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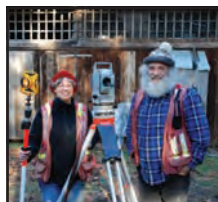
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by Bente Pilgaard

Welcome Georgette and Rob.
Good luck with your plans.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL'S 1ST ELECTRONIC MEETING

By Islands Trust

COMM INFO

Lekwungen, METULIYE/Victoria, BC – Islands Trust Council will make history on June 16th and 17th when they hold their first two-day electronic meeting using Zoom, an electronic video and audio conferencing system. The meeting can be attended using a computer or device connected to the internet. Participants can also choose to attend using a telephone.

Trust Council, through its provincial mandate, is responsible for preserving and protecting the 450 islands in the Salish Sea. Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust Area.

“We usually meet in person, but COVID-19 related restrictions have made electronic meetings necessary,” shared Peter Luckham, Chair of Islands Trust Council. “It’s a great opportunity for people throughout the Islands Trust area to attend and meet widely across the Salish Sea. We encourage the curious and anyone interested in preserving and protecting the Islands Trust area to login or phone in to the meeting. On day two, we will provide opportunity for the public to participate through Delegations and a Town Hall. We welcome your input, comments, ideas and feedback on topics related to the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust.”

On June 5th, full details on how to attend the electronic meeting, along with the agenda package, will be posted to the calendar tool June 16-17 dates and What’s New on the homepage. Newsletter subscribers will receive an update.

Each meeting day begins at 9:00 AM. The two-day agenda (DRAFT subject to change) includes:

• Delegations

Scheduled on day two, members of the public can talk to council www.islandstrust.bc.ca/talktocouncil about matters that impact the whole Trust Area. Organizations and individuals who want to make a formal delegation will be given 10 minutes (time your presentation to allow for questions) to address Trust Council. A written request must be received by Tuesday, May 26th, and any presentation or shared material e.g. Power Point must be received by June 8th for review and approval by Executive Committee prior to the Trust Council meeting.

Please email your topic, presenters’ name, and contact information to Executive Coordinator, Lori Foster lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca, by Tuesday, May 26th if you wish to make a delegation presentation.

• Town Hall

Following the delegation presentations, Town Hall is open to anyone that wishes to address council. Meeting attendees may ask questions and raise issues that impact the whole Trust Area, or make suggestions about Trust Council work. Depending on the number of people that wish to speak to council, between 3-5 minutes per person will be allotted. Town Hall participants will not be able to share documents during the meeting.

• Trustee Roundtable

Trustees exchange local information about initiatives, events or developments of interest to all Trustees.

• Decision and Information Items

Most of the Trust Council Meeting involves routine business. Trust Council receives, discusses and makes decisions about pol ... continued on Page 3 ...

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• Closed Session

During this session, which is closed to the public, trustees may review litigation and personnel matters.

Learn how to attend the June Trust Council electronic meeting. Go the Islands Trust website.

To receive notifications about upcoming Trust Council meetings, sign up to receive subscriber notices.

Until further notice, to protect the health and safety of trustees, Islands Trust employees, and the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, Trust Council meetings will be held electronically and broadcast using Zoom. The Islands Trust appreciates the public's understanding and assistance during this time.

The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, co-operation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

Contact: Peter Luckham, Chair, Islands Trust Council 250.210.2553

Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer, via Vicki Swan, Communications Specialist 250.405.5156 🍷

NEWS FROM THE FIRST FARMERS MARKET

By Laura Busheikin

COMM INFO

Apparently, we can do this! The first Denman Farmers Market of 2020 took place last Saturday with all sorts of new COVID-resilient protocols in place. And it went pretty well! Shoppers went home with armfuls of juicy rhubarb stalks, fresh vegetables, take-out food, local sausages, home-made jams, and plant starts for their gardens.

The Farmers Market Committee and Market Coordinator send big warm thank yous to:

- the 10 vendors who braved the rain and test-drove all the new practices
- the volunteers who showed up early, stayed late, problem-solved, innovated, and kept smiling the whole time
- above all, the shoppers who came out even in the wet weather, and were game to learn new ways. We hope you enjoy your fresh produce and treats.

It looks like we can narrow down shopping instructions to a few key points:

- enter and exit at the lower gate (furthest from the Old School);
- wait till a volunteer directs you in; move clockwise around the market;
- keep two metres distance between you and everyone else;
- resist the urge to socialize ("shop, don't stop").

That last is probably the hardest for many of us, but important both to reduce the chances of potential COVID-19 transmission, and also to keep people moving so we don't have with long line-ups.

Next week we'll have better signage and barriers, and hopefully no rain! 🍷

TIDE TABLE		
• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove • • Source: tides.gc.ca •		
2020-05-21 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:01	4.3	14.1
12:21	1.2	3.9
19:20	4.2	13.8
2020-05-22 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:13	3.2	10.5
05:23	4.3	14.1
12:47	1	3.3
19:59	4.3	14.1
2020-05-23 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:55	3.3	10.8
05:47	4.2	13.8
13:17	0.8	2.6
20:40	4.5	14.8
2020-05-24 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:39	3.5	11.5
06:13	4.2	13.8
13:50	0.8	2.6
21:22	4.6	15.1
2020-05-25 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:27	3.6	11.8
06:42	4.1	13.5
14:26	0.7	2.3
22:06	4.7	15.4
2020-05-26 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:22	3.6	11.8
07:16	4	13.1
15:06	0.8	2.6
22:53	4.7	15.4
2020-05-27 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:27	3.6	11.8
07:58	3.8	12.5
15:50	0.9	3.0
23:40	4.7	15.4
2020-05-28 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:45	3.5	11.5
08:59	3.7	12.1
16:40	1.1	3.6

DENMAN FEEDING DENMAN

By Veronica Timmons (GPA), Emily Guillame (DICES),
Danny Crenna (DI Seed Savers Group)

COMM
INFO

The Time Has Come!

Eleven years ago a group of islanders got together for a workshop with Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds. Dan had just published "Saving Seeds: A Home Gardener's Guide to Preserving Plant Biodiversity" and we were all interested in learning how to do it. At the end of the workshop we asked him the following question "If the North American food supply chains were broken what crops should islanders grow for survival and food sustainability?" Of course we were worrying about climate change (not pandemics).

His answer:

1. Potatoes (carbohydrates) – easy to grow
 2. Kale a green super food – easy to grow
 3. Beans or peas (for protein) – easy to grow
 4. Grains: quinoa or amaranth – only grains suitable in a rainy climate
 5. Fruits: apples, pears, grapes, Meyers lemons - grow on Denman
- After the workshop and armed with a copy of his book, we formed the DI Seed

Savers Group which has been saving and swapping seeds for eleven years. Dan attended our first Seedy Saturday in January 2010 and has been coming ever since! This year the Seed Savers group is supplying the Community School's seed bank with free seeds for islanders who want to grow their own food.

Ten years ago the Denman Island Growers & Producers Alliance was formed and their goal has always been Denman Feeding Denman. We have run many programs to pursue this goal: equipment rental program, Buy Local, workshops, events such as AppleFest, the Farmers Market, and many others. So, it's now 2020 and covid-19 has changed everything! The food supply chains are creaking and in the short term about to break! Why? Two main

FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Where Away

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

In the after-cabin's total blackness, I swoop and sway with the boat's headlong rush, chasing fragments of an hour's sleep exploded by three sharp raps on the crossarm close above my head.

Captain to the bridge!

Thea's alarm can only signify our gravest threat at sea. Stretching overhead, I send three knocks back.

Scrambling into the darkened galley, feeling for handholds and the masthead switches, I flick both toggles up. Then I reach outside past the mate, clip into my safety harness, and step up into the night.

"Where away." Spoken as a command, never a question, the two most urgent words a captain can utter. Besides, *abandon ship*. And that may be coming. Very shortly.

Thea's ghostly yellow-jacketed arm sweeps accusingly across the deck. "Just off the starboard bow."

From *Celerity's* cockpit, it's three miles to the horizon. Plus another mile or two, thanks to the lookout's alertness and the additional height of a freighter's steaming lights. Appearing intermittently behind interposing waves, two staggered white orbs are lined up on us like rifle sights.

What are the odds that the first vessel sighted in weeks will be trying to run us down? In all this ocean vastness, very high. Demonstrate the power of Strange Attractors for yourself by walking along a deserted rural road. Suddenly approach-

ing from opposite directions, two cars will pass each other exactly where they pass *you*.

Guaranteed.

Already, those stomach-dropping range lights appear closer. This dangerous interloper is likely a container ship steaming on autopilot at 30 knots. If I make the wrong call, Thea and I will be treading water – or drowned – in nine more minutes.

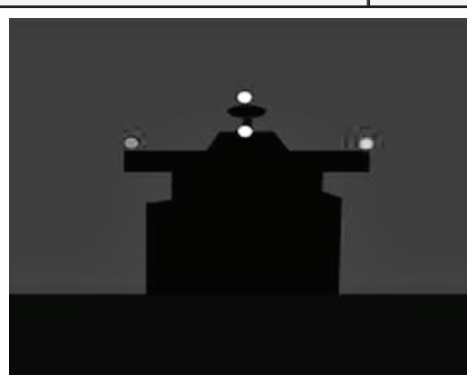
Make that eight.

Braced against the cabin-side, I retrieve the 7x50s and inspect the intruder. Nothing... nothing... There! Topping the intervening swell, red *and* green.

Collision course.

A surge of adrenaline jolts me fully alert. From an almost desperate doze to life-or-death decision in less than eighty seconds. You gotta love ocean sailing!

A trimaran's speed across this freshening breeze is our best ally now. Hold course and try to pass ahead? I reject



steaming lights on collision course at night

reasons. First, the pandemic has prevented farmers getting workers to plant and harvest their crops. The USA, where most of our fruit and vegetables come from, needs over 100,000 foreign agricultural workers but it's doubtful they will be let in. Canadian farmers are short of 30,000 workers. Secondly, because of high prices for vegetable seeds and labour to pack them they are in great demand and you may have to wait a while to get them.

Agricultural experts (and common sense) say that by winter there will be food shortages and higher retail prices. So, what can we do?

Here are a few "home-grown" ideas:

1. Expand your garden and grow the crops listed above especially winter crops
2. If you are not saving seeds from your plants start this year
3. Work with other gardeners to make the best use of your land and share harvests
4. Grow for those who can't grow their own food (Food Bank)
5. Buy Local! Support your Farmers Market growers and producers
6. Don't know how to grow food? There is lots of help on the internet and books.
(See the list below)
7. In the Fall freeze and can your food for the winter. Start a canning group!
8. Buy local produce. (If you eat meat you can buy island raised cows, pigs and sheep but you have to order months in advance)
9. Keep expanding the supply of island eggs

This pandemic has made islanders pull together as never before. The Island Covid-19 group and the Food Bank is doing a great job making sure islanders get food and hampers. The Food for Families Program is offering meals at reasonable prices. The Nutrition for Families Coupon Program starts in June at the Farmers Market. At the General Store staff are working hard to supply your everyday needs and doing deliveries. We thank everyone for their cooperation and support.

that insanity out-of-hand. Harden up and tack onto the opposite heading? Too slow!

"Gybe the boat."

"Gybing over."

As I jump to cast off sheets and preventers, Thea turns us sharply away. Close overhead, the half-glimpsed boom whickers across. The headsail pulls hard, then thunders.

Overhauling mainsheet and working jib, we complete a looping half-circle to place our would-be assassin broad off the transom. Even without the night glasses, his red portside running light is clearly visible.

No green.

Now comes the tricky bit. If some apprentice standing the dog watch on that short-handed monster suddenly awakens to our masthead lights or augmented radar blip – and turns the wrong way...

Of course, he doesn't alter course. They never do. The low throb of a hundred-thousand horsepower turning twin house-size screws at 80 rpm carries faintly across wind and water. The stranger passes a mile off, close enough to occlude the lowest stars.

In the binnacle's red glow, Thea and I trade looks. More knowing than a lifetime of marriage, more intimate than the deepest kiss, the glance that passes between us acknowledges a trust few will ever know ashore. 🍷

It's time to take the long view and work together to ensure the future of our food supply. If you have ideas for how to make this ... continued on Page 6 ...

NORTHWEST MASSAGE CLINIC
RE-OPENING By Leyah Kelly **COMM INFO**
I will be re-opening my Massage practice on Monday, June 1st.

Following the guidelines from the College and MTA, I will be screening each person, and will provide sanitizers in waiting room and the treatment room. I have cloth masks available and will be wearing a mask for each appointment. I will be cleaning and sanitizing my table, room, and handles etc. after every visit and of course will make sure I am washing my hands before and after every appointment. I will be scheduling appt. 15 mins. apart so that there will be no contact with any other person.

Bonny Henry has said that we can open by May 19th but I feel best starting back beginning in June.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions or to make an appointment.



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Resources

Emily at DICES has kindly supplied the following list of resources in this area:

Linda Gilkeson. Local Salt Spring Island gardening expert, writer and educator. Get on her email list. She send out one of the most helpful sources of information monthly. <http://www.lindagilkeson.ca/>.

Online Vegetable Gardening Courses:

With thanks to the sponsoring organizations I have made my Year Round Harvest gardening course slides free to the public. On my web site: <http://www.lindagilkeson.ca/index.html> go to 'Course Login' on the menu.

Use password: honeycrisp to see monthly presentations from the 10-month Year Round Harvest course (a new module will be put up each month until October)

Use password: mgbasic to see a 2-part set of slides for a vegetable growing workshop prepared for BC Master Gardeners.

Also, from her home page you can print a planting chart that shows when to sow seeds for crops that are harvested all winter. Put the chart on your fridge to remind you when to sow various crops over the summer.

Victoria Area:

Victoria Master Gardeners are offering virtual garden mentoring, over the phone, by email, text. Their trained volunteers are ready to mentor new and seasoned gardeners to help you get started on your vegetable garden or answer gardening questions. Contact them at info@msvmga.org

Collaborative Gardening for Food Security (Victoria/Lekwungen+W_ SÁNEĆ) is a large Facebook group in Victoria about growing food <https://www.facebook.com/groups/645916832912552/> It is open to members from nearby communities also. Paul has started a question and answer Facebook page for new gardeners to connect with mentors and masters <https://www.facebook.com/groups/665540974276715>

Lisa at victoriagardenersmentorship@gmail.com is working on a program that matches novice gardeners with experienced gardeners. People can sign up by filling out this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgUKDC3Ia7MH6bhDdOcMLzT96k-fhSMcYJMM7j5u39zenCSQ/view-form?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR2K1_wYWZholSievodT2cAVKCJI25CG5Y9gajo9PUdab8g04zh6OvyNqic

Salt Spring Island:

Salt Spring Garden Mentors pairs a new gardener with an experienced gardener for the season. If you are new to food gardening or an experienced gardener who could advise a new gardener, contact: Marian Hargrove momhargrove@yahoo.com 250-537-0864

Comox Valley:

The Lush Valley Food Action Society <https://lushvalley.org/> has set up a resources list for new gardeners on Facebook: "Grow Food Everywhere, Garden Support During the Covid Pandemic" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/growfoodeverywhere/> They are looking into setting up a mentorship program so sign up for their news.

Lower Mainland:

Vancouver Master Gardeners continue to offer gardening help: Email your question to plantinfo@bcmastergardeners.org or call their Plant Information Line at 604-257-8662

You may leave a message at any time and a Master Gardener will contact you. On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vancouvermastergardeners/> 🍷

CURLS FOR COMMUNITY • A Fundraiser for the Food Bank

By Veronica Timmons

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INFO

When I realized that my hair was going to fall out because of chemotherapy I decided to put it to good use! I had this hair-brained idea to have it cut short and then sell my curly locks to raise money for the Food Bank. Alan volunteered to cut my hair and to say he'd never cut hair before it turned out fine. I like it!

If you want to hear me explain the fundraiser and see the fun we had see it on u-Tube go to <https://youtu.be/GNz1PtdCYws>.

Grumpy at the Store has kindly agreed to let us put a "donation" jar and the mesh bags of hair (which can be recycled into your compost) on the Mike Lindsay Wall. I, and some other friends, will match the final funding. Please give generously. There are many needy people on this island especially in times of covid-19 job losses and the upcoming increase in food prices.

You can also donate money to the food bank:

1. send an e-transfer to dices.director@gmail.com. Include your mailing address if you would like a tax receipt.
2. via Canadahelps.org search DICES <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/denman-island-community-education-society/>
4. Cheques should be made out to DICES.

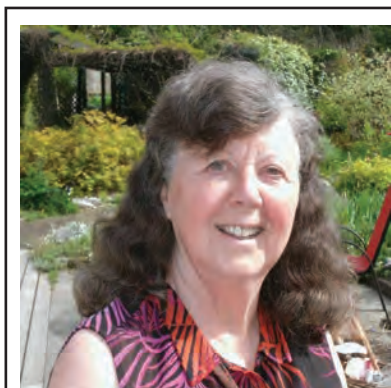
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Thank you for your support.



Curly locks for sale/donation



Before



After

LIVING WELL • Week 9

By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

Rare Bird Alert

There have been strange occurrences happening in our world, travelling on the winds and by flights from all parts of the globe. The B.C. Bird Alert is one such news source that keeps us abreast of these occurrences. In the past months, birders have sighted and photographed the Indigo Bunting, the Summer Tanager and the Loggerhead Shrike. In 2019 a Yellow-browed Warbler, which is native to Siberia, Mongolia, China and even seen in Iceland, was spotted in Victoria. This bird had never been spotted before in North America. The birding world went wild!

I've discovered that we can learn a lot about life from observing bird behaviour. In some respects, our lives aren't that much different. For example, the African Hornbill has a lot to teach us about living in isolation. The mating pair, finds a hole, usually in a tree. The female settles itself inside and the pair begins building a hard wall, from mud and faeces, over the entrance until there is only a very small take-out window for food. The female is protected from external threats (e.g. viruses) and food is left at its window for up to one hundred and thirty days. The bird is dependent and vulnerable as it waits on another to take care of its needs.

Next, the female lays its eggs. What luxury, to settle down in the quiet and solitude of its hollow, catching up on sleep, reading bird mystery novels and planning what to eat in the gardens. But, like many of us, after too many days of solitude,

the Hornbill begins to tear out its hair. In bird lingo, it moults-the feathers begin falling out of its tail and wings. It feathers its nest! (Now, as an aside, I have been observing the state of Denman Islander's hair during these past months. I have witnessed some interesting plumage, quite the opposite of moulting: straggly, long locks, greying roots and interesting home haircuts.)

Once its chicks hatch, the Hornbill, pecks its way out of isolation and emerges into the world sporting new feathers. The female is ready to stretch its wings and perhaps, could catch a westerly trade wind and travel all the way to Denman Island's shores. I bet that sighting would win a prize at the Bird-a-thon. Stranger things have been witnessed. (Have you seen the haircut, I mean preening, that I gave my mate?)

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Henry David Thoreau, another observer of nature, invites us to new adventures:

*When the first light dawned on the earth,
and the birds awoke,
and the brave river was heard rippling confidently seaward,
and the nimble early rising wind rustled the oak leaves about our tent,
all people, having reinforced their bodies and their souls with sleep,
and cast aside doubt and fear,
were invited to unattempted adventures.*



CONCERTS DENMAN BY PROXY

By Eli Hason

MUSIC

Hello there fine people of Denman, we at Concerts Denman are going to try something new this weekend. We had originally planned a concert at the Denman Hall for May 23rd, The May 3 Way concert with Geoff Berner, Carolyn Mark, and Kris Demeanor. Now we are going to have those same performers do the show from their own homes, and transmit the music into your abode. Everyone is in need of some new entertainment and excitement as we try to understand the new current reality, so let's see where it all takes us. The show will be free, but donations will be happily accepted to give to the musicians as they share their music and stories with us, and we will make a point of having them come in person next year. I am still learning how to make it all work, but we are going to have a show one way or another through a combination of YouTube and Zoom. It will be at 7pm on May 23rd, so plug your computer into your stereo for best listening enjoyment, and enjoy your living room concert.

You can watch the show here on Youtube for free
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLyXjUgjFfw>

And donations can be made to the musicians through out Concerts Denman site at
https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Arts_Denman/

Here is more info on the artists.

Geoff Berner

For the past 15 years or so, Jewish-Canadian accordion player/singer-songwriter/novelist Geoff Berner has travelled the world. He's played in bars, cafes, festivals, and the occasional stadium. He's performed in 17 countries, on national radio in 7 of them. He packs venues in places like Berlin, London, Oslo, Zurich, Seattle, Toronto, Edmonton and his home city of Vancouver.

As a musician, Berner is mainly known as a practitioner of the "klezmer-punk" style, which combines the traditional folk music of Eastern European Jews with punk's aggressive energy and disdain for slick perfection. He released his 8th studio album entitled "Grand Hotel Cosmopolis" with Producer Josh Dolgin, in October, 2019 on GiveUsYourGOLD (Orchard Distribution). Geoff's last album with Josh Dolgin was awarded the German Critics Circle Bestenlist prize.

Along with Geoff's own compositions in English and Yiddish, Grand Hotel Cosmopolis also features some stirring, killer old Yiddish songs such as "Vilne", a song about leaving your home town and never being able to go back, as well as "Zog Nit Keyn Mol", a song which retains its power to inspire bravery and defiance in the face of the growing threat of fascism across Europe and North America.

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DENMAN ISLAND RECREATIONAL GRANTS

**2020 grant applications and qualifying criteria
available online at**

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Application pick up and drop off at the General Store. Be sure to address social distancing measures in your application.

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**DEADLINE
MAY 29TH**

... continued from Page 8 ... *Carolyn Mark*

Carolyn Mark is a semi-retired singer songwriter who was raised by St Bernards in the Shuswap-Okanagan Valley. Currently in exile in the verdant Comox Valley, she is working on her Hot 5 and also does yard work.

Kris Demeanor

Calgary born songwriter and jack-of-all-arts Kris Demeanor has released eight recordings, touring Australia, Europe and across Canada solo and with his Crack Band. He's opened for such artists as David Byrne, Cake and Elvis Costello, Ray Davies, Billy Bragg and Black Francis. Kris co-wrote two songs on music legend Ian Tyson's 2017 release *Carnero Vaquero*, and was Calgary's first Poet Laureate from 2012-14.

Kris's songs expose the underbelly of western Canadian culture- gambling, alcoholism, murder, religion, the suburbs. His last recording "Entirely New Beasts, with beats and co-writes by the fabulous Rae Spoon, is 'rapture pop'- catchy melodies with lush harmonies for the End Times! He's currently recording a new collection of spoken word pieces and an acoustic record for his father's 80th birthday called 'Songs for Parents to Fall Asleep To.'

Kris Demeanor debuted a one man show of music and comedic monologue called 'Russell' in January 2020 at Calgary's High Performance Rodeo, and has been an integral part of the multi-disciplinary show Making Treaty 7, a ground breaking project involving intimate collaboration between First Nations and settler artists. 🍷

THE DI/HI 2020 BIRDATHON

By Ken Madsen

SPECIAL
INTEREST

Don't worry that the "bird of the week" is the Turkey Vulture. I'm not expecting any birders to turn into carrion during the Birdathon. Beginning at 4 pm on Friday, May 22nd the woods and beaches of Hornby and Denman will be bursting with birders (at a safe distance of at least 2 metres). There is plenty of room to spread out on our islands . . . I'm sure that the birds enjoy the wide-open spaces much as we do.

If you are taking part in the Birdathon, here is what you need to know. If you still need a pledge form, they are available at the General Store or they can be downloaded from either the Denman or Hornby Conservancy websites. If, like me, you are shy about asking for sponsors, it is fine to simply take part and make a donation if you are able. Make a list of the species you identify. After the Birdathon, please let your sponsors know your species total. They can mail cash or checks directly to the Denman Conservancy Association at P.O. Box 60, Denman Island, BC, V0R 1T0. Pledges can be also be paid at the Hornby or Denman Conservancy websites. Once the pledges have been paid we will know which island won the trophy for "most money raised per capita".

On Denman, please email the list of birds you identified to Ken at birdyearken@yahoo.ca. On Hornby, email it to the conservancy website. We will use these lists to see which island wins the "Most species identified trophy." Competitors in the "Fossil-fuel-free Birding Contest," please let Ken know how many species you found. We'll judge the art, photography and poetry contests after the Birdathon and let everyone know the results.

If you would like to sponsor someone it isn't too late. Erika Bland is Denman's "feature birder." Let Wendy Boothroyd know if you'd like to sponsor Erika (wboothroyd@yahoo.ca). If you have any questions please call Ken at 335-1765. Phew, I'm glad the business part of this blurb is finished.

I like Turkey Vultures, aka buzzards. Vultures are experts at riding thermals, soaring upward in rising warm air. Eagles do the same, but vulture's wings are

raised in a V-shape and they tend to wobble in flight. They have a keen sense of smell which enables them to locate carrion. They are supreme scavengers. Their hooked beaks and bald heads allow them to rip open carcasses without smearing any feathers with gore. If you happen to be in Victoria in the fall, you witness congregations of vultures waiting for favourable weather. On warm



Turkey Vulture in Baja
Photo by Malkolm Boothroyd

days they ride the thermals upward. It is called kettling . . . the vultures rise like steam from a kettle and glide southward. The photo that accompanies this blurb is from Baja. Maybe that's where some of our vultures will head for come September.

Good luck in the Birdathon! After the dust settles, we'll let everyone know the results. 🍷

CHROME ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

By Craig Baird

SPECIAL
INTEREST

The northeast corner of the Strait of Georgia, at the entrance of Baynes Sound, was known as Yellow Rock going back to 1860 when it was named for the light-coloured sandstone that glows gold in the setting sun. On this sandstone, the Indigenous people would carve figures and designs, which included depictions of puffins. These carvings have been theorized to depict a battle involving the Pentlatch people, while others see them as depictions of offerings to the gods.

Sadly, in 1890, the carvings were blasted away in the construction of a new landmark, the Chrome Island Lighthouse.

The lighthouse was built by J.A. Brittancourt of Nanaimo at a cost of \$4,070, or roughly \$100,000 today. The lighthouse was designed to be white with a red square tower and red lantern at the top. Unfortunately, Brittancourt failed to carry out the work to the proper specifications and the Department of Marine was forced to come in and finish the lighthouse.

The lighthouse would be lit for the very first time on Jan. 1, 1891 by Tom Piercy, the first lighthouse keeper at the location. The lighthouse would measure 55 feet from its base to its lantern and its three white flashes could be seen 20 kilometres away to warn ships.

Piercy lived with his wife and ten children on the rock of less than two acres. As there was not much to do, the boys tended to explore the island. One day, Henry Piercy, found a piece of metal hidden in the dirt. He smacked it with a hammer and quickly discovered it was a blasting cap, which tore off his thumb and mangled his right hand. His father found his hand and rowed him over to Denman Island. Once at shore, since Tom was not allowed to leave the lighthouse without permission, he told his son to walk six miles to the doctor, giving him directions. Henry would make it to the doctor and be transported to Cumberland Hospital.

Piercy and his family would stay at the lighthouse until 1898 when he was replaced by William McDonagh. McDonagh would be on hand when the Alpha, under the

command of Captain Yorke, struck Yellow Rock on Dec. 16, 1900, loaded with 630 tons of salted dog salmon.

The light station would go through several changes. In 1908, a diaphone fog-horn was installed at the lighthouse and a second tower was built on Chrome Island to serve as a second lighthouse with a flashing light every six seconds.

A new dwelling was built at the lighthouse in 1928 after the original house had become infested with beetles, wood mites, wood lice and more.

In 1940, Yellow Rock was renamed Chrome Island.

The original tower would function until 1989 when it was replaced by a new fibreglass model with a lantern on top.

In 2000, an archeological study was conducted at the island and today it is a protected archeological site.

Information comes from Lighthouse-friends.com

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A NOTE FROM ROSALEE PEPPARD

Hi Peter, Claire, Robert, Sheldon, Shelley, Jane, Wendy, Veronica, Chris, Mike and Tony



A year ago this weekend I was with you all, experiencing Hilda Lacon's Denman home with the best hospitality anywhere! I think of you often and of your kind generosity. It was all such a life changing experience, all thanks to Peter's active idea and everyone's stellar teamwork. Thank you all!

I hope you are all well and stay healthy. Hasn't the world changed in such a short time? I am sure your especially strong spirits will see you through. My Nova Scotia has had a very difficult month and I, being 7 and 8 generations Nova Scotian from the same counties have written a song of encouragement for Nova Scotians everywhere, I thought you may like to see too. <https://vimeo.com/418220883>

I would love to hear from you whenever you feel so moved. You and dear Denman changed my life. Thank you Friends.

In Harmony,

Rosalee xo • www.rosaleepeppard.com www.rosalee.ca

WESTERN PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne Subis*) at the Denman Community Dock

By Peter Karsten

SPECIAL
INTEREST

The Western Purple Martin is a migratory bird. We have them as summer guest. They usually return in May from their wintering grounds from as far south as Brazil. They are cavity nesters of foreshore, old growth forests where they find nest holes in old snags. As modern forest management eliminated most of the nest sites the martin population plummeted. Fortunately, the birds learned to accept man-made houses. In 1980 there were only 10 known pairs in the West Coast region. The extensive nest box program has been very successful and we now have over 1,200 pairs. The Eastern purple martin is much more numerous ranging from Alberta to the Atlantic Provinces.

In 2012 local naturalists, Denman Conservancy Association, the Dock Committee of DIRA got together with the Western Purple Martin Foundation (WPMF) to establish a nesting colony on Denman Island. Six nest boxes were built and placed on the board-walk of the Community Dock in that year. Two more were added in 2014 and six more on the pylons at the shore 2015. The latter were taken down when the cable ferry landing was constructed but put back once that was completed by BC Ferry. Kudos to them! The birds like what we offered and soon nested with increasing numbers. We can expect to have more than 20 fledglings this year. We ought to be proud of being part of protecting the species by caring for a thriving colony of purple martins. My grandfather used to say: "To you have swallows (barn swallows) in your barn means you are blessed, kind and considered. They bring you good luck". Perhaps one could say: if a community has a purple martin colony it is a blessed and good community.

In early May we observed a pair trying to get inside the electronic message board above the west loading ramp. This indicated an acute housing shortage. Again Islander helped to quickly build six more nest boxes and placed them at the floating dock before Victoria Day. We now have 22 nest boxes. There are many folks who helped getting this project under way and are sustaining it. I may have forgotten names of some of volunteers and apologize for it but like to give special thanks on behalf of the community (and the Purple Martins) to John Johnston, Kevin Behrens, Graeme Johnston, Dennis Forsyth, Dave Pick, Patrick Fawkes, Joan and David Scruton, Frank Frketich, Doug Bell, Stirling Frazer, Tim Fuch, Laura Pope, Boyd MacKeen, John Wigle, John Dillon, the DCA and the Dock Committee.

BASIC INCOME: A Done Deal?

By Gwynne Dyer • OP May 17th, 2020

OP/ED

The First World War speeded up the emancipation of women; the Second World War led to the creation of welfare states in all the industrialised countries. What great change will the coronavirus crisis bring us?

This crisis has not yet killed tens of millions, and it probably never will. No great empires have fallen, and no human villain can be blamed for the problem. Yet there will probably be changes as great as those after the two world wars.

One great change will be in the pace of automation. As Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella put it, we have seen "two years' worth of digital transformation in two weeks," as tens of millions of people stayed at home and worked online. A great many of them will not go back to working in an office when the threat of the coronavirus recedes.

So does five weeks of lock-down equal five years' worth of digital transformation? Probably yes. Last week Twitter became the first major Silicon Valley company to publicly accept this new reality, announcing that "If our employees are in a role



Graeme Johnston, Dave Pick and Peter Karsten installing new martin boxes at the Community Dock May 17, 2020.

John Johnston donated most of the materials. Thank you all!

P.S.: I have used up my supply of cedar board cut-offs donated by people who were building with rough sawn cedar boards. Thank you for the past contribution. It takes six feet of 1 x 8 plus six feet of 1 x 6 of one inch thick boards to build one standard Purple Martin house. Any scraps of min. 18 inch long can be used. If you have any leftover I am happy to pick it up to replace boxes as needed. Thank You.



and situation that enables them to work from home and they want to continue to do so forever, we will make that happen."

But for the considerably larger number of people whose occupations do not allow them to work at home, the news is not so good. For them, the digital transformation means automation and unemployment. In a recent survey of company executives in 45 countries, auditors Ernst and Young found that 41% of them are investing in greater automation of their work processes.

More will follow. The reason that the service industries (apart from retail sales) have largely escaped auto

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... continued from Page 11 ... mation so far is that the new technology is expensive, disruptive, and annoys the customers, not that it doesn't exist. But now the crisis is forcing the customers to get used to that kind of service, at the same time that the owners and managers are realising what a nuisance it is to depend on human employees.

The process that has already destroyed the assembly lines (and given us Donald Trump) will continue through the workforce until around half the existing jobs have been destroyed, as Carl Benedikt Frey and Michael Osborne of Oxford University predicted in their famous 2013 study. Their prediction was for the year 2033, but the coronavirus may be bringing that date forward.

However, the other great change wrought by the coronavirus works in the opposite direction. When unemployment suddenly leapt to 30% as lock-downs spread across the world, we were suddenly confronted with a working model of that future – and the social and economic changes that might deal with the mass destruction of jobs by automation are actually being road-tested right now.

In some countries, like the United States, it is real unemployment, only slightly alleviated by hand-outs like a \$1,200 cheque signed by Trump. In most richer countries, it is some form of 'furlough', with the government paying 75%-85% of people's wages, up to a limit that is high enough to let them live in modest comfort, until their jobs resume in two or three or four months' time.

Either way, it does concentrate people's minds, rather like the prospect of being hanged in the morning. A lot of them will notice a) that this is the level of unemployment that already lies in wait for them down the road; and b) that there is still enough money around to keep them going anyway. Or, in the case of the US, that there could be if the government was willing to try.

It's a small step from there to the concept of a guaranteed basic income as the long-term solution for a society where half the jobs have been destroyed by automation but productivity is higher than ever.

There are, of course, a number of codicils to this conclusion. The current levels of income support could not be sustained long-term without a significantly higher rate of tax. Widespread job-sharing would be needed to avoid creating a permanent under-class of the unemployed and to keep people connected. There are no magic bullets.

We were already sleep-walking towards this level of unemployment anyway, just over a much longer period. At least now we're awake to the fact that such things can happen, and we know that they can be managed.

More or less normal service will probably be resumed in a few months, or at worst in a year or so, but automation is getting a big boost and from now on it will be an ever-present companion. But the experience we are going through right now makes it a lot less scary. 🍷

TERM-ANAL TWIT *By Bill Engleson*

ARTS&LIT

I'm not quite ready to tweet this message.

Trust me, I don't say that often. Tweeting's like breathing for me. Even has the gasping sound some say I have. I don't hear it, though. All I hear in my great breathing. I've always had great breathing, great lungs.

Still, I know that some haters will get their knickers in a knot. You like that? I think FDR said it. I like it. Better then twisting hankies. Who knows what a hankie is these days.

Tissues. Yeah, that's the ticket.

That, and it won't hurt mentioning old Franklin... Four terms...that was impressive. What a guy!

FDR!

DJT!

FDR!

DJT!

Anyways, you can see it for yourself. This Chinese Virus, cause that's what it is, even if the fake news wants to call it something else, that's what it is. Let me tell you, it's not going away anytime soon. I mean, when I say that, I know it's even-

tually gonna go away but, it's big, gonna get bigger before it gets better. It might even be the greatest Virus ever.

I see so much getting postponed.

Big things.

Little things.

Elections.

Little elections.

So, I've dropped a hint here and there.

Run it up the flagpole, like that old movie said, see if anyone saluted.

And I've listened.

Staff in the corridors.

Whispering.

They think I don't hear them, but I do.

"He wouldn't dare," some say.

"He couldn't do it, could he?"

Just watch me. I say.

Watch me.

COMOX VALLEY COVID UPDATE

OP/ED

The Comox Valley local governments are advising residents that indoor recreation facilities in Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland and the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) remain closed until further notice. These facilities have been closed since March 17 to help limit the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The local government recreation departments are participating in a broad, provincial discussion on reopening community recreation centres through the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA). The BCRPA will be developing tools and guidelines for recreation facilities that will assist them in meeting provincial standards. This plan will form the basis of how and when each facility opens and offers its services to the public and ensures compliance with WorkSafe BC.

"Local governments are working together to carefully develop staged reopening plans based on the WorkSafe BC, BCRPA and the Province of BC's guidelines for our regional and municipal indoor recreation facilities," explains CVRD Board Chair and EOC Spokesperson Jesse Ketler. "Once all the site-dependent plans are completed they will be posted online and at each facility. Consistency, collaboration and safety of our staff and residents is of utmost importance as we continue to move forward." 🍷

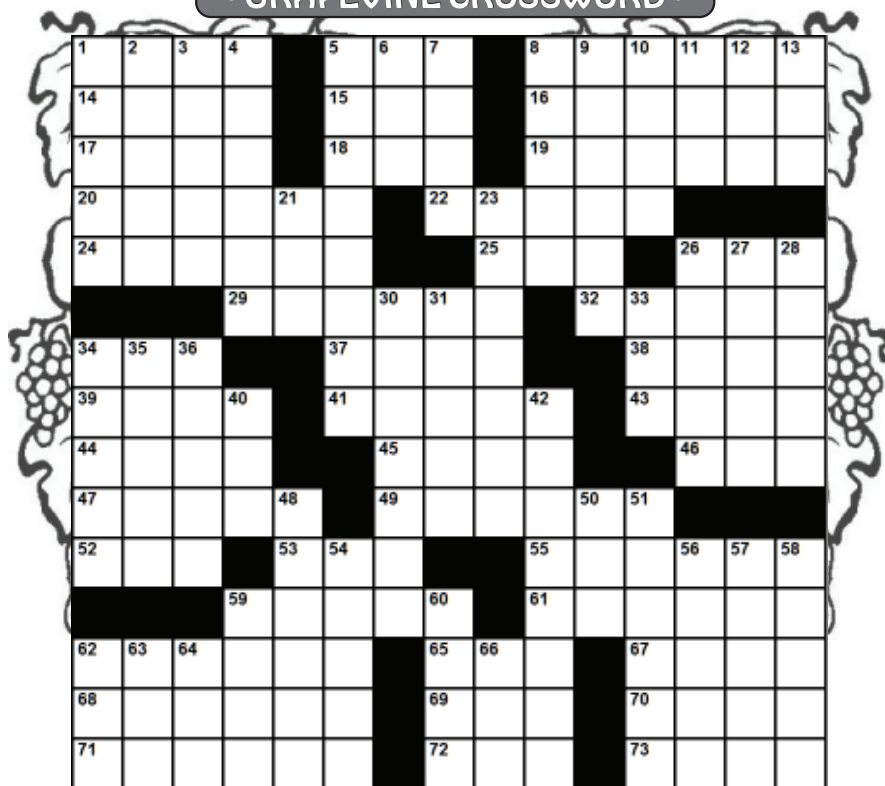


The Oil Economy

by Thomas Provençal

*The cost of gas keeps adding up
the more you look around.
Pipeline spills, wildlife kills,
it's safer in the ground.
Think of all the subsidies
the government supplies
to the oil industry
that hides behind its lies.
They're fracking up the farmers fields,
destroying aquifers
by lacing them with methane.
The money made deters
the people from complaining.
They'd rather pay the rent.
Where is the prosperity
when Nature's wealth is spent?
The government regulator
evaluates the mess
with deceit and false analysis
construed to show success.
People put on blinders
and watch the money flow,
more concerned with stocks and bonds
than what the farmers grow.
An economy dependent
on wilful self-destruction
has lost its *raison d'être*.
That's the only sane deduction!*

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Currency of Lesotho
5. Enrage
8. Physician
14. Congregational cry
15. Denial in Glasgow
16. Print goofs
17. Dancer Sally
18. Sound of deep thought
19. Kind of parlor
20. Option
22. Biblical hymn
24. Closet item
25. 60 min. parts
26. Baby wear
29. In public
32. Avoid captivity
34. Amusing person
37. Indian flat bread
38. Citrus hybrid
39. Certain organic compound
41. River of Rome
43. Mountain valley
44. Actress Bancroft

45. Bud's home
46. Dyne-centimeter
47. Trial setting
49. Lock up
52. Antecedent
53. Eccentric
55. Milk choice
59. Type of resin
61. Foolishness
62. City on the Illinois
65. Elect to
67. Food for pigs
68. Except that
69. Clinic cost
70. Italian pre-euro coin
71. Hardly hyper
72. Craze
73. Ages upon ages

• DOWN •

1. Tamarack tree, e.g.
2. City in Nebraska
3. Dovetail wedge
4. Blue dye
5. Deep seated
6. Aries animal
7. Dole's 1996 running mate
8. Exclude
9. Threat ender
10. Study hard
11. Ank's cross
12. Giant great
13. Bit of light
21. Ball park souvenir
23. Timidity
26. Army brass
27. Ambitionless one
28. An entity
30. Lack of worldliness
31. Father-in-law of Jacob
33. Carry with effort
34. Create cloth
35. Internal
36. 1000 kilograms
40. Hundred bani
42. Back together

48. Join the ranks
50. 5 1/2 yards
51. Store grain
54. Czarist edict
56. Ledger page
57. Oak item
58. Classifications
59. 2-D measure
60. Remove a garment
62. Infection indication
63. Away from WSW
64. Archaic
66. Black-eyed item

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registration package or have
any questions about early
childhood education on Den-
man Island, please contact
Melisande at blackberrylan-
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THE DENMAN ISLAND COM-
MUNITY EDUCATION SOCIETY
(DICES) invites applications
for Summer Day Camp Assis-
tant. The candidate should
be experienced in delivering
programs for children and
youth. The leader will plan,
create and deliver summer
day camp program for chil-
dren up to age 12. Must be
a reliable individual, willing
to work Monday-Friday July
20th - Aug 21th. For a full job
description and to submit
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email dices.director@gmail.
com by May 29th. Due to the
COVID-19 crisis DICES cannot
guarantee that the camp will
go ahead.

• **THANK YOU**

THANKS!! A huge shout out
of thanks to Anne Page for
rescuing my post-bicycle-fall-
conscious-but-quite-confused
self from the side of East Road
and transporting my bicycle
and me to the ambulance sta-
tion, and to paramedic Sean
Nordell for top-notch medical
assessment and follow-up. I
am recovering well and still
chatting away (which I now
know I can do even in a com-
pletely amnesic state). I am
so very appreciative to you
both for your kindness and
care. With much gratitude,
Lori McFarlane

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• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

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THURSDAY 21

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

FRIDAY 22

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

SATURDAY 23

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

SUNDAY 24

MONDAY 25

TUESDAY 26

WEDNESDAY 27

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm

THURSDAY 28

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

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