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Child Care Providers for Parent Support Group

Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society seeks two child care providers for a parent support group on Denman Island.

6 Tuesday evenings starting January 28, 2020.

Please forward your expression of interest by Dec. 31, 2019 to mike@hornbydenmanhealth.com

THE ZELLA CLARK HEALTH CENTRE

COMM
INFO

By Dr. Stephen Fox

To the Denman Island community;

The Ginger Goodwin Medical Clinic (GGMC) team are happy to provide medical services based at Denman Medical Clinic starting January 2nd 2020. The clinic will be opened 5 days a week (Monday – Friday), with hours between 08:00-09:00 and 16:00-1700. The telephone number (250) 335-2260 will remain the same and will be listed as Denman Medical Clinic. The reception team will consist of Denise and Heather.

The doctors who will be servicing the Denman Island community from this clinic will be:

Dr. Ron Wilson (Friday)
Dr. Charuka Maheswaran (Thursday)
Dr. Lindsay Stevenson (Wednesday)
Dr. Stephen Fox (Monday & Tuesday)

It will be at the discretion of the individual doctor to make home visits but on principle all these doctors will do home visits if appropriate (i.e. palliative care, frail and elderly). There will be access to an on-call physician for urgent medical advice overnight and the team is looking to co-ordinate with the Denman Island emergency services and home services as closely as possible.

We look forward to meeting you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Fox and the Ginger Goodwin Medical team



COMMUNITY SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

COMM
INFO

By Celeste Wilder

The darkness is upon us; the nights are growing, the shadows lengthening, and deep of winter approaching. This time of year lends itself to inward reflection, cozy times around a fire, and gentle strategies to ward off depression. Throughout the ages the winter solstice has been recognized and celebrated. In the northern hemisphere, December 21st marks the turning point. Even before “Christmas” got added to the winter festivities, Winter Solstice was a significant celebration. For far too long there has been a rift (and outright animosity) between the Christian Church and Earth-Based Spiritualities.

This year, I (on behalf of the planning pod) am excited to announce a Community Solstice Celebration Ritual hosted at the Denman Island United Church. I invite you to come join us in honoring the darkness within and without, and celebrate the return of the light. Though small in size, I feel it is of large significance that the Denman United Church is opening its arms to this traditionally “pagan” celebration of Solstice. This is part of a larger intention at Denman United to welcome diverse expressions of spirituality, learn from other spiritual practices and be a safe space for all.

At this year's Solstice celebration we will join together in song and candle light. The ritual will follow elements of the Reclaiming tradition and also include the opportunity to walk the outdoor labyrinth. The labyrinth (an ancient walking meditation tool) is always open to the public in the lawn in front of the church.

This Solstice gathering is open to all ages and backgrounds. Childcare

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TREASURE ISLAND • THE PANTO!

By Andrea Kaback

ARTS&LIT

Melisa Devost and Andrea Kaback are teaming up again, in the HITS fall production of Treasure Island! With a cast of 20 ferocious, talented and well-loved locals, this play is the perfect way to commence the holiday season.

The regulars at the Thatch Pub haven't been paying their bills, but things are looking up for owner Dame Hawkins and her son Jim. They are on the hunt for treasure on the good ship Hispaniola. Unfortunately, all Squire Trelawney can think of is spotted dick, while the ladies of the Ford's Cove Women's Institute have given up cake baking for pirating. Will Long John Silver and his dastardly yet melodic pirates take the treasure for themselves? Will good triumph? Does true love beat all odds? Is there any conflict that can't be resolved with a good old fashioned dance off? Complete with music, dancing, cross-dressing and mayhem this production promises to bring the joy. Your face hurt from laughing, we guarantee it!



Evening shows Dec. 13th, 14th and 15th (7:30pm, doors 7:00pm) \$25, Matinee Dec. 14th (1:30pm, doors 1:00pm) \$20 at the Hornby Island Community Hall. Get your tickets at the Hornby gas bar or by emailing Andrea at gigglinggoatgal@gmail.com 🍷

DENMAN FEASTS • THE OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS DINNER

By Anthony Gregson COMMINFO


At last I know what it takes should you ever have 400 people for Christmas dinner. You will have to roast at least a dozen turkeys. Mount Geoffrey will do for the quantity of mashed potatoes; Chickadee Lake for all the gravy, the entire capacity of Two Roads Farm for the veg, not to mention all the resources of the Sugar Plum Fairy for the sheer plethora of desserts. Then there is a veritable army of volunteers – eighty-eight at last count just to plan, prepare and set up. The Old Tyme Community Christmas Dinner may be the regular turkey with all the fixings, but the logistics are serious.

What started in the café of the General Store with Mike and Diane Comeau thirty-three years ago, in 1986, with just a small group of Islanders who may not have had anywhere to go for Christmas dinner, has become a hugely appreciated tradition of unrivalled community spirit, entertaining and dining a third of the population as of last year. Verna Isbister, who took over in 2016, with her husband Graeme, from Gloria Michin (who acted as coordinator for seven years), points out that the event is remarkably intergenerational. It is for everybody, young and old, not to mention people who cannot leave their homes who last year took delivery of some twenty meals. Unlike in cities where organizations like the Salvation Army or a church group may lay on a dinner for the needy while everyone else takes care of themselves, the Old Time Christmas dinner is truly community wide.

The planning starts in November, with requests for donations. People, Verna says, are very generous which enables the meal to be offered for free. The turkeys, which are the main expense, must be cooked in the food-safe kitchens of the Denman Activity Centre, the Community Hall, and the General Store. This year there be two organic turkeys and two vegan alternatives. A whole carving team then descends, while other teams come in to set up tables and

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •

2019-12-12 (Thursday)			2019-12-17 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
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11:58	3.6	11.8	10:27	5	16.4
16:34	4.5	14.8	16:41	3.3	10.8
2019-12-13 (Friday)			2019-12-18 (Wednesday)		
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07:44	4.9	16.1	11:07	5	16.4
12:45	3.7	12.1	17:49	2.9	9.5
17:12	4.4	14.4	22:23	3.6	11.8
2019-12-14 (Saturday)			2019-12-19 (Thursday) ☾		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)	PST	(m)	(ft)
00:50	0.6	2.0	04:41	1.8	5.9
08:25	4.9	16.1	11:48	4.9	16.1
13:35	3.7	12.1	18:50	2.5	8.2
17:54	4.3	14.1	2019-12-20 (Friday)		
2019-12-15 (Sunday)			Time	Height	
Time	Height		PST	(m)	(ft)
PST	(m)	(ft)	00:06	3.5	11.5
01:31	0.6	2.0	05:42	2.3	7.5
09:06	5	16.4	12:28	4.9	16.1
14:30	3.7	12.1	19:44	2	6.6
18:43	4.2	13.8	2019-12-16 (Monday)		
2019-12-16 (Monday)			Time	Height	
Time	Height		PST	(m)	(ft)
PST	(m)	(ft)	02:13	0.7	2.3
02:13	0.7	2.3	09:47	5	16.4
09:47	5	16.4	15:32	3.5	11.5
15:32	3.5	11.5	19:43	4	13.1
19:43	4	13.1			

Source: tides.gc.ca

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will be provided. Free Admission. Donations Welcome. Bring your own mug to enjoy some local mulled cider.

We hope you join us on Dec 21st at 4:30 at the United Church. This time was chosen so those who are joining the Vegan Potluck celebration can do both!

Any further questions: Celeste 250-702-7784 🍷

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decorate. It's a real production.

The core meal is provided, with all the vegetables, meat, gravy, and cranberry sauce provided by the organizers. But there is also potluck. The feast reaches out to the community for the salads and desserts. The response is huge. Desserts, after all, are difficult to make in quantity, and like salads, also require creativity and imagination, never in short supply. The variety is vast.

The service now fills the community hall with two sittings, one at five, another at six for families with young children. There used to be one serving line, but as the event has grown, people were waiting too long, and a second line had to be added, which has really speeded things up. Everybody, Verna says, wants to be a server because you get to give food to people, though they can only have so many, and some have wanted the same job for years, like serving potatoes

Over the years, the event has gradually morphed to become steadily more engaging. Door prizes have been added, and as people arrive, they are offered hot apple cider. Then there is the live music. Last year, Dr. Ron Wilson entertained people waiting in the service lines, and at the tables on the accordion, accompanied by Tai and Ekou McGillivray. This year he will be joined by Kevin Mitchell. There is also a Christmas Choir. And of course, what would Christmas be without Santa, who arrives with one or two elves around seven. The children's gifts are purchased out of donations.

"Sharing a meal is a great opportunity to bring the community together," Verna says. It is also a chance to show appreciation for the community and the island, and reflect on the year past, by writing something down on a gratitude board when you come in. The board is themed. Last year it was a cut out of a dove, asking what gives you peace. This year, everyone will be given a star on which they can write who or what has been exceptional for them on Denman Island in the past year. "It is another community building exercise," Verna says. "it makes you sort of stop and think. It could be a trail, the Fire Department ..."

The whole thing is an exercise in building a community. The growing success of the event is a sure sign that community is alive and well on Denman.



CRAFT FAIR 2019: Another Great Year

By Laura Busheikin

COMM INFO

Yet again, the Craft Fair showcased Denman Island's artistry, hospitality, and ability to ably pull off a professional, successful, and also heart-warming event. How lovely that we can offer the world (or at least our corner of it) a holiday shopping option that celebrates community, supports artists, bolsters the local economy, is relatively climate-friendly, and feels so good!

This year brought in total sales \$102,711.00, topping the \$100,000 mark for the third year in a row. \$6634 was brought in by non-profit groups to support the arts, affordable housing, gardening, education and conservation on Denman.

make this annual tradition happen with such flair, competence, and good spirit: the artisans and food vendors, the many volunteers and staff, and all the Denmanites who showed up to shop and enjoy the fair, and who helped promote it through social media, personal invitations, and word of mouth.

To BC Ferries staff: you did a stellar job of making the parking and crossing easy and pleasant for visitors. Thank you!

This year we tried something new: a free raffle for anyone shopping in the (relatively) slower hours. The lucky winner of this bountiful prize was Denman Islander Thomas Toner. Congratulations, Thomas! And a big thank you to all the artisans who donated items.

Next year's fair will happen on December 5th and 6th. Application forms will be available Sept 1st on the website (denmancraftfair.com) and at the General Store. This will be announced on Facebook, the website and in The Grapevine, but applications will no longer be emailed out personally, so mark your calendars. 🍷

FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Chapters & Verse

Three Prose-Poems By William Thomas

ARTS&LIT

FETCHING NUKU HIVA AFTER 28 DAYS AT SEA

Off Taiohae Bay at dawn,
We slip past the Sentinels
and the Pilot's bold cross.
Surf laps like cream
On a long sand strand.
Tropic birds flit like butterflies
Among impossibly green ravines.
French bungalows, flame trees,
Jeep traffic on the foreshore.
Eight yachts at anchor.

Let go!
The hook splashes, Celerity
Curtseys, bobs,
Furls broad wings.
Bird cries.
Churchbells.
Silence.

To cross an ocean under sail,
A dream of many, for some
A fever relentlessly raging
Until the thing is done.
Who can tell
The depths of this sea-change?
Strangers to land,
No longer of the sea,
We stand motionless, embraced.
To seaward, one lone sail
Stands inshore.

[Excerpted from "Bluewater", published by Sailing magazine, 1979.]

DAYBREAK, COVE, SKY

Daybreak is the best time, before eyelids flick open and old men groan and roll over in their beds and birds awaken singing of ownership and Creation's delight.

The crunch of his seaboots on the road down to the cove breaks the stillness between worlds, the other side of mortality's thin veil as close as the lightening sky.

The wind, when it comes, will click branches like castanets and rattle halyards against masts. Anchored craft will turn and point at his return.

Right now (which is all the wealth anyone has, his heart attack taught him that), the morning stillness is complete.

And so is he.

SEDUCTION

The best place is aboard a small craft,
though there are grander venues.

The perfect person, the newly-met traveler
who has never sailed.

Open to adventure, trusting your competence and intentions,
she shifts to make room, never suspecting what this boat knows.

"If you see anything that bothers you, sing out.
If I give an order, do it now, then ask."

"Oui," says *une belle fille* alone with a man not her mate
in a 17-foot outrigger sailing canoe heading for open water.

Free of the land's embrace, the reaction's always the same:
the turning head, the widening eyes...

As if the shore is moving,
and the boat stationary.

The Grumman slows abruptly while you stow the electric motor.
Reaching across, you unscroll the mainsail like a window blind.

Ripstop nylon inflates into a wing, conjuring the lift and liberation
only sailors and pilots know.

Propelled by the gasp beside you, *Electra* silently gathers way.
When you turn, your guest's smile exactly mirrors your own.

A shimmering sunpath leads toward the safety of deep water.
Booming the candy-striped sail wide, you let the canoe run free.

Another met glance confirms the magic's working.
It's time...

Nudging the tiller, overhauling the mainsheet,
you twirl distant mountains, coming up into the breeze.

"Take the sheet" – handing over the reins.
Now trust runs both ways.

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“Pull the boom in another few inches... Right there. Hold that.”

Spun by a blue planet, the sun's warm breath courses from bellied sail up her arm into her soul.

Yes!
The wonder in her eyes as she grasps the wind's pull.

The outrigger lifts, run of the wash quickening like her pulse. Like your own.

“You trim while I steer. Let the sail out till it starts to shake... Now pull it in until it stops luffing... That's it. You've got it.”

She is sailing...

UKRAINE: A Cold Peace?

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published Dec. 11th, 2019

OPI/ED

After Monday's first encounter between Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Paris, there were the inevitable accusations that Putin had taken the inexperienced Zelenskiy to the cleaners. After all, what chance did an ex-television comedian have against a wily former intelligence officer?

Wrong question. It's not about how clever the players are, it's about what cards they hold – and not even a diplomatic team that included Talleyrand, Metternich and Henry Kissinger could have beaten Putin's hand. Russia won the war years ago, although people continued to die every week along the front line in southeastern Ukraine.

Zelenskiy's task, which is still very hard to accomplish, is to close the war down without losing anything more to Russia, and without giving Putin decisive influence over the future course of Ukraine's politics.

After 68 months of fighting and 13,000 deaths, the military stalemate in eastern Ukraine seems permanent, but that is an illusion. The Ukrainian army cannot break it, clearly, or it would have done so and recovered the lost territory already. But Russia could move forward any time it wants.

What deters Russia from advancing further is the huge diplomatic price it would pay, including a dramatic reinforcement of NATO's forces along its western border and even more severe sanctions. Besides, ruling over tens of millions of resentful and impoverished Ukrainians is deeply unattractive to Moscow, and could easily turn into an interminable anti-Russian guerilla war. So Russia doesn't want any more of Ukraine.

Any realistic Ukrainian would want to close the war down, cut Ukraine's losses in the breakaway provinces of Donetsk and Lugansk, and get on with building a better future for the other 95% of the country. A peace deal between Moscow and Kyiv is therefore possible, but it is not inevitable or even indispensable.

The real measure of Zelenskiy's realism is his Plan B. He can't discuss it aloud himself, because he would be condemned as a defeatist and a traitor by Ukrainian super-patriots who simply ignore the realities of the situation. However, his adviser Andriy Yermak was quite frank about it at a meeting in London last week.

Ukraine's preferred peace deal would restore the breakaway provinces, grant them wide local autonomy, and get the Russian troops out, but would not create a federal state in which those two provinces held a veto over central government policies. But if Zelenskiy can't persuade Russia to accept that deal, then Kyiv will just walk away from the talks.

“If we don't see readiness from Russia to...move towards a peaceful solution with a clear-cut time frame,” said Yermak, “we'll be building a wall, and life will continue.” What kind of wall? He didn't go into details, but it would

SHE IS SAILING!

“When I go home,” a new person eventually speaks,
“I want a boat.”

Electra heading out • Photo Will Thomas



clearly have to be both political and physical. Ukraine would abandon the breakaway provinces, wall them off, and get on with the rest of its life.

Since most of the people who remain in the Russian-controlled parts of those two provinces would really prefer to be part of Russia (one-and-a-half million people who prefer to be Ukrainian have already left), this would not constitute a great betrayal of innocent Ukrainian citizens. And it would free Ukraine from an unwinnable and therefore pointless war.

This whole conflict was Putin's response to the 'Meydan Revolution' of February 2014 that overthrew a deeply corrupt and slavishly pro-Russian president of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich. To punish Ukraine, Putin seized Crimea the following month – and then in April he sponsored the breakaway revolt by pro-Russian groups in Donetsk and Lugansk provinces.

His objective was somehow to regain a dominant Russian influence over the government in Kyiv. That has not succeeded, and he is left holding the eastern half of those two provinces, a partially depopulated post-industrial wasteland. So maybe he will cut a deal that hands them back to Ukraine and restores reasonably civil relations between Moscow and Kyiv. Or maybe not.

The best that can be hoped for is a cold peace, and even that is not guaranteed, but Zelenskiy's Plan B shows that he is no fool. "I don't know who [beat] whom," he said after the Paris meeting. "I think it would be appropriate to be diplomatic as we've just started talking. Let's say for now it's a draw."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to the Denman Community Health Centre Society

Dear DCHCS Board of Directors: BIG changes are coming to our Denman medical clinic and after speaking to concerned residents, there appears to be more questions than answers on how the decision was made. Questions such as- "Why was there no public consultation prior to any decision making"? and "If both our local doctors were willing to continue until their retirement in 2 yrs., why couldn't the existing contract be extended while looking for replacements"?

Unfortunately the statements supplied by your society do not answer any of these questions and a public meeting would be the normal course of action. Please, if you are truly a "Community" Society, please call a public meeting asap so the community can have their questions answered. Respectfully,

Edi Johnston

Living Words by Thomas Provençal

*In the human context,
your words do as do you.
Connecting, they align themselves
into a verbal stew.
Each one adds a flavour
that blends into the crew,
with full vibratory value
when they're said.*

*Each word is but a dab of paint
on the canvas of our mind.
We colour up our consciousness
and to our thoughts do bind
tones of comprehension
both blusterous and refined,
creating new ideas to which we
wed.*

*In our attempt to understand
the mystery that we live,
we study all creation
and to it names we give,
passing our inventions
through a nomenclature seive
so all the world is gathered on our
tongue.*

*We bind our understanding
to the very air we breathe.
Words, though abstract, represent
the world that we perceive,
the meaning of our life
defined by details in our weave
of words we launch in breath re-
leased by lung.*

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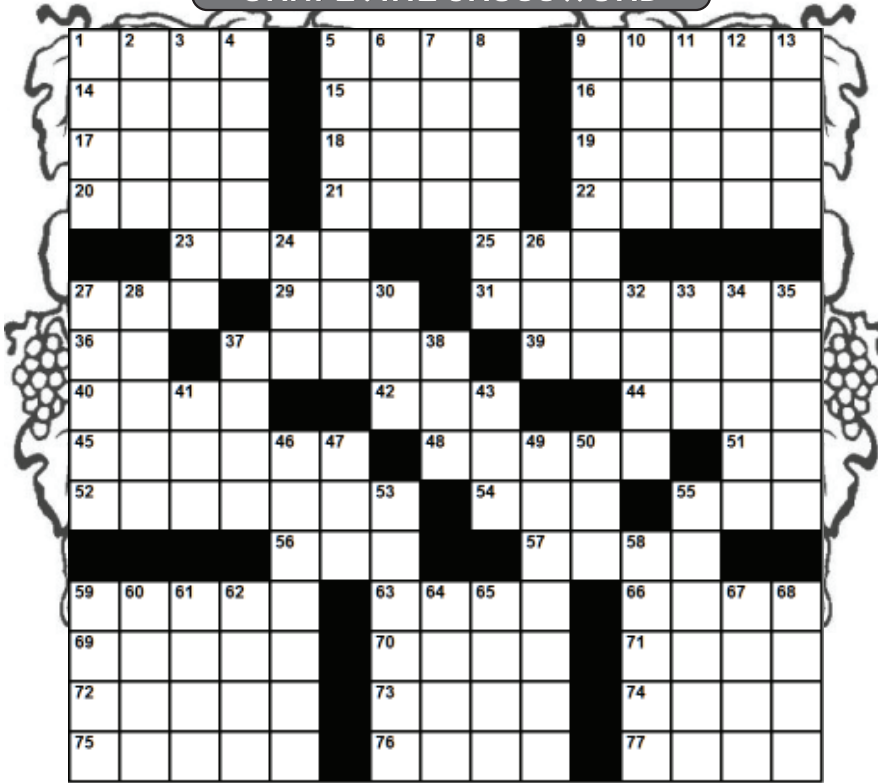
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6pm The Muppet Christmas Carol

8pm The Nightmare Before Christmas

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teens, one feature) \$25 • Double Feature \$12 •

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1. Covered with cinders
5. Clothing
9. Keep in inventory
14. Breezy greeting
15. Discharge
16. Asian city
17. Dancer Sally
18. Callas was one
19. Blow one's top
20. Alternative word
21. Agenda component
22. Misplaces
23. Musical medley
25. Kiddo
27. Cloth edge
29. Dead end job
31. Rug cleaner
36. -- all ears!
37. Attack on all sides
39. Sacred beetle
40. Building entrance
42. Anvil setting
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45. Rules of conduct
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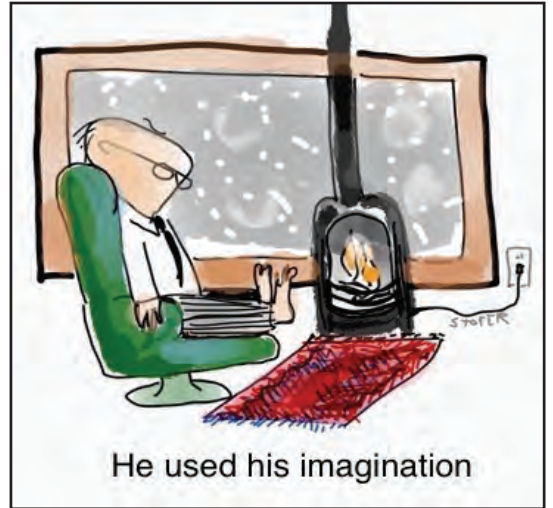
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54. A pair
55. Braying beast
56. Exist
57. Antarctic explorer
59. Pierced entree
63. Consequently
66. Culturally showy
69. Big blaster
70. Stereo setup
71. Propeller craft
72. Free for all
73. A son of Aphrodite
74. A ways off
75. Big antelope
76. All that's left
77. Eyelid malady

• DOWN •

1. A lot of land
2. Outer portion of earth
3. Horse drawn cab
4. Mountaineer's refrain
5. Boring
6. Fail to include
7. Contribute
8. Letter needs
9. Defeat decisively
10. Card of a sort
11. Encumbrance
12. Get by
13. Baby foxes
24. Angry state
26. Expressions of pleasure
27. Flogged
28. Act the ham
30. Ball perch
32. Aussie's friend
33. Old hand
34. Courtroom rituals
35. Chinese horns
37. Crusty cheese
38. Child's game
41. A little resistance
43. Apple color
46. Edged
47. Formal address
49. Maintain life
50. Canine category
53. Fasten with rope
55. Floating freely
58. Hindu tunes
59. Glacier ridge
60. Cain's victim
61. Gauchos' weapon
62. Auspice
64. Charter a bus
65. Alien craft
67. Food carrier
68. Days of old

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• **CARPPOOLING**

RIDE OFFERED TO DEPARTURE BAY FERRY, typically Mondays from the 6:40 am.
RIDE OFFERED FROM NANAIMO TO BUCKLEY BAY, typically Thursday afternoons.
Max 335-0364

HAVE ROOM FOR A PASSENGER? NEED A RIDE? Carpooling offers and requests are free to run in The Islands Grapevine. Contact us to place your ad today. 335-9188, theislandgrapevine@gmail.com.

• **FOR SALE**

MATHER FARM BE...
Quarters and... 60/
lb hang... 335-
0243



10 HENS –Buff Orpington and Americana–2 years old/organic fed. \$20.00. 335-2691 (DI)

WAGNER FIREWOOD.
FIR FIREWOOD FOR SALE. 2 cords to Denman, \$540 plus GST. Hornby \$560 plus tax. Text or call Scott at 250-334-7323

APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Ranges, washers, dryers, fridges, dishwashers, gas/ electric range. All fully restored and come with a full six month warranty. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.

• **SERVICES**

HIGHLY-EXPERIENCED DOG WALKER AND BOARDER now available on Denman! Going away and need a safe, fun place for your pooch, for a few days? Or just need someone to walk your dog, when time or health doesn't allow? I provide a comfy home



• **CLASSIFIED ADS** •



with lots of attention and exercise for dogs, at highly reasonable rates. Contact joelo554@hotmail.com or 604-868-1611 for more information.

PAINTING/DRYWALL REPAIR. Need a second set of hands for that project? I can help. ave experience in plumbing, electrical, framing, roofing, insulation/vapour barrier and many other things. Call Tom 250-218-7682 or email taucht@telus.net (Denman/Hornby)

RICHARD MENARD CARPENTRY – RENOVATIONS and INTERIOR PAINTING, decks, studios, tiny houses, highly-skilled woodworking & interior finishing, custom doors, woodcarving, etc. Courteous, reliable, excellent references: 250-334-7978 (cell) or home 250-335-1877 (DI/HI)

GUTTERS seamless, supply and install also repairs, for free estimate contact Kevin at 250 335 1986 or cell at 250 667 3233. Serving Denman/Hornby.

YVONNE'S BAKING 335-0460

THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Denman stockpile for smaller loads. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. thorlaciustrucking@gmail.com

MR. FIX-IT PLUMBING & All household major and small appliances. All large and small machinery. Yard machinery, chainsaws, outboards, automotive, sharpening, welding and fabricating. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.(HI)(12/20)

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

• **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

THE WORK BC DENMAN OFFICE IS MOVING FOR THE NEW YEAR! We are moving to the new satellite office (VSSO) in the same building of the Hardware Store, Craft Store and Abraxas. You can access the office situated in the back garden through the parking lot. We are open every Wednesday mornings and travelling to Hornby every other week. Please see our schedule posted at the General Store board next to the public pay phone . If you wish to book an appointment, Please book through our Courtenay office at 250-334-3119. We would like to thank the Denman Activity Center for the use of their rental space this past 3 years. Happy Holidays! Dominique-Work BC

SOLSTICE FARMER'S MARKET at the Hornby Community Hall, Saturday Dec.21st, 11am-2pm, Lunch available, Vendors doors@9am, \$10.00/spot.

• **LOST&FOUND**

LOST DRAGONFLY NECKLACE on Nov. 18 11:40am ferry from Hornby. 335-0204 - high sentimental value.

• **RENTAL WANTED**

MATURE AND RELIABLE environmental professional looking for long-term rental, (preferably dog-friendly). I've long visited the Gulf Islands either as a woofier or visitor, and love the nature and culture. I'm a responsible, clean and reliable tenant who works remotely, with a low-impact lifestyle, and enjoy hiking, yoga, travel and volunteering. References and security deposits available. Contact Joel at 250-335-0980 or email: joelo554@hotmail.com

• **FOR RENT**

PRIVATE OFFICE SPACE FOR HIRE Contact Abraxas - 335-2731 or drop in for availability & rates.



• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

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

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Janessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Bobcat and Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- Dean's Digger • Mini Excavator & Small Haul 218-4534 (D/H)
- Renaissance Stoneworks • natural stone/slate installation 335-0220 (D/H)
- Richard Menard • Carpentry, Construction & Renos 335-1877 (D/H)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • Licenced, Bonded & Insured 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)
- Water Tanks and Cisterns • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)
- Guffers Supply & Install • kguffers@outlook.com • Kevin 335-1986 (D/H)
- Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured 335-1741 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec-Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Renaissance Stoneworks • natural stone/slate installation 335-0220 (D/H)
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• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willio Walker, Dr. TCM 335-1535 (D/H)
- Bio-Energy Healing, Empowerment, Laughter Yoga • Shari Dunnet 335-1877 (D)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Greeson 1-778-838-7110 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- House Cleaning & Massage • Ruth Kirwin 250-650-3132/250-335-0822 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy & Acupuncture • Carmen B-Gautrais RPT, RTCMP 335-2260 (D/H)
- Tree Service - Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Tops n Toes • Mobile Haircuts & Footcare • Sandy Shaffer 778-585-9356 (D)
- Trueview Treecare, seniors' discount • Wildbill 898-7246 (D/H)
- Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker 335-1535 (D/H)

JANUARY CALENDAR
DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY DECEMBER 27TH
check out the calendar online
theislandsgrapevine.com
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250-335-9188



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DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING ON DENMAN OR HORNBY REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU ARE?

- WHEN IS THE NEXT CONCERT AT THE COMMUNITY HALL? •
- WHEN IS THE NEXT GATHERING OF NIA ENTHUSIASTS? •
- IS THE HIRRA MEETING AT 7 OR 7:30? •
- IS PICKLEBALL STILL HAPPENING ON MONDAYS? •
- IS CATHOLIC MASS STILL HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY? •

CHECK OUT THE DETAILED EVENTS CALENDAR AT THEISLANDSGRAPEVINE.COM

ARE YOU PUTTING ON AN EVENT OR HOSTING WORKSHOP OR PROMOTING A CONCERT? CONTACT theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com WITH THE DETAILS SO WE CAN LIST IT ON OUR EVENTS CALENDAR!!

THE COMING WEEK'S EVENTS
DENMAN ISLAND (DI) HORNBY ISLAND (HI)

THURSDAY 12

FRIDAY 13

- MOONLIGHT MADNESS 5-9pm • Downtown (DI)
- TREASURE ISLAND HITS Panto 7pm • The Hall (HI)

SATURDAY 14

- TREASURE ISLAND HITS Panto 1:30/7pm • The Hall (HI)

SUNDAY 15

- TREASURE ISLAND HITS Panto 7pm • The Hall (HI)
- DEATH CAFE 11am • Guesthouse (DI)
- COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER 5 & 6pm • Community Hall (DI)

MONDAY 16

TUESDAY 17

- MOVIE NIGHT Blackberry Lane Preschool 6/8pm see ad on p.7 for more information • Community Hall (DI)

WEDNESDAY 18

THURSDAY 19

- THE SONGBIRDS DANCE BAND 6:30pm • The Thatch (HI)