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WHAT WENT WRONG IN EASTERN EUROPE OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published November 11, 2018

I first met Viktor Orban, the not-quite-dictator of Hungary, in 1989 in Budapest – and the man who introduced us was none other than George Soros.



Long before he was elected as Hungary's president, Viktor Orban was then a firebrand student leader, anti-Communist, and keen for Hungary to join the West. Photograph courtesy of European People's Party's Flickr

Orban was then a firebrand student leader, anti-Communist and keen for Hungary to join the West. Soros, a Hungarian refugee who became an American billionaire, was devoting his time and money to finding and subsidizing young Eastern Europeans who would lead their countries into the European Union and a liberal democratic future.

But Orban is now the prime minister of an 'illiberal' Hungarian government that controls the mass media and regards the EU as the enemy. In last April's election, he portrayed Soros as the Jewish evil genius who, with the EU's help, was planning to flood Hungary with Muslim refugees and destroy the country's cul-

ture and identity.

That's ridiculous, but Orban won almost half the votes and more than two-thirds of the seats in parliament. Poland, a far bigger country, now also has a far-right, 'illiberal' government that is ultra-nationalist and hostile to the EU (although both countries depend heavily on EU subsidies).

The extremists are not yet in power in other Eastern European countries, but similar trends are visible in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania. The dreams and hopes

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DENMAN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

By Autumn White

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*I*t feels a little bit like the Christmas Craft Fair is sneaking up on us this year what with the lovely autumn weather we've been having. Not to mention that it falls on December 1st and 2nd which is as early as it gets.

This is Denman Islands 37th Christmas Craft Fair! I feel so honoured to coordinate this classic Denman community event and to help continue this long standing tradition of artisanal excellence. It is more important than ever that we shop locally, supporting our neighbours who are producing hand-made goods using natural elements to create an amazing selection of gifts for everyone on your list.

We have some new vendors to inspire your holiday shopping. In the Activity Centre you will find Jennifer Blair of Urban Fusions who creates hand painted landscapes on fused glass necklaces and earrings. Truly one of a kind. Timmothy English of Curly Burl Woodworks from Hornby creates a unique spin on the traditional by pumping electricity through salvaged wood pieces to create stunning tree like fractal patterns. A must see. Amy Lokken has gorgeous vegan-organic hand-crafted soaps, roll-on "perfumes" and unique pottery and bamboo soap dishes. Also Denman's own Tea Guy, Brendan Waye, will be in the entrance with his aromatic specialty teas for sale as gifts or brewed to keep you warm.

In the Community Hall Nita Mars is making her Fair debut with her popular salsa and baked goods as

well as some jewelry. Drew Coupar is joining us with very original walking sticks and carvings made out of wood, bone and antler. Emily Priestly and Adam Percy of 6Gill are sell-



ing their funky new island inspired tee-shirt line. Lisa and Tim Larkin will be on the stage with Wild Child Natural Clothes and Mandala Massage. Intriguing. And though not new to the Fair at all, it's Elishka Hajek's first year graduating from the children's table into her own booth with outstanding original art cards and prints.

The rest of the booths are filled with your favourites who we count on year after year to show up with their traditional offerings and who somehow seem to always keep things fresh with new ideas and twists on their craft. They are all busily working away in preparation for this weekend, so let's show up to support them and soak up all the community love.

The Food Fair is promising to be a

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that drove the anti-Communist revolutions of 1989 are not yet dead, but they are definitely fading. What went wrong?

These countries are among the most ethnically homogenous in the world (due to the Holocaust and the widespread 'ethnic cleansing' that followed both world wars). They have admitted almost no refugees, yet their politics is dominated by the fear of being swamped by them.

It's beyond bizarre, but Bulgarian political philosopher Ivan Krastev has a persuasive explanation for it. He points out that the question "isn't so much where the nationalism has come from, but where it's been hiding all these years." His answer is that it was hiding in plain sight.

During the 1970s and 1980s the nationalists who wanted independence from Soviet rule formed a close alli-

ance with the pro-Western activists who wanted a liberal, democratic future. From Poland to Bulgaria the liberals and the nationalists worked together, and even after the overthrow of the Communists in 1989 they continued to believe (or at least hope) that democracy could accommodate them both.

Maybe it could have, but the nationalist wars that destroyed the former Yugoslav federation in the 1990s put an end to the partnership. As Krastev says, the violence there persuaded liberals that "nationalism was the very heart of darkness, and that flirting with it could only be sinful."

So the liberals broke their alliances with the nationalists, and for a while the nationalists went very quiet. Nobody, not even Polish or Hungarian nationalists, wanted to be seen in the same light as monsters like Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic.

But nationalism was the most powerful political force in Eastern Europe throughout the 20th century, and it wasn't going to just fade away. It re-emerged in the early 21st century, shorn of its liberal associations with tolerance and diversity, as a major political force in the region – and the driver behind it was what Krastev calls "demographic panic".

After 1989 many people in Eastern Europe not only aspired to emulate the prosperous liberal democracies of Western Europe. They actually wanted to live in them, and when their countries joined the EU they acquired the right to free movement. If Poles thought that life would be better in England, for example, they could just move there and find work – and a million of them did.

Since 1989, 27 percent of Latvia's population has emigrated to West-

ern Europe, and Bulgaria has lost 21 percent. Hungary is not so hard hit, but it has lost 3 percent of its population to Western Europe in the past ten years – and almost all the emigrants are young, leaving behind an aging population with a low birth rate.

This is the real source of the demographic panic, but it finds its political expression in a paranoid fear that the country's dwindling population will be overrun by immigrants with a radically different culture, particularly refugees. It doesn't matter that there are virtually no immigrants in Hungary, and that it's about the last place a refugee would want to go. In these matters, perception is all.

The anti-immigrant hysteria is almost universal in Eastern Europe, and it will bring more illiberal nationalist regimes to power before it is finished. The remedy, if there is one, is for the liberals to acknowledge the nationalists' concerns and rebuild the old alliances with them without pandering to the panic.

That's not easy to do, but it's what every Western European democracy has actually been doing for generations. Although they're not doing too well with it at the moment themselves.

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delight once again. We have Two Roads Farm, Natalie and LeeAndra and Pat Jones in the Backhall with Earth Club Factory and Naomi Elliot out front. Ima's Kitchen will be running a full menu in the Activity Centre Lounge. Blackberry Lane Preschool and the Denman Community School PAC will be taking care of all your delicious dessert needs.

Little crafters who would like to sell their wares should contact Alex Larose at 335-3458 after 5:00. There are 2 shifts a day 10-1 and 1-4. Let him know your preferences and he will do his best to accommodate. The kids' tables are free and Alex will be there all weekend to ensure a happy atmosphere for all the children.

Musicians, jugglers and contortionists of all ages are most welcome to busk in front of the Community Hall. This is fun way to make a few bucks and show off your skills. It is usually quite lucrative. If you would like to book a time, please contact Tai McGillivray at 250-335-1231 after 5, or email taimcgillivray@gmail.com.

Many thanks for your continued support. See you in the aisles (which, by the way, have been widened in the Community Hall. Yay!) Saturday December 1st and Sunday December 2nd 10-4.

A CHANGE OF CLIMATE? By John Millen

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Have you ever been a passenger in a vehicle when the driver is lost? Of course you have. Did he keep driving (I'm almost sure it was a 'he') in the wrong direction even when it was obviously the wrong way? Perhaps he was getting into a part of the big city where you **never** go; or was the road getting narrower and rougher with the vegetation crowding in?

I am feeling about Climate Chaos just like you were as that passenger. I have noticed that concerned people writing about our climate predicament do not seem to be connecting with enough of our citizens to affect the driver in Ottawa (or even in Victoria). When I read David Suzuki's "...we have about 12 years to act decisively..." I am afraid this can too

easily be misread – especially if the news is unwelcome. Those of us who have read the scientific reports – or at least their Executive Summaries – and who have looked at the graphs of where we are presently headed know Suzuki's statement means 'decisive action taken now could get us back on track to a secure future by 2030'. It does not mean that we have 12 years to mess around before we are in trouble.

So what is the message we have to get across to our driver(s) as our carbon emissions keep increasing? WE ARE GOING THE WRONG WAY! STOP RIGHT NOW and TURN AROUND.

(**Common Ground November 2018) 🍷

THE ROLE OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD IN CARBON BALANCE

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By Emily Guinane & Dr. Ron Wilson

One Planet - One Island, our forum series about carbon footprint, continued on Tuesday November 6th on the topic of food. The evening started with Dr. Ron commenting on a recent study that states that if we continue on our present course of food production and con-

sumption, by 2050, with a population of between 8.5 and 10 billion, the planet will not be able to provide for us all. Changes are in store.

Veronica Timmons reported on the good work being done by the Denman Island Growers and Producers Alliance (DI GPA) and their current goals of reducing plastic, promoting Buy Local and Eat local and starting a Food for Families program.

Next up was a presentation by organic auditor, Lisa Pierce, on how soil can sequester, or in other words, how soil stores carbon and keeps it from becoming a greenhouse gas. To date 80 billion tons of carbon has



Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards (ADIMS)

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Thursday, November 22, 2018
7.00 p.m. at the Community Back Hall

ADIMS provides the residents of Denman Island with a strong voice in protecting our marine environment. Our mission is to ensure that all commercial and recreational activities are conducted on a scale according to a code of practice and conduct that preserves and protects the diverse values of the marine environment.

All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.
For more information: www.adims.ca or
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been lost from the soil to the atmosphere by agricultural practises such as plowing and bare fallow that exposes the soil.

However there are practices that increases the soils carbon sequestration and eliminates or reduces the loss of carbon such as cover crops, mulching, limiting tilling, growing of perennials, shrubs and trees. These practices are called organic regenerative agriculture and are taken in to account in the Canadian organic certification, insuring that certified organic products are a wise choice in our attempts to reduce or carbon footprint. Lisa emphasised that it is important to look to our local growers; even if they are not certified organic, you can engage in conversations with them regarding agricultural practises.

Fireweed lead us through the complexities of our food system, connecting our everyday choices to a global context. Starvation in Central America, prompted by drought and new diseases due to the warmer climate, has led to a convoy of refugees walking towards the U.S. boarder. In a changing climate we cannot take



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food for granted and with our current abundance we will have to share with those who have been hit hard by the changing climate.

Looking toward how we can reduce our carbon emissions when it comes to what we put on our plates the list of food with high carbon emission makes it clear. Beef, sheep, cheese and pork are the top four, followed by many other animal products. Plant based products such as asparagus that is transported by air or palm oil that contributes to deforestation are also major contributors.

Some of the reasons why animal products are such high carbon offenders are the vast areas dedicated to producing them. Over 80% of agricultural land is used to raise meet

yet it only produces 18% of our food. Pasture raised animals, as well as the soy grown to feed animals contribute to deforestation. Ruminants such as cattle and sheep are at the top of the list because of the gases that there digestive system emits. At the core it is an issue of how much energy it takes to produce animal products compared to if humans would consume those nutrients directly. And it doesn't actually make a difference to the carbon emissions if the cattle are grain feed or grass feed.

Next week we will report on our Open Space meeting that took place on November 13th. If you have any questions please get in touch with Dr. Ron at rawilson33@gmail.com or Emily at DICES 335 2058 or denman@uniserve.com.

HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY KITCHEN

By Jim Bulmer

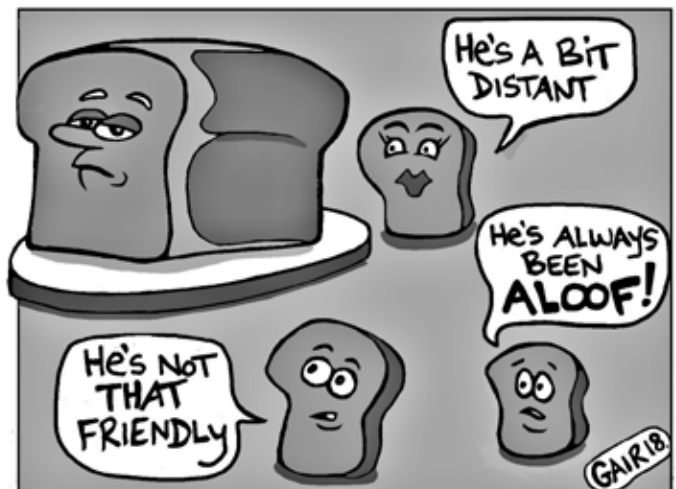
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The Community Kitchen on Hornby has been hosted for the last year by Joe King Ballfield and the Hornby Island Athletic Association (HIAA). The Community Kitchen (formerly HOPE Kitchen) serves between 30 and 60 people three times a week a full 4 course meal with Vegetarian, and sometimes Vegan, options. The Ballfield rents the space to the Kitchen and provides dining space and a relaxed atmosphere. The 'Kitchen Ladies (and Gents)' are great, I have worked with them a year now and they haven't kicked me out..... but now I have a mission. The Kitchen needs help, and as a

member of the HIAA Board, I am now the Fundraising Guy, and we have begun!

I have started two campaigns, one on GoFundMe.com (HIAA and Joe King Park), and the other on FaceBook (look me up). I also put on FaceBook a Christmas Wish List for the Kitchen and so far we have new

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Dishes and a new Can Opener and a new Garbage Can! The InterWeb campaigns have so far brought \$56, but over \$200 has come straight to our Bank Account. We are starting slowly and noisily and things are starting to trickle in.

Joe King and the Kitchen need about \$110,000 to get serious renovations underway, and probably more after that. The InterWeb campaigns are aiming for \$10,000 to begin upgrading the Kitchen, a small start to bigger things.

The Joe King Ballfield and Park are integral to the structure of Hornby's unique culture. If the SeaBreeze is the Dining Room and the Community Hall is the Living Room, the Ballfield is the Basement. Baseball, Biking, Tennis, Road Hockey, Frisbee Golf, and a Party Room, and a Kitchen, and an Earthy environment, and a Safe place.

There is renewed interest in the potential of Joe King, Kaffee Klatsch, Bingo, Afternoon entertainment, etc. and we have some new faces to do it. There was a good turnout at the last General Meeting and there will be a Board Meeting Monday, November 19, where we will talk more about Fundraising. 🍷



Just a friendly reminder from the Islands Grapevine to encourage our readers to support those who advertise in our pages ... with out them the Grapevine could not deliver community-minded articles to the mailboxes of islanders for free!

REMEMBRANCE DAY, 2018

By Anthony Gregson

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*I*t is astonishing to think that after thousands of years of war, the first memorial commemorating common soldiers by name was only negotiated in 1871 in the treaty ending the Franco-Prussian War when every fallen French soldier was also accorded his own resting place. The

not wish to call too much attention to the political misjudgements and military mismanagement culminating in the disaster of the German invasion. Pacifist monuments remain, alas, scarce. One of the most famous is in Gentioux, France, where the statue of an orphan boy looks up at



Pacifist memorial at Genioux, France with the inscription Maudite soit la guerre (Cursed be war).

only other earlier example is of a more private nature, a memorial of 1432 listing Oxford University casualties in the long medieval wars between France and England. Only after World War One did the concept of a remembrance day for the war dead come into being. In Germany, it was defiantly transformed into Hero's Day, a practise ended in 1945. Russia, the former republics of the Soviet Union, and most of central Europe celebrate Victory Day on May 9, though strangely, in the Soviet Union itself, despite 20 million casualties, Victory Day was not a public holiday until 1965. It's been said that the Communist Party did

the words "Cursed be war". French soldiers were ordered to avert their gaze as they marched past.

Although everyone on Denman is too young to have taken part in World War Two, or were born afterwards, the Activity Centre Recreation Hall was filled to standing room. Everyone stood for the two veterans, Richard Griffiths and Bill Walton (who also served after the WW II), as they entered the hall. An RCMP constable in full dress uniform stood near the stage, the

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choir of the United Church sang two songs, including May You Always Have a Song to the contrapuntal harmonies of Andrew Fyson. In Flanders Fields was read by Herman de Vries, and Lawrence Bin-yon's poem For the Fallen by Morley Crosby. The Last Post was played, followed by two minutes of silence, and reveille.

But then Denman put its own twist on things. Deneen Baldwin sang Buddy Can You Spare a Dime about a World War One veteran whose sacrifice and hard work have come to nothing in the Great Depression. Lest We Forget, a poem by Belinda White written, she said, for social media (hence the hashtags) pushed the boat out further.

#LestWeForget

#lestweforget how brutal war is!
#lestweforget the loss of lives of sol-
diers, civilians, prisoners!
#lestweforget to address and end po-
litical tyranny in our own backyard
first!
#lestweforget who repeatedly starts
wars, destroys lives, dismantles de-
mocracy!
#lestweforget the daily re-commi-
ment to empathy, conflict resolution,
reconciliation, restoration!
#lestweforget the global and local
impact of our consumer and lifestyle
choices that may fuel the domination
of peoples and the destruction of
lands.
#lestweforget that institutionalized
repression, massacre, colonization,
empowerment... IS NOT the same as
direct action, protest, revolution!
And while we work tirelessly for
peace and regeneration, may we
stand up proudly as warriors to

recover and protect a just, inclusive,
and green world for our children's
children's children!

Beginning with Rosa Parks, Elijah Harper and the Kielburger brothers (founders of We days), Graham Isbister then interpreted the meaning of sacrifice in the light of the long traditions of volunteerism and activism on Denman. Sacrifice means to go beyond yourself – something very well understood on the islands. He reflected on how many important amenities – the Community Hall, the Activity Centre, the two churches, and the dock, has all been built and renovated over the years by countless volunteers. Few people knew, he pointed out, that it was the Denman Island Lacemakers, tired of straining their eyes by oil lamp, who were responsible for bringing electricity to the island in 1957, petitioning BC Electric with letters over 25 years. He urged people to go next door and visit the Museum & Archives which had a display of the Peace Movement (there were almost 30 visitors).

Remembrance Day is slowly transforming into more than commemoration of military sacrifice. All the things the Peace Movement fought for so long during the Cold War have now come back – with the added potential horrors of conflict fueled by climate change and resurgent nationalism. Perhaps this is one of the reasons the Hall was so full. Its not just war, but the need to make changes in how we live. The best way to head off the darkness, as both Linda and Graham pointed out, is to treat your neighbour as you would treat yourself. In the end, it all comes down to you.

DENMAN BAROQUE FESTIVAL 2019

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INFO

By Paddy O'Connell

Preparations are already well underway for the 2019 Denman Island Baroque Music Workshop and Festival and our three instructors have asked to come back! Set aside the dates now – May 4-11 – because you won't want to miss the many musical events scheduled for the week.

Best of all, the week-long workshop will again culminate in an opera! This year we're planning a production of Henry Purcell's The Fairy Queen on the afternoon of Saturday, May 11th, complete with singing, dancing, acting, orchestra, costumes and sets. Also watch for the community concert (with local choirs, instrumentals, poetry, dancing, and more, all with a baroque flavour), a chamber concert by our three brilliantly talented workshop instructors, as well as a lecture by Maestro Marco Vitale.

Singers and instrumentalists (on Baroque instruments at A=415) who are interested in participating in the workshop should contact our artistic director Andrew Fyson ASAP. The workshop is filling up quickly, but we especially need more sopranos and soloists. For more details and to view the application form, please check our website – www.denmanbaroque.com. Applications must be in by the end of this year.

Donations and volunteers are vital to the ongoing success of this wonderful festival, so please let us know if you're able to contribute in any way by giving Andrew call at 250-335-9047. Brochures are available at the General Store and Abraxas Books.

RECRUITMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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NOTES**

By Dominique Husereau

The Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society plans to offer a transportation assistance program for seniors on Denman and Hornby Islands as part of the Comox Valley Better at Home program. Most of us don't plan for a time when we are no longer able to drive or get around on public transit, but if and when that happens, we are often faced with a lack of access to essential services and experience a loss of social independence. This is especially true when there are no friends or family members to help us get out for appointments or services. If someone has always been independent and self-sufficient, these feelings can make asking a family member or friend for transportation very difficult, particularly on regular basis. One of the results is increased social isolation for seniors.

Our plan is to implement a volunteer-based driving program, matching trained volunteers with seniors who will book rides on Denman or Hornby for appointments/shop-

ping/eating out. This service can also be use to attend any social events on our island (Senior's lunch, Craft Fair, community dinners, concerts etc). Each volunteer will have a clear driving record and history, a criminal record check and a vehicle in good running condition. Reporting to the Program Coordinator of Comox Valley Better At Home program on Denman and Hornby Island, these volunteer drivers will provide assisted transportation on Island to seniors who are unable to drive.

Recruiting and maintaining a pool of compassionate, qualified and motivated drivers is essential to the success of this transportation assistance program.

A positive experience with a volunteer, out in the community will provide an isolated senior with a positive social experience, in addition to transportation.

All volunteers will be supported with

assistance with the Denman and Hornby Islands Better at home program coordinator to obtain criminal record check, driver abstract, transportation financial support, scheduling rides and training.

Transportation training for volunteers on Denman Island will be offer on November 26th at the Seniors Activity Center(lounge area) from 1 to 4pm. and on Hornby Island at the Hornby Denman Health Care Society on Sollans road on December 3rd from 1to 4pm.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Better at Home Transportation program, sign up for our training or if you are a senior and would like to know if you can be eligible for this program, please connect with Dominique Husereau, program coordinator for Better at Home on Denman and Hornby Islands by phone at 250-898-0245 or by email at dominique@hornbydenmanhealth.com 

NOTES FROM A TRUSTEE

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By David Critchley

First off, I want to express my gratitude (and Laura's too) for being re-elected by acclamation last month. Every Trustee I have spoken to has disclaimed the idea of being a "politician" and has loathed the prospect of standing before their community and selling themselves as the best person for the job.

Next I want to mention our October community event with the

Chief, elders and archeologist of the K'omoks First Nation. As usual, Denman did itself proud in the thoughtfulness and warmth that was so evident. The talk by Dr. Jesse Morin was not merely interesting, it was engaging and profound.

But sometimes it can be a small thing that makes the day - for Chief Rempel it was the spontaneous applause that the community gave as the el-

ders tried to quietly leave the room to catch the ferry. I was told that this simple gesture of acknowledgement and respect caused a very emotional reaction. That is worth contemplating: where that comes from, where we are, where we need to go.

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cal Trust Committee. Three topics dominated: short term vacation rentals, the farm plan draft bylaws, and affordable housing.

As to the first, we heard from several people that our enforcement actions on unlawful guest accommodation were causing hardship and unfairness. So far, these actions have been in the nature of letters and discussions requiring compliance with a bylaw that has been in effect for everyone (apparently with community consent) for a considerable time. Nevertheless, perhaps our bylaw is too blunt an instrument and we need to have some flexibility. That could take the form of temporary use permits on a case by case basis. Such permits are not presently available for this purpose, so we asked staff to

draft a bylaw for our consideration. There will be community discussion on the pros and cons of this, and possibly some alternatives might be suggested on further review. We'll see.

On the farm plan, we received a further staff report and were urged by some members of the public to go slowly. The irony of this submission to a Trust body was not lost on me. We asked staff to forward the report to the Growers and Producers Alliance for further comment and for staff to come up with suggestions for further public consultation.

On affordable housing generally, we passed a direction that applications for affordable housing be given priority of staff time until further notice. The limited staff resources have to be carefully allocated, but it is our sense that these files, that have a

major public-interest component to them, need to be moved along more quickly. In saying this I am not prejudging any application. If it is to die let's get on with it, if it is appropriate to be approved let's get on with that.

You may not be surprised to know that at a Trustee roundtable held at Trust Council in Victoria last week the most recurrent themes were: short term vacation rentals as a plague, affordable housing as an urgent need, and water security as an ever greater worry.

The next Trust meeting is November 22 at 9:30 in the Activity Centre. Come and meet our new chair.

As usual, I point out the unofficial nature of these musings. There is no substitute for a set of approved minutes! 

MOVING TO THE KANADA

By Anthony Gregson

**BELLE
LETTRES**

If you must live on the street, it's always wiser to put out a story instead of a hand. That's how I fell into conversation with a youngish Quebecois fellow when I was still working in the parallel world of Comox and Denman streets in Vancouver's West End. He came from deep eastern Quebec, from a family that owned a large health food store. There'd been some sort of falling out and despite his consummate success as a drug dealer, which, after all, takes ambition and business management skills, the family refused to give him a share or a job. Then the Montreal police wisened up to him, there was a fall from a window, and a brain injury. Now he shared living space with Stanley Park's rapacious racoons who also know a sucker

when they see one. I gave him \$40 for some reason. But this gentleman said something that stuck in my mind: "I like living out in the English."

Canada can be a famously elusive. Canadians abroad are not known for ardent nationalism or chest-thumping patriotism. Living in Canada is like sharing lodgings with a huge man who never turns down the blare of a giant TV day or night. Canadians can barely hear their own thoughts or even figure out who they are, shoulder to shoulder with the USA. The Association of BC Book Publishers, where I used to work, rued the cruel fact that the price of English Canadian titles was set in New York, which meant that

you had to charge less in a much smaller market with higher per unit costs (Quebec publishers were blessed by a language barrier).

This problem was compounded for me as the Canadian-born child of English parents, escaping the dreariness of ration-card England after World War Two, and my father's livelihood as a foreign correspondent specializing in Eastern Europe, now largely behind the Iron Curtain. Ending up in Victoria didn't help. Moving amongst other English emigres, British politics was always far more important. The words of conservative commentators like Sir

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Peregrine Worsthorne (In Defense of Aristocracy, The Socialist Myth) in the pages of the Daily Telegraph were quoted with approval. I don't think I ever heard Federal politics discussed once, even though my father owned weekly papers.

First Nations were never mentioned. My mother quaintly thought all Indians lived in teepees. The only encounter I can recall was unfortunate. We thought to picnic by the sea one afternoon out on Saanich Inlet. The idea that this lovely spot might be on reserve land could never have occurred. Very shortly, a heavy-set fellow trudged down towards us. "Remember Wolfe!" my father reminded him, when advised to leave. The complex futility of this relict imperialist attitude cannot be examined here. Suffice to say that, hating picnics, sports, and all outings of any sort, I decamped with delight.

This same attitude, however, also meant that I never went fishing or logging, the necessary rites of passage of true British Columbia males which others seemed to take up without a second thought. Instead, I

poured copious amounts of tea and took great pride in chucking my first girlfriend after learning of the evil mechanism of jealousy from reading Proust. We would hold parties with lots of cheap Bulgarian Gamza red wine and smoked exotic British imperial brands of cigarettes like oval Egyptian Abdullas, Sobranie Black Russians (gold tipped with black tubes) and even Chaliapins, the personal brand of cigarettes of the great Russian basso, beautiful ochre tubes with Turkish tobacco, all available at Morris' Tobacconists. My father looked in one night and said it smelled just like a brothel. Now how did he know that?

We even frequented an excellent Italian tailor, Joseph Grosso, who made each of us whatever we wanted. The results were worthy of Wearable Art. My brother designed a baggy jean suit, possibly the first ever made; Rob, a suit made entirely of green velvet; Nigel a stylish smoking jacket in a heavy, flower-patterned brocade, with a high, black velvet collar. I requested a pair of brilliant red trousers with a gold stripe down the leg as part of my obsession with the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Where the money for any of this

came from I haven't the faintest, but it certainly wasn't my parents or any of my friends. I think I had a job at some point stuffing license plates in the Motor Vehicle Branch. At the enforced coffee break, I would read Lady

Murasaki Shikibu's Tale of Genji, one of the world's first novels, written over a thousand years ago, set in the exquisite aristocratic world of tenth century Heian Japan.

All of which is only to say that I was clearly not growing up in Canada. That was the world of Wacky Bennett and Flying Phil Gagliardi. The bleak gravel cuttings along the ever-expanding new highways seemed particularly emblematic. And although I eventually got my sea legs and worked in Toronto and Vancouver, I always ended up back in Victoria, at the family home in Oak Bay, amongst the rarified beauty of decimated garry oaks, quite unlike any other place in Canada. When I first moved to Toronto, I was so horrified by the sticky heat and brutal cold, I seriously wondered how this could possibly be a major city. Yes, I was that naïve.

Loving where we live is one of the basics of a stable existence, but not when the place becomes more important than you. With parents and twin brother dead, it was time to move into The Kanada, to the land of clear cuts, shadowing forest, mosquitoes, and gravel roads. But first, I needed the services of a reputable realtor. Realtors, as opposed to realtors, help you come to grips with your life. Fortunately, there was one to hand, seasoned and personally familiar, my long-time e-mail correspondent, Dawn Stofer, for whom I issued a business card, "Dominion Realtors – Helping You Face the Facts".

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It was no holds barred. I wanted a clear cut, nothing less. We figured out there were several grades. Grade A, the most challenging, and therefore, morally, the most desirable, was a fresh devastation – lots of new slash, churned up ground, shattered stumps, mud and mess. But this, unfortunately, was usually not available for residential. Grade B was windrowed, cleaned up, still excitingly desolate. The road to the Cumberland Dump runs past a great Grade B, especially enticing in heavy rain



(is that why I was fascinated by a garden of verdant shell craters at Verdun?) I looked at a couple of Grade C sites on Denman, the windrows now silvered, salal beginning to spread back over the ground, young trees of human height – but for me, the frisson of brutalist destruction already faded. You'd just be pretending here, like the English gentry who erected classical follies in vast gardens like Stowe. The roses and rhodos would soon creep back and I'd find myself stuck back in the aesthetic fantasy of the Englishman's

castle. What I wanted was the need to dispense with aesthetics altogether, to be utterly free of any whiff of suburbia, to embrace the bulldozer. Afterall, as anyone knows who has walked the West Coast trail, all it takes to make Nature into a garden is the cultural intervention of a path.

The British poet Rupert Brooke notoriously lamented the absence of ruins in Canada, that essential constituent of a sense of history. Of course, he meant castles, and not leaning totem poles or fallen long houses or abandoned shellfish gardens.

This is an urge that must be resisted. But of ruin itself there is abundance, and it is ruin I craved.

Which brings me to Charles Jencks, the Genghis Khan of Denman Island. Little had I suspected the daunting beauty of a grade four

clear cut, a bespoke masterpiece of old school log 'em and leave 'em. After several decades, the knarled trunks of big maples and the old slash lay hidden by tall dried grass, making walking treacherous. Where the Steep Slopes had been logged with thoughtless greed, the hillside still had big patches of bare soil. Huge boulders were still held in the death clutch of the bleached stumps and roots of the trees that had once hidden them from the sun. The whole landscape was already turned topsy turvy with the broken and jag-

ged megaliths of a fallen cliff ("like a castle that was blown up", my companion remarked. Ah Rupert – Rupert, damn you! Instead, I fervently hoped that these were the gothic product of the Great Shake of 1701, famously recorded by Hokusai). The building of logging roads exacerbated the chaos, pushing great rocks into shadowed gullies. The Kanada at last – that great economy of industrial destruction that underlies the national psyche. I smugly purchased a jackhammer for whatever gardening might be possible.

Ah, but then, when I attend my first meeting of Denman Works, what is the first order of business but an acknowledgement that we are meeting on the unceded territory of the K'omoks Nation! Doesn't that precede the existence of Canada by many centuries? Apparently, I have moved into some sort of pre-contact no-man's land, a place where all the unsmiling values I so craved to face, had no meaning whatsoever. What's more, everyone seems to love it. There are moves to rename Denman with its First Nations moniker. Of course, this isn't the first time this has happened. Modern European civilization was built on the Renaissance love-affair with Greece and Rome, about whose actual realities they knew little. But the past is a vast field of ideas that lay dormant and come to life in another context, like a kaleidoscope, revealing new patterns of meaning. The future is not anthropology.

Canada is an elusive place, as I started out saying. Maybe, moving into the Kanada, I can only really move into myself.



Dear deer

*I'd rather have you as a friend
Than have you as a food
For when you come to visit
You brighten up my mood.*

*But when you eat my garden
I change my attitude.
I work the soil and pull the weeds;
My garden is love imbued.
Yet you can ruin my winter store
Need you be so rude?!*

*The earth grows all you need for
life.
Your predators are few.
Let us share the space together
In peace and gratitude.*

*Protected by a 6 foot fence,
My barrier, thin and crude
To keep you on the wild side
My garden flush with green
thumb pride;
While you walk free, not fried or
stewed.*

Thomas Provençal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YONI EGGS COME TO DENMAN

By Jan (formerly known as "Yawni")

Sorry, "Do you have female reproductive organs?" , I should have stopped reading there, but I was drawn in.

I'm a firm believer in that having a strong vibrant Yoni can only serve to strengthen the bond between women and men in our society.

My only issue is that during my playing days for various rugby teams, my nickname was "Yawni". I now have to rethink my whole rugby carrier.

Being a holder of male reproductive organs, my own, I'm feeling a bit left out, not in the in crowd. There should be a version of Yoni eggs for men, they would obviously have to

go by a different name, but they may be beneficial to prostate health and at the very least they could help stop us from going around "losing our s***" all the time.

Since I couldn't attend the intro session in person, I have a few questions. I was thinking of getting my partner a Yoni egg as a christmas present. How can I figure out the proper size without tipping her off? Secondly, are these eggs microwavable? No one wants to have the experience of a cold Yoni egg and I think that the microwaves might act to stimulate the crystals natural vibratory powers.

Anyway, I think that having a community in which there are strong vibrant Yoni's could only serve to benefit our island.

Thanks Celeste for sharing these eggs with our Denman community.

Request for Proposal

Contract for management of Visit Denman Website

Denman Works is putting out a call for proposals to manage the Visit Denman website under contract on a fee-plus-commission basis.

Visit Denman is intended as the visitor portal to Denman with listings of accommodation, shops, and places to eat as well as attractions such as events and public amenities such as boating facilities. Stories that convey the cultural context of life are an essential feature of the content.

The website needs refreshing, update and new ideas.

Proposals must address the following requirements:

- A proposed Business Plan that includes:
 - Development of marketing strategy
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 - Social media enhancement
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- Estimated cost
- Schedule
- Performance measures
- Interested businesses or individuals must be residents of Denman.

Note that responsibility for technical maintenance of the website will remain with Denman Works.

The deadline for submissions is December 14, 2019

If this opportunity interests you, please contact us for a chat, more detailed information **before preparing a submission.**

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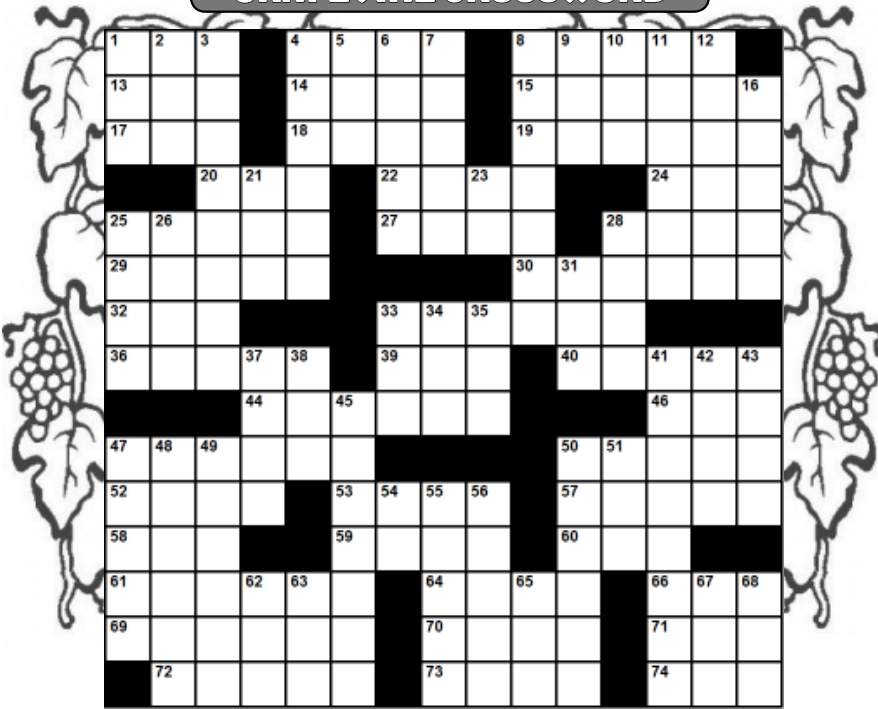
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28. Apple heart
31. Cry over a mouse
33. Addressee
34. Monster of myth
35. Last degree
37. Frightful
38. Hindu Mr.
41. Set free
42. Elbow action
43. Ground hemlocks
45. Having lots to do
47. Man's manservant
48. Mountain beasts
49. Trite
50. Funny feeling
51. A pop
54. Exist
55. Faze

56. Pass along
62. Actor Vigoda
63. Computer network, abbr.
65. Rip off
67. Almost deflated
68. Aquarius, e.g.

Mr. Stofer



JUST A THOUGHT

*"A day without
sunshine is like,
you know, night."*

• Steve Martin •

• LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION •

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3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
DAAC OPEN STAGE
7:30 pm - Back Hall(DI)

MONDAY 19

QUILTER'S GUILD
Meeting
9:30 am - 3 pm - United Church Hall(DI)
GPA AGM
7-9 pm - DAC(DI)

TUESDAY 20

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
LTC BUSINESS MEETING
9:30 am - DAC(DI)

FRIDAY 16

NIA CLASSES
10:30-2 pm

SATURDAY 17

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)

WEDNESDAY 21

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)
DIGS MEETING
2 pm - United Church(DI)

SUNDAY 18

DENMAN UNITED CHURCH
10:30 am(DI)
PRESCHOOL BOARD
Meeting
3-5 pm - Back Hall(DI)
ISLA AGM
3:30 pm - New Horizons(HI)

THURSDAY 22

CAP SITE
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
D.I. FOOD BANK
3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
ADIMS AGM
6 pm - Back Hall(DI)