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The Craft Fair is THIS WEEKEND!

Submitted by Laura Busheikin.

There is an extremely, perhaps infinitesimally, remote possibility that there are people on Denman Island who don't know about the Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair. Most people, it seems, are involved in some way (or multiple ways), whether as vendors, buskers, drivers, helpers, decorators, cooks, cleaners, raffle-ticket sellers, organizers, or dessert-makers.

For anyone who doesn't know it: the fair takes place this weekend, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at the Community Hall and Activity Centre, and all around those venues. Keep in mind that Sunday tends to be the less-busy day so if you get overwhelmed by crowds hold off until then. Most vendors have plenty of goods and replenish their tables



*Vinegars by Annie Siegel
Photo by Fireweed*

as things sell, so you don't have to worry about missing out on the good stuff.

Now is a good time to invite your off-island friends. Remind them that they can park at Buckley Bay and walk over. A free shuttle bus, aligned with ferry schedules, will greet them and take them up the hill to the site. This is a wonderful way to support a truly local economy, see a vast amount of high-quality arts and crafts, and get your gift shopping done without having to enter a store. Also, the food, provided by local cooks and farmers, is great.

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*Cat by Susan Cain
Photo by Colby Rex O'Neill*

Gardening Tidbits

Submitted by Teresa Beers

The other day, I was wandering around to see what I could use for some seasonal decorations. It struck me that I can be guilty of taking for granted the incredible place we share with our fellow islanders and all the beings residing here. We are so fortunate to have access to such abundance of nature. The healing, soothing and restorative qualities we receive from spending quality time outside influence all our senses, our whole being. Aside from our personal experiences, the profound effects of spending time in, and with, nature have been well documented. Among many findings, there is evidence in the neuroscience field of the positive influence the natural world has in supporting and enhancing our health, balance and happiness.

The late fall garden has it's own beauty. The grasses waving in the wind, the seed heads

being enjoyed by birds, the leaf colours evolving, the lush greens of the forest beginning to return - even the structure of the bare branches offer their own uniqueness and aesthetic pleasure. There is also the joy of seeing the winter veggies and herbs establish themselves, coupled with the anticipation of fresh food to come.

As winter approaches, the garden is preparing to rest. The winter months bring such a wonderful opportunity to relax, reflect and take good care of ourselves. One of the things I plan to do is read some books. I recently borrowed a lovely book from a friend - "The Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben. I cherish our forests and reading about the communication between trees brings my appreciation of them to a deeper level. A great book to begin my winter reading adventures....as well as to remind me of the precious gifts we receive from the Earth and of the responsibilities we have to coexist responsibly and respectfully.



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22:47 • 1.4 m • 4.6 ft	17:59 • 4.6 m • 15.1 ft
FRIDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 6
04:25 • 4.2 m • 13.8 ft	01:14 • 0.3 m • 1.0 ft
09:31 • 2.9 m • 9.5 ft	08:32 • 5.2 m • 17.1 ft
15:12 • 4.7 m • 15.4 ft	14:03 • 3.3 m • 10.8 ft
22:57 • 1.0 m • 3.3 ft	18:50 • 4.5 m • 14.8 ft
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Object Observed:

The Adumbration of Breakfast

Submitted by Michael Dennis

Walking past the barn the other day I observed a pile of grey offal on the path, dog shit methought, to be avoided. But closer examination revealed it to be composed mainly of hair, with small bony inclusions. Plus it did not smell like shit. So I picked it up to carry home for further observation. Through my trusty dissecting microscope (liberated from a past life) I teased apart the pile and found many small bones; one bulbous skull, I think of a vole, lots of rib bones and toe nails and at least three pairs of long skinny jaw bones each of which ended in a shovel shaped tooth. Whose jaws were these? I went to ask the oracle of Google about jaw bones; it told me shrews. Shrews!!! That

bird had caught at least three shrews, and here I have lived for more than forty years and never seen a shrew. Ever. Yet that owl observed and caught at least three in one night. Her powers of observation for such things are obviously better than mine. Of the pellets themselves, many birds, including owls, hawks, crows and others swallow their prey whole, head first. This goes into the first chamber of the stomach for preliminary digestion. The nutrients move on down the pipe, while indigestibles like fur and bones are regurgitated as a pellet. The contents of the pellet show what the bird ate and suggest which type of bird it may have come from. Most notably, if there are insect remains it is not from

an owl. Owls do not eat bugs. My pellet did not have insect pieces, and was found by the barn. Probably an owl. With my appetite so whetted I went searching for other pellets. I found another likely furry grey pile under a tree. Back to the teasing, yes, more bones, but there too a bug's head, with big eyes observing me from the other side, and plates from the back of a large flying beetle, or dragonfly maybe. I guess this pellet was from a hawk; a hawk that eats bugs and small mammals. There is a lot going on out there, a lot of observing, much of it at night, most of which has escaped my own observation. I do hear the owls out there talking, perhaps discussing the last meal, sitting out on the front branches spitting pellets, their intermittent shrieks no doubt striking fear into the fast beating hearts of the little rodents about.

DCLTA Silent Auction:

The Result

Once again, Denman Island has proven itself to be a community of incredibly hard-working and generous people.

On November 18th, the Denman Community Land Trust Association Silent Auction raised \$15,000 to go toward the purchase of the two acres for DCLTA's proposed Seniors' Affordable Housing project. The credit belongs to the community - to the many

Submitted by Roberta Pagdin

people who donated goods, artwork, crafts, services, the evening's snacks and provided assistance with running the auction.

Also to be recognized are the people behind the scenes who gave their time and energy to bring it all together - phoning potential donors and collating lists of auction articles, keeping

the website up-to-date, moving auction items, curating and cleaning up after the event.

And, of course, thank-you to those who participated in the auction by bidding. It couldn't have happened without all of you!

Auction proceeds went directly into the acquisition fund, which now holds one quarter of the purchase price of the property.

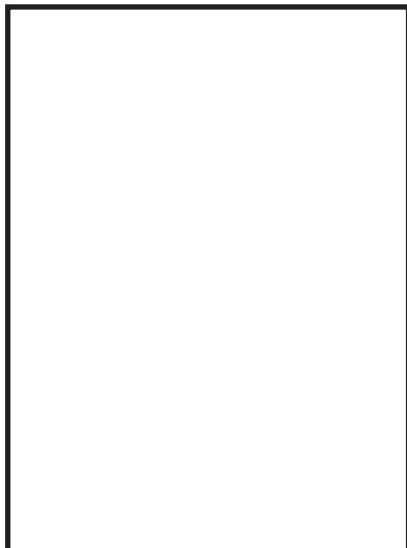
Solar on Denman:

Part 2 • The Experience

*Submitted by Anthony Gregson,
Correspondent at Large*

In the first installment of this series, The Grapevine interviewed Sheldon Rempel on the way forward on solar power for Denman Island. Sheldon's recommendation was that probably the most reasonable strategy for individual home owners is to use solar to reduce dependence on the BC Hydro grid. The cost of storage batteries, and their maintenance, could make the costs and effort of going completely off-grid on solar alone impractical.

Retired doctor David Scruton wanted to reduce expenses and took up the grid-tie strategy. He has installed 34 solar panels on his property and got grid tie in April 2016. He was advised on the project by Dave Needs of Gab Energy, non-profit solar specialists on Gabriola Island.



*David Scruton
Photo by Dreadful Imagery*

He describes Needs as a solar power evangelist who lived off-grid in the BC West Chilcotin-Precipice Valley for 27 years. Needs eventually moved to Gabriola Island because he found the batteries and all the wood he had to cut too much work. On Gabriola he set up a cooperative with the idea of taking the island solar. The coop evolved into the Gab Energy Society in 2014 that as part of its mission to promote

solar energy has become a solar wholesaler which was able to sell Scruton panels cheaper than his local off-island supplier could buy them. Scruton didn't conduct the recommended energy consumption inventory, preferring to rely on the advice of his panel supplier "Dave Needs told me to get 34 panels so I did." Solar electrician Andrew Sharrock of Island Electric did the installation and hookups.

The panels came with a 25-year guarantee that they will produce no less than 80% of their power. Batteries were avoided because he thinks they

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are too expensive, do not have a long life, and are too hard to maintain. Scruton especially likes the low maintenance – all he has had to do is wash the panels down, which is no trouble since the array is mounted on a ground-based frame that he built himself with the help of a friend. It was important to anchor the frame against the win. Rather than use heavy materials (such as a concrete foundation) he drilled down 3 feet and anchored the frame with rebar and concrete using 4 x 4 posts after a retired neighbour who had been a Saskatchewan farmer advised him that large barns were anchored by the same method. The ground-based installation also allows him to easily remove snow.

The total investment was about \$20,000. That was two years ago, and Scruton feels that costs have probably gone down since then. “It’s a good investment when you can only get the very low returns typical today (for example, 2.5%)”, he says, “but not if you could do better (say 15%).”

The array can produce about 64KWH on a cloudless, sunny day. Over an eight-month period of operation last year, the system generated 8.2

megawatts; in 2017, up to mid October, he had produced 8.7 megawatts. His solar array does not keep him all the time below Hydro Tier 2 because he is using electricity to run the in-floor



heating system for the whole building. The house is large, with two 200- amp services. The solar grid-tie service runs the in-floor heating for the whole building, the workshop and guest accommodation. The second service, with no grid-tie, runs the appliances such as the dishwasher, stove, fridge, freezer, washer and drier. In high summer, the floor heating side would normally run \$150 to \$200 per month; the appliance side would run \$250. In winter, the appliance side would still run around \$250, but the heating side get up to \$700.

Scruton has now started to save some money. In the six-month period since he got grid tie in March 2016, he got a grid-tie credit of \$750 in September last year. For the next six months ending in February 2017, he

got a bill for about \$500. This year started Jan 1st and he got a bill in October for \$15. He was anticipating a credit because more power was produced over the period, but thinks his workshop, where he has been doing a lot for work, may have consumed more power. He guesstimates that he has cut his heating bill in half, by about \$1500 a year, tax free and no maintenance fees.

Scruton monitors his system using an application that tracks solar energy output in real time

and performance measures such as accumulated annual output. Of course, all depends on the weather and he notes that the forest fire smoke this summer made quite a difference, cutting down energy generation by at least a quarter. On the other hand, he believes that better weather in the fall over the last few years has tended to compensate.

John Isbister, on top of the Steep Slopes up Triple Rock Road has invested about \$8000 in an array of 14 panels with grid tie. Like John Scruton, he prefers a ground array for maintenance purposes, and also, as he points out, because roofs need repair and replacing. He points out the array can also be used to collect water and already uses

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it as a tool shed, turning it into a multi-purpose building. The energy from the array feeds underground to a panel in the barn nearby and from there to the house about a hundred feet away using only house wiring, which is cheaper. Isbister built the frame himself and also contracted with Andrew Sharrock of Island Electric for panels and installation. He intends to add more panels if it works out. So far, he estimates that he has saved 50 percent on his energy costs.

Off island, the Grapevine encountered a retired farmer who used to be completely off-grid of necessity some years ago at Horne Lake because there was no Hydro service. He informed us that he ran an array of 4 solar panels that charged 18 used forklift batteries weighing 124 pounds each and costing about \$500 a piece (though he obtained his at no cost from a warehouse operation when they switched out the batteries every five years). The batteries had to be kept topped up with distilled water at all times, and maintained at a charge level of no less than 50%. When the panels could not maintain that charge level, the charge was maintained by a 3-amp gas-powered generator. All that system was used only to power the freezer (about 500 watts), TV and LED lighting. The appliances, including the fridge, were propane, and the heating

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The Blackberry Lane Dessert Table Needs Your Support!

Submitted by Rebecca Nykwest

Blackberry Lane Children's Centre will set up its beloved dessert table again this year in the back hall at the Christmas Craft Faire. As always, we rely on community support to make this fundraiser—our most important one of the year—a success. Please consider donating a baked treat to the table for us to sell! Simply drop your donation off at the table anytime during the Faire, or call Lindsay at 5-3414 to arrange pickup before Saturday. Please be sure to label any containers so that we may return them to you promptly.

And whether or not you donate an item, we hope you'll stop by the table for coffee or tea and a treat. We'll also have a limited number of treat packages

available. They make excellent gifts.

You'll also have a chance to enter our amazing annual raffle. First prize this year is a gorgeous, one-of-a-kind quilt, made by Stacey Armstrong. Second prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Ima's Bakery. Third prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Ember Pottery, and fourth is a locally-made gift basket. Tickets are three for \$5.00, and the drawing will take place Sunday at 4 pm.

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was primarily wood.

Hopefully, them's the old days. The Gab Energy web site estimates that the cost of solar cells has fallen from \$76.67 per watt in 1977 to just over

49 cents a watt as of July 15, 2016 – 130 times cheaper. They estimate that the average house uses about 11 megawatts of electricity and argue that with the cost of Hydro rising 4% a year, the savings on solar are “exponential” – without all the expense and fuss of batteries.

Certainly, from the experience of David Scruton and John Isbister, significant savings have been realized without high costs or onerous on-going commitment. It's not about getting off-grid but getting to zero billing.

What do you do when the label becomes more famous than the work?

Twenty-four years ago, back in 1992, Denman Island sculptor Michael Dennis contributed a piece, Reclining Figure in chunky cedar to a weekend art exhibit (the Brewery Creek Exhibition) in Vancouver's Guelph Park. The park is a popular destination in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood (according to some sites such as Yelp, one of the most popular in the city). As Dennis sat there on a sunny afternoon with children and dogs and neighbours playing about, he was approached by the chair of the Mt. Pleasant Community Association, and asked to leave the sculpture there permanently. He agreed and the sculpture was duly acquired by the Vancouver Parks Board and installed in the park.

Bronzing the Dude

Submitted by Anthony Gregson,
Correspondent at Large



Angel in Repose - detail



The Dude Chilling, patiently awaiting a bronze apotheosis back home at Lakeside Farm, Denman Island. Funding? Some other dude's hangup

monument to the appreciation and engagement of the local community to the park and the sculpture. What artist would not be thrilled to have their work so embraced and embedded in the community consciousness, to the point where, over the years the park itself quietly became known as Dude Chilling Park. But nothing is quite as it seems.

In 2012, a local Vancouver artist, Victor Briestensky took matters into his own hands and installed a sign Dude Chilling Park as a prank. The sign imitated other Vancouver Parks Board signs and was quickly removed. Faced with a petition of 1800 signatures in the ensuing outcry, the Parks Board relented and the sign was restored – but with a wrinkle. The Parks Board could not change the official name

Even better, over time, the sculpture became known as the Dude Chilling, a

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of Guelph Park and so the sign was permitted as a work of public art, funded, no less, by Van City Savings. Now, when you go on Wikipedia, Dude Chilling Park is described as “a sign installation created as a prank that now has official art status in Vancouver, British Columbia”. The eponymous sculpture is mentioned but somehow doesn’t seem the point. The sign has numerous hits on Google, the sculpture, not so much. It just shows you how art can move on.

Meanwhile, the Dude himself has been sitting there in the weather all these years and has begun to deteriorate. According to Dennis, “the sculpture is now . . . in serious need of attention. It was never mounted off the ground and shows the toll of years of weather and mud, as well as of children, dogs, lovers and sundry other users of the park. It has not been vandalized, which reflects the affection the locals feel for it. But it is decaying due to the fact that it is wood standing directly on wet ground, and it will not endure long in the current conditions.”

Given the public’s embrace, Dennis decided that the piece should be better preserved,

and the best way to do that is to cast it in bronze, something he has done in recent years with a number of his pieces. He wants to see a bronze replica, mounted on a rectangular concrete plinth elevated about eight inches off the soil. He feels that the new installation “would create a grander, more formal presentation, elevated on a plinth on the knoll, looking out over the park. This would in turn elevate the appearance of the park itself and thereby the neighbourhood”.

Bronze casting isn’t cheap: it will cost about \$60,000. Half the funds have been committed on a matching basis by the Christopher Foundation, and the hunt is on. You would think that, given the statue is owned by the Vancouver Parks Board (which could help raise the money), and that it is one of the better known pieces of public art in Vancouver, with even a Dude Chilling Pale Ale and mention by US night show talk host Jimmy Kimmel (“Between Dude Chilling Park and Mayor Ford, I might move to Canada”), fund raising would be a no-brainer.

Think again. Maybe, in years to come, it’s the sign that gets bronzed.

Looking to the Night’s Sky

Astronomical Observations for December

Submitted by Chris Seguin

The month of December has 4 astronomical events worthy of note. If the skies are clear on the evening of December 3rd, star-gazers will be rewarded with a *Supermoon*. The size and brightness of the Full Moon will be accentuated slightly because the Moon is at its closest point to Earth in its orbit. This Full Moon has also been called *Full Long Nights Moon* or the *Moon Before Yule*.

With the Full Moon out of the way - the “Mamma” of all meteor showers - *The Geminids* - will have its chance to sparkle. Look high into the northeastern sky just after midnight on the morning of December 14th to the constellation Gemini. The main bulk of the meteors will seem to “eminate” from Gemini but can appear anywhere in the skies. The meteors occur when the Earth passes through the dust stream of the asteroid 3200 *Phaethon*.

December Solstice will occur at 16:28UTC on the 21st. This is the point at which the Sun has its southern most point in the

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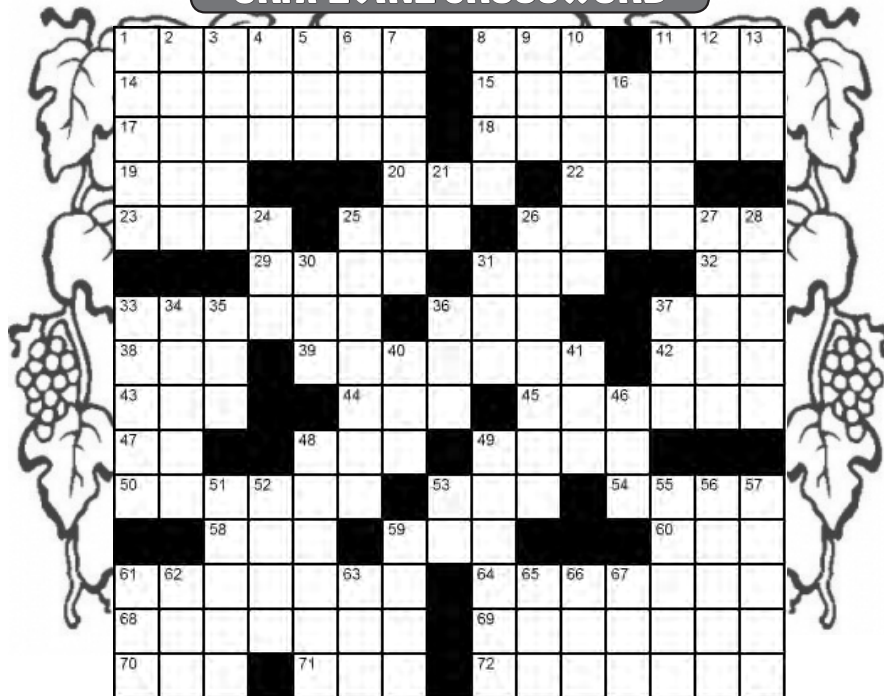
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1. BBQ accessory
8. Basis of light
11. A pair
14. Chlorine and fluorine
15. Freed from refuse
17. Abusive phrase
18. Author Caldwell
19. Restroom, for short
20. Bratty kid
22. Droop
23. Fido rider
25. Air hero
26. As well as
29. Chem. rooms
31. Avoid the truth
32. Pull off
33. Street urchins
36. Adjust for proper functioning
37. AMA type
38. Alternative to 401k
39. Knocking down
42. Enrage
43. Annex
44. Aye opponent
45. Tertiary epoch
47. Answerer's choice

48. Be a stage star
49. Autocrat of yore
50. Walk with effort
53. Barker and Bell
54. American to a Brit.
58. Anti anti
59. Acorn bearer
60. Andy Taylor's aunt
61. Malcontent
64. Causing to rot
68. Gear up
69. Nonbelievers
70. Cal. page
71. August one
72. Prates

• DOWN •

1. Bookcase level
2. Relating to the Pope
3. Breathing
4. Candidate for day care
5. Crude grunt
6. Actor Marvin
7. Playful tricks
8. Dance piece
9. Bobby of the NHL
10. Cinema collie
11. Drumstick attachment

12. Certain cyst
13. Adorer's writeup
16. 32-card game
21. Yours truly
24. Aladdin prince
25. Failure to appear
26. Observant one.
27. Festoon
28. Eastwood co-star often
30. Additionally
31. Ring around the collar
33. Beanstalk
34. Inner fire
35. Alfred E.'s mag.
36. Blue above
37. Be left on base
40. Alley prowler
41. Asian gazelle
46. 1951 Johnnie Ray song
48. Pertaining to great stress
49. Provide lodging for
51. Higher one of two
52. Coffee type
53. Univ. degree
55. Bear patiently
56. Defiant reply
57. Boat bottoms
59. Black-and-white cookie
61. 45 or 78, e.g.
62. Historic time
63. Anteceding
65. Code letters
66. Frequently in a poem
67. Be in session

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sky. The Sun will be directly above the Tropic of Capricorn. This event also marks the *Winter Solstice* for the Northern Hemisphere and *Summer Solstice* for the Southern.

The month finishes with the *Ursids Meteor Shower* - the dust tail of comet *Tuttle* coming into contact with Earth's atmosphere. Look to Ursa Minor (*the Little Dipper*) in the northern sky after midnight on the 21st.

Enjoy the Night's Sky.



• LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION •





• CLASSIFIED ADS •



FOR SALE

DRY, DRY, DRY CEDAR kindling for sale. 15 bucks for 10 lbs. Delivered.

Call Alan on 1828.⁽⁰⁾

MATHER FARM BEEF: Farm raised, happy, unadulterated beef. By the side or 1/4, \$4.25/lb. 335-0243.⁽¹⁾

ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

Gift Giving... the "E-Z Pickler" from Gourmet by Sally Rae. Complete Single Jar Fermentation Kit \$30. Make probiotic vegetables; sauerkraut, dill pickles. Sally (250)335-2099, gourmetbysallyrae.blogspot.ca.⁽³⁾

PROPANE KILN - Estrin model 563DC-E Digital control settings, near new condition \$500. Contact John at 335-2462.⁽¹⁾

MIMA GALLERY CLOSING SALE - 30% - 50% Off 100s of limited/open editions by 35 artists, ready to hang. Fully illustrated catalogue online, www.mimagallery.com Available to view at 1901 East Rd, DI, 335-0357.⁽²⁾

SERVICES

MAGNIFICENT TOPSOIL, Bark Mulch, all gravels, Bison compost, Treework, site clean up, fir mill end firewood, roof tear off, demolition. High grade lumber. 30 years local Entpr. Call Dave 218-9667.⁽⁰⁾

NEW! HOME SECURITY CHECKS and Patrol Services on Denman Island. Fully licensed, insured, and bonded. Contact info@jtfcanada.com.⁽⁰⁾

HAIR BY ROZ cuts \$15, blow dries, colours, perms. Men, women, children, bring the whole family. Why go to town! 30 years experience. DI 335-0195.⁽⁶⁾

RED SEAL CARPENTER for hire. 20 years experience. Reasonable rates and reliable service. All jobs considered. References available. Call or text Jason 250-898-4903.⁽²⁾

ACUPRESSURE BY KYLA PLAXTON, Hi There! I absolutely LOVE Acupressure and I'm on a mission to have it be known worldwide. I've been practicing for over 15 years and I now live here on Denman. I have a Special Denman Rate of \$95 per 90 minute session. Call/Text 250-885-0566.⁽⁴⁾

MACKENZIE TRUCKING & SERVICES, 3/4in. minus blue crush \$200 delivered. Haul hydro poles, roofing materials, pre-cast deliveries, tin, dump runs. For a quote contact DakotaMackenzie1@gmail.com or 250-650-2593.⁽³⁾

FOR RENT

CABIN FOR RENT for 6 months. References required. Text or phone 250 335 0114.⁽¹⁾

TRADE

CHRISTMAS IN MONTREAL? Free use of apartment Christmas week in exchange for accommodation on Denman same period. Phone 335-2198.⁽¹⁾

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WE'RE NOW AT LOCKUP! -- but could use some volunteer hands from time to time in finishing a tiny home being built for a Denman resident with little means. Still needed: kitchen countertop and cabinets, insulated stove pipe, siding, shower stall, narrow electric stove, insulation. Will pick up Please call 250-335-0559. Thanks.⁽⁰⁾

THE DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL PAC will set up a table in the Tess Truman hall this year during the Christmas Craft Faire, and we're seeking donations of sweet or savoury goods to sell. Please bring your item by our table anytime during the Faire, with containers labeled for return, or contact Becky at 5-1834 to arrange pickup of your donation. All proceeds go towards programs for our students.

We'll open early with breakfast items for sale, and we'll have coffee, tea, juice, and hot chocolate available throughout the day, along with an array of treats. We'll also have our awesome new Denman Dragon t-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase. We look forward to seeing you there, and thank you for your support!⁽⁰⁾

• Classified Ads Rates •

1 week • \$7.63	2 weeks • \$14.01
3 weeks • \$19.08	4 weeks • \$25.44
6 weeks • \$36.28	8 weeks • \$45.84

(Rates apply to maximum 30 word content, each additional 30 words \$3.81 extra/week)
Surcharge may be applied for late ads!

DEADLINE: Saturdays @5pm



• 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)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

Bobcat and Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak.....335-1853 (All)
Dean's Bobcat & Small Haul Service.....218-4534 (D/H)
Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded.....335-3122 (D/H)
Ken Fischer, B. Arch. • Home Design and Construction.....335-2976 (D/H)
Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured.....335-1741 (D/H)
Milling, Compact excavator • Shannon Cupper.....335-0507 (H)
Ray Ulovec-Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation.....335-3145 (D/H)
Renaissance Stoneworks • natural stone/slate installation.....335-0220 (D/H)
Rob Manering, Licensed Residential Builder.....335-3150 (D/H)
Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified'.....334-4776 (D/H)
Septic System Design/Install Services • Darren Hutton ROWP.....703-1086 (All)
Stacy Seabrook Roofing, denmanstace@gmail.com.....334-7075 (All)
Tye Mechanical Ltd., licenced plumbing, heating, etc.....218-7688 (All)
Water Tanks and Cisterns • Steve Isaak.....335-1853 (All)

• COMMUNITY RESOURCES •

Hornby & Denman Community Health Care Society • Home Support, Youth
Outreach & Youth and Family Support.....335-2885 (H/D)

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands.....335-2510 (H/D)
Cloutier, Matthews, Chartered Professional Accountants.....338-7367 (All)
Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby.....335-1720 (H)
Fair Realty, Sheelagh Mackenzie.....335-1720 (D/H)
Pemberton Holmes • Denman Island Office • Don Luckett.....335-3119 (D/H)
Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage office, Denman & UB.....898-9199 (D/U)

• SERVICES •

Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM.....335-1535 (D/H)
Aroma/CranioSacral & Rest. Massage Therapy • Leyah Kelly.....335-2584 (D/C)
Bio-Energy Healing • Shari Dunnet & Richard Menard.....335-1877 (All)
Counselling with Gillian Saxby MACP, RCC.....335-1616 (All)
Home Security Checks and Patrol Services.....218-8097 (D)
Tree Service - Darian Chase • Arborist.....218-0404 (All)
Wade's High Tree Services taken over by Wild Bill at.....898-7246 (H/D)
-Trueview Tree Care, Free est., seniors' discount.....898-7246 (D/H)
Xplornet Satellite Internet • Clear Blue Systems.....228-7161 (H/D)
Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker.....335-1535 (D/H)

THE COMING WEEK'S EVENTS

Assume it is a Denman Island
listing unless you see HI after it

THURSDAY 30

CAP SITE

3-7 pm • Community School
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School

FRIDAY 1

NIA CLASSES

10:30 am • DAC

ART OPENING:
Scenery Slater
with music by Dylan Slater
7 pm • The Earth Club Factory

SATURDAY 2

CAP SITE

11 am - 2 pm • Community School

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

10 - 4 pm • Community Hall/DAC

SUNDAY 3 ○

DENMAN UNITED CHURCH 10:30 am

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

10 - 4 pm • Community Hall/DAC

MONDAY 4

QUILTER'S GUILD

9:30 am - 3 pm • United Church

TUESDAY 5

CAP SITE

3-7 pm • Community School

HOME SUPPORT MEETING

1-4 pm • DAC

WEDNESDAY 6

CAP SITE

3-7 pm • Community School

MEDITATION @ THE HERMITAGE
7 pm • 7131 Denman Road, at the Yurt

THURSDAY 7

CAP SITE

3-7 pm • Community School
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School