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- **Fee:** \$120/week (subsidy available)
- **Age Range:** Most camps are for ages 6-12 (or 5 if you have finished kindergarten)

*Awesome Adventures Camp and Afternoon Camp for Youth Theatre are for youth 9-14

Week 1- **Music and Movement** (July 10 - 13) : Join us to create songs with our voices and instruments, make up dance moves and play with other expressive arts during this fun session.

Week 2- **Passport to Denman** (July 17 - 20): Travel to destinations near and dear on Denman Island and gather stamps in your passport...special access for campers during tours of local sites and attractions.

Week 3- **Garden Camp** (July 24 - 27): Get your hands in the dirt and grow! Join us to work in the Community School Garden and visit some of Denman's spectacular gardens for private tours.

Week 4- **Theater Camp** (July 31 - August 3): Develop your acting, performance and improv skills with this camp dedicated to all things theater!

Week 5- *Awesome Adventures Camp (August 8 - 10): Join friends for a few days of adventures and excursions on Denman and Hornby - make summer memories that will last a lifetime.

Afternoon Camp

- **When:** July 10 - Aug 10, Monday - Thurs, 2pm - 3:30pm
- **Fee:** \$50/week (subsidy available)
- **Age Range:** Most camps are for ages 6-12 (or 5 if you have finished kindergarten) except for Youth Theatre which is for campers ages 9 - 14.

Week 1: **Games Camp** (July 10 - 13): field games, guessing games, board games - exercising our bodies and minds in fun ways, together.

Week 2: **Superpower Camp** (July 17 - 20): develop your own superpowers through this interactive experience of discovering and developing a superpower unique to YOU!

Week 3: **Crafty Kids** (July 24 - 27): sculpture, drawing, painting, squishy stuff and fun times at The Hub with friends - take home a new craft each afternoon!

Week 4: ***Youth Theatre** (July 31 - August 3): a special afternoon dedicated to youth who want to expand their capacity for acting and performance, ages 9 - 14.

Week 5: **Textile Arts Camp** (August 7-10); needle felting, sewing and weaving will be part of this focused and relaxing camp experience - take home a new craft each afternoon!

Registration opens on June 9 and closes at the end of day on June 16.

Please email dices.communityprograms@gmail.com or call 250-335-2058 to inquire and DICES staff will provide you with all the information. 🍇

DI Medical Clinic Update *Hello Denman Island*

COMMUNITY INFO By Dr. Jody Taylor · Denman Island Medical Clinic We thought it was time the Denman Island Medical Clinic should write an update as a lot has happened since Dec.

As most of you know Dr. Ron Wilson has retired and thanks to his recruiting efforts there is a new physician.

Dr. Jody Taylor is the full-time physician working Monday - Wednesday full days and Thursdays performing Dermatology services in the morning.

The clinic is still staffed by the wonderful Nicola and Heather as the heart and soul of the clinic and casual employee Kathleen.

We also now have an official office Manager in charge of the nuts and bolts of running the clinic. Scot Taylor.

We have in the building the services of Carmen our resident physiotherapist. Though she is a independent care provider we feel very much she is part of our team.

What is also new at our clinic is we are now part of a PCN (primary care network). This means that we are functioning as part of a larger group, though independent we now have access to allied health providers. We have a social worker, pharmacist, RN, dietician and counselling services for our community !!!

What might also be different is that our clinic will now primarily service only Denman Island residents. Anyone who has a Denman Island address can access services at our clinic as long as they have no other Family Physician in BC.

If you are a Denman Island resident but wish to keep your Family Physician elsewhere in BC. We will still be able to see you but only for medical urgencies such as infections or injuries. In fact, we reserve 3-5 spots a day for these appointments. These appointments are also accessible by friends or family visiting Denman Residents or tourists but once again only for medical urgencies.

If you are a resident of Denman Island who wishes to transfer to our clinic from another family physician's office, we welcome you with open arms. Come see our medical office assistants and they will help transfer your medical records to us.

For all medical emergencies such as chest pain suspicious for heart attacks, extreme difficulty breathing, or major medical illness please call 911 and the exceptional emergency service providers running the ambulance will take good care of you.

I would also like to acknowledge the Denman Health Centre Society for providing and maintaining the Zella Clark Health Centre facility to enable the delivery of health care services on our island.

We understand that things may have changed a bit at the clinic and sometimes change can be difficult. We feel these changes will enable us to provide the best care to the residents of Denman Island. 🍷

Saturday Community Mural Painting at the HUB *JOIN us on Saturday June 17th from 1-3pm at the HUB (the old preschool at the back of the community hall) and paint a community chaos mural.*

COMMUNITY INFO By Bronwyn Schuster

The Chaos Mural is a process developed by my muralist friend from HerrSuite Murals and she has given us her blessing to make one here on Denman!

So how does it work? You grab a brush and help us cover the walls from top to bottom with words, dreams for our community, and whatever other joyful imagery comes to mind. Don't want to paint? That's ok you can still participate! Come by and

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TIDE TABLE

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

2023-06-15 (Thu)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:18	4.5	14.7
10:59	0.7	2.3
18:30	4.4	14.6
23:11	3.6	11.7
2023-06-16 (Fri)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:52	4.4	14.4
11:38	0.5	1.6
19:18	4.7	15.3
2023-06-17 (Sat)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
00:13	3.7	12.1
04:26	4.3	14
12:16	0.4	1.3
20:01	4.8	15.7
2023-06-18 (Sun)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:08	3.7	12.3
05:00	4.2	13.7
12:53	0.4	1.3
20:40	4.8	15.8
2023-06-19 (Mon)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
01:58	3.8	12.3
05:35	4.1	13.4
13:29	0.5	1.6
21:16	4.8	15.8
2023-06-20 (Tue)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
02:46	3.7	12.2
06:11	4	13
14:04	0.7	2.1
21:50	4.8	15.6
2023-06-21 (Wed)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
03:38	3.7	12
06:46	3.8	12.5
14:37	0.9	2.8
22:23	4.7	15.5
2023-06-22 (Thu)		
Time	PDT (m)	(ft)
04:38	3.6	11.7
07:22	3.6	12
15:09	1.1	3.7
22:54	4.7	15.3

SUMMER ART GALLERY

Couples, Friends & Cats

Continues until June 22nd

"Methodologies from the Cellar"

*Sculpture, watercolour & collage
by Scot Brullick (article p.6)*

June 23rd to July 4th

Opening June 22nd @ 7pm

...continued from P.3 tell us about your favourite native plant. Phase two of the mural will be a silhouette overlay of the beautiful nature that makes up our community.

Teens who attend the June 16th Teen Night will also get first crack at painting the walls and leave a mark on this important community space.

The HUB holds space for our Food Bank, for Teen Night, for the CAP Site (free computer and internet access), and so much more. So swing by and paint a little, learn about all the cool things that DICES is offering for the community, and drop off food bank donations!

(There will be snacks) 🍷

Denman Island Artists & Artisan Survey

ARTS&LIT

By Chili Leblanc-Wulff · Denman Works

DENMAN WORKS is conducting research designed to assess how the arts and artisans can better be supported on the island, whether that be with finance, marketing, facilities or other areas. If you are involved in any of the fine arts or the making of artisanal products we would very much appreciate an opportunity to talk with you.

Creativity is a big part of who we are. But what's it really like? The arts community on Denman Island is large and diverse, with different degrees of participation, much crossover between the fine arts and artisanal products, and the challenges of conducting what is often a very small business that is an important source of income.

Denman Works provides support for the arts through Community Project Grants for events such as the annual studio tour and promotional initiatives like the Christmas craft flyer, as well as shop local articles and the Visit Denman Island website. Due to legal restrictions, Denman Works support must usually be directed only through non-profits. We would like to know much more about individual experience and needs.

Please, sign me up. We are hoping that you would be willing to take part in this research through an **in-person, one-on-one, interview**. We've chosen to emphasize interviews because every artist is different and on a small island, we can

afford to take the time to get more context. If you prefer not to be interviewed, we can pass along a questionnaire for you to fill in.

Taking part in the interview will be rewarded with coverage in the Denman Island Grapevine or Flagstone.

Our goal with this research is to design a Denman Island Artisanal Profile and an associated Economic Need report, which will help shape improved support to artisans like yourself.

Who is involved? The survey team will be led by Chili Leblanc-Wulff. Raised on Denman, Chili is the son of Denman Island artist Fillipa Wulff, and an enthusiastic participant in the performing arts through his love of improv comedy. As a soon-to-be graduate of UBC's prestigious Sauder School of Business, Chili brings survey know-how and a refreshing perspective on the possibilities of this world.

Chili will be assisted by Tony Gregson, Chair of Denman Works, who has profiled many artists for the Grapevine, and Ember Hutchens, a director of Denman Works and an artist as painter and potter.

If you would like to participate, please email us at denmanresource@gmail.com or call Tony Gregson at 778-838-7110.

We hope to hear from you soon! 🍷

Jacquie Barnett Pearlson Galapagos to Victoria, around 1973

ARTS&LIT

By Jacquie Barnett Pearlson

Iam writing about the last leg....around 1973 I had sailed with Colin leaving Chicago at the Illinois River down the Mississippi to New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. The entire trip took us 2 1/2 years.

I sent my notes of the trip to a cousin in LA who's has never returned them. He is a lawyer so what can I do?

Anyhow we were on a sand beach on one of the islands inhabited only by a large flock of flamingoes. The baby Maya we adopted in Costa Rica kept running after the flock in their large lagoon. "Mingoes Mama," she kept saying in her 3 year old language.

We rounded her up and took the dinghy out to where Vanda danced on her mooring. Seals were diving near our dinghy

trying to undo the knot in the rope. This was very astonishing. Colin pulled up the anchor on Vanda then cranked up the mainsail as we pointed into the wind. I grabbed the line up from the jib and circled it around a winch which was on the port side of the cockpit in the stern. Wind grabbed the jib with a woofing sound, turned the wheel so we were just slightly allowing the sails to fill.

We moved quickly into a beat with the bow just off windward and were quickly under way with the stiff breeze.

I always had a rope tied to the baby who was safe in the cockpit. We moved out of the entrance to the harbour. Bright blue water flew past the port side as I winched the jib in tight with just enough slack to keep us quickly underway. Colin was wrapping part of the main sail around the boom tucking it in around a wrap which shortened the main giving us more control, less sail.

We rose on a wave and dived into the roiling surf to the safety

of calmer waves in the gulf stream. Underway the seas rushed past the cockpit where we winched in the jib and main with just enough slack to keep in the rolling gulf stream.

On a port tack headed for Canada and Denman Island our new home. The baby Maya played in a plastic bucket with cups and dishes very intently doing her chores as we settled the aft mast near the cockpit and the large mainsail up forward on the main mast.

Spray from the waves entered the cockpit and were quickly washed away under the floorboards where scuppers fed the excess water out with a quick movement aft. This was after two years sailing from the locks in the Illinois River to New Orleans at the Gulf of Mexico. Our days had a tight routine keeping the boat underway and our 3 year old busy. Colin often went below to our bunk in the bow to nap and I lay in the cockpit with my foot on the ship's wheel keeping the stays

of the mast lined up for the trade wind to fill the sails. We had about four hour shifts each steering. Nearing the equator was warm and sunny with only bathing suits necessary and sometimes less than that to keep cool. A small sail was tied to the cockpit up forward scooping air through the boat while we were underway. The breeze kept the entire boat cool through its 43 feet into the cockpit. A small flat sail was over the cockpit with a funnel in the centre. If we hit a squall the rain would pour onto the cockpit funnel where we attached a hose running into the water tanks. One squall would enable us to funnel 50 gallons of fresh water into the water tank aft.

Wind off the bow on a port tack from the equator all the way to Victoria. I remember entering the office in Victoria with the ship's papers nineteen days after the calm equator. Walking from the boat on the dock in Victoria we were still moving in the walk as if we were at sea. Cockeyed I guess you would say. 🍷

Green Wizardries, The Summer Solstice

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

THE seasons are a bit out of kilter what with us having August for most of May but the celestial clock is still working. June 21 will see the longest day and the shortest night of the year. How I long for this blessed time of midsummer in the long, dark winters. Still, the roses of June are all the sweeter for their all too brief appearance.

As a Druid, I celebrate the Summer Solstice as one of the Eight Great Festivals of the year in common with a number of other nature-based spiritual traditions. I can remember learning about the summer solstice as a small child and thinking it was odd that we did nothing special to celebrate it.

In the old days, people lit bonfires on Solstice Eve and danced around and through the fires as the fire was considered purifying. The highest leap through the flames was considered to represent the height of the crops to come. They would dance and party until the sun came up but then they were much harder souls than we are now. At least, they are harder than I am.

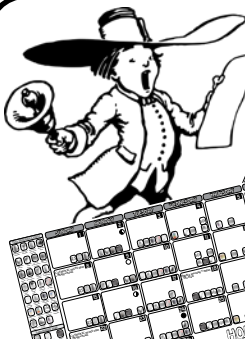
Here are a few ideas for how to celebrate the bitter-sweet Summer Solstice. Have a bonfire if the Fire Chief allows it. Not much hope of that, I am afraid, as we would need a deluge of rain to make that even remotely safe. Some Druids wake up to greet the sunrise on this day and that is a pleasant tradition. You will need to be up and organized early as sunrise is at 5:12 that morning. I think Fillongley Park or a good spot on top of Denman Island would be a good place to watch the sun come up.

If that is too early for you then you are welcome to borrow a Druid tradition of kissing your hand to the sun the first time you see it that day. I do this whenever I first see the sun or the moon to mark the occasion.



I always like to have some herbal oils steeping in the sun on the porch in June to catch the blessing of the Summer Solstice. This year, I will have a quart of sticky calendula buds steeping outside in olive oil. This oil makes the best face cream. I will also have a large jar of chopped comfrey in oil as it makes a wonderfully healing ointment for cuts and bruises. I will also have a jar of chopped yarrow flowers and leaves as this oil makes a great astringent which is useful in stopping bleeding and bruising. The same for Saint John's wort flowers which make an ointment that works remarkably

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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Submit your event by the end June 26th for listing in the July Calendar.

Send details of your event to:

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...continued from P.5 well on nerve pain. All these oils need from four to six weeks to steep under the power of the sun.

The Summer Solstice is also a good time to plant a large bed of carrots. Do this with your kids so they will take an interest in gardening and eating their vegetables. I like to plant cilantro with the carrots as the carrot rust fly does not like the smell of cilantro.

This is also a good day to pick your garlic scapes and chop them into short lengths. I have masses of garlic scapes this year and will ferment them to make pickles. I made some last year and was showing them to a friend who had just got rid of the last of her garlic scapes, not knowing what to do with them. When she tasted my fermentation-pickled scapes, she said she wished she had some more scapes to work with.

To pickle the scapes, chop them to whatever size you like. I always used to cut off the flower buds but just saw some

pickled with the flower heads on and it looked very pretty. Place the scapes in a large glass jar and cover the scapes with a brine made of 2 Tbsp pickling salt to every litre of water. Heat the water to get the salt to dissolve but let it cool before you pour it over the vegetables. Put a small jar full of water into the neck of the pickling jar to hold the scapes under the brine or they will go mouldy and the batch will be wasted. Place a cloth over the neck of the pickling jar and secure it with a rubber band or a piece of string. Place the jar in a basin as some of the brine may bubble out when fermentation begins in earnest. The pickles will be ready when they change from bright green to olive green.

You can use these pickled garlic scapes in place of pickles and capers in any salad, sandwich or recipe. Some people like to drink a shot glass of the pickle water for the probiotics. This is called a gut shot.

I wish all of my readers a fun and happy celebration of the Summer Solstice. 🍷

Summer Art Gallery Scot Bullick *Methodologies from the Cellar*

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

THE Scot Bullick's show will be a dramatic departure from the season's offering thus far – and probably, most seasons.

Scot hesitated to show the studio by his house down on Lacon. It's not everyone can deal with it, he said, as if it was some sort of no-go art zone, cordoned off with yellow tape for the safety of tidier minds. He was right.

Every wall, table, cupboard, cabinet, nook and cranny, even the rafters, overflows with an intense creative chaos of garage sale and junk yard finds, supplies and materials of every kind, as well as works in various states of progress as if somehow congealed from the confusion, a maker space gone mad, where the union of all objects in whatever materials is perfectly possible in a sublime uselessness.

A pair of broad axes is welded head-to-head with handles upside and down. Everybody's collection of assorted screwdrivers is married to a hand augur. Half a scissor resolves into a Swiss army knife, delicately opened out to display every tool, playfully unified into a whole by yellow and blue polka dots on pink paint.

The effect of these tool mashups can be at first one of excited bewilderment. They are three-dimensional collages of



practical functions. In our understanding of each tool, the mind hangs onto function, so that functionality becomes an abstract concept, open to questions that you might never otherwise ask of a hammer. An electric drill powers a cast of Scott's hand. The hand does something no human hand can do on its wrist, and the drill is a brutally crude robotic arm. Could be used to stir paint or make a wall-spattering mess of whipping the cream but whatever, the "hand drill" is haunted by the more ominous reaches of human genius (such as AI).

There is method to the madness. Welding, casting in aluminum and bronze, ceramic, carving in stone and wood, painting, plastics, and digital collage are all part of an astonishing technical versatility. Only someone with fearless curiosity, seemingly able to make anything from anything, would find such a cornucopia of different materials useable. Scot comes by his knowhow partly through a career in museum conservation. Working at the Glenbow for many years, he had a key to every cabinet and room and got to know and research the materials and physical properties of a vast variety of objects. He also worked as a technician in the sculpture program of an art college.

Scot's interest in collage techniques extends to other media, including painting and digital collage, though these are pursued to a lesser extent than sculpture. But in every case, there is a consistency to his basic imaginative impulse. He was always drawing as a child, sufficiently absorbed at the age of thirteen for his art teacher to suggest art school. He drew what he calls monsters out of his own head, a theme that continues to pervade his work. Not only paintings, but the hundreds of pebble carvings done over the years, as well as some cast work, reflect the visual vocabulary of the monsters he drew as a child with remarkable continuity.

The concept of monsters runs deeper. For visually, what is a monster, but a collage of fears expressed through invented and distorted forms. Though the tool mashups can be crazy fun, they emerge, with all the possibilities of disorder, playful or otherwise, from the idea of the monster.

I am hoping that Scot's pebble carvings will find a place in the show. He makes them almost as a matter of habit, carving them with dextrous speed in hours. Denman loves it rocks, and these little gems have a mysterious quality of their own, miniature stone heads from some strange civilization.

Connoisseurs of classical Chinese painting used to say that you could always judge the quality of a landscape against what exists (or the idea of what exists), but representation of monsters could not be judged because they didn't exist. That's a thought that suits Scot just fine.



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Please note the Local Trust Committee will only be filling positions on the Advisory Planning Commission at this time. Denman Island residents and landowners are encouraged to apply, including those who have served previously on a general or specialized APC (i.e. Marine, Transportation, or Agriculture). The deadline for expressions of interest is **Friday, June 30, 2023**.

For more information, please contact:

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An Open Letter to Deborah Marshall

By Sharon Small · Friends of Denman Forests

June 7, 2023
Open Letter

Dear Miss Marshall,

THIS refers to the *My Comox Valley Now* May 30 article in which you respond to the speeding issue that was discussed at the BCF facilitated Round Table on Denman Island a few days before. Islanders were pleased that this event could signal that BCF is finally ready to engage meaningfully with us to mitigate BCF created problems. However, your interpretation of the speeding issue reflects a familiar and disturbing BCF contradiction between what it does and what it claims about the significance of listening to community feedback as the first step towards addressing and mitigating problems.

The number one concern listed is “The impact of Hornby Island-bound traffic on safety and quality of life for Denman Island residents.” This represents good paraphrasing of our passionate and unambiguous feedback on how perilous it is to share our rural roads with the Hornby-bound and departing speeding drivers. However, later in the article you state “People were concerned that some customers might be speeding when they’re trying to get to the Hornby ferry or if they’re coming off Hornby Island, they might be speeding to get to the Denman Ferry.”

This statement does not reflect what you heard at the facilitated Round Table. Very few islanders would use the adjective “some” as the racing from terminal to terminal is a daily NORM. No one at the Round Table, moreover, used this adjective. Your saying “might” be speeding neutralizes our grave concern that this traffic issue needs to be immediately mitigated with better traffic control across Denman at the Buckley Bay terminal and a reliable ferry service.

Your statement can be interpreted in at least three ways: 1) You are putting profit ahead of human life and safety by not

offending your “customers who *might* be speeding”; 2) Since Denman Islanders are passionate and unambiguous about the persistent danger this terminal-to-terminal speeding is causing, (no “might” in sight), you could benefit from training in listening and paraphrasing community feedback; or 3) By minimizing or misrepresenting our grave concern and fears, you as representative of BCF, will neither address nor mitigate the traffic safety problem.

For Denman islanders, this minimizing our concerns is a familiar stalling strategy that is in violation of the Coastal Ferry Act and the BCF Commissioner’s recommendations to engage meaningfully with communities by first listening to our concerns and then involving us in a transparent decision-making process. In addition to speeding, many throw cans and cigarette butts, which create a fire hazard, onto the road shoulders and engage in reckless driving. BCF is not the cause of reckless driving and littering, but the excessive waiting times, the lack of BCF controlled coordination between Denman West and Gravelly Bay loading and unloading times, coupled with anxiety that the cable ferry will malfunction has created a wild west attitude amongst too many Hornby-bound drivers.

Just yesterday when I was making a left hand turn from Lacon onto Denman Road, one of these cowboys driving a large truck towing a flatbed was tailgating me for a few miles. As I began to turn left, he pulled up next to me on the right hand shoulder and gunned across the road to make the turn before I could. Why? To get ahead of a line of racing drivers who took the designated route from the Gravelly Bay terminal and who were barrelling closer towards us down the Denman Road hill. Good Subaru brakes saved the day and perhaps lives. This competition amongst Hornby drivers to get ahead of the ferry line is a daily threat to our tranquil rural island life. Thus, Ms Marshall, minimizing the effect of reckless driving by referring to “some” drivers who “might be speeding” is not acceptable.

Respectfully,
Sharon Small
Friends of Denman Forests 🌲

Is BC Ferries Listening?

OPINIONS

By Graham Brazier

THE following summary of two meetings with the communities of Denman and Hornby Island with B.C. Ferries was provided by B.C. Ferries on-line and may be of interest to readers of The Islands Grapevine.

“Eighteen BC Ferries staff and two professional facilitators were joined by 170 people on Denman Island and 90 people on Hornby Island [in late May] to have open dialogue on the Denman East terminal project, summer schedules, and other topics of importance to the community.

What we heard

We are grateful for the input we received. A detailed ‘what we

heard report’ will be coming, but some of the key themes we heard were:

From Denman Island:

- *The impact of Hornby Island-bound traffic on safety and quality of life for Denman Island residents, e.g. speeding, road safety, environmental impact*
- *The desire for a direct Buckley Bay – Hornby Island route*
- *The importance of taking a full-system view, including the potential to make changes at Buckley Bay to mitigate the traffic concerns created by Hornby-bound traffic, e.g. allowing only one Hornby Island sailing of traffic onto Denman Island at a time*
- *The desire to retain as many trees as possible and the rural feel of the Denman East terminal*
- *The desire to be re-engaged on plans for the Denman East terminal*

From Hornby Island:

- *The importance of travel certainty for residents, and the desire for priority for medical travel and school children*
- *The desire for Hornby residents to have equal shared deck space with Denman residents on the sailings between Denman Island and Buckley Bay*
- *The desire to proceed with the Denman East terminal project*
- *Requests for clarity on operational procedures, e.g. loading/unloading procedures, livestock policies etc.*
- *Requests to reassess the Monday-Friday two-ship schedule from Buckley Bay – Denman Island, and realign sailings to include weekends.”*

In my view, the summary reveals a profound division between the priorities of neighbours. These are priorities that have been largely unspoken but have percolated just below the surface for a very long period of time and are now out in the open and must be confronted. {And it is noteworthy that this revelation has come to the surface as a consequence of the dedication of a number of Denman Islanders to the protection of trees — an endeavour which has recently been given extensive media coverage and an extremely high priority throughout the globe.} On Hornby Island, it seems that Denman Island is seen as an obstacle. But curiously, the suggestion that perhaps Hornby-bound traffic should go around the obstacle rather than across it, was only evident at the meeting on Denman Island. This presents a challenge for B.C. Ferries. Its traditional response to increased demand for travel to Hornby Island has been to introduce larger vessels. This is no longer a response that will adequately serve the interests of Denman Island — residents or trees. 🍷

Guilty As Charged

By Keith Porteous

OPINIONS

I appreciate Elizabeth Chapman's letter to The Islands Grapevine that acknowledges the evolution of my perspective in relation to public health policy. Hopefully, this reflects the positive qualities of the capacity to change one's mind about important things. That being said, when I reflect on Elizabeth's characterization of my actions at the beginning of a declared public health emergency, I'm guilty as charged.

With one quibble and a caveat, I regret my unilateral decision to close the open forum on the taystayic Open Bulletin Board (tOBB) to any and all public health recommendations that were not coming from the government's public health advisories. This included censoring the views of Stephen Malthouse, although it was not specific to him. There were also other members whose views were censored, and the unilateral content restriction I imposed was pinned as an announcement at the top of the tOBB Facebook page.

The open bulletin board that I administer was founded on the principle of membership driven self moderation. The membership of tOBB has consensus on only one rule regarding the content of posts and comments, where you may not be personally unkind to another member. When I made the decision to censor dissenting public health views, several members posted their approval. I responded at that time by saying that I did not like censorship, that it was a temporary measure, and the restriction was lifted after a period of learning more about the level of danger our communities were facing.

Stephen Malthouse did make some public statements and took actions that I think were irresponsible. For instance, he claimed that wearing a mask held the risk of a driver falling unconscious and “crashing into a tree.” He entered the General Store without a mask, knowing that the proprietor

was legally responsible for enforcing the mask rule, or face closure. In both cases, I still think these things were wrong-minded, and weren't done in the spirit of kindness or calmness. The General Store is an essential service in our community, regardless of anyone's opinion about the mask rule or its utility. All this is to say nothing of his handling of the Pertussis outbreak, years prior to the pandemic. A doctor's oath is to do no harm.

I can relate to and empathize with both Stephen and Elizabeth's experience when publicly expressing views that don't align with a consensus that emerges from residents who have mostly been exposed to one overwhelmingly dominant narrative. I have had similar experiences. I understand that it was difficult for them both, and I apologize for how my act of censorship contributed to their discomfort. In hindsight, I would not make the same decision again. The Islands Grapevine however, did include Stephen's ideas and recommendations alongside the barrage of information coming from public health officials, and its Editor should be commended for his editorial policy of remaining impartial in matters of public debate.

Elizabeth Chapman's letter is a welcome invitation and opportunity for anyone who feels aggrieved of the mistreatment they received by those who were intolerant of dissenting views, and for those who may have regrets about how they have treated their neighbours unfairly. It might even be time for the former Chair of the Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society to rethink his recent miserabilist proclamation, in the June issue of The Flagstone, “I am loath to acknowledge” that the pandemic is over. We should be celebrating an end to a higher threat level, and an end to restrictions on personal and private choices. It's also a chance to learn something from our collective and individual experiences, and to heal some of the unnecessary divisions in our communities.



Is War Ever Justified?

OPINIONS

By Sally Campbell

WE can talk about the Drama Triangle at the interpersonal level and each find examples of how it plays out, without looking too far afield. We can also see how it manifests on the international level, and keeps us stuck, locked into its rigid categories, ever funding more weapons-making and more warfare.

David Swanson, one of the founders of *World Beyond War*, says he has a mind-reading game he plays with folks. He'll write something down on a piece of paper and then ask the group: Can you think of a war that was justified? Bingo, everyone answers "World War II", and he shows his piece of paper with the same answer. He then goes on to debunk that 80 year old myth with information we never had, facts we didn't know about opportunities missed, other choices, paths not taken, along with other compelling evidence which clearly shows that World War II, like all other wars in history, could have been avoided. So much could have been done differently. It reminds me again of Cormac McCarthy's prescient words: it's not the mess you're in right now that is the real dilemma. It's the decision you made back there at the crossroads (when you had other choices). THAT is what needs examining.

This is the topic of WBW's upcoming course: "*Leaving World War II Behind*". I took this course when it was first offered and it was a game changer for me, daughter of a Canadian Naval officer, raised to believe that *of course* WWII was a just war, a necessary war, honourable and heroic on the part of our guys. Hitler was the villain, the Jews were the victims and "Great Britain" and the allies were the heroes. It was rarely mentioned that the Russians were our allies in that war and that they actually took the major hit and suffered the most losses fighting the Nazis. That couldn't be mentioned because they were our new villain once the Cold war began, with the US as the world's hero, leading the "free world".

Some say that today both sides in the NATO- Russia proxy war in Ukraine are replaying World War II. The Russians are fighting against what they call "neo-Nazification" (ultra-right wing nationalism) in Ukraine, and NATO is fighting

Ukraine: The Counter-offensive Begins

OPINIONS

By Gwynne Dyer · OP June 11th, 2023

THE furious speculation on whether the Ukrainian counter-offensive will succeed has been ongoing for several months already, so the first thing I must tell you is that I don't know. Nobody knows, not even the Ukrainians.

They know that the big prize is a southward offensive that reaches the Black Sea coast and virtually cuts off all the Russian forces west of there. (The Russians could still get some supplies via Crimea, but not much.)

However, the Russians know that too, and they have been building deep defences all across the southern region since

against Putin, the new monster, with its stated goal being to "weaken" Russia. Canada's leaders, rather than pushing for diplomacy, cease-fire and an end to the war, are helping lead the attack, openly calling for "regime change" in Russia. The Ukrainians are caught in the middle, becoming refugees (8 million have gone to Russia, about the same to the EU), and dying. Is it preferable that Ukrainians in the Donbass region die rather than be part of Russia? Why don't we heed the results of their referendum on the subject? Or could we look to Vietnam, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan for guidance? History will look back and see this as yet another unnecessary, unwinnable war. Are we truly incapable of learning from past disasters?

The UK and the West have in one way or another been involved in warfare against Russia for about 175 years! (*Codepink* webinar on Crimea June 6, 2023) Is it not time to develop an endgame and put those hostilities to rest? The Nordstream pipeline explosions were very much about sabotaging Russian economic partnerships with Europe, and cementing the US as dominant. How might we all thrive if we put economic and climate security ahead of militarism for a change?

Leaving World War II Behind is a beautifully crafted 6 week online course, starting July 3rd, with no fixed timelines or deadlines, optional assignments, and even a sliding scale for payment. It is a true eye-opener, explaining what led to the rise of Hitler, how eugenics got ramped up, Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbour, why that did not have to happen, and much, much more. The inexorable escalation to all-out warfare leading to the utterly devastating and also completely unnecessary use of nuclear weapons by our hero the US, is all carefully laid out. I highly recommend this course.

Somehow, we in the West continue blindly to see ourselves as the rescuer/ hero in the Drama Triangle. Yet most of the world's population is learning to see us as a villain. Stepping out of the Drama Triangle doesn't mean we say that leaders like Putin are innocent and it doesn't make us apologists for dangerous behavior. It simply acknowledges that there are complexities here; it's not as black and white as propaganda would have it seem. Geopolitics are at play, spheres of influence. This is "the world of *what is*".

late last year. Moreover, it's around ninety km. from the present Ukrainian positions to the coast. That's a very long way if the Russians stand and fight.

'Some of them will and some of them won't' is the standard assumption based on the past year's fighting, which is why the Ukrainians are launching probing attacks almost all the way along the 1,000-km front line.

Any heavy fighting elsewhere will be designed to force the Russians to commit their reserves early so that they aren't available to strengthen Russian defences in the south. The Russians won't easily be suckered into doing that, however, because they know what the Ukrainian strategy must be.

If the Russians commit their reserves to the south big and

early, on the other hand, the Ukrainians might decide to switch their main attack to the north instead and leave the south for later. Choices in war are unpredictable, and outcomes even more so.

There's a very good chance that the Ukrainians will achieve their highest priority, which is to win back enough territory to secure continuing financial support and weapons supplies from the West. Otherwise, they would be forced to accept a cease-fire that leaves much of their country under Russian occupation.

There's at least an even chance that the Ukrainian army will break through to the south coast and inflict a major defeat on the Russians. However, even that would probably not force the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, to accept defeat and withdraw from Ukraine entirely.

There is a small but real possibility that the Russian army might collapse on the battlefield in the event of a major defeat, or that the regime might change in Moscow as part of a domestic power struggle, but neither event would necessarily bring an end to the war.

What remains to be said (but rarely is in the context of a military analysis like the one above) is that this war, like all wars, is a human hunter-gatherer legacy and more broadly a predator evolutionary adaptation that is utterly counter-productive in any technological civilisation.

The Putin regime has behaved very badly and invaded a neighbour who posed no threat, but the military institutions that made such an act possible exist in every country. The social structures and political assumptions that underpin them are as old as civilisation, and while armies are a human innovation, war is much older.

We didn't invent war; we inherited it. Our branch of the primate family has been living in small groups for a long time,

and we probably became predators (like our closest relatives, the chimpanzees) at least three million years ago. Most group-living animal predators are engaged in a permanent low-level war with nearby groups of the same species.

Fights to the death between individual predators are rare, because there's a 50% chance of death in every fight. Make the right submissive gesture and walk away. But rival groups of the same species of predator can and do fight wars: lions, hyenas, chimpanzees – and humans.

It makes evolutionary sense for group-living predators, because the supply of food (prey) sometimes gets scarce. Predators are strongly territorial, and killing off members of neighbouring groups means that when the hard times come, your group can overwhelm the neighbours and survive by using their territory too.

Human hunter-gatherers also behaved like this, and they carried these behaviours into their civilisations. The little bands became tribes with imaginary shared ancestors and then millions-strong societies united by 'national' identities. The war-bands grew into armies and the weapons got steadily deadlier.

War actually still made economic sense when land was the only source of wealth, but military conquest isn't even profitable any more. Many people understand that war is obsolete and existentially dangerous in the nuclear era, and there were collective attempts to stop it after both world wars: the League of Nation and the United Nations.

Ukraine's decision in 1994 to give up the nuclear weapons it inherited from the Soviet Union in return for a Russian promise to respect its frontiers was another of those attempts, and that didn't work very well either. Just another demonstration of how hard it is to escape our past. Nevertheless, we have no choice but to keep trying. 🍷

Health Canada Expert Panel Meets with Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club

PRESS RELEASE

By VCBC · OP June 8th, 2023

VICTORIA, B.C.: An Expert Panel created by Health Canada to review the Cannabis Act held a meeting with the members and staff of the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club yesterday to discuss the benefits of storefront access to low cost, high dosage cannabis products. Ironically, this meeting comes one week after the Licensing and Medical Access Directorate informed the VCBC that Health Canada would not grant the organization an exemption from the Cannabis Act. While the organization is hopeful that the expert panel will recommend the government change the laws to allow storefront medical access and higher than 10 mg THC in edibles, it remains to be seen what the federal government will do once the results are made public this fall.

"We are very pleased the expert panel took the time to hear from our organization," stated founder Ted Smith. "The VCBC



is the last compassion club left operating in the country. It was important for them to hear how we function and why we are so important to our patients so they can consider recommendations that would allow for storefront medical distribution of high-dosage edible products."

Patients Corrie Yelland, Julia Veintrop and Richard Clemens explained to the panel the value of high THC products when

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...continued from P.11 fighting cancer and trying to wean off opiates. For many patients using 1000 mg a day, or more, is critical for them to fight pain, cancer and opiate withdrawal, and both of these members did an amazing job explaining the safety and benefits of high dosage THC products. Corrie has become an international star after going online to help other patients fighting cancer, after she cured herself by making cannabis suppositories before they were available at compassion clubs.

Another pioneer in the medical cannabis field, Hilary Black, was listening to the meeting and felt the patients did an excellent job sharing their story in the short time they had. "Everyone was very well prepared", and the group "came off very professional and authentic." Founder of the B.C. Compassion Club Society, which was forced to close its doors in Vancouver last year because of difficulties transitioning into the legal system, Hilary typically would be appearing at these types of meetings with Health Canada in the past. We were thankful to have her attend and witness this momentous meeting with the Expert Panel.

The first question from the chair Morris Rosenberg, asked us about training staff and where our knowledge comes from. After founder Ted Smith briefly described the process currently used at the club, he acknowledged that work had just begun to create a standardized training program that could be used across the country. Staff Julia Furstenau and former staff Julia Veintrop added that their knowledge came from their experience as patients first who learned to use cannabis from other patients before becoming employees of the organization. The theme of patients helping patients to develop a working knowledge of the plant based on personal experience and anecdotes was repeated throughout the meeting. This communal development of knowledge and peer to peer education is a result of doctors and nurses who lack real experience with cannabis giving them only

theoretical information, if that.

Recently B.C. Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth, has gone on record asking Health Canada to increase the 10 mg THC limit for recreational sales. Many organizations and government bodies have been informing Health Canada that the limit is too low, though exactly how high the expert panel will recommend remains to be seen. One of the main reasons the 10 mg THC limit is being challenged is because consumers are purchasing high-strength products almost exclusively by illegal websites due to lack of legal options.

Even if the panel recommends Health Canada increase the THC limits in edibles and to allow storefront medical distribution, the VCBC will still be forced to go ahead with a lawsuit and injunction against the federal and provincial governments, while at the same time applying for a judicial review of Health Canada's decision to deny the club an exemption. Until a judge grants the VCBC an injunction, the compassion club and its landlord are still vulnerable to further punitive measures from the B.C. Community Safety Unit. No dates for those hearings have been set.

For more information call Ted Smith at 250-415-1063 or hellovcbc@gmail.com

The VCBC has moved to the back of 1625 Quadra St as of Tuesday February 28th. You can read more about it here: <https://cannabisdigest.ca/vcbc-moving-on-tues-feb-28-to-1625-quadra-st/>

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Publisher's Notes

ANYONE who has conversed with me understands exactly how enamoured I am with my own voice. I'm a pro at looking past eye rolls, quite oblivious to door-creeching, and can take a conversation off-road and back with Dukes of Hazard aplomb so even disquieted fidgeting proves little distraction as I go from yarn to analogy to seemingly unrelated topic only to magically tie it all together in the end, assuming I can remember the point I was trying to make in the first place. And for this reason, dear reader, it's a good thing I come equipped with self-awareness. It governs me from submitting 'Publisher's Notes' more frequently than required, at the expense of lord knows how many extra trees worth of paper (hopefully not Denman trees), only to just get set ablaze by rabid GV non-readers in the end anyways. Seems wasteful to me.

But I simply can't pass on the opportunity presented by

a Complete Fire Ban to share with all of you my smooth *baritone*, yes *baritone*, in the form of ink spilled. With flames tucked safely away what I convey stands greater chance of being seen, goes the thinking. So hop in and buckle up! I've been known to lurch at non sequiturs and habitually go 25% over the word limit.

Hello everyone! Readers, contributors, advertisers and, yes, non readers too. I gotta say it's been a wild ride these past few years (cue General Lee horn), and I'm sure you'd agree. A pandemic can be like that.

In archiving our islands' collective experience, I recall how shows, clubs, sales, and life in general evaporated from the pages of our weekly as the plague seeped into our conscious. Replaced by articles outlining protocols aimed at mitigating spread and maintainIng basic function within our communities. Dark times to be sure. Restricted to our abodes, peering from behind a fortress of Purex bathroom

tissue, we witnessed Hornby & Denman's social calendar dry up. It soon became clear there was little point in producing the monthly calendar.

GV history freaks take note: this begat the current Fortnight Events section on the back page. With no Yoga, Library, Couples Yoga, Seniors' Lunch, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi, Nia Yoga, Weavers and Spinners, Feldenkrais Method Yoga, Yoga with Rachel, DCA walks, Sunrise Yoga, Roots Dojo and on, graphic layout yoga was suddenly no longer required by Grapevine-Chris to shoehorn into the calendar all the happenings that typically occurred each month on our islands. There was nothing. We ultimately conceded there was little point in producing this mainstay GV feature. Island fridges suddenly felt naked and the GV publisher has waxed nostalgic ever since.

Nonetheless, our island's weekly continued providing a public platform for locals to share and communicate in this absence of 'normal'.

GV history freaks take note: this begat a rather robust Letters to the Editor section.

Amidst howls of 'Mis-information!' I faced much criticism. And I owned it, for with no more GV monthly calendar there was no way to shield islanders from information missed. I mean there was no denying its absence. I printed all criticisms besides ones labelled 'Not for Publication,' as a show of good faith and, by extension, provided islanders an **actual** barometer in the storm they'd not have had otherwise. This netted the GV accusations of being divisive; *including* peoples opinions. Now I don't want to give the impression it's been all criticism. There has also been much GV support and I'd be remiss to not mention as much. Barometers being barometers and all.

Along the way much impassioned discussion has graced our

pages. On all manner of topic. It is here that I wish to say 'Thank You' to everyone who engages their paper. Whether you are reading or contributing, selling or buying, approving or critical. For that's the point of a paper to my mind. Engagement. A measure of its health. And in this regard the GV has never been healthier. I marvel at the variety and quality of content that has evolved over the years and tip my hat to all responsible. We've come a long way, through an awful lot. As a paper and as a community.

To illustrate this much I remember the first Easter after COVID hit. The Grapevine's second year of hosting the Annual Egg Hunt. As everything shuttered and brows became more knitted, I consulted with a respected local elder on the possibility of dropping candies at the foot of children's driveways as a show to the kids that not everything need be lost. "Best I can tell, bunnies can't transmit Covid," I recall lightheartedly probing. "I wouldn't be so sure about that," was the response.

GV history freaks take note: Barometer reading for April 2020? Hit the bricks, Easter Bunny!

Given the climate of the time cancellation WAS the prudent decision, supported by barometric data.

Returning to present, I recently found myself in a packed community hall with that very same elder who wasn't wearing a mask. Sure, they make a point of wearing one when in the General Store but that's another matter entirely. While there were no bunnies in attendance this particular evening, there had to have been 80+ potential transmission vectors in the form of unmasked neighbours, friends and ex-friends. Barometer reading May 2023? *Hmm*, weird. Seems to be behaving more like a dime store mood ring. Time for a recalibration. Against a backdrop of two post lockdown

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Mandate Spree

by Thomas Provençal

*This world is full of rhetoric.
It's hard to know the truth.*

*Propaganda pundits
are sitting in a booth
financed by the giants
who dominate the horde
with Justin in compliance
and Chrystia on the board!*

*WEF has hit it outa the park
and now they lost the ball!*

*When reminded of the mandates
they deny or don't recall
the harm that was inflicted
on all society,
coercively restricted
in a mandate making spree.*



...continued from P.13 Easter Egg hunts that aside from one purported instance of sugar rush went off without incident, I begin to find clearer perspective as the GV's only pandemic publisher. While the climate *has* changed (take it easy Climate Deniers, I'm talking about the Covid climate) decisions must still remain prudent. Which is why after a three year absence I'm pleased to announce the return of the GV's Monthly Calendar! Cue General Lee horn!

GV history freaks take note: IT'S TIIME!

There are events, there is dance, there is art, there are tours, there are protests, there are meetings and yes, there is yoga! To be fair, I read in this month's Flagstone how one writer 'is loath to acknowledge that the pandemic is over,' so it's conceivable not everyone has left their foxhole. But cheerleading for the pandemic? Now *that's* a fringe minority. To be fair once more, it's not the Grapevine's place to take sides on a pandemic or anything for that matter. I mention this not for comparison but as juxtaposition to what I view as the purpose of the paper. The Islands Grapevine mirrors the

region it serves. Islands which to my eye have stirred back to life and warrant a monthly calendar reboot. The only question is, 'how many new Prepper Clubs have sprouted up over the last 38 months?' I've noticed Concerned Citizens groups have been trending of late. Can Concerned Yoga be far behind? Pandemics Anonymous? Community Reconciliation Yoga? The only way to know for sure is to look to July's Denman & Hornby Calendar in our June 29th issue!

Oh! And as for the Grapevine being divisive? I stand before you dear reader, ink-stained and hat in hand, with no defence in the face of such charge for I've every intent of printing Denman's calendar on one face of the page and Hornby's on the other.

GV history freaks will remember.

Want to list your recurring event, meeting, club? Contact the Grapevine at calendargrapevine@gmail.com.

July Calendar deadline is June 26th. 🍷

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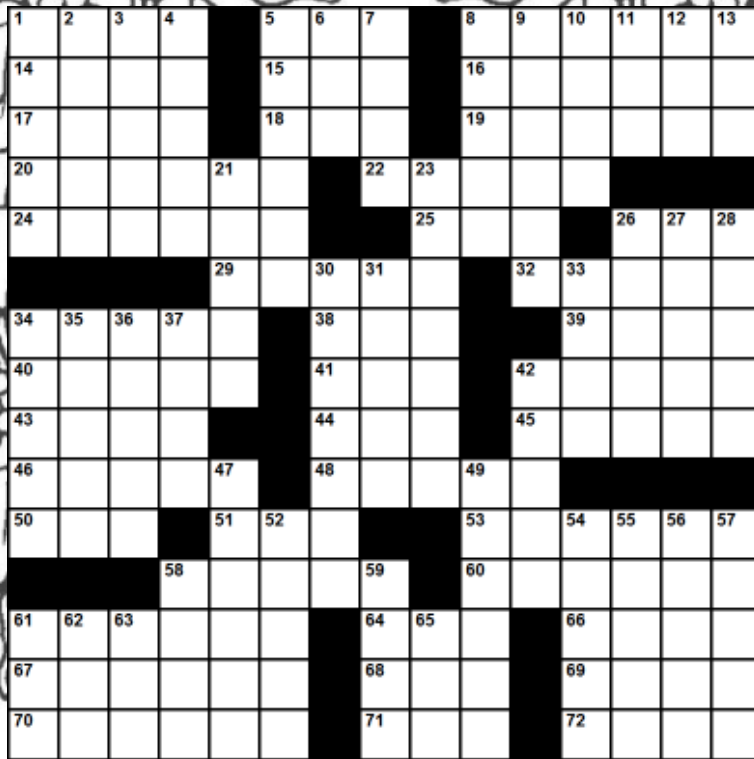
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69. Differently
70. Emerson works
71. Aye opponent
72. Antelope's playmate

• DOWN •

1. Bunch of grain stalks
2. French subway
3. Of an arm bone
4. Fierce look
5. Comic Buster
6. Actor McKellen
7. Dully colored
8. Fiery gemstones
9. Mass confusion
10. Assessment
11. Aladdin prince
12. Gumshoe
13. Anteceding
21. Acrobatic
23. Continental merger
26. Young chicken
27. Thin, light fabric
28. Brand of breath mints
30. Mothball ingredient
31. Czarist edict
33. Armbone
34. Ruined, slang
35. Daredevil's need
36. College at Oxford

37. Capital of Peru

42. Pastoral poem
47. Emoticon
49. Badminton exchange
52. Date palm locale
54. Obsolete
55. New World lizard
56. Furze
57. Aromatic chemical
58. Blue fin
59. Galactic time period
61. Actor Vigoda
62. Bridal title
63. Infection indication
65. Historic time

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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Grumpism



“My surgeon had to quit. He kept losing his patience.”

Thank you Ken Fisher.

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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\$720 plus GST. Text or call Scott at
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• **COMMUNITY NOTICES** •

DENMAN VOLUNTEER MEETING
HORNBY DENMAN HEALTH is
holding a gathering on Wed
June 28th from noon to 2pm to
introduce our new elder services
and opportunities to join our team
as a volunteer.
Please RSVP by Wednesday
June 23rd to Autumn
at 250-792-5889 or care@
hornbydenmanhealth.com. We look
forward to seeing you!

COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION
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Zoom meetings (unlimited time
and free recording): See [denman-
works.wordpress.com/contact/](http://denman-works.wordpress.com/contact/)

• **LOST & FOUND** •

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

• **EMPLOYMENT** •

THE D.I. GENERAL STORE needs
another cashier/stocker, starting as
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Please drop your resume at the
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• **GARAGE SALES** •

Garage Sale

Item price by donation - proceeds to
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Saturday June 17

10am - 3pm

6046 East Road (just past Bill Mee
Park).

Please park on East Road and walk in
Items for sale: furniture, bedding,
kitchen items, tools etc

• 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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- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather •
250-703-6512 (All) • John Isbister • 250-335-2565 (D)
- DB Excavations • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • 250-465-1889 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake • 613-447-8873 (All)
- Tandem Gravel Truck & Transfer Trailer • Lora Mercieca
• 250-650-9986 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation • 335-3145 (D/H)

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- 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)

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250-202-1268 (D)
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335-2260 (D/H)
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- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac. • 250-508-8160
• www.heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 15

- 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 16

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm
- LUKE WALLACE concert Back Hall

SATURDAY 17

- 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
- MURAL PAINTING see article p.3

SUNDAY 18

- DI UNITED CHURCH EARTHCHURCH
10:45am
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

MONDAY 19

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

TUESDAY 20

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

WEDNESDAY 21

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

THURSDAY 22

- 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
- SUMMER ART GALLERY see ad p.3



FRIDAY 23

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

SATURDAY 24

- 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 25

- ST. SAVIOUR'S EUCHARIST SERVICE
5:30pm

MONDAY 26

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

TUESDAY 27

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

WEDNESDAY 28

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

THURSDAY 29

- 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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Adult Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Support Worker

We are currently seeking an Adult Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Support Worker to provide services on Hornby and Denman Islands. The purpose of this role is to ensure that community members experiencing substance use and/or mental health challenges have access to timely, local, responsive, culturally-competent, evidence based treatment and support. This position is supported by the MHSU Program Supervisor, a member of the Adult MHSU team, and part of a growing community-based program.

The position starts immediately with the current funding extending to April 30, 2024, and will be continued on condition of funding renewal. Please email meredith@hornbydenmanhealth.com for a detailed job description with qualifications.

Interested applicants are invited to email their resume and covering letter to:
Meredith McEvoy, MHSU Program Supervisor at meredith@hornbydenmanhealth.com

Closing date for applications is July 5th, 2023



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