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DANCING IN GUMBOOTS

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

It is not often that the Denman Community Hall has been so packed, with standing room only and not much of that. A good thing because Dancing in Gumboots was a fund-raiser for the Denman Land Trust Association that is raising money to build eight units of affordable housing for seniors in downtown Denman, behind the Guesthouse. But perhaps it is not surprising, given how the influx of young people in the 1970's came to redefine life on the islands and establish their reputation for a freedom scarcely to be found elsewhere. Dancing in Gumboots: Adventure, Love & Resilience: Women of the Comox Valley, published by the Caitlin Press (\$24.95 from Abraxas Books), is a BC bestseller and a successful sister to Gumboot Girls, which told the stories of women who settled on the north coast of BC and has sold over eight thousand copies. Editor Jane Wilde, who compiled the book with editor Lou Alison,



Photo by Paul Bailey

cited the quick and overwhelming response when the call went out for stories. Dancing in Gumboots is the stories of thirty-four women who settled in the Comox Valley region in the seventies and eighties. Two of them, Patti Willis and Sandy Kennedy, continue to celebrate life on Denman, while Roberta deDoming, moved to Courtenay in 2007. All arrived in 1970.

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HALLOWEEN AWAY FROM HOME *By Lucy Dabbs*

**SPECIAL
INTEREST**

We were passing by a bakery in Kyu Karuizawa when I first saw it. Perched on an outdoor table, a medium sized pumpkin was staring at me with a pair of menacing, sharpie drawn eyes. "Halloween!" I exclaimed as we passed by. Not long after I encountered some miniature pumpkins in a windowsill, and further down the road an entire store selling Halloween decorations. I looked around the old centre of Karuizawa, where tourists and locals strolled the streets lost in conversation. The leaves were falling, covering the sidewalk in a crunchy brown and red blanket. The air was crisp and cool, and students on campus now wore wool sweaters and toques (or as they call them here, "beanies"). It had reached that time of year, and now the question begged: Does Japan celebrate Halloween?

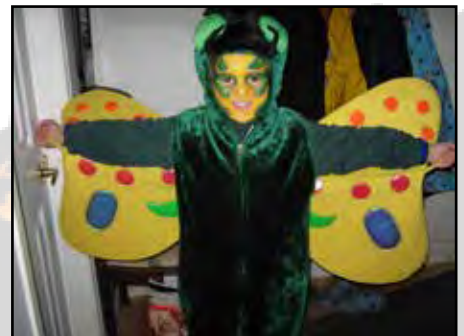
I have fond memories of the past 13 Halloweens I've spent on Denman Island, driving from house to house searching for the glowing pumpkin at the end of the driveway that was a beacon of excitement and more importantly, candy. From craning my neck to watch for pumpkins, running up the long driveways and passing by 3 foot tall goblins, ghosts, fairies, and construction workers at each house, to the crackle of fireworks lighting up the playground at the hall and the satisfying pumpkin pie with whipped cream, every aspect of the night is a part of the Denman Island Halloween.

I learned that in Japan, Halloween is only celebrated in a commercial sense. Decorations are put up and candy may be eaten, but no actual trick or treating takes place. This is similar to the way Christmas is cel

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Lucy & her brother.



TIDE TABLE

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• Pacific Daylight Time •

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The show was expertly MC'd by Johnny B, alias Juan Barker, who took care to adjust the mike for every speaker. Juan said that the preparation for the event had been quite a journey back for him to that "lawless but self-sufficient" decade. He described what the Community Hall was like back in the seventies: half the size, with a small stage in one corner for Doug and the Slugs and other bands who came to play Denman. The Legion was where the Pre-school is now located, and the hall had just a plain house door. The book takes its name from the many dances, where hundreds of gumboots kept perfect time to the music.

Patti, Sandy, and Roberta each read from their chapters in the book. Each became alive with their history, taking so many people back to a time that defined their lives and was so full of important memories. Certainly, for myself, so new to Denman, and without any such experiences, it was humbling, and deeply moving to be given such insight into the history and meaning of the is-

land through their stories.

Lawless, crazy, or funny as many experiences may now seem, Roberta had some important insights into the greater meaning of it all: "Many of the cultural values that were seeded in the sixties are still with me as I have seen North American society at large adopt, develop, and own these progressive ideas," she writes. "Even if we were naïve and clumsy in our efforts, surely, we were in the vanguard. I get defensive when people disparage the sixties 'hippies' as merely frivolous and flaky, failing to acknowledge the tremendous contribution to society by alternative culture individuals and groups: environmentalism and ecology, connection to the natural world, self-sufficiency, sustainable development, the anti-nuclear and peace movements, peaceful protest and civil rights activism, shifts in attitudes and practices around birth and death, animal rights, food awareness, feminism, gender expression and gay rights issues, race, equality issues, openness to elemental and Eastern religions, mindfulness, meditation, the idea of being spiritual but not conventionally religious, learning about and honouring Indigenous history and cultures, and many back-to-basics ideas of simplicity and healthy living."

Des Kennedy provided a hilarious but also wistful account of the scandalous side of life in the golden years. This was a time, he began when "Trudeau marries Margaret Sinclair, making Justin possible, if not inevitable. Intel introduces the world very first microprocessor, making Mark Zuckerberg possible, but not inevitable. Listening to John Lennon's *Imagine*, watching *A Clockwork Orange*, and *All in the Family*, reading Alice Munro's *Lives of Girls*

and *Women and Hunter S. Thompson's Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*." He drew a picture of Denman at that time, with a ferry carrying only six vehicles, and a fare of \$1.70 for car and passenger, with no capacity for logging trucks, winnebagos, or "monster moving trucks", and the General Store with "a whole wall of fishing tackle, assorted hardware, a high shelf holding, appropriately, rows of gumboots, no alcohol for sale, but behind the main counter an extravagant display of tobacco products including big tins of tobacco and rolling papers" and around the corner, "a coffee counter with four swivel stools usually occupied by grizzled geezers sipping coffee, smoking and gossiping".

Driven by Woodstock and the turmoil of the Vietnam War, Des pointed out, "the Age of Aquarius, in all its tie-dyed, beads, and feathers came swashing ashore In reality, we were a pretty eclectic bunch: mostly white, straight middle-class kids, granted, but we included workaholic back-to-the-landers, politico-spiritual seekers as well as trippy hippies. However," Des continued, "most of us managed to look as though we'd just gotten off the bus from Haight-Ashbury. Ridiculously lush beards, wild heads of hair on the men, sylph like women bereft of braziers, blatant breastfeeding in public places, kids in face paint wandering around starkers, feral loafing dogs, brazen smoking of marijuana. It was, he said, "... More than an out

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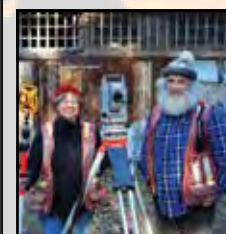
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rage . . . It represented a full frontal assault on a way of life that had obtained on the island for generations. Just imagine the shock to old-timers or genteel retirees to suddenly start encountering blissed-out hippies wandering barefoot down Northwest Road, draft dodgers skulking in the Weldwood woods, or earnest back-to-the-landers pontificating as if we'd first invented the growing of vegetables and the raising of livestock." An account of confrontations over nude bathing, clashes with various levels of government over development, amongst other is-

sues, ended in the notorious descent of police helicopters justified by no more, Des points out, than "cultural stereotyping". The response, he said, was "a textbook example of Islanders' expertise at breaking the law and rising up in righteous indignation."

"Soon enough," Des concluded, "perhaps, too soon, the seventies come clattering to a close, a fierce and foolish and fabulous decade here on the inner island, ten turbulent years of pot, politics and parties, of building and growing, of peace and love, . . . and a deeper stream running through time and space connecting all that is gone before and all that is to come. What extravagant gifts

we were given by this place, but, in fact, looking back over half a century, it's easy to see that young love surely was at play here. Love for a place with exceptional beauty, and safety, and peace, to the great privilege of being gradually enticed into a lifeway orchestrated by the turning of the Earth, and the passing of seasons, for the coming together of gifted characters, new and old, learning to coalesce, not for personal benefit or gain, but for the common good, for the children, for the good of the Earth, perhaps, just perhaps, creating a microcosm of what a better world would look like."



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ebred in other countries, where there may be Christmas trees and Santas in the shopping centres, but kids don't all receive visits from Santa on the morning of the 25th. I decided to further investigate with my friends at school. Do their countries celebrate the Halloween?

"Of course! I dressed up as Olaf last year. Painted my whole face white." - Yareth, Curaçao, a Dutch island of the Caribbean

"Oh yeah, in Caymen we go big time on halloween. Four days long, parties, trick or treating - everyone's involved. We can stretch any holiday into like a week, Christmas is celebrated the whole entire month." - Fenna, Caymen Islands, with a population of 61,500

"No, we don't exactly do that in Slovakia. But we do carve the pumpkins, and have a contest in our village to see who has the most creative or scary one. And then we light them up with

candles. We also have a day of the dead at the end of October where we spend two days remembering those who have died, and usually go to church." - Kristoff, a small village of 600 people in Slovakia

"Well, where I'm from in Peru if you went knocking on a stranger's door you might get kidnapped. But our government made a day where everyone has to dress up in our National dress, so that's kind of like our halloween." - Brunella, Peru

With Halloween just a week away, our campus is becoming aware of Halloween's approach, thanks to the Special Events Planning Committee. "There are bunch of awesome events that we have planned for you so doot doot, get ready to be spooked!" In addition to a haunted house in one of our student buildings, I am told there will be dressing up, games, and of course candy. For some, this will be their first encounter with these types of Halloween activities.

At orchestra practice, one of our members brought little packets of Haribos gummies, and another brought packages of matcha tea cookies for everyone to share. Our director wore a pumpkin hat and made everyone laugh. I take happiness in the fact that though it is not the same, Halloween is still interpreted and enjoyed by many people around the world. Every country does it a little differently, but the awesome part is that they are proud of their traditions, whatever they may be. I will always love the Halloween I had, and its contribution to the unique experience of growing up on Denman island.

Dear readers - I have been uploading weekly vlogs which are available on the Lucy's Travels Facebook page! (link in DIBB or at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lucys-Travels-448129719008809>). If you would like to know more or help support me on this adventure, visit my GoFundMe at: <https://www.gofundme.com/lucy039s-uw-c-dream> Happy Halloween!





THE GATE

By Anthony Gregson

seem to meet everyone. Or is it the other way around, you wouldn't want other people to meet all the people you know? Those who collect them, remark on the extraordinary number of bones on the island, forgotten in overgrown fields and mossy forest shadows - bones of all kinds.

The cover photo depicts black-hooded figures, one clutching a white dagger - or is it a huge fang? They move in sinister procession through deep woods, like the indefinable presence conjured by silence and darkness that has- tens the step through the night woods. Clearly, a cult and a cult here, in our very midst. DIRA or perhaps the Islands Trust should be alerted at once. Or do they already know, have always known? Denman never had police and doesn't to this day. Maybe there's something I don't understand.

The latte inexplicably jerks in my webbed hand as I lift it to the uncontrollable shuddering of my lips, thick and grotesquely formed, effects, so I was told by my great great grandmother, of childhood hereditary chorea the physicians were unable to repress, even with cryogenic histolysis and the nightmares of phreatic electrogenesis, not to mention certain forbidden substances extracted by techniques too abominable to mention from creatures whose names I could never learn, all at ruinous cost to my

now wretched family, reduced to an unpainted plywood shack in an alley behind their former mansion. How much happier would they would be here, where such buildings are associated with liberation and a carefree life.

The main article, a "Trip Report", authored by "Brother RC" may have some answers. *"I start by writing the fifteenth name of SHUULHA on my tongue," RC begins, "penned in a mixture of black nightshade berries, the blood of a rat, and powdered charcoal - in the manner described in the Grimoire of the Yellow Hand."* The chanting transmogrifies into a trance, and soon Brother RC realizes that they have lost control over their tongue. *"A stream of words poured forth. Barbarous and strange. Uhnal toathka Yshnoo!"* And yet, hideously, with perfect understanding. The fragments RC can recall speak of the *"sun-stroked gables of an alien city, crawling with a race of dark-eyed, dwarf-like beings"* of a *"queer silence"* about *"warrens and rituals that lay beneath"* leading to a *"subterranean labyrinth at the edge of a vast abyss."* In response to their summoning, *"vast and cyclopean shad*

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Amongst the random books, magazines and newspapers that eddy in the curiosity of customers across the tables and counters and throughout the warren of the Guesthouse, is an ephemera of pamphlets and other slight publications that occasionally emerge from the obscurities of the island. A few months ago, next to the morning latte, there was an offering called *The Gate*. It was about as small and thin as a newsletter can get: one letter-sized sheet folded in two, making all of four pages, but beautifully produced, with sharp black and white illustrations, the type, small, dense, yet clear.

The Gate seems to have been around a long time - the masthead states August 20, 1890, which raises the question, could this publication have been lurking in our midst all that time? I must ask at the Museum and Archives, but, knowing these islands, the possibility is there. It is a commonplace to hear that, despite the small population, you never



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ows would rise up from the depths – “and, unthinkably - “the shapes of which would drive the dwarves into madness and off the edge of that cliff from which could be heard the howling of the fallen and the gibbering of UNKNOWN THINGS.”

“Was it prophecy,” RC asks, “some future in which our kind has no part? Was it memories of an ancient past, submerged miles beneath the sea of the unconscious, and risen for a moment into the half-light of my stupor? What I do know,” they conclude,” is that sometimes, when the moon is new, and the stars light my path through the woods . . . I feel for a moment as if I am walking not through the woods I know but am in caverns deep below an unfamiliar surface. And it is not the light of stars but the cold blue witch light of the dark-eyed priests that guide me inexorably towards my fate beyond a rocky precipice AND A GULF WITH NO END.”

This knowledge – for such it was intuitively perceived – prompted a sudden dysphoria. My mind disassociated from the present, like an out-of-body state, and I was panic stricken at what was surely the onset of a mortal seizure. Fortunately, just at this moment, the kindly proprietor of the establishment came by to suggest another latte, by then, more than a necessity.

The interior contents were of a somewhat more reassuring nature – a cookery feature with someone called Cthulhu for the “Great Elixir of Life” involving, amongst other things, 98 pounds of lard and “11 years of further existence” – a nice touch, I thought, though not for me, unable, as I am, as a result of my hereditary afflictions, to dine on little else but the spiders who breed

so abundantly in my cave up Triple Rock.

My eye was caught by a poem, *Hand of Time* by the mysterious and extremely secretive East Coast businessman, Captain Obed Marsh who made his fortune in the South Sea trade,

back in the 1820’s, albeit by questionable means, but perhaps no worse than the rumrunning families of Prohibition Victoria. Strange he should still be publishing at the age of two hundred and eight but there’s no telling what keeps people going. There’s a big gene pool out there and with modern technology, maybe even octopus have something to offer.

***No words can write this thing I am
I was born with cyclopean sight,
The Wisdom granted to my mind:
Listen, to the night.***

By now, despite my initial reaction, I found myself settling into the personals.

*Single. Gills. Salt & fresh water,
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of mating season. It doesn’t have to
be lonely at the top of the food
chain – your Lord and Master Misses
you – AJ*

Eagerly I read my horoscope for Yog Sosoith, once known as Virgo.

*It would be wise to curtail your
stalking behaviours this month. Em-
brace and welcome some changes to*



your “alone time” schedule, as legal challenges and litigations feature large in your next quarter. You and I know, lurking around the doorways and windows of those you admire is a misunderstood, quaint old-fashioned mating ritual of days gone by – but it’s doubtful the police will adopt that viewpoint. Your lucky colour? Whatever your therapist is wearing.

Cult or no cult, I’m getting a subscription.

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DENMAN ISLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

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ARTS&LIT

MISBEHAVIOUR FOR A GOOD CAUSE

By The Rocky Horror Raccoons

*"Its astounding time is fleeting.
Madness takes its toll . . ."*

The Rocky Horror Picture Show fundraiser at the Denman Community Hall on October 20 was a successful haywire, hilarious evening, and well attended. With many Rocky "virgins" there were plenty of firsts for everyone! Prizes were given out for best costume, and another contest that can't be discussed in these pages. The volunteer cast was willing and more or less able, and the show went on, with only a few, comedic unscripted hitches.

Thank you to the community for attending and donating. Misbehaviour for a good cause! A Denman tradition. Thankyou Jude Kirk for coming and asking the "Naughty Raccoon" cast to participate. We had fun. 🍷



All dressed up with some place to go.

COMM
NOTES

DCA HALLOWEEN NATURE WALK

By Andrew Fyson

Erika Bland and I will be leading a walk through the Settlement Lands next Saturday October 27 from 10:30 to around noon. We will seek autumn highlights including fungi, as well as discussing the importance of this land in relation to surrounding conservation lands (Winter Wren Wood, DI Provincial Park, Inner Island Nature Reserve)

as a refuge and corridor for wildlife. We will discuss various conservation issues such as the Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly and control of invasive alien plants.

Meet/park at the junction of Chickadee Place and Central Road. We encourage you to wear a costume but do dress appropriately for the terrain and weather conditions. In case of rain on Saturday (call Erika at 250-702-7773 if in doubt), the walk will be postponed. We hope to see you there. 🍷

SHANGHAI NIGHTS & DAYS

ARTS&LIT

By George Fetherling

When the yoga instructor says "Go to your happy place" I go to Shanghai in the 1930s. I'm not being facetious. In the years between the two world wars Shanghai had an abundance of a priceless commodity that the world finds in such short supply today: freedom. I've spent much of my life looking for a city where outsiders can pursue personal liberty without undue interference.

Berlin during the Weimar Republic was two full generations before my time. I even missed, though only by a few years, the foreigners' paradise that Tangier used to be. But Shanghai in the 1920s and 1930s—that would have been the best time and place for westerners (if unfortunately quite horrible for so many of its Chinese). The most important lines in *Shanghai Grand*, the most recent book by Taras Grescoe, the scion of a prominent BC journalistic family, are the ones reminding us that "Shanghai was unique among the world's great cities in that it required no passports, visas, financial guarantees or certificates of character from new arrivals..." No strangling

bureaucracy. To settle permanently in the so-called Paris of the Orient, with its "afternoons at the races, evenings on the river, and nightlife that continued well into the next morning," one had only to show up.

The cosmopolitan and multicultural city that Shanghai became was the result of Britain's victory in the Opium Wars of the mid nineteenth century. Cities up and down the China coast and on the major rivers were declared treaty ports. That meant, among other things, that the British and Americans pocketed the customs and excise money and "could enjoy the benefits of colonial power without any of the costly responsibilities of actually administering a colony."

Under the doctrine called extraterritoriality, foreigners living in Shanghai could not be prosecuted by the Chinese authorities. Rather, they would be dealt with in separate European and American courts established in the two enclaves known

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as the International Settlement and the French Concession, which also had their own separate police forces and the like. British, American, and French citizens, along with exiled White Russians, were the most numerous non-Chinese residents, though there were also Germans, Filipinos, Koreans, Italians, Germans, Dutch—and an estimated 38 other nationalities. In 1935, Shanghai had a population of 3.5 million and was the world's fifth-largest city (it now has 24.5 million and is ranked eighteenth in size).

Grescoe began writing travel narratives before branching out into a wide range of other nonfiction genres. But *Shanghai Grand* is more than that. It's a beautifully constructed work that is equal parts history and romance. On the one hand, it's a richly researched examination of the rise of the foreigners' paradise and its destruction in successive wars. On the other, it's a vivid reconstruction of a famous love affair of the period.

The main character in the latter drama is Emily Hahn (called Mickey), a highly prolific and charmingly eccentric American journalist and novelist, long associated with *the New Yorker*. She was an adventurous opium addict who favoured simians as friends (for instance, she travelled with a gibbon named Mr. Mills). She arrived in China as "a recovering flapper" and fell for the suavity of the richest man in Shanghai, Sir Victor Sassoon, the real estate tycoon who built the famous Cathay Hotel. Like Hahn, he was a cultural Jew but not a religious one. The history of his family's wealth extended back a thousand years to the Bhasid caliph-

ate in medieval Baghdad. His dress reminded people of the caricature of the millionaire on Monopoly cards, and he was the only Shanghailanders (as the foreigners called themselves) to employ a full-time social secretary.

Hahn became romantically involved with the early modernist poet and publisher Zou Taofen (now written Shao Xunmei), "the Verlaine of China" who lost his family fortune but tried to keep up appearances. As Grescoe writes: "In Republican-era Shanghai [1912–49], kidnappings made being a *flâneur* risky, so he usually opted to be chauffeured in his brown Nash sedan." Zou and Hahn had a not-quite-official marriage. Later she wed Charles Boxer, the head of British intelligence in wartime Hong Kong who is now better known as a famous historian of Dutch and Portuguese colonialism.

Hahn noted that "Shanghailanders seemed to look upon the Chinese as quaint—or infuriating—servants, dwellers in picturesque villages, or, at best, descendants of the emperors of a once-great civilization." The racism that the Chinese had to endure was unrestrained but the poverty in which so many of them lived was a common source of pity. Typical was a *Los Angeles Times* reporter on the scene who commented that Shanghai had "more cabarets, country clubs, lavish living and degrading misery than any port from Honolulu to Suez..." Aldous Huxley, one of the many literary figures driven to document the place, wrote this: "In no city, West or East, have I ever had such an impression of dense, rank, richly clotted life. Nothing more intensely living can be imagined [...] so much life, so carefully canalised,

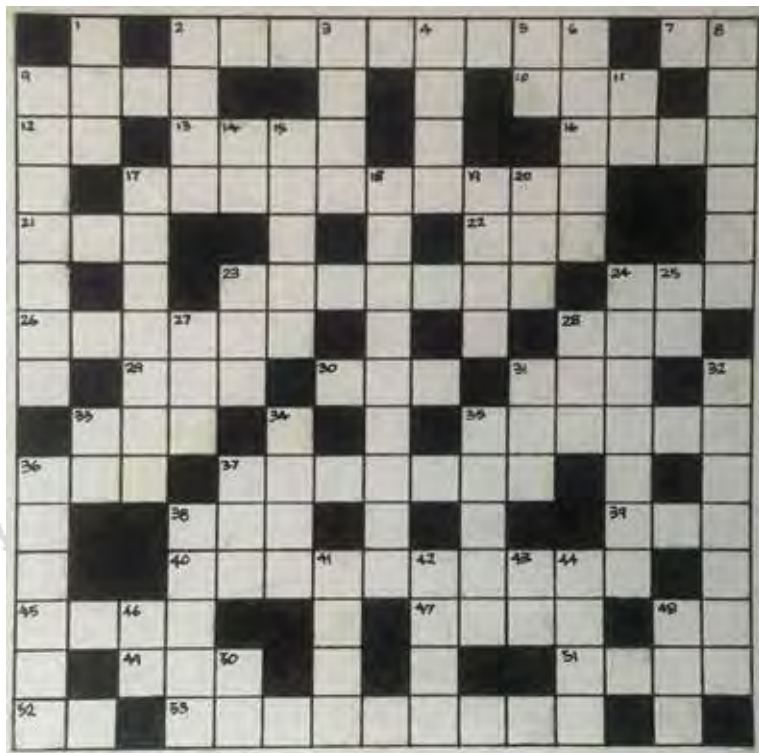
so rapidly and strongly flowing—the spectacle of it inspires something like terror."

Viewed at street level, nine floors below the posh Tower Club in Sir Victor's Cathay Hotel, life was brutal and often brief. A Capone-like figure named Du Yuesheng, known as "Big Ears", first became rich by smuggling opium inside coffins and could be seen racing through the streets in a flashy automobile with tommygunners standing on the running boards. A reference book of Shanghai's social elite characterized him as "one of the leading financiers, bankers and industrial leaders of China." That is to say, he ran the dope trade in the International Settlement (and coincidentally was also the head of the Opium Suppression Bureau). His contemporary in the French Concession, "Pock-marked" Huang Jinrong, was leader of the feared Green Gang. He also ran the Sûreté's detective squad. Karl Marx famously wrote that "religion is the opium of the people." But in Shanghai opium was, for many people, almost a religion.

In the early 1930s there were 20,000 beggars in the International Settlement. From time to time the police would round up many of them and drive them through the countryside, tossing out a few at each town or village they encountered. "Disease and hunger often took care of the rest." In 1935 the authorities had to deal with 5,960 corpses in the streets and lanes of the International Settlement. One year a city-wide census of unclaimed bodies revealed 18,000 corpses. Shanghai was the location of the world's biggest prison, the Ward Road Gaol. The city also

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• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



ACROSS

THANK YOU **PHILIP LINFIELD**
FOR THE HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD

- 2 The first classic vampire film (1922) with Max Schreck as Count Orlock. (9)
- 7 Wicked witch melted here. (2)
- 9 A kind of demonic vehicle that terrorised Dennis Weaver in Steven Spielberg's *Duel*. (4)
- 10 The name of the witch/vampire in *Black Sunday* aka *La Maschera del Demonio* (1960). Director Mario Bava's camera was always up to speed. (3)
- 12 A detention bout of extra hard exercising forced upon female protagonists as punishment in the 1976 horror film *Carrie*. (2)
- 13 Capital alternative bean to fava beans that might also go well with liver and a nice Chianti - fff ... fff ... fff. (4)
- 16 In the novel *Dracula*, aboard the beached ship *Demeter*, the captain was found dead, lashed to this. (4)
- 17 Creepy, sinister, amusing actor with a sometimes sleepy Hungarian voice, well-known for distracting other actors with

- cheeky improvising; star of *M, Mad Love* and *The Raven*. (5, 5)
- 21 Dynamic? Perhaps amusingly so - Abbott and Costello, who met the Mummy, Frankenstein, the Invisible Man and Boris Karloff in various films in the forties and fifties, were a ... (3)
- 23 Horrifying frisson; or an early David Cronenberg horror film. (7)
- 24 To become a zombie one must first do this: get bitten then ... (3)
- 26 Birthplace of Nikolai Gogol whose witch story 'Viy' inspired the film mentioned in 10 across, among others. (6)
- 28 Mr Levin, specialist in New York devilry and baby delivery. (3)
- 29 Long-established UK book publisher, gothic novels amongst its publications. (initials) (3)
- 30 The monster in *The Thing From Another World* (1951) was found encased in this at the North Pole (3)
- 31 Production company behind the great haunted classics of German silent cinema. (initials) (3)

• LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION •

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- 33 'his is the loneliest number in the world,' thought the last man on earth ... (moments before there was a knock at the door). (3)
- 35 Simone (from 1942) and Nastassia (from 1982) could each, at the moment of arousal, look into their respective mirrors and observe this. (2,1,3)
- 36 Help! (3)
- 37 Director of film referred to in clue to 12 across. (7)
- 38 Form of address accorded from royalty to Christopher Lee. (3)
- 39 Not the witches' trial town but Stephen King's vampire-infested Salem's ... (3)
- 40 Aristocratic vampire played by Robert Quarry in 1971 film set in (then) modern LA. (5,5)
- 45 Distribution company of artsy films and many international horror films on DVD and Blu-ray (rhymes with horny African animal). (4)
- 47 For 6 down brains are the preferred item on the ...
- 48 The most volcanically-active body in the Solar System with names of its features taken from Dante's *Inferno*, or *Hell*. (2)
- 49 Formal mode of address for the Prince of Darkness (initials). (3)
- 51 'This place is not all its cracked up

to be,' said Roderick as the House of 6 down was swallowed up into the (body of water) (4)

52 The state of Lovecraft. (initials) (2)

53 By definition, an ineluctable component in the act of flaying. (9)

DOWN

1 He memorably played Dracula, the Frankenstein monster and, among many other horrifying characters, Lord Summerisle in the original classic The Wicker Man, Christopher ... (3)

2 Great river of the old world probably known well to Imhotep and Kharis, both mummified and buried alive for involvement with ancient pyramid schemes. (4)

3 Terror, panic, dread and similar feelings associated with monsters and income tax time. (4)

4 In a certain film Harry Dean Stanton and Emilio Estevez were each this kind of man, both involved with a specific kind of possession. (4)

5 Uttered on occasion by a grateful Englishman, who may, on his impending departure, say it twice. (2)

6 Once upon a time one would shine a guiding light in a cinema; best known now as Poe's most famous house. (5)

8 Originally associated with voodoo (as in I Walked With a Zombie [1943]); later morphing into gruesome, walking, post-mortem quasi-cannibal appetite (Night of the Living Dead, The Walking Dead, etc) (6)

9 Stars of the film Arachnophobia - a film that really showed great box office legs. (7)

11 Familiar dipthong, to be found in the hero's name in the recent Planet of the Apes films. (2)

14 A Stephen King pound-foolish

monster clown. (2)

15 Prefix to two 1960s metalwork Japanese monster imitations,Godzilla andKong. (5)

17 Aconite, strychnine, hemlock, cyanide and snake venom (the latter active in the Hammer film The Reptile [1966]). (7)

18 Reclusive but perhaps the most powerful horror or weird writer of the twentieth century. He is identified with Providence and Cthulhu, Dagon and a certain Whately family. (9)

19 This Norwegian lake came with a rather than a whimper(e) (4)

20 Tenth letter of the alphabet used by the mad arab (in Lovecraft) Abdul Alhazred (author of the Necronomicon) (3)

23 A first, tentative step by a novice vampire; later, with experience, comes a hard sucking. (3)

24 Still the most famous portrayal of this character is by Bela Lugosi, though it has been also enacted by John Carradine, Christopher Lee, Frank Langella, Louis Jourdan and Gary Oldman, among many others. There will be more - Count on it. (7)

25 Usually uttered twice, generally preceding '... Cthulhu fhtagn' - its a Lovecraftian thing. (2)

27 The author of the 19th century sprawling French gothic novel The Mysteries of Paris: Eugene ... (Okay, Johnny Cash had some issue with a boy of this name.) (3)

28 International Fright Association. (initials) (Not yet in existence but we are working on it). (3)

31 Not the Bride of Frankenstein but left at Tarantino's altar. (3)

32 The cannibal film Death Line (aka Raw Meat) was set deep beneath a London underground tube (7)

33 Initially Ozzie Osbourne of Black Sabbath, the group, incidentally,

named after the Mario

Bava film of the same name (1964). (2)

34 Cannibal film Green Inferno filmed largely in this South American country associated with 13 across.

35 Edgar introduces himself. (2, 3)

36 Feeder of steam engine fires. Oh, all right - he wrote Dracula. (6)

37 American musician who was in, among other groups, Black Sabbath and Heaven and Hell. (3)

38 A process to cut designs, sometimes unholy, into human skin. (5)

41 Term for fan totally immersed in a subject such as horror, similar to geek. (4)

42 Venusian monster on a rampage from Ray Bradbury-based 1950s film 20,000,000 Miles To Earth. Originally in Norse mythology the first being and forefather of giants. (4)

43 Medical professional often on hand at such early late 50s and early 60s William Castle films as The Tingler in case of heart attacks in the audience. (initials) (2)

44 Lower grade alternative to 42 across. (4)

46 Apparently (so they say) no witches were executed in this New England state during the period of the Salem witch trials. (initials) (2)

48 The general feeling of rage and fury of a monster given to rampaging. (3)

50 The completing initials for 18 down. Or a popular British sauce. (2)



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had its own leper colony, at least until the Second World War—when almost everything else changed as well.

Japan invaded the northern reaches of China and by January 1932 was in open large-scale warfare with Chiang Kai-shek's Republican forces. Shanghai was at various times bombed and encroached on but it didn't fall to the Japanese army until 1937. By then it had a large population of Jewish refugees from Europe who saw it as "the port of last resort" after having been refused entry numerous other places. The Japanese, however, confined them to a new ghetto while leaving the foreign concessions more or less alone—for the time being. Asked about fears of what the Japanese might do, Mickey Hahn remarked, like a true Shanghaier, "I think the more scared you are, the better it is to go out dancing." As Grescoe observes dryly, "The anesthetic qualities of opium almost certainly contributed to her neverthelessness."

The above events were part of the Second Sino-Japanese War which the very early 1940s had become part into the East Asian theatre of the Second World War, as Hong Kong, Singapore and other places fell to the Japanese, one after another. In 1943 a large parentage of

Shanghailanders—those who hadn't left town when the going was still good—found themselves interned. The International Settlement was shut down, followed by the French Concession in 1946. The final blow to the wide-open days came in 1949 of course when Chiang and his nationalist government fled Mao Zedong's takeover and relocated themselves on Taiwan (then called Formosa). It was a dark time for what the Chinese referred to as bad hats ("spies, turncoats, and dope dealers"). In Grescoe's phrase, "What the world gained in probity, it lost in romance

The scent of the old days still lingers in western nostrils after all these years. Grescoe is writing as a historian, a traveller and a chronicler but also as a strangely strong-minded sentimentalist. Sir Victor, Mickey Hahn and Zau Sinmay are wonderful characters to recreate. So are a number of the others in Shanghai Grand, such as Morris Abraham (Two-Gun) Cohen. He was, among other things, the bodyguard of Sun Yat-sen. He had once been a very minor political figure in Edmonton.

He acquired a shipment of Ross rifles, the weapon given Canadian soldiers in the Great War that proved so dangerous that it became scandal that rattled Sir Robert Borden's government. Cohen

had a nice sideline selling the damn things to Chinese warlords. "How did he get away with a con like that?" I once asked someone with knowledge of the period. "Well," he answered, "Cohen did have a grounding in Alberta politics."

Yet, as the title of the book suggests without being blunt about it, the Cathay Hotel is Grescoe's most important character. Renamed the Peace Hotel by the communists, it still dominates the Shanghai Bund, that exquisite row of 1920s skyscrapers that looks for all the world like the glory-days skylines of Cleveland and Buffalo or of Batman's Gotham City. The last time I stayed at the Cathay there were two large signs in the lobby, resting on easels. One informed guests that the hotel is far-famed for its clean linen and attention to hygiene. The other read: "Due to necessary renovations, the jazz band which normally is to be found in our lobby may now be heard on the eighth floor temporarily. Our apologies for any inconvenience. You are thanked."



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READY TO RAMP UP YOUR R'S? *By Emily Guinane*

COMM NOTES

Our Carbon Footprint series One Planet – One Island come is gathering energy, the renewable kind, with a great turn out of people, deep digging into some tough questions and so much knowledge sharing. This week, Tuesday October 30th, 6:30-8:00pm at the Community School, we are embracing the riveting alliteration of the four R's Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. At the heart of the issue of reducing our carbon footprint is the need to live more simply, and the four R's can guide us on that path.

Plastic Free Denman, a committee of ADIMS, who's objective is to raise awareness about the problem of single-use plastic, have teamed up with Stacey Armstrong from Denman Recycling Depot for an engaging and informative presentation.

Stacey will give us an overview of current Denman Island recycling habits as observed at the Depot (she won't point any fingers) and Plastic Free Denman will bring us up to date on the problems with plastic and how our consumption of plastics is connected to our carbon footprint. Together we will look at how an engaged community can make personal changes and local decisions for a global outcome. With an honest look at what the four R's mean when you put them in to practise, we will contemplate what we are willing to give up, change and save to be part of the solution rather than the problem.

Last week in the Carbon Foot Print Series

The third forum in our One Planet – One Island series on October 16th drew a large crowd to hear about renewable energy sources. To start us off Dr. Ron asked "What was responsible for the biggest reduction in carbon emissions in the last ten years in Canada?" The answer was not a new technological invention. The grand 10 percent reduction in emissions was caused by the 2008-09 recession. This shows that when the economy slowed our emissions are reduced and that when we reduce our consumption we significantly reduce our emissions.

We were then treated to the current state of renewables from Jeff Cumberland of Bearfoot Renewables, who installs solar power in the area and Ram Sudama who has designed and installed his own solar and micro hydro systems.

Starting off with wind power, Jeff told us that there could be potential for wind turbines on Denman, although, for individual installations the financial investments are huge compared to the outcome. Currently wind power produce only 2% of energy in BC, but there is potential for so much more, and according Drawdown.org, wind energy is the second best way to reduce carbon emissions (improving refrigeration is #1).

When it comes to solar, 1 square metre panel can currently produce about 1000 Watts of energy, and efficiency is expected to continue increasing. Currently, if you connect a system to the grid any excess energy that you produce will be directed into the hydro system and when you need energy you can draw from the

system. At the end of every year BC hydro will look at how much energy you have produced and reimburse you. In other words, even though the buyback program has ended, by using net metering, credits can be obtained that go towards offsetting hydro costs during the current year.

In BC, with our relatively low hydro prices, it takes about 14 years to pay back a solar system that is connected to the grid. And with hydro prices predicted to rise in the next five years, the buy back time is estimated to shrink to just over 11 years.

Both Jeff and Ram promote connecting to the BC hydro grid. In Ram's experience battery systems are expensive and don't store as much energy as they are rated for. The down side of connecting with the grid without a backup system is that you won't have power when there is a power outage. Jeff added that if you are considering investing in a battery bank it is a good idea to wait about five more years since the price of lithium batteries is dropping.

Ram Sudama reported on the Community Hall project that currently produces the equivalent of half of the power the average home uses, or a third of the energy for the hall. The installation of 50 solar panels at a cost of \$30,000 was principally funded to by Denman Island residents.

Ram also sees a lot of potential for

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micro hydro on Denman, it complements solar well since it provides power October-May, and it can be cheaper to install. If there is interest in a workshop on how to design and install micro hydro please let us know by emailing denman@uni-serve.com.

Finally, and perhaps most interestingly, Ram spoke to his own house-

hold energy consumption, which has been reduced from 28kWh to 11kWh per year! This mayor energy savings was achieved by switching to a smaller water heater, ditching the clothes dryer, doing laundry with cold water and turning off appliances when not in use. Many appliances only turn themselves to standby mode when not in use, so having them connected to a power bar was one solution for reducing their energy waste. Ram also recommends

finding out how much energy you are really using in your home by logging in to your smart meter account and reading labels on your appliances to look at their consumption. Clearly these will be important steps going forwards if we hope to reduce our carbon emissions over the next 12 years (overall a 45% reduction in that timeframe) and then working our way down to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. 🍷

THE INF TREATY: IDIOTS ON BOTH SIDES OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published Oct. 22, 2018

The last time I wrote about the treaty banning 'intermediate-range' nuclear missiles was 31 years ago, and I really thought I'd never have to visit that tedious subject again. More fool me.

John Bolton, the ideologically rigid and bad-tempered man whom you send when you don't want a negotiation to succeed, has just been in Moscow to tell the Russians personally that President Donald Trump is going to tear up the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty.

That's what you would expect from the new US National Security Adviser and his impulsive and ill-informed boss, but the Russians in this case are just as much to blame for creating the provocation in the first place. It's one of those distressingly frequent occasions when the idiots are in charge on both sides.

The INF Treaty, signed by US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987, bans land-based ballistic or cruise missiles with a range of between 500 and 5,500 km. What the Russians

have actually done, it seems, is to take a perfectly legal sea-launched cruise missile, the Kalibr, which has a range of up to 2,500 km., and put it on a mobile land-based launcher.

The Kalibr is a quite useful weapon that can deliver about 500 kg of conventional explosives or a nuclear warhead on an enemy, although it would take at least three hours to reach a target 2,500 km. away. (Cruise missiles travel at about the same speed as airliners.)

In 2015, Russia made a show of firing eighteen Kalibrs (with conventional warheads) at Syrian targets from ships in the Caspian Sea.

Why would the Russians want to put these missiles on land-based launchers, which violates the INF rules? The only plausible explanation is that there are some Chinese targets that Russia cannot hit with its sea-based cruise missiles. (There are no US/NATO targets that cannot already be reached by the sea-launched variety.)

This is plausible, but it is not rational. Russia is perfectly capable of reaching those Chinese targets with ballistic missiles, both land- and

submarine-launched, that would get to their targets far faster than the new land-based version of the Kalibr cruise missile, called SSC-8 by NATO.

Being able to do the same thing a third, slower way hardly justifies the potential political cost of violating the INF treaty for Russia as a whole. It may nevertheless appeal to the particular branch of the Russian armed forces that would control that third way, for inter-service rivalries are as sharp and stupid in Russia as they are in the United States.

From a Western point of view, the SSC-8, while illegal, does not pose any new threat. The real reason the INF treaty was needed three decades ago was that the Russians were then introducing intermediate-range BALLISTIC missiles, the once-famous SS-20s, that could reach their targets in Western Europe within a few minutes of launch.

The border between NATO and Soviet forces was then about 500 km closer to Western capitals than it

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is now, and there were huge tank-heavy armies stacked up on either side of the so-called Iron Curtain. An ultra-fast Russian strike by nuclear-tipped SS-20s on NATO army bases and airfields, followed immediately by an all-out ground invasion, could theoretically have succeeded (although only a fool would have chanced it).

In any case, the Russians and Americans negotiated instead, and ultimately agreed to scrap all the Soviet SS-20s and their American equivalents, the Pershing missiles. Since the US had also deployed some land-based cruise missiles in Europe (the Russians did not), the INF treaty also banned those. Almost

2,700 missiles were destroyed, and the whole issue went away for three decades. It isn't really back now.

There are no massive tank armies ready to roll in Europe any more, and the Cold War is long over. The details of the Russian-American 'military balance' are of concern mainly to the experts, many of whom make their living by discovering some imbalance or discrepancy that will enable their (military) clients to demand more or newer weapons to counter the new 'threat'.

The Russians have broken the rules by developing and testing the land-based SSC-8 cruise missiles, but they haven't actually deployed them in meaningful numbers. They may never do so, because it would not

give them any significant strategic advantage.

This was the logic that led former president Barack Obama to protest to the Russians about the new weapon in 2014, but not to abrogate the INF Treaty. What would that gain, except to legalise what the idiots in the Russian military were doing?

Obama probably assumed that the adults were still in charge in the Kremlin, and that they were engaged in the same struggle to contain the random enthusiasms of Russian military planners that all US presidents must wage against their Pentagon equivalents. But the White House has a different tenant now.



SWELL TIME HAD AT PACKED GUESTHOUSE

MUSIC

By Specs Van Camp • Photos by Dreadful Imagery

There was a feeling of continuity in the room on Sunday evening, as Doc MacLean and Albert Frost settled in to play. Both men are deeply, irremediably steeped in blues traditions from the original sources, Africa and the Mississippi Delta. And wouldn't you know, since it is their calling to play all the time and everywhere, their composite sound tells a rambunctious tale of the venerable, sometimes troubling river on which they travel.

One can speak of influences: Doc MacLean mentioned that Son House had taught him how to play the guitar, and that Sam Chatmon of the Mississippi Sheiks had shown him a thing or two. Doc was, in his youth,

one of those fortunate blues enthusiasts who was able through first hand instruction from some of the old masters to become a living link between those giants of the form

It was all there to be heard - - country blues with echoes of ragtime, the jug bands, a little voodoo; nothing flashy and all of it honest; many of the songs presented in story form with the supple support of Doc's National Steel Resonator guitar, and sung in what we like to call a pleasing baritone. He is the genuine article.

Now add Albert Frost, from Capetown, South Africa. Albert is a star in his homeland, and it is easy enough to hear why. In his stand-out solo numbers, which featured multiple syncopated tracks produced before our eyes and ears on sepa



Doc MacLean

and today's audiences, who are privileged to hear him give that music life and breath - - and plenty of both.

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rate guitars, he provided interpretive contrast and technical virtuosity, and the aggregate, ladies and gentlemen, was astonishing to behold. When Mr. MacLean would resume the stage, grinning widely, Mr. Frost obliged with fluid, potent accompaniment, and the night stayed young.

“To make it real, you have to live it,” Albert remarked in passing, and these gentlemen certainly do that. The idea that they would show up on Denman as a stop on their



Doc MacLean & Albert Frost

CAN-AFRICA tour was in the same moment as improbable and as perfectly natural as an occurrence could be, and it was a happy house that heard them, and asked for more. And, naturally, the fellows complied. 🍷

BC SEED SECURITY PROGRAM

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By Carla Hick

I would like to bring your attention to the recent Ministry of Agriculture press release about vegetable seed program funding at FarmFolk CityFolk.

FarmFolk CityFolk's Seed Security Program is focused around helping organic farmers scale up production of high-quality organic vegetable seed. We run a number of training and outreach programs and have developed a suite of tools to give organic farmers more information on integrating seed production into their farming operations. These resources include case studies on procuring seed contracts; seed enterprise budgets to better understand the economics of seed production; guidelines on quality assurance measures

for seed production; and trialing of different vegetable varieties through

forming varieties for BC farms.

Local seed production is an important part of sustainable food systems and our program aims to increase the quantity, quality, and diversity of organic seed being grown in BC. Local seed production helps support the local farming economy; results in better-adapted crop varieties for BC farms; and reduces our reliance on imported seeds. BC has an optimal climate for the production of many types of vegetable seed crops and could be an important producer of organic vegetable seed to supply the continually growing organic farming sector in BC and across North America.



the BC Seed Trials - our research and outreach collaboration with UBC Farm and organic vegetable farmers across BC to identify the best-per-

SENIOR'S LUNCH 2018/2019

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By Graeme Isbister

“Much depends on dinner (or lunch...)” • Margaret Visser

Distinguished classical scholar (and frequent guest on Peter Gzowski's “Morningside”) Margaret Visser had it right in her wonderful

book on the fascinating history and cultural contexts of the ordinary

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foods we eat.

That line has taken on a life of its own at the monthly Seniors' lunches that have been offered for over 15 years on Denman.

Under the able leadership and culinary adroitness in the early years of Judith and Andrew Scruton, Pat Young and Mary Hicks, Tascha Hollinger and Matthew Gauldie, then, more recently, Carole Vosburgh and Magda Bryzgalski, lunches have provided a chance for Seniors to get out, socialize, and take part in light-hearted quizzes and contests – often with dressing up options and prizes! - usually around the theme of the food offered that day (Quick: What is the largest state in Mexico?*)

These lunches will resume this Friday, October 26 and will be held on the last Friday of each month, with the exception of December, from 12:00-1:30 at the Denman Activity Center. Cost is 6\$.

All, of course, are welcome. And we do not check for ID, so, whatever your age, you are invited to come enjoy the food and fun.

None of this could happen without

a roster of willing volunteers. We are very grateful for all the folks who have given of their time over the years and I am especially grateful for last year's greeters, servers, cooks, table setters, cleaners and dishwashers: Pat Young, Ethyl Wooley, Boyd and Denise MacKean, Nettie Pasieczka, Charlie Johnston, Judy Armstrong, Fern Niedermoser, Paul and Beth Janz, Ralph and Margie McCuaig, and Joan Vinnedge for her beautiful table settings. It's been a joy to work with you all.

We are also grateful for the sponsorship of Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society and for the Denman Island Seniors and Museum Society for making the space available at the DAC.

The theme this Friday is Halloween. There will be prizes for the best/most innovative costumes.

See you there.

Graeme Isbister

(* *The largest state in Mexico is Chihuahua. Does this strike anyone else as slightly ironic?*) 🍷



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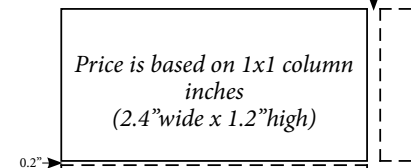
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Deadline for ALL submissions is **every Monday at Midnight**. Please contact us for more information.

GARDENING TIDBITS

By Teresa Beers

I've been spending much of my time outside on these glorious fall days cleaning up. I find it a contemplative time, which seems to complement the natural tendencies in the Fall season to slow down and prepare for winter. I also find it a wee bit harrowing, noting the 'should have's', 'could have's' and 'would have's'... something not present in the natural world. One particular day I was cleaning out my zinnia patch. At first I felt quite sad to say goodbye to something that brought me such joy this summer. When I recalled many of the beautiful moments I had with those flowers, the sadness was accompanied by warm, lovely feelings. What a great reminder of the bigger picture - the impermanence of life, the importance of letting go, the benefit of choosing to be in the moment and embracing whatever that moment presents. Fall is a time of change, and gardens really assist us in accepting change.

Fall is a time when many of us are preserving the summer's bounty and saving seed for next year's crops. We try to create a cozy and tidied up space for our gardens to rest in...just as we do for ourselves in preparing for the winter months of rest and reflection. I was having coffee with a friend this morning, and she talked of gardening as life long learning. There is such learning potential from the successes and so-called failures of any gardening adventure...how fortunate we are to be able to learn from such a beautiful and rich adventure. I hope to take all my learnings, inspirations and musings and let them sink in during the months to come...knowing that spring will come again and with it some new thoughts, experiences and results in my garden.

Happy Gardening!



GARDENING TIDBITS

Mr. Stofer



Announcing Mr. Stofer caption contest!

The rules are:
Caption must begin with "HE..."
Entries must arrive by

6pm, the following Sunday.
Winner announced in next issue!
send entries to: stofer@telus.net
Put "Caption contest" in subject line.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RE: Hornby Island Election article from The Islands Grapevine, October 18th, 2018

That report is disgraceful. How much was your correspondent paid and by whom, to paint such a biased picture. Shame on the Grapevine for trying to interfere with a Hornby election.

Bernhard Weiss

Thank you for your effort to cover the Hornby election.

But I am interested in why the Grapevine is editorially against the incumbent trustees?

You say "Obviously, people are looking for change."

This is a huge editorial assumption based on.....what?

There are indeed three non-incumbent candidates, but each requires only two nominees.

So there are only nine people out of several hundred that can be known for sure to be "people looking for change".

So why, other than editorial bias and an intent to intervene in the electoral process of a community you are just beginning to know, did you cast the election in this particular light???

If you were reporting after the election and non-incumbent trustees were elected then there would be factual grounds for reporting that "people are looking for change".

But before an election with no facts (such as a poll or a survey), such a statement is purely manipulative in my view.

Thanks for hearing my opinion!

Tony Law



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HAVE ROOM FOR A PASSENGER? NEED A RIDE? Carpooling offers and requests are free to run in The Islands Grapevine. Contact us to place your ad today. 335-1794, theislandgrapevine@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

THERE WILL BE AN INFO SESSION ABOUT PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION this Friday, October 26th at 3 pm in the Back Hall to discuss and explain the different options for Proportional Representation. The ballots will be arriving in your mailbox soon. If you are unsure about whether you want to try it or which system would be the best for our community please come to this session and have your questions answered. Pam Monroe, from Co-mox Valley Fair Vote will be here to explain anything you are wondering about, including the reason for the ballot. Friday October 26th at 3 pm in the Back Hall

REMEMBRANCE DAY at the Farmer's Market!! Saturday November 10th at the Hornby Community Hall, 11am to 2pm,

Vendors doors at 9am, \$10.00 per spot. Lunch by Chef Ben.

DENMAN FITNESS CENTRE new membership year starts November 1, 2018. For the fee of \$120/year, members are entitled to use the facilities (weight room and limited gym access) and participate in Badminton, Pickle Ball and Table Tennis. New forms are available starting on October 28th. The forms will be at Free Post in DFC red binder and available on the DAC website: http://denmanactivitycentre.com/?page_id=51 Family memberships of \$60 annually available for youth under the age of 19 years when a parent is a member. Please email your questions to: 3352441@telus.net

SENIOR'S LUNCH Friday October 26 - Activity Center Halloween Theme - Prizes for best costumes. Cost 6\$

DENMAN COMMUNITY HALL is looking for volunteers to help at Halloween (Wed, Oct 31) - slicing pies, making coffee, making hot chocolate, and serving the all approx. 5:30pm through 7pm. Contact Lyndsey at 250-335-9177.

SPECIAL BLESSING of the Animals! Sunday 21st October at 1:30pm. St.Saviours Anglican Church (Downtown Denman) will be holding a special Blessing of the Animals and a Celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The Reverend Jim Lyster will lead us in a short service of thanksgiving for our creatures and will bless individual animals, pets or livestock. Please meet on the lawn of the church at 1:30pm with your animal friend, on a leash, as we may have incompatible species. Free dog biscuits. All denominations welcome.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND AT HORNBY FERRY parking lot on Denman Island on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018- 2 9"x12" envelopes full of photos and documents. I do believe they were dropped and are of value to someone. Call Denman Island at 250-335-1415 and ID contents to claim.

SMALL CLUTCH SIZE PURSE LOST on Denman Island, Septem-

ber 12 or 13, maybe at Fillongley Beach or Parking area. The purse is half-moon shape, light brown leather with a zipper and a coloured butterfly imprinted on the outside. Contains identification and credit cards for Wendy Simpson. If you find it, please call her at 604-209-4900 (collect if necessary.)

STILL MISSING, FADED RED CANOE about 15 ft, metal gunwale, with a black K & M painted on it. Last seen on sandpiper beach, H.I.s Aug. 28. We suspect a joy ride that left it abandoned or adrift. Please call Katy Helliwell at 250-335-3245 or email katytraveller@yahoo.com if seen.

FOUND FIT BIT Gladstone Way trail. Edi or Graeme 335-2689

WE FOUND A PAIR of Silver metal frame (prescription?) eye glasses by our gate, possibly dropped by someone picking up "free" stuff near 5555 East Road - Shannon Ford's Studio 250-335-5533

ROOM MATE WANTED

ROOM MATE NEEDED for Nov. 1st. \$600/month - includes rent, hydro, internet, phone and heat. Call Ruth 335-2993.(DI)(07/26-11/01)

NOTICES

THE TOY STUDIO is now open by appointment until December 22nd. Call Christiane at Tel 250-335 1844 www.silkfeltandwaldorftoys.com

EMPLOYMENT

HOME CARE SUPERVISOR - Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society seeks a registered nurse with a range of clinical and managerial experience to join our supervisory team for the home care program. Job description at hornbydenmahealth.com or contact Lori Nawrot at lori@hornbydenmanhealth.com.

WANTED

LONG-TIME ISLANDER seeks to rent a space for his new caravan. Call Doug at 250-897-8184.(DI)

• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
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• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals **335-3027 (D/H)**
- Denman Community Hall Rentals **335-9177 (D/H)**
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

• COMMUNITY RESOURCES •

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

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- Baynes Sound Property Insurance **335-2027 (D/H)**
- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands **335-2510 (H/D)**
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- Bobcat and Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak **335-1853 (All)**
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- Stacy Seabrook Roofing, denmanstace@gmail.com **334-7075 (All)**
- Tyee Mechanical Ltd., licenced plumbing, heating, etc. **218-7688 (All)**
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- 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)**
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• THE COMING WEEK'S EVENTS •

• DENMAN ISLAND (DI) • HORNBY ISLAND (HI) •

THURSDAY 25

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
SENIOR'S LUNCH
Halloween Theme
Prizes for best costume
Noon - DAC(DI)

MONDAY 29

QUILTER'S GUILD
Meeting
9:30 am - 3 pm - United Church Hall(DI)

TUESDAY 30

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
ONE PLANET • ONE ISLAND
Plastics & Recycling
6:30 - 8 pm - Community School(DI)

FRIDAY 26

NIA CLASSES
10:30-2 pm
INFORMATION SESSION
Proportional
Representation
3 pm - Back Hall(DI)
DEATH CAFE
1 pm - Guesthouse(DI)

SATURDAY 27

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
BACK EDDY & THE
PROCRASTINATORS
Halloween Dance
8 pm - Community Hall (DI)
MOVIE NIGHT
8 pm - The Hall (DI)

WEDNESDAY 31

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)
HALLOWEEN BONFIRE & FIREWORKS
6-11 pm - Community Hall (DI)

SUNDAY 28

DENMAN UNITED CHURCH
10:30 am(DI)
ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
10:30 am(DI)
CATHOLIC MASS
2 pm - Phipps Point(HI)

THURSDAY 01

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)



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