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LOOKING BACK TO 2018

By Anthony Gregson

SPECIAL INTEREST

Paradise has its good and bad years. 2018 was mainly good, even very good on Denman. Community resilience and commitment was still there and thriving, particularly where downtown was concerned. Whenever much needed local businesses go on the block, its always a nail-biter. Will they close and disappear? Not this time! Abraxas Books stayed in the family when it was sold to Tachi Barker, continuing the good work of Juan Barker and Leslie Dunsmore. Then Denman Hardware was bought by Graeme Isbister and Sterling Fraser. In both cases, the businesses are in the hands of long-term islanders who really understand the local market. We were also joined by a new bakery. Ima's Kitchen finally got up and running and has everyone savouring their sourdough. The renovation of the Emporium Café created a cozy, stylish venue that is much appreciated by everyone. The Saturday Market was bigger and more bustling than ever, now grown from 15 vendors three years ago to forty-two. The Christmas Craft Faire was also bigger and more profitable than ever. And – not to tootle our own horn - the Grapevine at last stepped into public view with an office over the Emporium as well as publishing again on Hornby and even trying out an election issue in the three bays across the water, Buckley, Fanny and Union, to a very promising reception.

Affordable housing took a major step forward with the 20-unit Denman Green qualifying for \$95,000 in BC Housing funds to prove the site, an essential step in securing their backing for the \$6.7 million project. A massive application to Island Trust to start the rezoning process was also submitted.

Real estate sales were surprisingly slow – about 25 for the whole Island. Part of the reason is that fewer people want to move because they can no longer find equivalent property in the Comox Valley where prices have gone through the roof. Acreages in the Settlement Lands were purchased by young working families off island making long term plans. Newcomers are noticeably participatory, joining boards and organizations like the Conservancy, or serving at the Olde Tyme Christmas Dinner. Graeme Brazier's analysis of the 2016 census indicated that 60+ was 52% (610) of the population, but with the school population reportedly doubled in the last three years and a waiting list for daycare, the

population may be rebalancing.

In August, the arts welcomed a major new addition, the first Star Dust Festival, put on by Dante Ambriel and Tashi Draper, three days of original dramatic works by Denman writers, including two by Dante herself, featuring island performers. The Guest House expanded its restaurant and entertainment capacity with the construction of the Performance Room that also provides more room for art shows – not to mention the chalkboard on the exterior back wall that is never empty of customer drawings and advice.

The Readers and Writers Festival, now ranked as one of the best smaller events of its kind in Canada, was sold out. Denman was also getting published: Mudgirls Manifesto: handbuilt homes handcrafted lives by the Mudgirls Natural Building Collective, a new work by

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COMMUNITY PARAMEDICS STROKE RECOGNITION *By BCEHS*

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Your Community Paramedics will be holding a free Stroke Recognition and Action education clinic. This event will be held at The Denman Fire Hall on January the 11th at 10:00am

A Stroke, or Cerebrovascular Accident, can be life changing. The role of your Community Paramedics, are to keep people living in their homes as comfortably possible, for as long as they can. Stroke recognition and prevention is one of the ways we hope to help make that happen.

This clinic will focus on stroke recognition, what to do if you suspect a stroke, stroke prevention and early warning signs of a stroke. We will talk a little bit about the physiology and differences between occlusive and hemorrhagic strokes and why they occur.

This event is free for all. Hope to see you there. 🍷

WALKING CLINICS WITH YOUR COMMUNITY PARAMEDICS *By BCEHS*

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For the Denman Island Walking Clinics we will be using Central Park. We will be holding these walking clinics on the second and the last Friday of every month Starting on the 11th of January from 3pm to 4pm. Meet at the parking lot across from the recycling Centre. Make sure to dress for the weather.

This Clinic is for everyone no matter what your fitness level. There is no commitment to a distance and your community paramedics will be available to you if you require any assistance. Participant's distances will be tracked and we will add up the total distance traveled by all participants each session. If you are taking part in the Denman Island "walk to the moon" then this will count towards that goal.

For the Hornby Island Walking Clinics we will be heading out on the second and the last Wednesdays of each month beginning on January 16th. The clinic will operate from 2pm to 3pm starting at the Helliwell Park parking lot.

This clinic is for everyone no matter your fitness level. There is no commitment to a distance and there will be a community paramedic available to you during your participation. We will be tracking distances and recording totals with the same goal of walking to the moon.

These clinics are excellent for anyone who wants to be able to walk farther, feel stronger, improve their balance, improve foot placement, wants to meet people, recovering from an illness and have been recommended by their doctor or other health care provider to increase their activity or anyone who just wants to move more.

Hope to see you there. 🍷


CHOOSE TO MOVE *By Ajauni Kallstrom*

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Notice:
Cafe Pourium will be closed from January 13 to February 4 for a winter vacation, reopening at 10 am on Feb 5.



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Des Kennedy, Beautiful Communion, and a fifth installment in J P McLean's mystery series, The Gift Legacy, Wings of Prey. Harold Stewart's ground-breaking Views of the Salish Sea: A History has sold very well and is even being used as the basis for a course. Dancing in Gumboots: Adventure, Love & Resilience: Women of the Comox Valley by Lou Allison included biographies of three islanders. A public reading and a retrospective talk by Des Kennedy packed the Community Hall. And Pat Henson bought a second volume in her autobiography: That's My Story and I'm Sticking To It: My Teen Age Years during the War.

In May, the Baroque Festival once again pulled off the extraordinary feat of mounting a seventeenth century opera (Monteverdi's L'Orfeo) with a healthy compliment of local performers and period instruments, guided by professional instructors from Europe. In August Kaimerata, Kai Gleusteen's three-day personal festival of string trios and quartets, once more proved its popularity.

Then there was the great success of the first World Ocean Day event, with that amazing gown made entirely of plastic junk, not to mention Plastique's saucy talk, the thoughtful poetry of Cornelia Hoogland, and a crowd-sourced round of sea shanties. For something completely different, the burlesque of the Martini Lounge kept Denman good

and weird.

Cleo, the Muse of History, also got her moment in 2018. Not to be overlooked was the Peace Exhibit of the DSMS Denman Museum and Archives, a tribute to Denman's remarkable activism, and the announcement of a long overdue archives policy for records of community organizations and individuals.

There were some astonishingly successful community events. Foremost amongst them the was Community Auction which broke all records, raising \$12,000 for the Preschool, the Activity Centre and Community Hall. But it wasn't all about money. The first Community Feast put on by the KFN and Islands Trust at the Activity Centre showed just how much goodwill there is for reconciliation which was not missing at the raising of a totem pole at Fillongley Park. The annual Olde Tyme Christmas Dinner overflowed with two sittings that filled the Community Hall, serving 389 meals, possibly the largest to date. And the New Year's Dance was a blast.

On the political front, Daniel Arbour, of HIEEC and Hornby Festival fame, was elected CVRD representative for Area A, the first islander since 2005.

All was not necessarily sunshine. Island caregivers, who are a significant part of the economy, struggled with the draconian new scheduling requirements of the Vancouver Island Health Authority that require them to clock time down to the minute, imposing restrictions

that raise concerns about the quality of care they can provide, a blow for islands whose quality of home care is nationally recognized.

B & B accommodation providers were blindsided by a letter from Island Trust raising the spectre of bylaw enforcement that might restrict their business. By year-end, this situation looked as if it was on the way to resolution involving temporary permits, but it certainly got the wind up.

The environment was also troubled. ADIMS annual beach clean-up produced 6 tons of aquaculture plastic, two more than 2017. The problem grows unabated as efforts to bring changes to the aquaculture industry remain complex and uncertain. On top of that, a report out of Simon Fraser University stated that all the shellfish in Baynes Sound are now polluted with microplastics.

There was further confirmation that the climate is no longer on our side. There were increasing instances of wells drying up, and severe storms. In fact, the storm of Dec 20 was the worst one for provincial power outages in Hydro's history. Gusts on the Island Connector reached 120 kph. Then there was the smoke from forest fires, now a regular summer feature. Ironically, the smoke from Interior fires drove many visitors to Denman which was good news for the Saturday market. River rises, fish eat the ants; river falls, ants eat the fish.



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Animals

Thomas Provençal

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| I met with an ethologist. I aligned with her belief That animals have feelings From playful joy to grief. | The more you truly open up The more the truth is plain. Animals have feelings. They give and they receive. Expressing only honesty While humans may deceive. Including self-deception. We choose what we believe. While animals are waiting For understanding and reprieve. |
| The world is integrated In ways we don't yet know. If you can open up your heart Love in there can grow. | |
| With that love comes empathy; You feel another's pain. | |

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INFORMATION SESSION: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Denman Activity Centre Lounge.

To register for the information session please contact Rachel Goodman, Activity Coach at (250) 335-2885 or rachel@hornbydenmanhealth.com.

ANDREA ROSE & JESSE HAMPTON MUSIC JAN. 19TH THE GUESTHOUSE *By Sheldon Rempel*

Andrea Rose and Jesse Hampton join forces to bring a musical experience to nourish the soul. With lyrically driven melodies put to their feel-good acoustic-folk tunes, they'll have you tapping your feet to a groove or kicking back to coffee-shop style acoustic; a perfect blend of soul and simplicity. Andrea has been singing and songwriting since the age of 15, and brings a full slate of original music with a sprinkling of favourite covers on both guitar and piano. Jesse joins her on the eminence,

upright bass with years of multi-instrumental experience, offering skillful and tasteful accompaniment.

You'll find them playing intimate house concerts, coffee shops and art exhibits, or this summer at the Friday Summer Night's market downtown on the mainstage. Their love for creating and sharing music on the live stage will take them wherever it's welcomed, and their audience has warmly received them wherever they go.

JANUARY RECIPE: ACUPRESSURE SPECIAL INTEREST FOR SCIATICA PAIN *By Kyla Plaxton*

1/4 - Bladder 48

This Pressure Point is an amazing butt spot, right into the big muscles knot. Most people find huge relief when pushed hard and for a good few minutes - but be gentle and go in slowly, you don't want to hurt yourself!

FIND: 4 fingers out from the coccyx.

HOW: Press into the muscle toward the front of the body. Hold for 3 long & slow deep breaths. Release gently.



UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS

By Anthony Gregson • Photos by Anthony Gregson

Denman has two Christmas feasts, one a public event of long standing that gets more popular every year. For someone who has not attended the Community Olde Tyme Christmas, I was astonished by the turnout - hundreds of plates of turkey and all the trimmings served over two sittings, with music, carols, and much good cheer. Then there was Ukrainian Christmas (actually called Epiphany) on Jan. 6 which is a sort of extended family event that has quietly gone public, seeking room in the Back Hall that Roxanne Cowles-McPhail could no longer find at home. It is a refreshing event, because Ukrainian Christmas isn't commercialized in these parts, and all the food is homely, comforting, and in great variety. Borsht, kolochka, perogies, and cabbage rolls are perfect winter fare (or what passes for winter on the West Coast). The twelve dishes of the traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve meal also have religious significance, whereas, it must be said, the standard North American Christmas fare is essentially secular, although it is true that brussels sprouts have a traditional association with martyrdom.

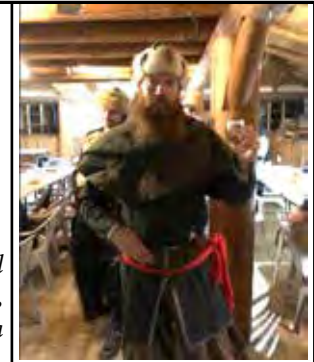
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Phillipa Wulf, Patrice Lebrun, and Chili Lebrun-Wulf clearly enjoyed the fare.

Roxanne Cowles-McPhail raising a glass to Christmas



Drew Coupar in the traditional costume of a ninth century Rus, carefully researched with the help of a UVic archaeologist friend.



ORTHODOXY: THE NEW GREAT SCHISM

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published January 6th, 2019

OP/ED

If you live long enough, almost anything is possible. It is now possible, for example, to hear the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill, describe a former KGB agent and avowed atheist as a “miracle of God”.

The miracle in question, Vladimir Putin, made his career in the Soviet secret police before the collapse of the Soviet Union, which meant he had to be a member of the Communist Party. As a loyal Communist, he had to struggle against the evil influence of religion, the ‘opium of the people’, and as an ambitious careerist he did just that.

But the regime changed in 1991, and Putin had to carve out a new political career in a post-Communist Russia. So he got religion, or at least pretended to, and made an alliance with the Russian Orthodox Church. That’s why he is now warning that there may be bloodshed if the Ukrainian Orthodox Church is allowed to break away from the Moscow patriarchate.

The president of Russia got the best education the Soviet state could provide, and his private opinion about the Russian Orthodox Church is probably not far from that of Pussy Riot (although they would agree on little else). But the Church has always served the interests of the Russian state if it is allowed to, and as the embodiment of the Russian state Putin feels obliged to return the favour.

What has upset Patriarch Kirill and his colleagues is that last weekend Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople granted a ‘tomos of autocephaly’ to Metropolitan Epiphanius of the newly formed Orthodox Church of Ukraine. Which probably needs a bit of translation.

The Ecumenical Patriarch is the head – or rather, the ‘first among equals’ – among the heads of the various national Orthodox Christian churches. ‘Constantinople’, actually now Istanbul, is still the headquarters of Orthodox Christianity although it has been under Muslim control for over 500 years.

The Ukrainians had asked Patriarch Bartholomew if they could have their own church back, and after due consideration he decided that they should. The tomos of autocephaly (independence) was the document that contained his decision. He was just putting things back the way they were.

Kiev, now the capital of Ukraine, was the first capital of the Russian state, and naturally the headquarters of the Russian Orthodox Church as well. But Kiev was destroyed in the Mongol invasion of 1240, and for centuries afterwards the new centres of Russian civilisation were in the forests far to north.

In 1686, when Muslim slave-raiders from Crimea were still operating regularly in the vicinity of Kiev, the patriarch in Constantinople officially transferred the seat of the Russian Orthodox Church from Kiev to Moscow. All that’s really happening now is that Kiev is getting its own patriarch back.

The people who live in this area now are called Ukrainians, speaking a language somewhat different from Russian. Normal Orthodox rules say that each national group is entitled to its own national church, so what’s the problem? Politics, of course.

For three centuries after 1686, Ukraine was part of the Russia empire and its successor, the Soviet Union. It was the Russian Orthodox Church that made the religious decisions for everybody, and received the revenues from the 12,000 Or-

thodox parishes in Ukraine. But since Ukrainian independence in 1991, all that has been in question.

The question became more urgent with Russia’s unilateral annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its military support for separatists in eastern Ukraine since then. Moscow wanted to keep control of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, since it was a way to influence Ukrainian opinion in Russia’s favour. But for the same reason, it was a priority for Ukrainian nationalists to expel the Russian influence.

Ukraine won, and Ukraine’s president, Petro Poroshenko, thanked Patriarch Bartholomew last weekend “for the courage to make this historic decision.... Finally, God sent us the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.” (Is Poroshenko really a believer? Maybe, but he’s certainly running for re-election in March.)

Putin and Poroshenko are both using religion for their own purposes, but Bartholomew just did what was right. That has a cost: the Russian Orthodox Church accounts for almost half of the 300 million Orthodox Christians in the world, and the hierarchy in Moscow has now broken off relations with the patriarchate in Constantinople. This is a schism that may take a long time to heal.

But Pussy Riot should have the final word. As they said in their famous ‘punk prayer’ in the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour in Moscow in 2012 (for which two of them did serious jail-time):

The Church praises rotten leaders

The march of the cross consists of black limousines

Patriarch Kirill believes in Putin,

Would be better, the bastard, if he believed in God!

Virgin birth-Giver of God, drive away Putin!

Drive away Putin, drive away Putin!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My name is Marinus, the bulk water drinking water guy on Denman Island. I am writing to inform Denman islanders that there is no more bulk water delivery available here on Denman. The Graham Lake Improvement District (GLID) that has been selling me water for the last seven years has informed me that they don't have a licence to sell water out of their district. The previous reason for termination of my permit was their liability fears. After months of runaround with more insurance and liability coverage that was unrealistic, I was notified access to their water was turned off.

My customers (thank you one and all) are varied. They include small and large businesses that require water over summer. BC Ferries well at Denman West cannot keep up with summer demand. Bulk water is necessary all year round

for new construction and septic systems. The local fire department checks with me for availability if necessary. The Ministry of Forests has called for cooperation in the event of forest fires. People need water for livestock, for gardens, and for their own personal supply of healthy water. Denman Island needs bulk water delivery. It is essential to many islanders. People who have never needed summer water are finding that their wells are not refilling.

This is not about me and my business being made obsolete. I am happy to wind down in my career. The summers have been increasingly busy and stressful. People do not cope well when they are out of water.

If this information affects you, if you are someone who needs water, you could try speaking to the manager and trust-

ees of GLID. They must have considered their fellow islanders. They know the amounts the amounts of water they have been selling. They can inform you of whatever your alternative choices for water now are. They can answer questions about the quality and quantity of their system.

The long-time resident of Denman, Mike Comeau [former owner of the General Store], was responsible for recognizing the need for bulk water delivery and set it into motion. May his vision and contribution to the island be thanked and appreciated in our memories.

Marinus Blitterswyk
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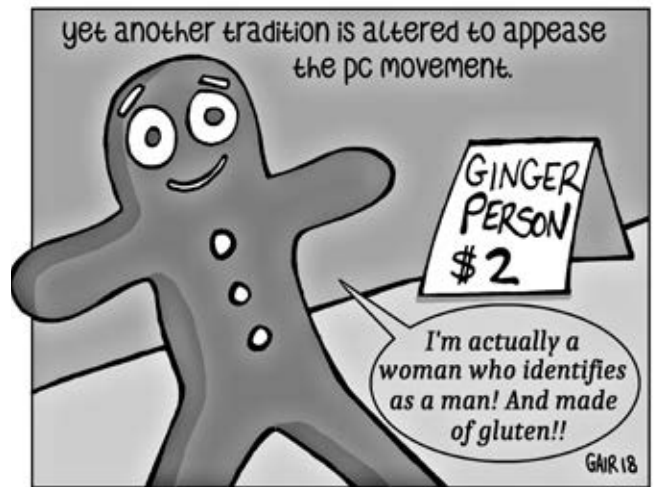


SEEDY SATURDAY JAN. 19TH THE HALL 10am-3pm

By Veronica Timmons

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My seed catalogues have arrived but I am trying not to open them because I know I can get free ones at the seed swap table! There will also be a variety of seeds from the off-island vendors and of course there are fruit-nut trees from Treeeater Farm and Nature Spirit Farm. At 11am Dylan Gale will be talking about the upcoming Soil Sampling and Analysis Workshop and how you can participate then at 11:30 Lisa Pierce (an organic farming expert) will talk about gardening organically. After that you can enjoy a wonderful lunch at Ima's Kitchen (Yogi and Bronwyn) then look at the other displays including the GPA's equipment for rent, the Proteknet sample and the DCLTA. This event is sponsored by the DI Growers & Producers Alliance and we hope you will join for 2019 which is going to be a great growing year!



Unist'ot'en camp, occupied since 2009 by Unist'ot'en clan members and their supporters, including environmental activists, is located in unceded territories of Wet'suwet'in nation in NW BC. Access to camp and territories is via a gated bridge which lies in the pathway of two proposed natural gas pipelines. BC Supreme Court has issued a temporary injunction prohibiting blockage of bridge so that pipeline workers can get in. Unist'ot'en, who wish to protect their territories and waters from environmental degradation, refuse to comply. They have full support of Wet'suwet'in hereditary chiefs and environmental orgs. Now RCMP are enforcing injunction by removing barricades and arresting non-violent resistors. If this does not align with your concern for the environment and respect for Indigenous rights, then protest: email, call your MPs, MLAs, the RCMP. Google Unistoten to learn more and donate to their mounting legal fees. *Information & photo by Mary Jane Stewart*

GRANT SCOTT FOR ISLANDS TRUST

By Grant Scott

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On March 2, 2019 the people of Hornby Island can vote for the second position to represent us on the Islands Trust Council. I'm putting my name forward. Please get out and vote!

Experience:

- Operated a small salmon troller with Carol, Lisha and Jenny for 40 years around Hornby and on the coast
- Worked with First Nations on land use and marine planning, forestry and Treaty negotiations for 25 years
- Worked with two regional districts and municipal governments on zoning and land use
- Been on the Board of Conservancy Hornby Island for 10 years
- Have worked with politicians at the federal, provincial and local levels
- Love gardening, building bird and mason bee houses
- Am comfortable with public listening and speaking, being in and chairing meetings, writing reports

Why?

- I love Hornby Island and the people who live here
- I want to help protect and conserve the natural environment of the land and sea around our Island
- Am interested in working with other Gulf islanders on the Trust
- I want to do as much as I can, while I can, to ensure there continues to be a healthy natural environment on Hornby and elsewhere for the next generations
- Am interested in water conservation, what we can do about the risk of fire on the island due to warmer summers with the influx of tourists on the Island
- Am concerned about affordable housing for young and old, ferry and transportation issues and the other challenges that we face

The Job as Trustee:

- I see the job of Islands Trustee is to listen and help define the issues important to the people of Hornby and convey that message to the elected Trust officials and staff
- Inform the people of Hornby as to what the Trust is doing and the issues important to the people on other Gulf Islands
- Bring people to the Island to speak to us about issues that are important to them and us
- Continue the work of Conservancy Hornby Island
- If elected look forward to working with Alex



REMOTE FEELINGS *By Leo Simmons*

ARTS&LIT

I can remember a time before TV remote controls; a time before VCRs (never mind any other recording device, the acronyms for which I shall not attempt to remember here) or DVD – I got that one right - and Blu-Ray players. It was a time when TV sets occupied large wooden boxes which were large enough to take up an entire corner of the living room, when switching a TV on meant turning a knob, then sauntering back to the settee, completing a jigsaw puzzle and reading a short novel before the valves had warmed up enough for a picture to be visible on the screen. It was a simple time, and – in the UK at least – it was awful.

We had three channels when I was a kid. To make matters worse, we were only allowed to watch either BBC1 or BBC2 when

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my father was in the house. He regarded the third channel – ITV – with the kind of suspicion Donald Trump might reserve for a lawyer with a microphone in their button hole. TV programming – don't let the oldies fool you, kids – was best characterized as terrible, with occasional outbreaks of entertainment. As children, we sat before the glowing box with a kind of stoic belligerence, daring the set to brighten our evenings, often in vain.

Remote control devices were quite large compared to our modern versions; they were warm, fleshy, clothes-wearing and were referred to by the names of the youngest people in the household. They were typically voice-activated (clever, huh?) and responded to commands such as "Leo, put it on BBC2." Or "Turn the sound up so your dad can hear the football results," but apart from a brief delay brought on by adolescent truculence or inertia, they tended to be rather reliable.

Not so in my experience these days. I have a troubled relationship with most things electrical – in fact I seem to live by one of the lesser-known laws of physics; that which states that the reduction of moving parts in a device is inversely proportional to its reliability. I can't, for example, keep track of the number of remote controls I have owned for the TV, DVD, Blu-Ray, PVR (I just dragged that one out of my memory) or the cable box. I may be cursed, but it's a mightily specific hex.

Recently, however, the solid state gods have been smiling upon me. My current TV remote (let's call him Reg) is a marvel. In fact, he seems to go from strength to strength no matter what I do. Held together with short strips of electrical tape, Reg has the structural integrity (and feel) of a bag of potato chips, but he refuses to stop working. Many pieces of Reg have been swept up and discarded following unintentional interfaces with the floor, but he keeps on keeping on. I cannot break him. Reg transcends the curse!

It rather makes me wish that I was still the household TV remote control unit...



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• THE ISLANDS GRAPEVINE •

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Grapevine is dedicated to fostering a sense of community on Denman and Hornby by covering events, issues, and the creativity of the many gifted people amongst us. The following is our policy on content:

- Profiles of individuals, history, reviews and op ed are published free of charge.
- Literary content including poetry, stories, belle lettres is published free of charge.
- Promotional content for products, services, programs, and events will be published at going advertising rates.
- Public service announcements, notices of meetings, and news releases will be published for a fee. Exceptions will be made for emergencies where the public is immediately endangered.
- With regret, no exceptions can be made for non-profit status.

Please keep in mind that Hornby and Denman are a very small market for newspaper publication. We do our best to provide quality content at no cost to our readers but we ask you to understand that this depends on financial viability. Paper, ink, postage, equipment, and rent all add up. As it is, the Grapevine can only be brought to you with considerable subsidy of time and energy by our team which is very willingly given. The Grapevine would like to accept more content free of charge, particularly around community news, and is working on plans to expand its reach and revenue base to move towards that goal.

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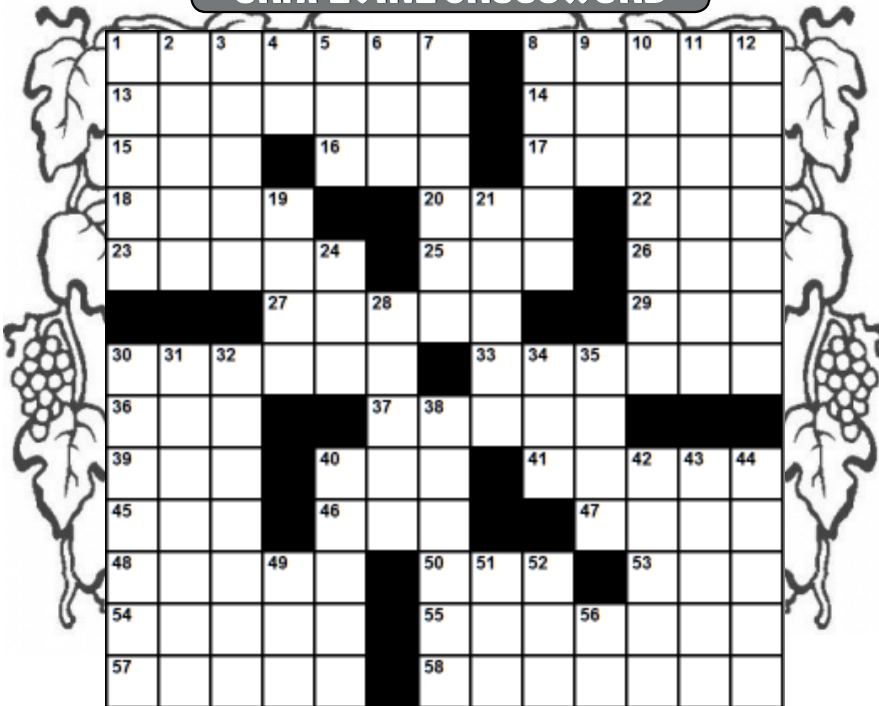
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- **ACROSS** •
- 1. Balkan area
 - 8. Breaks suddenly
 - 13. Unquestioning follower
 - 14. Flowery scent
 - 15. Decorative belt
 - 16. Barely manage
 - 17. Manila hemp
 - 18. D.C. denial
 - 20. Acorn bearer
 - 22. Coal receptacle
 - 23. Borden bovine
 - 25. Avoid the truth
 - 26. Back at sea
 - 27. City on the Aire
 - 29. .001 of an inch
 - 30. Big bother
 - 33. Bequest
 - 36. Apple cider girl
 - 37. Female ruff
 - 39. Fruit spread
 - 40. Films in variety
 - 41. Chalet overhangs
 - 45. Band aid
 - 46. Jiffy
 - 47. Ilsa's flame
 - 48. Large lily
 - 50. Historic time
 - 53. Asian gazelle
 - 54. Genuflect
 - 55. Logger's place
 - 57. Play a ukulele
 - 58. Made resolute
 - **DOWN** •
 - 1. Garlic portion
 - 2. Defy a dictator
 - 3. Leaves out
 - 4. Be
 - 5. Adjust an ascot
 - 6. Calligrapher's supply
 - 7. Immemorial
 - 8. Quench
 - 9. Bird beak
 - 10. Mobile home
 - 11. Promoting peace
 - 12. Barely
 - 19. Cruet liquids
 - 21. Altar lane
 - 24. Electric fish
 - 28. Ala King
 - 30. Robs
 - 31. Unyielding
 - 32. Needlework piece
 - 34. A memorable Arden
 - 35. Cogwheel
 - 38. More than due
 - 40. Biblical hymn
 - 42. Night watch
 - 43. Kin of Lycee
 - 44. Scandinavian bard
 - 49. Hundred bani
 - 51. Dock denizen
 - 52. Blow away
 - 56. Yours truly

Mr. Stofer



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Ex. Condition.88,000 Kms.
New front brakes C/W
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electric range. All fully restored
and come with a full six month
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335-0954.

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firewood for sale. 2 cord units
\$520 to Denman, \$540 to
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Scott at 334-7323.(DI)(02/22)

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IN HOME MASSAGE: I come
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massage. Sliding scale \$35-60
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Corrie is a licensed
esthetician. Now offering
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

IMA'S KITCHEN
1840 Northwest Road
Opening hours:
FRESH ORGANIC BREAD
Tuesdays/Fridays 2-7pm
FREEZER(vegan icecream,

falafel, frozen bread) everyday
9am to dark.
Find us every Saturday at
recycling!

DR. LINDSAY STEVENSON
will be holding a women's
clinic for PAP tests and other
gynecological concerns on
Wednesday, Jan 30, 2019
from 1-5 pm at the Denman
Island Clinic. To arrange an
appointment, please call the
clinic at 250-335-2260.

DENMAN ISLAND NATURAL
BURIAL CEMETERY AGM.
Monday Jan 14 7 PM.
Conservancy Room at the Old
School. Short reports by the
directors, presentation of the
2018 Financial Statement, and
election of directors for 2019.
Everyone welcome. Come a
few minutes early to renew
your membership or join.

CALLING DENMAN
FOODIES! The Denman
Conservancy Home and
Garden Tour is looking for
parties interested in providing
food services for the many
tour visitors on June 15-16.
Preference is given to local
non-profit organizations, but
local producers/caterers are
welcome to apply. Profit for
the weekend are typically
in the \$2,000+ range, and
some historical information
(numbers, menus, etc)
is available for planning
purposes. Please email
denmanisland.hgt@gmail.com
for more info.

CHOOSE TO MOVE
information session - Monday,
Jan 14, 2019 at 11am at DAC.
To register contact Rachel
Goodman, Activity Coach
at 335-2885 or rachel@
hornbydenmanhealth.com

EMPLOYMENT

HOME CARE LPN/RN
- Hornby and Denman

Community Health Care
Society seeks an LPN or RN
with a range of experience to
join the home care leadership
team. For a detailed job
description please see
employment listings at
hornbydenmanhealth.com.
Closing date Jan 11, 2019.

WE'RE HIRING!

The Blackberry Lane Chil-
dren's Centre is currently re-
cruiting a new childcare worker
to join our cohesive team of
caregivers providing care for
children 2 to 5 years of age.
We are looking for someone
with experience with small chil-
dren and good communication
skills who is keen to be trained
and learn. All costs associated
with this position (Responsible
Adult Training, Criminal Refer-
ence Check and First Aid are
covered by the Denman Island
Preschool Society). This is an
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through the winter and spring
leading to a regular three
days a week over June, July
and August. To apply please
send your resume and two
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rylanecentre@yahoo.com by
January 31st or call (250) 702-
3073 for more information.

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3589

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FOR HOUSE CLEANING
laundry our washing machine,
no toilets, kitchen stove,
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refrigerator - 2-3 hours
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• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

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- 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

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Baynes Sound Property Insurance **335-2027 (D/H)**
- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands **335-2510 (H/D)**
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants **338-7367 (All)**
- Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby **335-1720 (H)**
- Sheelagh Mackenzie, Fair Realty **702-6362 (D/H)**
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage office, Denman & UB **898-9199 (D/U)**

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- Bobcat and Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak **335-1853 (All)**
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake **613-447-8873 (D/H)**
- David W. Steele • Carpentry & Renovations **702-9155 (D/H)**
- Dean's Digger - Mini Excavator & Small Haul **218-4534 (D/H)**
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded **335-3122 (D/H)**
- Gutters Supply & Install • kceutters@outlook.com • Kevin **335-1986 (D/H)**
- Ken Fischer, B. Arch. • Home Design and Construction **335-2976 (D/H)**
- Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured **335-1741 (D/H)**
- Luke Felice • Carpentry/Millwork **(1)250-228-0041 (H/D)**
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- Water Tanks and Cisterns • Steve Isaak **335-1853 (All)**

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM **335-1535 (D/H)**
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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

DEADLINE IS

FRIDAY JAN. 25th

The January calendar will be published January 3rd

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THE COMING WEEK'S EVENTS

DENMAN ISLAND (DI)/HORNBY ISLAND (HI)

THURSDAY 10

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- DENMAN JAZZ JAM 6 pm • Guesthouse(DI)
- INDIAN HORSE • Public Screening 2 pm • Community Hall(DI)

FRIDAY 11

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- NIA CLASSES 10:30-2 pm • (DI)
- WESTERN FAMILY STRING BAND 7 pm • Guesthouse(DI)

SATURDAY 12

- CAP SITE 11-2 pm • Community School(DI)
- CONCERT • The Hall(HI)

SUNDAY 13 ☾

- DENMAN UNITED CHURCH 10:30 am • (DI)
- PAUL HUNG & CHRISTINE HAN • Concerts Denman 2:30 pm • Community Hall(DI)
- CATHOLIC MASS 2 pm • Phipps Point(HI)

MONDAY 14

- QUILTER'S GUILD 9:30-3 pm • United Church Hall(DI)
- DIRA MEETING 7:30 pm • Back Hall(DI)
- DIMS AGM 7pm • Old School(DI)
- CHOOSE TO MOVE 10:30 am • DAC(DI)
- CHI PRESENTATION 7 pm • New Horizons(HI)

TUESDAY 15

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

WEDNESDAY 16

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- GARDEN CLUB SEEDY WEDNESDAY 2 pm • United Church(DI)

THURSDAY 17

- CAP SITE 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)