such a trying experience. While I've affectionately taken to calling him 'the bitter gardener,' he'd given himself up to his fate despite not agreeing with the judgement handed him, and accepted the consequences that have been placed in his lap. Rather than rail against 'the man' and

AND so it has come to pass. Tomorrow morning the gates of this most unorganized of places will draw open and reveal the free world to a once bitter gardener. 'Chief Resin Lips,' or if one chooses to use his



making things even more difficult for himself, he has sat down at the table and played 'the man's' game. So well has he done, that he's been marked a model inmate. Thing is, in getting to know him, the only thing differentiating between that and a model human being, is really just the colour of his garb.

On the 24th of January, I arrived here bewildered and uncertain. My inexperience at this kind of existence was rife for taking advantage of and, not surprisingly, was by someone who shall remain nameless for now. While my feeling is Al doesn't deserve to be in jail for his gardening prowess his presence here at Brannen Lake sure has been a blessing to my fortunes. I suppose it takes one to know one and, for that, I had Al take kindly to me, showing me the ways of navigating through such a surreal setting. From having someone to compare notes with when it came to court and growing (helping me to feel I'm not alone amongst the drug addicts and thieves), to giving me the inside scoop on prison protocol, C.O.'s and what to do or avoid, his guidance and friendship leaves me to shudder when pondering what my experience here would've been like without him. I choose to look at my meeting him as fated despite the sorry circumstances behind our introduction. And as he departs, leaving me to myself, memories of him will remain the remainder of my stay. From helping me to realize that the single room that he's about to vacate would be a much more civilized way to endure the remainder of **my** time here (he damn near had to forcibly get me to file the request form for his room, owing to my naïveté), to giving me a wool blanket to help keep my rickety bones from shivering through the cold nights of January and February.

Working with Al has been a riot. The lone convict on Crew #2 that could operate the wood chipper. This meant all of the crew's work would eventually go through him. The lynchpin of the operation. Being the long-timer, he's been witness to too many crew-mates come and go. A great majority of them 'heads.' From the back corner of the crummy I could always count on his no-nonsense, straight-shooting comments that would effectively shut down the shit-talkers and their annoying ways. Thank you for that Al! If you only knew the absolute glee I took in your cutting humour. The best thing was, he wouldn't reserve such slights for just the guys clad in red. There's been times that he's unleashed a cool put-down towards the odd blue-shirt when they take too much liberty with their *supposed* authority. Priceless!

But now it's time that he gets on with his life. Six more weeks of recovery, *from what I don't really know*. I suppose recovery from shitty food, one colour clothing, being looked at as unworthy of freedom, communal living with at *times* trying people and putting in a hard day's work for absolutely no pay. I think he'll do fabulously with his rehabilitation. Once done, his dogs, his friends, his family and his Harley await. From there, I can only venture a guess as to what life holds for him. But what I do know is that if anyone I've met within the bowels of this place deserves all the good things, it is he. Best of luck kind sir and friend. Perhaps we'll one day see you on the other side of the fence. 🍷

Open Letter to the Office of BC Ferries Commissioner

OPEN LETTER

By Sharon Small

May 4, 2023

Dear Commissioner Hage,

This follows up my March 23, 2023 open letter to you in which I summarized problems created by BC Ferries' failure to engage meaningfully with Denman residents. This failure has created a lack of trust between residents and BCF.

Equally responsible for a breakdown of public confidence, however, is evidence that BCF's statistical reporting either of the Baynes Sound Connector service performance or community feedback cannot be trusted.

Documents submitted to the BC Ferry Commission contain what appears to be sloppy bookkeeping, shadow puppetry, fudging the numbers.... I prefer to use the term magical thinking to describe the frequency with which BC Ferries attempts to look good in reports and reviews by altering numbers and avoiding evidence.

The Quarterly Report on the BCF fleet's performance to September 2022, for example, underreports the number of

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Join us for an Open House and Round Table Conversations



Denman Island

Friday, May 26
4:30pm – 7:30pm

Denman Island Community Hall

Hornby Island

Saturday, May 27
11:00am – 2:00pm

Hornby Island Community Hall

We want to hear from you on how to mitigate the impacts of the Denman East terminal development project and how to evaluate the success of the enhanced summer schedules that will be in place for Routes 21 and 22 this year.

Drop by to join these professionally facilitated conversations.

Learn more about the format and content of these events, and provide us with your questions ahead of time, at bcferriesprojects.ca/denman-east-terminal

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 **BC Ferries**

...continued from P.9 Baynes Sound Connector cancellations. On one chart only three cancellations are recorded. However, on page 9 in the same QR, the following evidence of frequent mechanical failures and service interruptions contradicts this magical thinking:

The Baynes Sound Connector experienced a number of mechanical delays and cancellations, including recurring issues with the bolts on the bull wheel. Cancellations or delays related to this occurred on July 12, 25, 26 and 30, August 22, 25 and September 26. In all cases, service resumed after repairs were completed. There have been no further related mechanical issues.

On July 27, a flood occurred in the engine room of the Baynes Sound Connector. Passengers were disembarked and the vessel transited to Buckley Bay where repairs were completed. Several afternoon and evening sailings were cancelled before service resumed for the last sailings of the night. The vessel operated in shuttle mode until all traffic was cleared.

A local retired Professor of Transportation Economics speculates “This seems to indicate that the BSC must have missed some scheduled sailings on at least 8 days within the quarter. Assuming that a minimum of 2 sailings were missed on each day, then the report of round-trip cancellations should record a minimum of 16 missed sailings, not 3.”

Magical thinking is indicated also in VP Barabash’s assurance to you in his 2021 service review of the BSC that interruptions were “infrequent.” Contradictory evidence of frequent cancellations is found in a BCF zip file that is roughly summarized as follows:

Jan. 1	Weather problem; two cancellations
Jan. 20	Final plastic coated cables installed; one cancellation
Feb. 12	Barrier gate hydraulic problem; cancellations
Feb. 20	Staff issue; cancellation
Apr. 12-21	Cables upgrade; MV Quinitsa substituted
May 31	Mechanical problem; multiple cancellations
June 28	Drive motor problem; late sailing
June 29	Computer system failure; multiple cancellations
June 30	Mechanical issue; late sailing
July 6	Mechanical problem; late sailing
July 7	Terminal power failure; late sailing
Aug. 19	Equipment exchange; one cancellation
Sept 29	High winds; all sailings cancelled from 2:30 pm
Nov. 17/14/21	Readiness drills; two cancellations each day
Nov. 27	Mechanical problem with rescue boat; cancellations
Dec. 26	Mechanical problem with rescue boat; cancellations
Dec. 25	Breaker issue; delayed sailing, cancellation

That VP Barabash claims in his review to you that he expects the cable ferry problems to diminish is astounding, given the verified frequency of mechanical failures. The evidence overwhelmingly indicates that the cable ferry is a failed experiment and that we can expect a recurrence of 4 and 6 hour waits. It also indicates that BCF is breaching its own well promoted code of ethics to report honestly. In addition, to project a future improvement without substantive evidence is clearly an exercise in magical thinking.

Despite being assured in 2018 that the community would continue to be involved in designing the Gravelly Bay TDP, to date there has not been a single gesture to consult with the Denman FAC or the Friends of Denman Forests, the group that is staging the protest at the Gravelly Bay terminal site. This avoidance of community input is a breach of the Coastal Ferry Act.

The November 2022 forty-five minute in house community engagement event did not include the Gravelly Bay TDP. Nor have we been informed about why in 2018 BCF ignored our feedback to preserve and protect a rural environment and instead, approved a plan that involved the removal of trees needed to provide shade and sequester CO2.

Rather than respecting our feedback, BCF dismisses, misrepresents and even redacts community feedback as indicated in the November 2022 Public Engagement Summary of a 45 minute community consultation found on Denman’s BCF Community Page. Note that 52 comments were redacted out of a total of 74.

Note also that the verbatim Denman comments in the appendices overwhelmingly comment on the unreliable cable ferry and on the inadequacy of consultations. In the summary of island feedback in November, however, BCF claims that most of the comments addressed the speed and size of the BSC. The lack of references to speed and size indicates another example of magical thinking.

This pattern of statistical sleight of hand reminds me of a cartoon of a pyramid of three monkeys, each with paws over eyes, mouth and ears, indicating see no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil, and the caption reads NO PROBLEM.

Commissioner Hage: the trust issue with BC ferries and Denman/Hornby Islands has reached an absolute tipping point.

Asking BCF to submit QRs on the service performance of the BSC to help build public confidence is too late. Residents need transparency and we need the cascading problems created by BCF to be addressed and resolved. I understand it is the task of the Office of the Commissioner to resolve complaints that BCF has failed to mitigate.

Therefore, in the spirit of beginning the process of building trust, I urge you to attend the meetings with the Hornby and Denman FACs in May. Continued magical thinking will not solve our lack of trust with our interactions with BCF. Respectfully,

Sharon Small, Friends of Denman Forests 🍷

Everybody Knows

By Keith Porteous

OPINIONS

Everybody Knows

*"Everybody knows that the dice are loaded
Everybody rolls with their fingers crossed
Everybody knows the war is over
Everybody knows the good guys lost
Everybody knows the fight was fixed
The poor stay poor, the rich get rich
That's how it goes
Everybody knows"*

Leonard Cohen

EVERYBODY knows that the "facts" are facts in corporate media, according to the self identified "progressive conservative" Margaret Atwood. Atwood makes no apologies as a neo-liberal defender of establishment institutions, like most of the privileged professional class who actively support the "lesser of evils" to comfort themselves by suspending their disbeliefs. We are instructed by Atwood to rely on corporate media with its platoons of "fact-checkers", or else remain silent. So let's check some facts about these fact-checkers, and what criteria and qualifications are needed in this battle against disinformation, misinformation, and malinformation.

Malinformation is defined as information that isn't false, but is unhelpful to "preferred" narratives. The major social media companies and corporate news employ ex-surveillance state spooks, high level former "intelligence analysts", and "independent" government funded agencies run by former spooks and intelligence analysts as fact-checkers. Check THESE facts comrades, if you are sincerely pursuing fact-checked "truth." But the neo-liberal professional class won't check, and they aren't pursuing anything resembling the truth. Instead, as has been demonstrated by a contributor in last week's The Islands Grapevine, their issues primarily relate to a "culture" war where there are mounting ideological divides, believing that their obedience to, and trust in the centres of power, are their best weapons in the conflicts of identity politics.

Another unassailable FACT is that the very definitions of the often interchanged terms, misinformation and disinformation, are not standardized or treated with any degree of integrity, nor is there any qualifying accreditation or expertise required for what these "professional" fact-checkers are employed to do; none at all. Much of what gets reported is intentionally leaked from unnamed "sources within the intelligence community" and anonymous government sources "familiar with the situation", while

the analysts in corporate journalism point to those same sources in their fact-checking. The "investigative" journalism in corporate media is based on government "leaks" from the very people authentic journalists are supposed to hold to account. Moreover, this government sourced dis/misinformation is then used as a cudgel to silence dissent, the corporate media acting as stenographers. Any discerning mind would examine who owns corporate media, and who are its major advertisers and sponsors.

A crucial part of fact-checking and truth-seeking is to examine what doesn't get reported and the lies of omission. On World Press Freedom Day and at the White House Correspondents Dinner, the virtues of a free press were celebrated, while boasting that the West differs from how authoritarian regimes treat journalists, whistleblowers, and the issue of press freedom. Their foreign adversaries are characterized as repressive censors, sending brave journalists to the gulags. All of this is said with a straight face, while never mentioning their own brutal detention of publisher Julian Assange, or the murder of American-Palestinian journalist Abu Akleh by an Israeli sniper, backed by the U.S., and never prosecuted. This says nothing of the dozens of American whistleblowers and journalists whose lives have been ruined by coming forward. Their treatment is a clear message to others with similar notions. All this is then flushed down the memory hole to focus on the next invented crisis. Notably, the U.S. is globally ranked #45 in press freedom.

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Denman Cross Island Trail Public Consultation

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Parks team will be attending the Denman Island Farmers Market to provide updates on the Denman Cross Island Trail and seeking feedback on a downtown portion of the trail. Visit the CVRD booth to provide your input!

- **Saturday, May 13 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**
Denman Island Farmer's Market at Marcus Isbister
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...continued from P.11 And to add insult to injury, the smug neo-liberal professional class mocks the veracity of anyone pointing out these FACTS, implying that we are too blind to see the cultural and moral superiority of the dominant miserablist perspective, insisting that things could be worse, while they must certainly be better here than they are elsewhere, having never examined the FACTS with any rigorous scrutiny. They insist that we follow these dominant and manufactured narratives unquestioningly because of the so-called fact-checking, or we should just shut the fuck up. Tell that to the 81 year old black American man, Omali Yeshitela, who has been arrested along with his friends, for being black socialists who oppose the US proxy war in Ukraine. They are charged with being agents of the Kremlin, “sowing discord, and spreading pro-

Russia propaganda”. The culture war claim by miserablist neo-liberals that the West has a cultural or moral superiority, would cause me to laugh if it wasn’t such stomach sickening chauvinism.

It’s timely to note that The Islands Grapevine is a rare publication that truly celebrates press freedom. Much respect and gratitude to Publisher/Editor “Dready” Mike Van Santvoord, and design/production manager Chris Seguin. Every week they deliver the best up to date local coverage, with a broad diversity of perspectives on the issues of the day, weathering the trolls and the bullying by those advocating for increased “content moderation.” I enjoy reading all of it, even the parts that make me grind my teeth. 🍷

Shortages in the Land of Plenty - Inflation is a Trap and Your’e in It

OPINIONS

By Helen Grond

PPRICE inflation is measured by the CPI (consumer price index) basket of goods. The rulers like to keep it to 2% so you don’t notice that your money is on a straight trajectory to worthlessness. The price of the CPI basket can be compared over time to keep track of the actual inflation rate. The really cool thing is that you can mix up the basket contents and include whatever you feel like. If housing costs go up dramatically you can just remove it from the basket and replace it with something else. You can quote airline ticket prices but neglect to mention that you now have to pay for everything from seat selection to snacks. That means the CPI is actually nothing more than propaganda. We can clearly see that because housing costs – a major outlay for most people, has doubled in a five-year period. That’s enough to put inflation at a real rate of 15 to 20%. You can see why governments cheat on the CPI calculations!

We know that 90% of the world’s wealth is now held by a tiny handful of people. This is the wealth gap that gets talked about openly but the consequences are hidden by the media who are firmly controlled by that tiny handful. We commonly refer to these folks as the 1%. The reality is that it’s more like the .00000002%. This tiny group includes the banking industry, the heads of the Central Banks, world leaders, NGO’s and CEO’s of the 500 largest corporations. It’s a club, and we are not part of it. Are you getting the power of that?

Choosing to use currencies with no asset backing, invites abuse. Long standing government overspending (most countries) has ensured our financial demise. It cannot go any other way and never has. This kind of fake money is only as solid as the trust in the government that prints it. It always ends up failing. Our entwined world economies (globalization) mean we’ll all go down on the same sinking ship. There’s no other solution to save us. Maybe the aliens will come down and bail us out of decades of unrestrained overspending but I’m not holding my breath.

The robber baron problem (The Great Depression!) has always been in play but the whole thing really escalated with the onset of Globalization in the 1980’s. That was the nifty

name for the process of stealing all the wealth in the world and giving it the most powerful and wealthy (the .00000002%). It’s been a really good gig for them and of course, we would eventually figure out what is actually going on and say NO – wouldn’t we? We absolutely should but our governments keep lying to us and promising us all kinds of things to bribe us into submission. They are very good at that and we are very trusting.

Our money has been gradually, and now rapidly, becoming worthless. That is the inevitable outcome of gigantic money printing and there’s no cure except a massive cut in government spending, realistic interest rates (which at least keep up with real inflation) and massive pain and suffering for Canadians for many years. I don’t see much appetite for that so expect governments to keep printing and pumping inflation. That could escalate to hyperinflation levels which has happened in many poorly managed banana republics where corruption is rampant. It even happened in Germany prior to the second world war and they were an advanced, educated country! German hyperinflation is cited as a major contributor to WWII.

How could we find ourselves in this situation? It’s not just the greed and corruption of our current prime minister. I’ve lost track of all of the cases of corruption and conflicts of interest that Justin has incurred over the last several years but it’s astounding. He’s in good company with the current batch of world leaders who are the most pathetic creatures to ever grace a Davos bingo hall. The club (the .00000002%) is firmly at the helm and they are closing in on their long-standing plan to dissolve all nation states and impose a one world government by 2030 (a bit over-reachy, wouldn’t you say?). They don’t even attempt to hide their plans and tell us all the time how bloody awful our new normal will be. They just know we are that stupid that they don’t have to worry about what we know or don’t know. Our grandparents lived through the last big power grab and now it’s our turn.

Bank failures are escalating world-wide at the moment and the amount of money involved makes the 2008 financial crisis look like a walk in the park. Many economists have been predicting this for years. These kinds of planned financial collapses are a great tool to throw societies in disarray, along with stupid wars, organized famine, hyperinflation and even timely pandemics. Never underestimate the opportunities for the powerful that a good crisis brings! Don’t forget that

the majority of the wealth being created out of thin air has ended up in the hands of the club as REAL assets! Alas, history doesn't repeat but it sure does rhyme and you can take that to the bank - unless they close their doors on you like they have done to so many in the past.

It's far too late to avoid the looming financial crisis but let's hope we learn this time and not let the banking cartels run the world currencies for the next go around. Better yet, we could insist on real money that's backed by real assets. Kiss inflation goodbye and give peace a chance. It's long overdue. 🍷

Sharing the Land & Resources

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

PEOPLE struggle with this world-wide, and we have innumerable examples of diverse cultural groups who do it successfully. It's not at all impossible, just harder for some groups than for others. It's good to learn of the shared history of Christian, Muslim & Jewish Palestinians and the fact that they lived together in harmony in Palestine for centuries. The Jewish population was very small until large groups began to immigrate there in the 20's and 30's under the Zionist push to settle the land and create a Jewish state. Before that time, everyone spoke Arabic and called themselves Palestinian.

People who proclaim that co-existence in peace between Jewish Israelis and Palestinians is impossible are simply not aware of, or not listening to stories from before the Nakba (1948, the "Catastrophe" in Arabic). In over 20 years of activism on this issue, I have never heard or read of a Palestinian saying it would not be possible to live together as two peoples sharing the land. I have heard many Jewish people in Israel and the diaspora dismiss the idea outright. I suspect what they mean is that co-existence in peace & equality would mean the end of Jewish supremacy in the land. And to many Jews, that is not an acceptable outcome after well over 75 years of trying to establish what they call a "Jewish and Democratic" state. It seems to me that fear underlies this categorical denial of a reality that actually existed not that long ago. It's a fear deeply inculcated in early childhood education of Jewish children, particularly in Israel-Palestine. Fear that if they are not completely in charge, their very existence is threatened. Perhaps fear has always underpinned the control of colonizers. Like the title of Coetzee's brilliant book *Waiting for the Barbarians*, colonizers always fear that the people they oppress, the people whose land/resources they took, will rise up and destroy them in revenge. Isn't that why my ancestors tried to "encourage" our indigenous population to assimilate by forcing them to residential schools?

Actually, we are seeing that the indigenous Palestinians, or "the Arabs" as Israelis like to call them in a not-so-subtle act of erasure, have no intention of leaving their home, despite the brutal hardships of the occupation. And they know that Jewish Israelis aren't going anywhere. So, a shared state with equal rights for all is a far better option than what anyone there has now. Groups such as Parents Circle - Families Forum and Combatants for Peace are trying to build

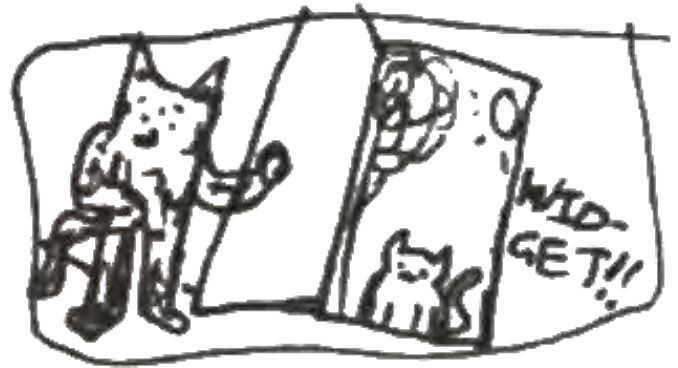
relationship and end the occupation. They publicly share their stories of loss and grief, matters of the heart, which know no nationality. They recently hosted a joint Memorial Day ceremony in Tel Aviv which I attended on Zoom. There were about 15,000 people there, Israeli Jews & Palestinians, and many thousands more online. (Over 300,000 attended the 2021 observance.) I believe that these folks, of all ages and backgrounds, Jewish and Palestinian, are leading the way by modelling how it looks to show "the other" respect instead of mistrust and hatred. Colum McCann's fine book, *Apeirogon*, is based on the story of two such men, Rami Elhanan and Bassam Aramin, both of whom lost their young daughters in the fighting.

As one activist said: "The (Memorial Day) ceremony does not equate between occupied and occupier. We in Combatants for Peace fight the darkness of occupation and apartheid with nonviolence and unwavering determination." This is a very important distinction, as there has been a concerted Israeli propaganda effort to frame the struggle as one between equals - to compare the handmade "rockets" from Gaza and the stone throwing of Palestinian children to the might of one of the world's most sophisticated militaries, equipped by the US. The opposing groups are distinctly unequal.

Palestinians reject the idea of "normalization", that the status quo should continue and all will be fine as long as the Palestinians remain quiet and non-resistant. And as the violent repression in the West Bank escalates, some young Palestinians there are resorting to armed resistance. They do so out of sheer desperation; no one can claim that Palestinians have not attempted to resist through non-violent means - the courts, international law, the UN, BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanctions) - for decades, yet still the world seems not to hear or respond to their plight. They sympathize with the Ukrainians fighting back against being invaded by Russia, yet wonder why those same western powers call Palestinians "terrorists" for resisting their unlawful dispossession.

May 15 marks the 75th anniversary of the Nakba, the "Catastrophe" that is ongoing for Palestinians. This year, Combatants for Peace and the Parents Circle - Families Forum are holding a joint ceremony observing the Nakba. Commemorating the Nakba is illegal in Israel, so it's hard to find publicity online. Go to American Friends for Combatants for Peace (AFCFP) next week for a link to the Palestinian-Israeli ceremony. As they say on their website: There is a better way. 🍷





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Wayne Juhala

(also known as Elijah Juhala)

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John Dillon's 1931 Model A Ford getting the General
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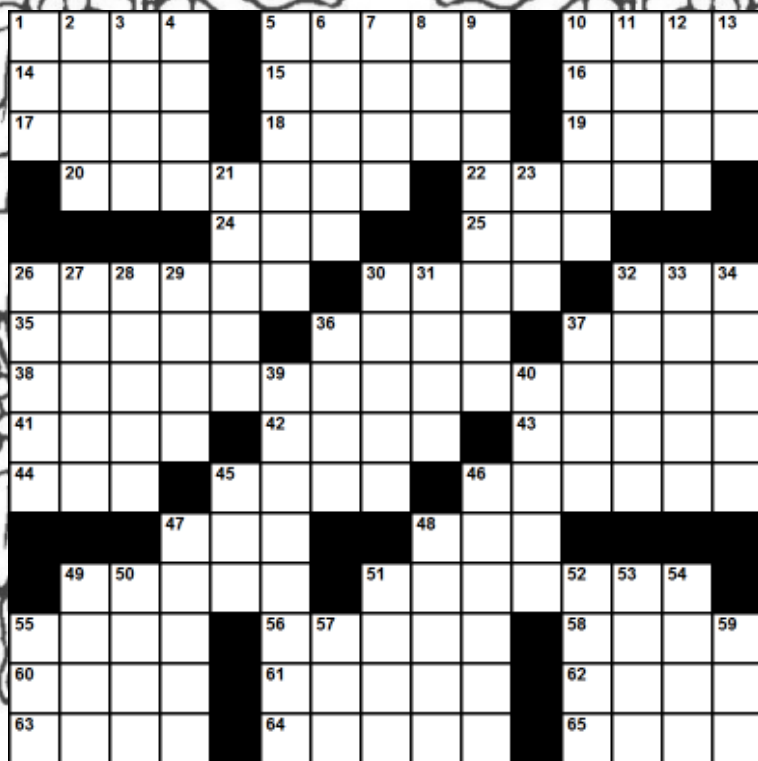
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DEADLINE MIDNIGHT MONDAYS FOR THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY ISSUE

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Hindi courtesy title
5. Like raised oars
10. Altar area
14. Applications
15. Japanese entree
16. Angler's gear
17. Cote sounds
18. African village
19. Culturally showy
20. Outlying district
22. Celestial path
24. Any person
25. Existed
26. Opposite
30. Shensi province capital
32. Broadway mugger
35. Organic compound
36. Isn't completely wrong
37. Bear dad
38. Musician
41. Josip Broz
42. Annoyers
43. Cliff hanger
44. Is down with target
45. Analgesia
46. Impudently bold
47. Afflict
48. Jowly canine

49. Bamboo lover

51. Small timer
55. Frozen float
56. Poor pad
58. Crucifix
60. American canal
61. Broth cooked rice
62. Attache, for one
63. Briny drop
64. Cramp
65. Chemistry term

• DOWN •

1. Fella
2. Hurry-up letters
3. Boyfriend
4. Cold war power
5. Making inquiries
6. Blender speed
7. Bible twin
8. Caught ya!
9. Unit of power
10. Fine steeds
11. Fairylike being
12. Rectangular paving stone
13. Actor Ron
21. Introverted
23. Fled
26. Kind of healer
27. Thin membranous sac
28. Primitive graves
29. Centerward
30. Attack from all sides
31. Guest houses
32. Depilatory targets
33. Orbital point
34. Shipboard companion
36. Bombay nanny
37. Arraignment offering
39. Uncloses
40. Guttural scream
45. Assistance
46. Nonsense
47. Fury
48. Cousins of elite
49. Dijon daddy
50. A Met score
51. Samoan cash
52. A 1977 movie
53. A sound of pride
54. Like a snoop
55. Put on the line
57. Body joint
59. Small st.

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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Grumpism



“I tried tickling some Oxo cubes. They became a laughing stock.”

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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es, washers, dryers, fridges,
dishwashers, gas/electric
range. All fully restored and
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**COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION
SOCIETY EMERGENCY CRISIS
LINE:** 250-338-1227 or Text:
250-218-4034 For more info
visit <https://cvts.ca>

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

• **LOST & FOUND** •

LOST - 1-10qt aluminum pres-
sure cooker. Can't remember
to whom I loaned it to. Please
return to Jackson Steen.

• **EMPLOYMENT** •

**MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
WORK AVAILABLE** DIRCS is
seeking bids for maintenance
contract work at the Denman
Island Community Hall. Please
send an expression of interest
along with resume and refer-
ences relevant to your build-
ing maintenance experience
to [communityhallndenmanis-
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• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

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

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

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

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 250-792-0128 (H/D)
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- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
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- Shel Brodsgaard • Excavation & Services • 250-703-3898 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather •
250-703-6512 (All) • John Isbister • 250-335-2565 (D)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator Septic Installation • 335-3145 (D/H)
- DB Excavations • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • 250-465-1889 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake • 613-447-8873 (All)

• SERVICES •

- Denman Works! • Tony Gresson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Bottled Water Delivery • DenmanWater.ca • 250-228-7161 (D/H)

• HEALTH & WELLNESS •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac. • 778-992-0165 (D)
- Registered Massage Therapist • Mary G Vellet • 11100 Dusty Rd •
250-202-1268 (D)
- Physiotherapist • Acupuncturist • TCM Herbs • Carmen RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac. • 250-508-8160
• www.heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
- Jessi Schlegel • Personal Training & Fitness Classes • 604-329-3466 •
online & in-person (D/H)



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SARAH SMITH
6pm dinner & doors/music 7pm
Saturday May 13
JUNK IN THE TRUNK
Book your spot.

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 11

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

FRIDAY 12

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

SATURDAY 13

- 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
- PLANT SALE Farmers Market
- FOSSIL FAIR Sollans+Central Rd 11:30 (HI)
- CONCERTS DENMAN see p.4

SUNDAY 14

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

MONDAY 15

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

TUESDAY 16

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- ARTS DENMAN AGM Arts Centre 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY 17

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

THURSDAY 18

- 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 19

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

SATURDAY 20

- 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 21

MONDAY 22

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

TUESDAY 23

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

WEDNESDAY 24

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

THURSDAY 25

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

SUMMER ART GALLERY 2023 SCHEDULE

Don't miss our openings!

Thursday evenings at the Art Centre! 7:00PM

A CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S ART

Denman Island Community School students

Opening Tea: MAY 20 at 2 pm

4 DAYS ONLY!! MAY 20 - MAY 23 noon - 4 pm

CHEMISTRY

EULALIA MARMION - *abstract acrylic paintings*

Opening: MAY 25 Show: MAY 26 - JUNE 6

COUPLES, FRIENDS AND CATS

ROSA TELAGUS - *acrylic paintings*

Opening: JUNE 8 Show: JUNE 9 - 20

METHODOLOGIES FROM THE CELLAR

SCOT BULLICK - *sculpture, painting, and collage*

Opening: JUNE 22 Show: JUNE 23 - JULY 4

PAINT PRINT STITCH

JEAN COCKBURN - *printmaking with painting and textile*

Opening: JULY 6 Show: JULY 7 - 16

COLLECTED STUDIO TOUR

Various Artists representing this year's **STUDIO ART TOUR**

Opening: JULY 27 Show: JULY 28 - AUGUST 8

COLOUR: POWER & POETRY

TINA DICKEY - *acrylic paintings*

Opening: AUGUST 10 Show: AUGUST 11 - 22

SESSION DRAWINGS

Various Artists representing the **LIFE DRAWING GROUP**

Opening: AUGUST 24 Show: AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 5

The Mother of all

*trees, flowers,
and veggies*

Plant Sales

A Student Led Fundraiser!

Saturday May 13, 2023

**The Denman Island Farmer's
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9:30am-12:30pm

featuring

*Fresh Student
Art*

*Musical
Collaborations*

Pampering Station

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DENMAN ISLAND Readers & Writers FESTIVAL

*Come Celebrate Abraxas's
30 Year Anniversary*

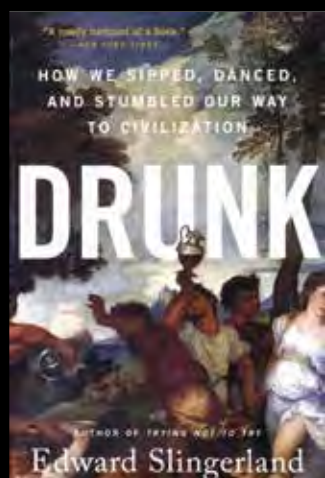
We will relive its history as seen through the
eyes of notable Denman personalities.

6:30 Doors open

7:00 Skit animating Abraxas's history

7:20 Evening reading and discussion with
Edward Slingerland: \$15

8:30 "Tasting Wines from 7 Countries": \$20



Saturday, May 20

Denman Community Hall
Doors 6:30 / Show 7:00

Get your tickets at Abraxas, at the door, or Online:

denmanislandwritersfestival.com/edward-slingerland

Abraxas is 30 years old!