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DENMAN ISLAND CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR COMM INFO

By Autumn White

Denman Islands 38th Christmas Craft Fair is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday November 30th and Sunday December 1st 10am - 4pm and let your friends afar know for a bit of time to plan.

It's such an atmospheric time to visit Denman and soak up all the talent that abounds. Not to mention it's a great place to get some holiday gift shopping done nice and early. It's also feels great supporting local folks creating sustainable products. Win win.

Speaking of sustainable, Lindsay Eason from Strathcona Waste Management will be joining us just inside the Activity Centre front doors. She will have an educational booth with zero waste holiday ideas, recycling and composting tips, and educational games for families.

We are so excited to have Pun Vilawood joining our Food Fair with her Thai specialties. Really, who doesn't like Thai? She'll be in the Backhall alongside Corlan Vineyard's home cooking and the always lovely LeeAndra Jacobs. Blackberry Lane Preschool Also joins them with their annual dessert sale fundraiser. It's always so impressive what the community donates to this mouth-watering display.

Ima's Kitchen will be providing the delicious food we've become accustomed to in the Activity Centre lounge. The Denman Island School PAC joins them with a selection of warming soups.

This year we have a fun incentive for afternoon shoppers. If you come between 2-4pm, you can fill out a free entry to win a stocking full of treats from various Fair vendors. Look for



entry boxes by the front door of each hall. For a peek at some of the items included, check out the 'articles' section on our website denmancraftfair.com.

If there are any kids who would like to sell their crafts at the Fair, please email oceawhite@icloud.com. Ocea will be organizing and facilitating the children's table. Please let her know which day and which time slot (10-1 or 1-4) you would like. Remember each spot is for one child. We want to insure they all have the space they need.

As always, buskers of all ages are most welcome in front of the Community Hall. This is fun way to make a few bucks and show off your skills. Email me autumntansy@gmail.com if you would like a specific time set aside or just show up and see if the space is available.

For updates, pictures, articles, vendor lists and links, check out our revamped website @ denmancraftfair.com and like us on Facebook.



STUDENTS AND ADULTS WORK TOGETHER TO HELP HELLIWELL

COMM
INFO

By Chris Junck

On a glorious Tuesday afternoon in late October, nine Hornby Island Community School students were seen in Helliwell Provincial Park. They weren't cutting classes to hang out in the sunny meadow. They were there to help improve the coastal bluff habitat for creatures such as birds, bees, and butterflies, including the rare Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly.

The session began with a presentation by Bonnie Zand of the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team. She told them that the butterflies have vanished from Hornby Island and most of their range. There are currently only two known populations in Canada. Bonnie talked about the Garry Oak and coastal bluff ecosystems in the Park and the many plants and animals that depend on them. She described the ongoing work to rejuvenate Helliwell's habitats, partly to prepare the areas to release captive reared Taylor's Checkerspot caterpillars from the Greater Vancouver Zoo. If all goes well, the butterflies will be flitting about Helliwell's meadow next spring. Look for updates from the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Project Recovery Team before the release.

Under the guidance of Senior Park Ranger Heather Steere, their teacher Daniel Ackerman, and Neil Wilson of the Hornby Island Natural History Centre, the students removed nearly 500 Hairy Cat's Ear weeds from three sites. Then they planted 518 seedlings of three types of native grass, Woolly Sunflower and Yarrow that were grown by members of the Natural History Centre. Norma Wilson, Barb Biagi and Sally England from the Centre assisted with the planting, along with Education Assistant Lisa Hamilton and parent volunteer Ondrea Rogers from the school.

Neil summed up the event well, "It was a beautiful day in so many ways and everyone enjoyed the experience, as has been the case the previous three years as well. Hopefully, these students will be showing their grandchildren Checkerspots in a thriving ecosystem that they helped to restore."

Background Information

Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly (Euphydryas editha taylori)

- Also known as Edith's Checkerspot or Whulge Checkerspot.
- Historic range was Hornby Island, southeastern Vancouver Island, Puget Trough and to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In BC, they were once abundant at ten sites in the Greater Victoria Area, one site each near Mill Bay and Comox and sites on Hornby Island (including Helliwell Provincial Park).
- They were thought to have been extirpated (became locally extinct) from Canada by 2000 when no Taylor's Checkerspots could be found in their last known sites on Hornby Island despite intensive searches. However, new populations were discovered on Denman Island in 2005 and near Campbell River in 2018.
- It is federally listed as Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA Schedule 1) and is on the BC Red list of at-risk species.

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •

2019-11-14 (Thursday)			2019-11-19 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)	PST	(m)	(ft)
00:32	1	3.3	04:10	1.3	4.3
07:46	4.6	15.1	11:53	4.8	15.7
12:53	3.4	11.2	18:26	3.3	10.8
17:41	4.3	14.1	22:15	3.6	11.8
2019-11-15 (Friday)			2019-11-20 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)	PST	(m)	(ft)
01:07	0.9	3.0	05:10	1.5	4.9
08:32	4.7	15.4	12:39	4.8	15.7
13:43	3.6	11.8	19:26	2.9	9.5
18:12	4.2	13.8	23:58	3.5	11.5
2019-11-16 (Saturday)			2019-11-21 (Thursday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)	PST	(m)	(ft)
01:46	0.9	3.0	06:15	1.8	5.9
09:21	4.8	15.7	13:22	4.8	15.7
14:41	3.6	11.8	20:15	2.4	7.9
18:48	4.1	13.5	2019-11-22 (Friday)		
2019-11-17 (Sunday)			Time	Height	
Time	Height		PST	(m)	(ft)
PST	(m)	(ft)			
02:28	0.9	3.0	01:35	3.6	11.8
10:12	4.8	15.7	07:20	2.1	6.9
15:50	3.6	11.8	14:01	4.8	15.7
19:36	4	13.1	21:00	1.9	6.2
2019-11-18 (Monday)					
Time	Height				
PST	(m)	(ft)			
03:16	1.1	3.6			
11:03	4.8	15.7			
17:11	3.5	11.5			
20:43	3.8	12.5			



Source: tides.gc.ca

Denman Seniors and Museum Society

Aka Denman Activity Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

7 PM

DAC Seniors Lounge

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• Taylor's Checkerspot Butterflies need open sunny meadows where they can find suitable host plants (food for larvae and nectar producing flowers for adults), such as Woolly Sunflower, Common Camas, Small-flowered Blue-eyed Mary, Wild Strawberry, Sea Blush, and Yarrow.

• Habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation are major factors in the species' decline. For example, the meadows along the coastal bluffs in Helliwell Provincial Park became less suitable for butterflies due to invasions of non-native plants and encroaching forests.

• Habitat enhancement work (weeding, selective limbing +/- removal of conifers, re-planting and seeding with native species) has been ongoing in Helliwell Provincial Park for several years.

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project

The Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project is an initiative of the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team's Invertebrates at Risk Recovery Implementation Group. It is a collaborative effort to restore Taylor's Checkerspot populations in British Columbia through habitat enhancement, captive butterfly rearing and release, monitoring, public outreach, and other activities. Please see attachments for more details.

Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team members and supporters include:

- Jennifer Heron (Chair), BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Vancouver, BC
- Erika Bland & Andrew Fyson, Denman Island Conservancy Association, Denman Island, BC

- Deborah Bishop, Denman Island, BC

- Andrea Gielens, Maja Hampson & Menita Prasad, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Aldergrove, BC

- Eric Gross & Kella Sadler, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Delta, BC

- Crispin Guppy, Entomologist, Whitehorse, YT

- Chris Junck, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team, Victoria, BC
- Nicole Kroeker, Parks Canada Agency, Victoria, BC

- Suzie Lavallee, University of British Columbia Faculty of Forestry, Vancouver, BC

- Patrick Lilley, Private Consultant, North Vancouver, BC

- Erica McClaren, BC Parks, Black Creek, BC

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- Nick Page, Raincoast Applied Ecology, Vancouver, BC

- Jessica Steiner & Genevieve Rowe, Wildlife Preservation Canada, Toronto & Guelph, ON

- Bonnie Zand, BC Conservation Foundation Fanny Bay, BC



Two students planting with ocean in background.

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- BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- BC Parks
- BC Parks License Plate Fund
- Denman Conservancy Association
- Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Fund
- Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team
- Greater Vancouver Zoo
- Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

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Islands Trust

INFORMATION SESSION for the PROPOSED

**Hornby Island Local Trust Committee
Bylaw Enforcement Notification Bylaw No. 159**

Please join us for an informal presentation and discussion with the
Islands Trust Bylaw Compliance & Enforcement Manager,
Warren Dingman.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

3:00pm – 4:00pm

New Horizons, 1765 Sollans Road, Hornby Island

Please bring your questions!

Everyone Welcome • Light Refreshments Provided

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- Hornby Island Community School
- Hornby Island Natural History Centre
- Wildlife Preservation Canada

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THE OLD TYME SQUARE DANCE IS BACK ON NOVEMBER 23!

COMM
INFO

By Magdalene, Max & Joan

Dust off your dancing shoes for the second Old-Tyme Square Dance at the front hall. Dance Caller Bex and the Western Family String Band are coming back to lead community members of all ages in this fun event. No experience necessary. After the square dance, DJ Co-Captain will play some upbeat tunes to keep our feet moving into the night.

We will have a light dinner and desserts for sale, also a raffle of beautiful Denman grown and crafted items. Dinner starts at 5:30, and the dance will get going around 7.

This event is a fundraiser for the Ma'amtagila Matriarchs. The indigenous-led Wild Salmon Matriarch Camp was established in 2017 when a small group stepped up to fight fish farms and clearcut logging in Ma'amtagila territory in the Broughton archipelago. They began with an occupation outside the constituency office of Premier John Horgan and later the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, aiming to end a 30-year era of open-net Atlantic salmon aquaculture operating without Indigenous consent. A tiny "Bighouse" is being built to assist in re-establishing Ma'amtagila presence in their homelands to protect wild salmon through the eviction of fish farms.

More information can be found on our Facebook event page and on community bulletin boards around the island.

Bring the whole family to have fun while supporting this very worthwhile cause!

This event is co-sponsored by the Denman Reconciliation Group.



RURAL ISLANDS ECONOMIC FORUM

COMM
INFO

By Anthony Gregson

Last week, November 7-8, the Rural Islands Economic Forum (RIEF) was held at Poet's Cove, a beautiful four star resort on South Pender made available at half-price off-season rates. Attendance was further helped by a bursary made available through ICET that paid the \$250 fee. I went on behalf of Denman Works, and Caroline Sneath attended on behalf of the Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation (HICEEC).

The purpose of the forum was to advance "enduring local and regional economic resilience and community economic health." The goal is to develop a platform for a permanent organization to address rural island economic development.

The forum grew out of 2018 research conducted by the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission. This concluded that the majority of islands were under the jurisdiction of regional districts that did not understand their unique needs and challenges, especially in the face of climate change. Everyone was clamouring for a "sustainable way to lobby all levels of government and non-government organizations."

The organization of RIEF was truly an islands effort drawing on reps associated with economic development from Cortes, Galiano, Bowen, Pender,

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November 20th, 2019

2:00 to 4:00

DENAN ISLAND GARDEN

CLUB MEETING

WREATH MAKING TIME!!!

UNITED CHURCH

Bring garden gloves, secateurs, pine cones, greenery, grape vine, holly and any ornaments you want on your wreath. Expert help available at meeting (Karen Anglos) Please join us. Treats and good company to share!

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Cormorant, Quadra, and Malcolm, supported by staff of Salt Spring Economic Development Commission. For logistical reasons, attendance had to be capped at 110.

There was certainly no lack of interest. Every island community in the Trust was there, as well as islands outside the Trust, including Malcolm, Cortes and Quadra, and even San Juan Island in the US. The only island missing was Texada. There were also some indigenous communities who have traditional or reserve land on rural islands as well as representatives from regional government and the Islands Trust.

Presentations covered a gamut of concerns that will be made available on the RIEF website <https://www.ruralislandsforum.com>. These included such topics as Green Biz Models and Opportunities, Community Investment Coops, Evaluating and Sustaining Your Island Culture, Financing Options for Local Initiatives, the Economics of Climate Change, Deepening Relations with Indigenous Communities, Supporting Entrepreneurs in the Circular Economy, Balancing Tourism with Environmental Protection, and Innovative Ways to Expand Markets for Your Products.

By far the most valuable thing was the chance to meet so many different people and hear about their situation and ideas. As the chair of Denman Works, early discussions about the program was the first time I have ever been able to speak with someone working in the same area on Gabriola, or Bowen or Cortes. It was a revelation to hear about the Community Forest on Cortes, the fact the European Union has banned built-in obsolescence as of 2022, that reparability is regarded as a human right, or that the economy of Lasqueti has been sadly reduced to lessons in growing your personal pot plants now that the black market price has collapsed, that Cortes refused to set up a tourism organization, or that the chambers of commerce in the Discovery Islands (Quadra & Cortes) and Salt Spring include non-profits. Particularly impressive were the achievements of several first nations business managers.

Economic development has always been a touchy subject because islanders want it to be on their own terms for good reason. RIEF reflected economic development in the broadest sense: the community as an economic whole, as a sort of ecology of opportunity, and not just an adjunct market. While the Islands Trust mandate of preserve and protect leave it to the market to determine how it can work with land use planning policy, the basic intent of fostering self-reliance defines the task facing economic development. That is what differentiates the rural island situation from all others. The solutions must often be homegrown.

Everyone's situation is clearly different but there were broad commonalities, especially around climate change which the Strathcona Regional Director pointed out, will have to become part of any economic planning framework. There is clearly a great opportunity for the exchange of far more information between the islands. RIEF is correct in identifying the need for a big picture.

For its part, the Grapevine fully intends to follow up on the ideas that we heard about. 🍷

JUST ONE DROP
THE STORY BEHIND THE
HOMEOPATHY CONTROVERSY

JUST ONE DROP

Is homeopathy just a placebo or worse, a form of deception or quackery?

A Film by Laurel Chiton
Denman Health Centre
Friday Nov 22 at 7 pm
\$5 at the door

UPDATED VERSION

FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Pacific Elegy • ARTS & LIT Part 2 • Haunted Isles By William Thomas

Every Friday afternoon the atoll-dwellers met where murmuring palms and ever-present surf accompanied discussion of the week's events. Everyone was heard, all complaints addressed, and each child understood that the adult closest to them was their immediate guardian.

Here was a society as tightly woven as the modest skirts their bare-breasted mothers and sisters created on clacking looms. But such deliberately-chosen "custom ways" of extended child-rearing, sustainable fishing, mutual cooperation, courtesy and respect have been mostly junked in "advanced" urban societies, where lies are the new truth and parent-crushing nuclear families often result in fission.

"Our collective carbon footprint in industrialized countries is about 50-times heavier, and is about to squash them for good," mentions Douglas Main.

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Forty years after Thea and I observed this gathering, over-developed and indifferent nations far to the north are submerging this Micronesian *motu* and thousands of others spread over a million sea-miles beneath the inexorably-linked rise of heat-trapping emissions, ocean warming and sea-levels.

When my web searches fail to disclose the fate of the gentle people who virtually adopted us, I fear the worst. Recent reports from Micronesia read like bulletins from another lost eco war.

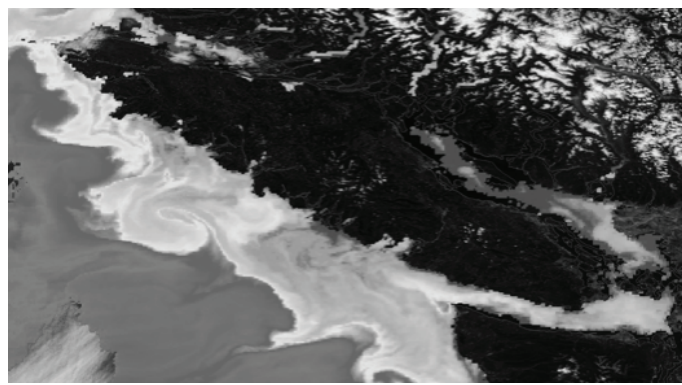
Low-lying Pacific islands and atolls are being abandoned before they vanish below stampeding seas, as saltwater intrusion contaminates drinking water, wiping-out staples like taro and breadfruit throughout 37 island nations.

"Although they have done little to contribute to global warming," adds geologist Chip Fletcher, "Pacific islanders may face some of the direst consequences of rising seas."

Feeling guilty or indifferent while

working in the tar sands or boarding another bargain flight to Mexico will not stop three-quarters of this planet's small islands from drying out by 2050 or before, uprooting some 16 million islanders who desperately and despairingly refuse to abandon ancestors whose phenomenal feats of outrigger and catamaran seamanship began settling these far-flung outliers 3,500 years ago.

Each degree Celsius increase in atmospheric warming will eventually lift the encroaching ocean another 65 feet.



Pacific heat "Blob" lapping around Vancouver Island 2019
-NASA

At least another 3C is already locked into Earth's paper-thin atmosphere as methane erupting from thawing seabeds, slumping permafrost and 1.5 billion burping cows – plus nitrogen oxide spewing from industrial fertilizers and bumper-to-bumper jets and vehicles – trap 398-times more solar heat than the CO2 everyone who thinks they aren't affected is arguing over.

280 parts per million CO2equivalence is considered "Earth normal".

360 ppm is civilization's "Never Exceed" redline.

In 2019, we passed 500 ppm CO2e on the same steepening trajectory that ejected the long-established dinosaurs.

"This is an extreme event. This is not climate change. It's extreme climate disruption, closest to the rate of climate disruption caused by an asteroid impact," declares climate scientist, Dr. Andrew Glikson.

Except *we are the asteroid* causing a recurring hot Pacific "blob" (2013-2019) that's killing Hawaiian reefs, triggering algae blooms, attracting jellyfish, displacing salmon, pollock and cod, and triggering repeat die-offs of phytoplankton, starfish, seabirds and sea mammals from Baja to Alaska.

No one with a conscience, love for their children, and respect for life needs any sermons. The people of the Pacific – our island kin – only ask that the next time we put our key in the ignition or hover over an airline ticket "buy" button, we ask ourselves: Can *this trip be accomplished without internal combustion? Is it necessary? Is it worth the long-lasting consequences?*

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A Poem • This Poem

by Bill Engleson

*A poem is a paradigm,
A dime's worth of decision,
A dream of nickels,
A coppered thought.*

*A poem is iodine,
A salve of sorrow,
A sweet swift band-aid,
And all for naught.*



DI Growers & Producers Alliance

Annual General Meeting
Thursday, November 21st at
7:00pm, Srs Lounge, DAC

- Hear what we have done this year.
- Meet and join the Board.
- Refreshments.

Everyone welcome.
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BOLIVIA: Not a Coup, Just a Blunder

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published November 11th, 2019

“Democracy is in danger in Bolivia as the result of legitimate pressures from the poor. We cannot generate economic growth and well-being for a few and then expect that the large majorities that are excluded will watch silently and patiently.” A recent president of Bolivia said that, but it wasn't Evo Morales (who has just quit).

It was Carlos Mesa, the man whom Morales tried to cheat out of the presidency in last month's election. Mesa said it in 2005, the last time he was president, just before he quit and Morales won a landslide victory in the election triggered by his resignation.

Most outside commentators used to stick to a simple script when talking about Bolivia. Evo Morales was the good guy, because he was the country's first indigenous president (he grew up speaking Aymara, and only learned Spanish as a young adult), and because he looked like and seemed to care about the poor majority of Bolivians.

Whereas Carlos Mesa belongs to the privileged white minority (15% of the population) who have always controlled both the politics and the wealth, so he must be the bad guy. But his face doesn't fit the frame: he is an historian and television journalist, and he resigned from the presidency in 2005 after trying and failing to nationalise the country's gas industry.

Evo Morales took his place, and he did better. Morales nationalised not only oil and gas but the tin and zinc mines and key utilities as well. He got away with it where Mesa couldn't because he paid out good compensation to the owners – and he could do that because Bolivia was riding a commodities boom that tripled the country's GDP in fifteen years.

two-term constitutional limit violated his 'human rights' – so there he was last month, seeking a fourth term as president in a race with eight other candidates.

Everybody knew that Morales would lead and Mesa would be the runner-up in the first round of voting. Many suspected that Mesa would pick up more votes and overtake Morales in the second round – so his advisers decided that he had to win in the first round. He could do that only if he were ahead of Mesa by at least 10% of the votes cast.

On October 20, the 'fast count' of the national vote went smoothly until 84% of all the votes had been counted – at which point it became clear that Morales was not going to have a big enough lead over Mesa. So suddenly the counting stopped, and did not resume for 24 hours. It then showed Morales with a 10.1% lead over Mesa, so no second round was needed. All hail Morales's fourth term!

But the vote-rigging was just too blatant, and for almost three weeks the protesters have been in the streets. By last weekend even the police were refusing to defend Morales.

When the election monitors from the Organisation of American States delivered their verdict on Sunday, saying that there were "serious security flaws" in the computer systems and "clear manipulation" of the count, Morales resigned. The election results were cancelled, and it's pretty clear that he will not be a candidate when the re-run happens.

And here's a take-away for everybody in politics: if you are going to rig the vote, do it from the start. Don't wait until the count shows that your candidate is not doing well, and only then intervene to fix it. Amateurs! 🍷

Denman Dances

by Thomas Provençal

*Energetic current
swirling through the air,
encircling the people
pulsatingly aware,
feeling at a level
subtle in its measure,
enraptured in the orbit
of another person's pleasure.
All the room is whirling
in an elastic stretch of time
with many faces smiling,
revealing hearts sublime,
connecting with the music
of the band upon the stage;
their harmonies embodied
by dancers of every age.*

Morales's mistake was to believe that he was the indispensable man. He clung to office too long, and now he is toast. He will retain enough of a following to be a permanent political nuisance, but he has embarrassed his country and he's unlikely ever to hold high office again.

Under the new constitution of 2009, promulgated by Morales himself, a Bolivian president is entitled to only two five-year terms. But as he got closer to the 2019 deadline, Morales changed his mind, and in 2016 he held a referendum that proposed to allow the president any number of terms. He lost.

So Morales went to the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, which is dominated by his own party. Unsurprisingly, the tribunal agreed that the

SUPER MIKE *By Anthony Gregson*

COMM INFO

He'd known all along what was up, but he still tried to get away with it. He found out the access code to the Denman Activity Centre gym and managed to sneak through the recreation hall with plans to enter the DAC Lounge by the bathroom corridor. But what was this table blocking the way? So, he was forced to come through the foyer, where . . .

Sunday afternoon, November 10th, Denman Island paid an affectionate tribute to one of the “critical guys” on the Island, Mike Lindsay. As his friend of 42 years, Robert French explained, Mike started out in auto mechanics, and eventually became an electrician. But the fact is, Mike is just one of those people “with a knack for figuring things out”. Working in the BC Interior and Alberta, he followed in the footsteps of Robert and his family to Denman in 1984. He's been instrumental ever since in running volunteer maintenance on the Community Hall, keeping what was described as Mike Comeau's “menagerie” of coolers and freezers running at the General Store, and assisting at the other community venues such as the Recycling Centre and the Denman Activity Centre.

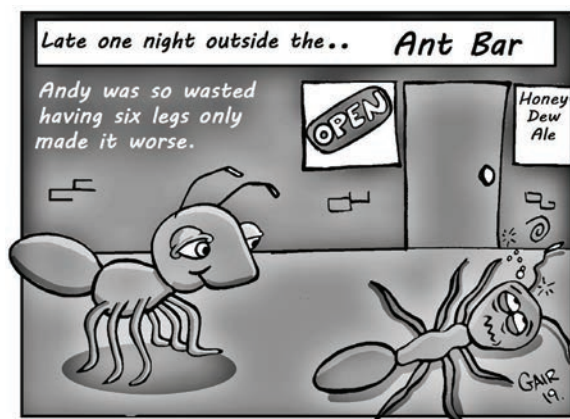
It is an important role because the Community Hall, the DAC, the General Store, and the Recycling Centre are quirky, put up with volunteer help or by DIY owners, cheerfully adapted to changing needs over time, not always with standard practises in mind. Monuments to self-reliance, the Community Hall, like the Denman Activity Centre, does not have a big maintenance budget despite heavy usage, so it relies on dedicated volunteers like Mike to keep the lights on or work with commercial services.

As Kathy Rieder pointed out, this can amount to a near obsession where you no longer need to phone or speak. “If I am down in the Community Hall and find something that needs to be fixed, I know that if Mike sees my truck outside, he's going to come in. And he does.” Once, helping a friend on a building project, she was just going to drive down to Denman Hardware to buy joist hangers when Mike's truck appeared in the driveway. “Are you looking for joist hangers,” Mike asked as he climbed out. He had lots to choose from at his home, “in three sizes” Kathy recalled.



Mike has always been there to help people. Kathy Rieder paid tribute to Mike's reliability. “As a single woman, if things screw-up, we can get hold of Mike. It may be a hundred dollars or a thousand – it is what it is – but as single women we have this trustworthy person to help us through our various crises.”

Now that Mike is three score and ten, everyone was asked to show a bit of consideration in their requests, like not calling too early or too late, and only in a real emergency, “just so he can have the appearance of being semi-retired” – though retirement seems to be the one thing Mike will probably never figure out.



Honorary mayor? The crowded Lounge cheered at Sharon Walberg's suggestion, and Mike was presented with a Super Mike cape by Margaret Fraser made up by Jean Cockburn. “Now I can fly home now that its legal,” he quipped.

Mike himself urged everyone to appreciate the level of community on Denman Island. “Places like the Community Hall, the General Store are disappearing.” Where he hailed from in Southern Ontario between London and Hamilton, such things were all gone. Denman had come to fill that gap in his life.

Everyone appreciates Mike, but perhaps no one else appreciates Denman more. 🍷

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Biblical word for have
5. Fanfare
10. Sea monsters
14. Complexion woe
15. Cable arts channel
16. Belem
17. Corset stay
19. Military warehouse
20. Beer barrel
21. Be bothered by
22. Feminist Jong
23. Eat at the Ritz
24. Champion of a cause
26. Bionic woman, e.g.
29. Large pill
30. Blades
31. Spiral or coil
32. Air hero
35. Breathing
38. List in detail
40. Dr. Tim's drug
41. Ledger page
43. Hebrew month
44. In the works
45. Dressy clothing

47. Lasting effect

50. Chaplin prop
51. Architectural style
52. Pitcher's blunder
53. Barnyard critter
56. At large
57. Sweet treat
59. Being, in philosophy
60. Shout of exultation
61. Bear of stars
62. Bishoprics
63. Spouse's kin
64. Profit, in England

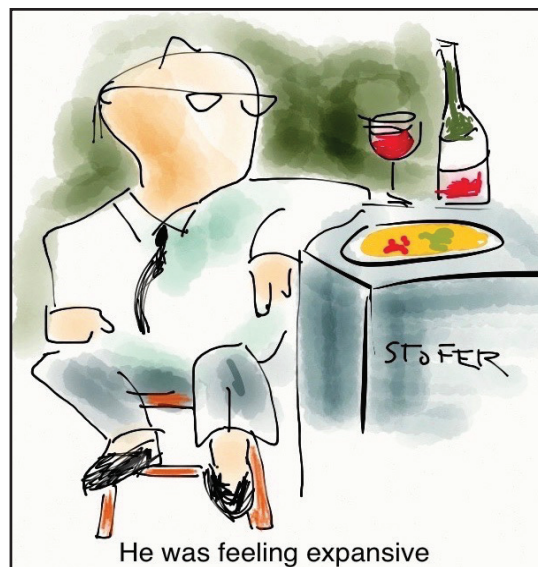
• DOWN •

1. Warmonger
2. Massage target
3. Fishing woe
4. Address bk. line
5. In recession
6. Old battle-ax
7. Come down to earth
8. 5th or Park
9. Gift tag word
10. Diva's performances
11. Breakneck
12. Early spring bloomers
13. Lucifer
18. Amman VIP
19. Elegant
23. Flophouse in London
24. Salk's conquest
25. Came to earth
26. Ember
27. Veers slightly
28. Brought up
29. Exist
31. Spartan slave
32. Assistant
33. Former Russian ruler
34. Inducing gooseflesh
36. Exec's place

37. Apollo target

39. Crop of hair
42. Animal magnetism
44. Comes up
45. Leave land uncultivated
46. Pitch black
47. Lazies about
48. Deer's cousin
49. Not poetry
50. Large lily
52. Class ender
53. At this very spot
54. Hops oven
55. Biting bug
57. Calendar abbr.
58. Dinner roll
60. -- yo silver!

Mr. Stofer



He was feeling expansive

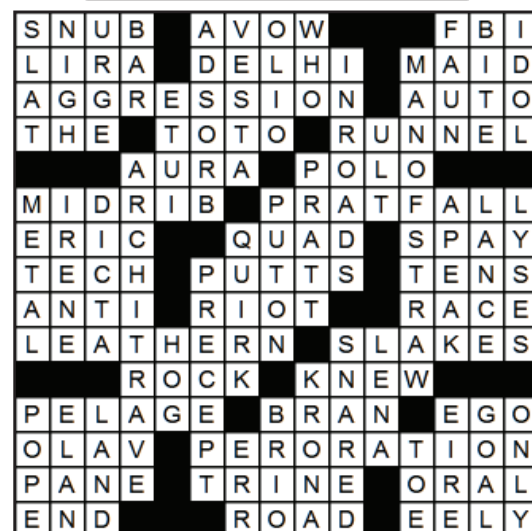
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• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
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- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
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- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
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• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
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- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
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DENMAN ISLAND (DI) HORNBY ISLAND (HI)

THURSDAY 14

FRIDAY 15

- RANDY DUNCAN & PADDY O'CONNELL concert 7pm •
Guesthouse (DI)

SATURDAY 16

- DENMAN JAZZ concert 6pm • Guesthouse (DI)
- NICK LA RIVIERE Concerts Denman 8pm •
Community Hall (DI)

SUNDAY 17

- DEATH CAFE 11am • Guesthouse (DI)

MONDAY 18

- DIRA meeting 7:30pm • Back Hall (DI)

TUESDAY 19

- DSMS AGM 7pm • DAC (DI)

WEDNESDAY 20

- DI GARDEN CLUB (DIGS) 2pm • United Church (DI)
- TURID OLAFSON BDAY CELEB 2-4pm • Corlan
Vineyard (DI)

THURSDAY 21

- DIGPA AGM 7pm • DAC (DI)