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FARMERS MARKET UPDATE

By Veronica Timmons

COMM INFO

After much discussion, the Farmers Market Committee has decided that parents with children will be welcome at the market. They, and anyone shopping in a group, need to stay together and socially distance themselves as a unit. We ask that, generally speaking, people shop individually, but recognize this isn't always possible for everyone.

The market starts on May 16th and 12 vendors will be there to serve you. After you get your produce and other market items, why not buy a take-away brunch or lunch? There are some great choices: gyozas, samosas, kale rolls, pepperoni sticks, asian foods, yummy baked goods, breads, vegan nut patties, crackers energy balls and breakfast port tortillas plus apple cider.

If you wish to pre-order you can go to www.demangpa.ca after May 9th to find a list of vendors who take pre-orders and instructions on how to contact them. Pick-ups will be at the market.

The Farmers Market Nutritional Coupon Program will be running again this year. The program is delivered by the BC Farmers Market Association with funding from the province of B.C. On Denman the program starts on Sat. June 13th and is jointly coordinated by the F.M. Committee and DICES. There will be 20 placements again this year. Participants get \$21 a week to spend at the market on food. The program prioritizes seniors, pregnant women and families with children under 5. It is inclusive of families with children 5-18 when possible. If you fall into one of these categories, self-identify as low-income or face barriers such as isolation, this program could be a fit for you. To enroll go to www.dices.ca or contact DICES by leaving a message at 250-335-2058 or find the form at the portable located next to the school.

Laura Busheikin, (our new Coordinator) and volunteers will be on hand to help you navigate the new normal and stay safe at our modified market. There will be hand sanitizers and wash stations available.

I have resigned as the Chair of the Farmers Market Committee due to health issues. I have truly enjoyed my four years helping the market grow and be a major economic benefit to the island. The Committee looks forward to another successful year at the market and thank you for your support. 🍷

THE DI/HI 2020 BIRDATHON

By Ken Madsen

SPECIAL INTEREST

Many of you probably wonder what kind of twisted person would undertake a 24-hour Birdathon. If you think that is extreme, a decade ago Wendy and I and our then-15 year-old son Malkolm looked for birds for 8760 hours. In birder lingo it's called a Big Year (should be called a Whacko Year). Basically, a person sets out to see how many bird species she can identify in North America during a single year. We were the first team to attempt this without using fossil fuels for our transport. Our goal was to demonstrate to birders that climate change threatened the birds they loved, and suggest that they should think about their carbon emissions.

We cycled (and hiked and paddled) from the Yukon to Florida and circled back to Texas. The photo that accompanies this shows Wendy and Malkolm having fun in Texas in June. During the ... continued on Page 3 ...

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... continued from Page 2 ... year we cycled 25,000 km, identified 545 species of birds and raised about \$25,000 for bird conservation. Believe it or not, we also had fun. Despite all this, I'm NOT saying you need to look for birds for 24 hours during the Birdathon. You can if you want, but you might also decide to simply go for a short walk and see what you see. Or make lists of the birds that flock to your feeder.

Our "feature birder," Erika Bland looked for birds for 17 hours during the last Birdathon and identified 67 species. She intends to beat that record this year. If you'd like to sponsor Erika please send a pledge to Wendy (wboothroyd@yahoo.ca). Better still, please join in! Pledge forms are now available on the Denman and Hornby Conservancy websites. You can also pick one up from the Denman General Store, outside on the deck or under the Bird Wall Art Show inside the store. Birdathon contributions are tax-deductible.

The bird of the week is the Barred Owl. Not long ago these spectacular owls lived exclusively in eastern North America, in older forests. There they stayed until one day an owl whispered "go west young owl." Or maybe it was the fire-suppression in the boreal forest and tree planting in the Great Plains that allowed them to expand their range. They arrived (along with the first of the hippies) in BC in the early '60s. They have since expanded south to California and we hope that soon they will circle back east and take over the White House.

Most of us love seeing these fantastic birds, although we more often hear their raucous hoots and screeches. All is not rosy in the forests though. We all know about the threats to Spotted Owls caused by the clear-cut logging of old-growth forests. The arrival of Barred Owls was a further insult since they often displaced their smaller, less-aggressive cousins. I'm not down on Barred Owls! I'm sure there would have been room for both species if we still had our original forests. If you hear an owl on Denman or Hornby these days, it is likely a Barred Owl, although Great Horned Owls are also around. I haven't heard of any other owls on the islands in the nine years we've lived here, although Western Screech-Owls, Northern Saw-whet Owls, Barn Owls and Northern Pygmy-Owls are found in the Comox Valley. 🍷

LIVING WELL • Week 7 By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

Hearts, Knees and Feet

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart." • Eleanor Roosevelt •

There are a few people in my life who have inspired me to live well. The first is a woman who became a mentor to me in university and has become a life-long friend. As a child she suffered through heart operations and now she has terminal cancer and congestive heart failure. Several years ago, after heart surgery, she decided that she needed a project which would inspire her each day. She began sewing dresses for young girls and crocheting hospital size blankets. To date, she has sewn 1300 dresses, which include a matching draw-string bag and a pair of underwear, and crocheted 115 blankets which she donates to an organization called Compassion Warehouse in Victoria. She has received photos of little girls wearing her dresses as far away as Uganda, Haiti and ... continued on Page 4 ...



Wendy and Malkolm having fun in Texas
• Photo by Ken Madsen

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

2020-05-07
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:04	2.5	8.2
05:42	4.8	15.7
12:43	0.6	2.0
19:31	4.7	15.4

2020-05-08
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:56	2.8	9.2
06:18	4.7	15.4
13:25	0.4	1.3
20:27	4.8	15.7

2020-05-09
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:49	3	9.8
06:55	4.6	15.1
14:07	0.3	1.0
21:21	4.9	16.1

2020-05-10
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:45	3.2	10.5
07:34	4.4	14.4
14:49	0.4	1.3
22:14	4.9	16.1

2020-05-11
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:47	3.3	10.8
08:17	4.2	13.8
15:33	0.6	2.0
23:07	4.9	16.1

2020-05-12
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:59	3.3	10.8
09:04	3.9	12.8
16:19	0.9	3.0

2020-05-13
(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:02	4.8	15.7
06:26	3.2	10.5
10:02	3.5	11.5
17:09	1.3	4.3

2020-05-14
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:58	4.7	15.4
07:56	3	9.8
11:22	3.3	10.8
18:04	1.7	5.6



... continued from Page 3 ... Lebanon. No one can say that she has a weak heart!

Another person, who inspired me, was a former neighbour. Her son, ended his life when he was 16 years old. She shared with me that a few weeks after his death, she bought 200 daffodil bulbs. She spent hours on her knees, in the dirt, planting the bulbs. Somehow, she had the where-with-all, to look forwards to the following Spring so that she could see flowers in her garden.

I have another friend, who decided that she would walk the length of the island where she lives. The only thing is, her island is New Zealand! She planned to walk in several stages, for as long as it would take. On her first day, leaving from the north coast and about five hours into her goal, she fell and broke both of her ankles. She was carted out of the wilderness in a wheelbarrow. Today, after physio-therapy and time for healing, she has completed three-quarters of her journey.

Each of these friends has known much suffering and grief, yet their choice to be brave, has impacted my life. They have touched my heart, shown me how to fall on my knees and how to keep walking.

Nelson Mandela wrote,

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but rising every time we fall.

Here's to living gloriously as we awake each day and face our own realities. 🍷

FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Gold • 2/2

By William Thomas

ARTS&LIT

Forever sailing their "ghost galleon" across a trackless sea, 550 terrified souls had gone to the devil. Also lost with the *Atocha* were 24 tons of silver bullion, 180,00 irregularly-shaped silver coins, 1,200 pounds of finely-worked silverware... and 125 gold bars. Including the one I'd held in my hand.

The recovered jewelry – which I was allowed to view but *not touch* during a one-day exhibition at a jeweler on Government Street, just up from *Celerity's* berth, was eye-popping: a solid-gold belt, a necklace inlaid with gems, intricately-tooled gold plate, a seven-pound gold chain, hefty gold chalice and hoard of emeralds secreted aboard for private off-sales. Among them, an uncut 78-carat gem from Columbia's slave-labour mine in Muzo.

No wonder the Spaniards searched for *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* for 60 years.

They found nothing. Erased by time and tides, the shipwreck vanished for another three-centuries.

Then Jacques Cousteau invented SCUBA.

Treasure hunting ignited. Home from the salvage of a 1715 Spanish treasure fleet lost near Vero Beach, Florida, a former chicken farmer and dive-shop operator named Mel Fisher formed Treasure Salvors Inc. in 1969.

With his "rag-tag crew" willing to go up to 20 weeks without pay, Fisher figured he'd find the wreck within six months. "Today's the day!" he exhorted family and crew. For 16 years it wasn't.

In 1970, Fisher brought onboard a specialist in Spanish colonial history. In Seville's dusty Archives of the Indies, Dr. Eugene Lyon chanced across the audit of a salvage in Florida's Marquesas Keys. The year was 1622.

When revised calculations suggested that *Atocha* must have gone down a hundred miles off their scent, Fisher's crew spent the next year doggedly towing their modified magnetometer over 120,000 miles of open ocean before finding a few sketchy artifacts.

Two years later, three silver bricks were brought to the surface. Their weights and tally numbers matched *Atocha's* original manifest in Seville!

Fisher was accused of "salting the wreck." But where else could he have gotten three authentic ingots, each weighing nearly 70 pounds?

Over the next several years, a trickle of wafer-thin Spanish coins teased



Atocha gold & emeralds crucifix

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 Bill Engleson
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1.

*We are incommunicado,
 isolates in our skin,
 waving at passing satellites,
 sputniks lost in time,
 shooting stars of sin.*

*We are incommunicado,
 curving into the flat,
 swaying with the quiet wind
 survivors for a time,
 swirling souls within.*

2.

*I had a poem in me at 3 a.m. it
 was,
 or 4.*

*it sang of midnight secrets,
 a strength of knowing some-
 thing*

*I'd never known before.
 I was not the maverick I once
 was.*

*The swing of time
 had pendulumed
 me numb.*

*At 5,
 the sorrow hit,
 like a sheet stripped away,
 cold morning chills
 creeping up the body,
 freezing all the untold poems
 in the fevers fiery furnace.*

3.

*We have all become hands-off.
 touching nothing that is not
 ours,
 even more,
 our faces are no-go zones,
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 are the lives we are living,
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 into whatever it becomes.*



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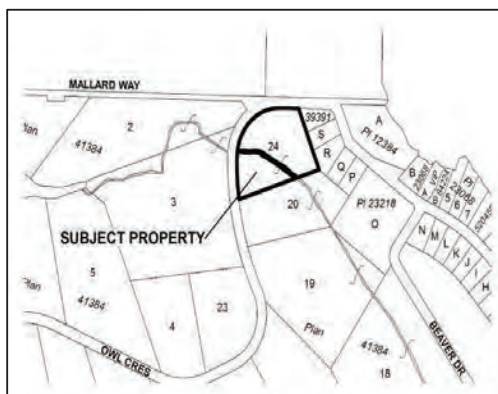


**NOTICE
 DENMAN ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
 DE-TUP-2020.1 (WILLIAMS)**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution for the renewal of a Temporary Use Permit, pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit renewal would apply to Lot 24, Section 9, Denman Island, Nanaimo District, Plan 41384 (PID 000-876-283, 8900 Owl Crescent, Denman).

The purpose of this Temporary Use Permit renewal is to continue to allow the residential use of a "secondary dwelling unit" on the subject property. The continuation of the temporary use would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The renewal would be issued for up to three years and the owner would then need to reapply to the Denman Island Local Trust Committee for a new permit after the three year period, or apply to rezone the property.

The general location of the subject area is shown on the following sketch:



Enquiries or comments should be directed to Ian Cox, Planner 1 at (250) 247-2204, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 604-660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867, before **4:00 p.m., May 18, 2020.**

Written submissions should be sent to:

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A copy of the proposed Permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Northern Office Bulletin Board, 700 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC, commencing **May 7, 2020** and continuing up to and including **May 18, 2020.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 494(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act*, a copy of the proposed Permit may be inspected at the Denman Island General Store notice board located at 1069 North West Road, Denman Island, BC, and the Marcus Isbister Old School Centre notice board located at 5901 Denman Road, Denman Island, BC.

Following the end of the notice period, the Denman Island Local Trust Committee may consider issuance of the proposed Permit at its **Electronic Business Meeting** to be held at **12:30 pm, Tuesday, May 19, 2020.**

To listen or listen and view the Denman Island Local Trust Committee meeting, on May 19, 2020 starting at 12:30 p.m., the public may join the meeting by:

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Please refer to the posted agenda on the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca) at the beginning of that week for an indication of where this application is placed on the agenda.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Becky McErlean, Deputy Secretary

... continued from Page 5 ... Fisher's flagging efforts. Then, in July 1975, his eldest son, Dirk located nine of *Atocha's* brass cannons.

Three nights later, Dirk, 21, his young wife, Angel and diver Rick Gage drowned when their anchored salvage tug *Northwind* sprung a leak and capsized.

That blow nearly broke Mel Fisher. *Maybe it just ain't worth it*, he thought. But Dirk would have wanted him to complete the search. So Fisher sucked it up and vowed to "keep it up until I find her."

And he did.

On July 20, 1985 – 10th anniversary of Dirk's loss – his brother Kane radioed Key West: "Put away the charts. We've found the main pile!"

Ecstatic divers described the find as "a reef of silver bars". Within days, the shipper's marks were matched to *Atocha's* manifest.

The golden galleon would yield a trove worth \$500 million – nearly enough, someone joked, to pay Mel Fisher's legal fees battling both state and federal governments for possession of his costly find.

But that's another story.

Along with *Atocha's* missing sterncastle, said to hold an additional \$260 million in as-yet-unlocated treasure. 🍷

SOME REASONS TO HOPE

By Gwynne Dyer • OP May 5th, 2020

OP/ED

You don't feel like reading about the Plague today? Good. I don't feel like writing about it again either. So here's some reasons to hope, none of which are even remotely related to the coronavirus.

First, they have found not one but three new ways to combat malaria, just as the problem of growing resistance to existing drugs and insecticides was getting out of hand.

In Burkina Faso, collaboration last year between the local Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Santé and the University of Maryland showed the effectiveness of modifying a fungus that normally infests mosquitoes. The fungus was genetically engineered to produce lethal spider toxin, and 99% of the mosquito population in the trial area died within 45 days.

Scientists at the Kenya Medical Research Institute have found that an existing drug, Ivermectin, which is used against parasitical diseases like river blindness and elephantiasis, is also effective against malaria. It kills both the plasmodium falciparum parasite in your blood and the mosquito whose bite put it there. (But you'll still get bitten first – try hanging chicken feathers on the porch.)

And best of all, a cure that doesn't kill the mosquitoes, who are an important source of food for many bird species. The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi has discovered that around 5% of the mosquito population on the shores of Lake Victoria in Kenya carries a microbe called *Microsporidia* MB that completely blocks the plasmodium parasite.

The microbe lives in the mosquitoes' gut and genitals without doing them any harm, and mothers pass it on to most of their offspring. So if you could spread that microbe to the rest of the mosquito population...

Microsporidia form spores that could be released en masse to infect mosquitoes,

or male mosquitoes could be infected in the lab and released into the wild to infect the females when they have sex. It's early days, but this could actually solve the malaria problem for good.

Second piece of happy news: researchers at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands are having some success in blocking the growth of bacterial resistance to antibiotics. This is the most urgent medical issue of our time, because if the antibiotics don't work then the old infections that they have long suppressed will come back and make even the simplest operation life-threatening.

Bacteria share and spread their resistance by swapping genes, and to do that they secrete a protein called CSP. The Groningen team worked through more than 1,300 existing drugs, and found 46 candidates that disrupt the ability of the bacteria to produce CSP. It's a first step, but a very promising one.

And now for something completely different. Environmentalists hate plastics because half of the megatons produced each year ends up in landfills or the oceans. However, plastic is a strong,

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... continued from Page 6 ... lightweight material that is very useful in many different roles. The trick is to recycle it all properly, so it doesn't end up damaging the environment.

Enter a French start-up company called Carbios, which began by screening 100,000 micro-organisms for promising candidates that could decompose plastics quickly and cheaply into chemical building blocks that can be recycled into new plastics. They found what they were seeking in a leaf compost heap: a bacteria that produces an enzyme that will do that job.

It took a little work to mutate the enzyme so that it enthusiastically consumes the PET plastic from which plastic bottles are made. Carbios predicts that it will be operating at an industrial scale by 2024 – and in March German researchers found a different bacteria that will eat up polyurethane.

Now for the big one. There is a company called Solar Foods, in Helsinki, which is growing bacteria (just add hydrogen) to make an organic soup from which you can make flour. Tweak the bacterial formula a bit and you can create the right proteins and fats for lab-grown meat, fish, milk and eggs.

There are many other companies just a bit behind Solar Foods (which will open its first commercial factory next year). The prospect glimmering on the horizon is that we might be able to feed the world from a relatively small amount of land, and give the rest back to nature.

We would then have to figure out what to do with the half of mankind that currently makes its living from farming, but we can assume that this would be a change that takes decades to work its way through the very large and extremely complex global society we live in today.

What all this tells us is that there are many clever people working on all the problems that threaten our future, and that for some of them at least, solutions will arrive in time. It is still heroically optimistic to believe that all of them will, or even enough of them. There is hope, but there is also great danger. 🍷

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(In response to Alan Stoddart's Letter to the Editor from issue 1429) **Dear Doctors,**

Alan, thank you for broaching the subject. Since we, the elders, are a burden on a scale that is impossible to deal with on the planet, YES, I agree with you, please give us the right drugs to help us out.

Best wishes,

Selinda White



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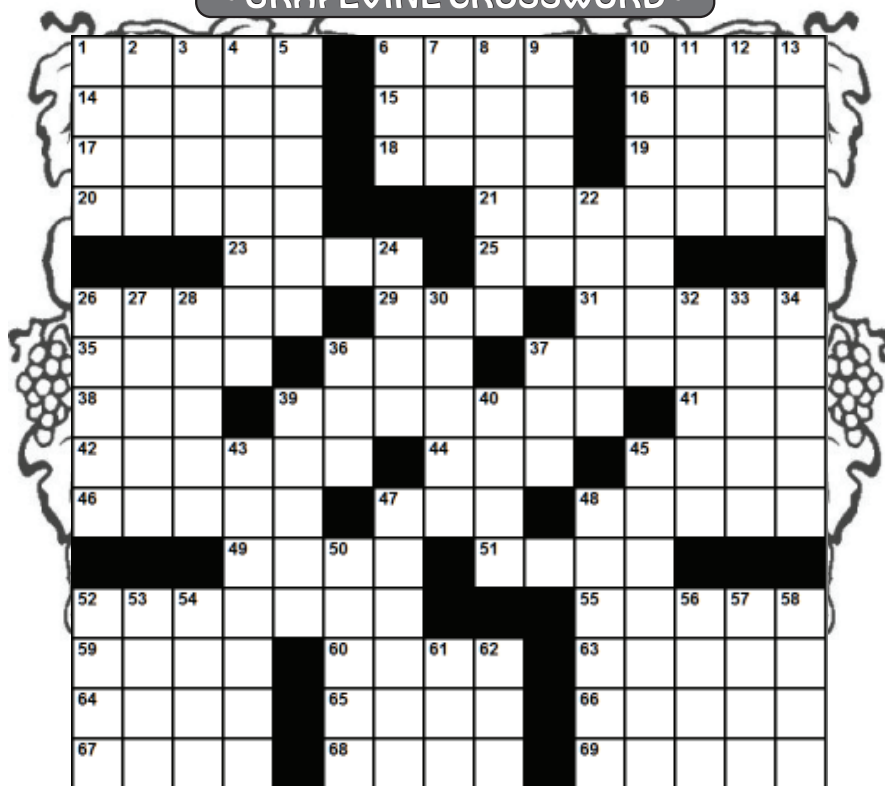
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Ranges, washers, dryers, fridges, dishwashers, gas/electric range. All fully restored and come with a full six month warranty. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.

• SERVICES

RICHARD MENARD CARPENTRY – RENOVATIONS, decks, fences, outbuildings, 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)

UNSIGHTLY MOSS, pollen lichen and slime bothering you, but your pressure washer is covered in mold, give Brian a call at 335-2390 or 650-2390. Maybe I can help.

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.

THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Denman stockpile for

smaller loads. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. denmantruck@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 Entpr. Call Dave 218-9667.(DI)

• FOR RENT

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

• COMMUNITY NOTICES

ACTIVITY CENTRE UPGRADES COVID-19 may have closed the Activity Centre, but we're using the unexpected downtime to make some needed upgrades to the building. Last spring, the Denman Seniors' and Activity Centre hired IRC Building Sciences Group, Victoria, for a roof assessment of the Activity Centre. The assessment suggested replacement of the Mansard (shingled) portion of the

roof this year. After a thorough search, CJ Roofing out Qualicum Beach has been contracted to do the work. That work will begin in the next few weeks and will take about two weeks to finish.

The upstairs gym has received new lighting and ceiling fans to very good effect. Thanks to Jan Murphy for the self-isolating installation and Michael Rapati for providing scaffolding. Otherwise very quiet at the Activity Centre.

HIRRA meeting BY ZOOM: Wednesday, May 13, 7:30pm. Agenda: AGM by Zoom scheduled for June 10, reports: Executive, HIFR, Recycling, HICEEC, HIAC. E-mail office@hirra.ca to register. (Phone in also available.)

• RENTAL WANTED

YVAN, A LONGTIME DENMAN RESIDENT, seeks a rental location for himself and his tiny (10x24) home; he can provide caretaking/labour/rent; 250-792-2770

• 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 •

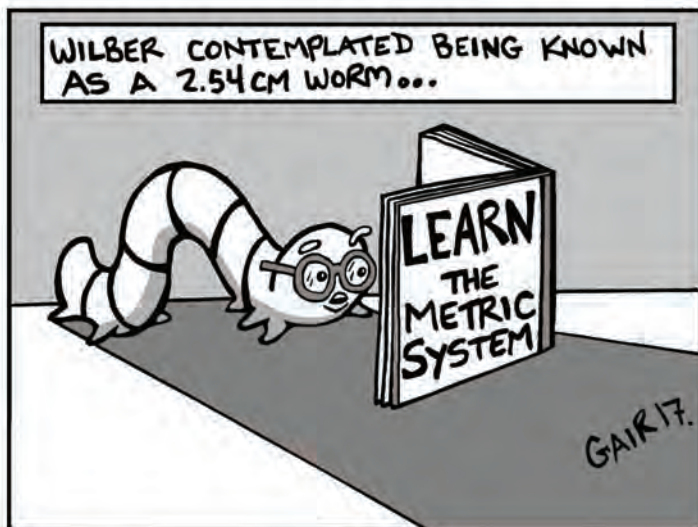
- Bente Pilegaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Janessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- 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)
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded 335-3122 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Gutters Supply & Install • Kevin 667-3233/335-1986 (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)
- 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)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM 335-1535 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah 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)



WEEKLY EVENTS

THURSDAY 7

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- HDCHCS Zoom meeting 9:30am

FRIDAY 8

SATURDAY 9

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm

SUNDAY 10

Happy Mother's Day!!

MONDAY 11

TUESDAY 12

WEDNESDAY 13

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 9:30am

THURSDAY 17

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- HDCHCS Zoom meeting 9:30am

Conversation with a Maple Tree by Thomas Provençal

Please excuse me.
May I use your body
for a pool?
There is this house I'm building;
I've already dug the hole.
You become the centerpiece
of a human home.
The eyes of many will embrace
your skin as white as a bone.
You're growing at an angle
where snow will take you down,
my shop in your trajectory.
The idea makes me frown.
My chainsaw gently idles
awaiting your behest.
Your lower trunk will be a stump.
Where to cut you see fit best?