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FARMERS MARKET FEASTS: Salads

By Laura Busheikin

COMM INFO

Salad season is upon us. I am especially in love with the lettuces at the Denman Island farmers market these days—giant flowers in vibrant green, red and purple.

For me, salads are about being inspired by the freshest ingredients, and finding the ideal combination of colour, texture and flavour. So rather than salad recipes, I like salad guidelines. Intentions. Guiding principles.

One of my favourite salad themes is green, green, green: a bunch of green ingredients, topped with Green Goddess Dressing. I got this idea from the New York Times food writer Samin Nosrat, but this is my particular take.

Usually the dressing calls for tarragon, but I rarely see this at the market and don't have it in my garden. What I do have is basil, parsley, and chives, all from seedlings purchased at the market.

For the salad, I choose anything green—lettuce, microgreens, sprouts, spring onions, snap peas, green zucchini, baby kale, raw broccoli, and/or avocado (admittedly, it's not going to come from the market, but it adds flavour and a luscious creamy texture).

For garnish, I break the colour rule and sprinkle on chive blossoms or other edible flowers. Toasted pumpkin seeds are green-ish and add crunch. Follow your own artistic and taste sensibilities here. You could use some feta cheese or cultured cashew cheese. I don't, because I feel it would compete with the dressing. Maybe I'm wrong. Try it and let me know.

Dressing:

Process in a food processor, or use an immersion blender:

- 2 oil-packed anchovies, chopped(optional)
- ½ cup mayonnaise*
- ½ cup buttermilk*
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- ¼ cup parsley, chopped

Mix in:

- ¼ cup basil, chopped fine
- ¼ cup chives, chopped fine
- Salt and pepper, extra herbs
and/or lemon juice to taste



* for a vegan recipe, use vegan mayonnaise and make vegan buttermilk by adding 1 tablespoon of lemon juice to a cup of dairy-free milk

Your salad will be beautiful, local, and green, green, green.

Farmers Market Feasts is a semi-regular column featuring favourite recipes, ingredients, and meal inspiration from the Denman Island Farmers Market. If you'd like to contribute, send an inquiry to denmanmarket@gmail.com

LIVING WELL • Week 13 By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

In September of 1939, six-year-old Marnie Isbister began a journey that would last another twelve years and affect the rest of her life. For this particular trip, Marnie was dressed in her Sunday best with her long auburn hair braided past her shoulders and a small valise. It was quiet in the old car as Marnie and her parents left their farmhouse on Corrigan Road and began the drive to Nanaimo. There were many emotions contained within that vehicle: loss, worry, and excitement. In Nanaimo, the Isbisters stayed overnight ... continued on Page 3 ...

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With friends and in the morning, Marnie was put on the ferry by herself and in Horseshoe Bay, was collected by the Principal of a Vancouver school and taken to the institution where she would live for over a decade.

When Marnie was born in the Comox Hospital in 1933, it didn't take the attending nurse and doctor very long to realize that she was deaf. Her parents were crestfallen to receive the news. They were particularly saddened by the fact that their eldest son had also been born deaf. Marnie spent her first six years at Bonnie View Farm. She was a bright, happy and outgoing child. Marnie loved to help on the farm and play with her cousins next door. When she was two-years-old, a brother, Percy, was added to the family. He was also born deaf. Marnie took Percy under her wing like a mother hen, and at the age of four, Marnie became Percy's teacher. Together they invented a sign language so they could communicate with each other and with their family and friends. They had a descriptive sign for each member of their family. Marnie taught Percy how to swim down at Cable Beach and to pile firewood. So on that September day in 1939, Marnie was leaving her four year old brother, whom she loved dearly and who depended on her.

I cannot imagine what it must have been like for a six-year-old to be given into the charge of a stranger, taken on a ship larger than the Denman ferry, driven through the busy streets of Vancouver and up a large hill to the imposing Jericho Hill School. Marnie was shown to her communal room and quickly introduced to the routines and expectations of institutionalized life. The one story that Marnie has shared is that on her arrival, "the matron supervisor put me on top of a highboy and chopped off my two braids and then I watched as the girl beside me had her curly hair cut to only a couple of inches in length." This was day one at Jericho Hill School.

Despite these challenges, Marnie embraced this new life - making friends, excelling in her studies and school activities. On holidays, she would take the train from Nanaimo to Buckley Bay and then her father would row over to Buckley Bay as the last ferry was at 6 p.m. and the train didn't arrive till 7 p.m. One summer Marnie brought three of her best school friends to Denman Island for a summer holiday. There is a family photo, showing four little girls with big, mischievous grins obviously having the time of their lives! These girls remained life-long friends.

In 1942, Percy joined Marnie at the school. There is a newspaper clipping, showing a small group of children, including Marnie and Percy, being picked up in a large car and taken to afternoon tea by a Vancouver patron. Marnie was her brother's keeper. For the rest of her life she advocated for him, visited him and interpreted the world for him.

After graduating from school, Marnie moved to Burnaby, where she worked for 25 years at Sears in the tubular coin exchange room. Many deaf people were hired as the room was so noisy and the noise did not bother them. Marnie married and after her husband died, she met another partner. They travelled, took cruises and were involved in the deaf community and a deaf church.

In 1988, Marnie was awarded a Vancouver Citizen of the Year Award for all of her volunteer work with the deaf and blind community. She enjoyed taking people for walks around Stanley Park and working at Helping Hands. She loved organizing parties, events, games and dances. I remember the time that she showed up at my house, with twenty of her deaf friends for tea after she had organized a trip to Minter Gardens in Chilliwack.

Over the years, Marnie and Percy's eyesight began failing so life became more challenging and frustrating. Last year, Percy died and a few weeks before the COVID-19 isolation regulations, Marnie was moved to a care home in Burnaby. No one at the home knows sign language to communicate with her. She, like many of our elders, has been isolated there for the past three months. Today she sits in her room, frustrated and not fully understanding the confines of this COVID world. Fortunately, the family has arranged for Marnie to have a daily visit from her intervenor so she has someone to talk with each day. Marnie loves her family with a passion and makes friends wherever she goes. She rose to all of the challenges that life placed before her and reached out with hospitality and caring. We can extend this same hospitality and caring to those around us. Our elders need our support in these trying times. I invite you to consider sending a card and a letter to an elder that you know today.

From the little girl who set out on her own, I think Marnie has made Denman Island proud!

P.S. There is a photo of Marnie on page 133 of My Ain Folk by Winnie Isbister. 🍷

TIDE TABLE		
Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove Source: tides.gc.ca		
2020-06-18 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:34	4.3	14.1
11:19	1.1	3.6
18:42	4.1	13.5
23:10	3.5	11.5
2020-06-19 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:03	4.3	14.1
11:49	0.9	3.0
19:18	4.4	14.4
23:59	3.6	11.8
2020-06-20 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:35	4.3	14.1
12:21	0.7	2.3
19:55	4.5	14.8
2020-06-21 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:46	3.6	11.8
05:09	4.2	13.8
12:56	0.5	1.6
20:32	4.7	15.4
2020-06-22 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:30	3.6	11.8
05:47	4.2	13.8
13:32	0.5	1.6
21:11	4.7	15.4
2020-06-23 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:16	3.6	11.8
06:29	4.2	13.8
14:11	0.5	1.6
21:49	4.8	15.7
2020-06-24 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:06	3.6	11.8
07:16	4.1	13.5
14:51	0.6	2.0
22:26	4.8	15.7
2020-06-25 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:03	3.4	11.2
08:12	3.9	12.8
15:33	0.8	2.6
23:02	4.8	15.7

LAUNDRY FACILITY ON DENMAN

By Emily Guinane for DICES

COMM INFO

On Tuesday June 23, DICES will open a laundry facility on Denman Island. The Laundry Facility will be located at the “Ducks Crossing Building”, 3646 Denman Rd. A HUGE thank you to Charles Metke for allowing us to use the space for free.

The Laundry Facility has one washer and a dryer and it will initially be open for four users per week. The opening hours will be Tue-Fri, 8am-4pm and time slots need to be booked 24h ahead of time.

To book your laundry time:

Visit www.dices.ca to put your name in the schedule Call 250 335 2058 and leave a message
Email dices.laundry@gmail.com

The cost for using the laundry facility is the same as the laundromats in town, \$3.50/load in washing machine and \$3.50/load in dryer. The Laundry Facility will be cleaned after every user and each user will be asked to follow the user agreement that is put in place to ensure the longevity of the machines. The user agree-



ment asks among other thing that only detergent provided is used, that no dog or other animal bedding is washed and that the machines are not overfilled.

The purpose of this project is to ensure access to laundry on Denman especially during times of COVID restrictions when town trips are better avoided. The project was made possible thanks to financial support from the Comox Valley Community Foundation.

DICES would like to thank de-Neen Baldwin who is the manager of the “Ducks Crossing Building” and who has been a great partner in envisioning and problem solving, Michael Rapati for helping us install the machines and Home Depot for giving us a discount on the machines.



FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Ozanne • Part 1

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

Turning south, close-hauled since daybreak, our day's destination grows from an indistinct smudge to invitingly-scented, palm-fringed shores as Thea and I attempt to match charted features with our shifting seaward perspective.

At 1305, we round *Kiukiu* on Hiva Oa's westernmost headland. According to legend, it is here that the spirits of Marquesan dead meet to take departure bearings for the journey west to *Havai'i*, birthplace of all Polynesians.

Thea streams a line. Almost instantly, the ocean erupts astern. The spaghetti-thick monofilament jerks twice, then goes limp as we haul in the gaping head of a big tuna, neatly severed at the gills.

The captain's one-mile navigation error costs us two-hours sailing back upwind. It's late afternoon before we anchor in Hana Menu's exposed roadstead. “Some anchorage,” I complain as *Celerity* pitches wickedly just outside the surfline.

Rowing ashore next day, we rest by a fern-shaded spring fed by two chuckling cascades. A tall islander finds us there. “My name is Ozanne,” he announces.

“I know,” I respond, shaking hands. “We've read all about you in John Neale's book.”

“John? How is he?” Ozanne beams.

He never mentioned swarms of voracious “no-no's”. (Their itch can turn septic if scratched – as if anyone peppered by tiny bites can ignore this maddening imperative.)

Ozanne scratches absently as we talk. Brash, outspoken, brimming with come-ons and imminent projects, he extends hospitality legendary among the cruising

community. Still swatting no-seeums, Ozanne leads us to a nearby tidal pool where his wife Marie and five children are extracting fish from a net. With the kids in school at Atuana, the family is seldom together.

Catch in hand, we head up to a tidy, fenced-in plot containing three thatched buildings erected on ancient *pae-pae* (“pie-pie”) foundations stones. As we enjoy mullet cooked over an open hearth, scarred, lean-ribbed dogs drowse underfoot, dreaming no doubt of the wild boar whose carcass stretches curing near the door.

Our host next leads us to his thatched “clubhouse”, decorated by three-dozen pennants from visiting yachts. Despite signs of hard-won prosperity – a ukulele, a radio-cassette – Ozanne is bitter.

“My family laughs when I ask them to come live here,” he responds to Thea's comment that he and his wife must be lonely in this big valley by themselves. “They tell me I'm crazy to preserve the old ways. My sister calls me a ‘savage.’” Ozanne pauses, perhaps recalling insults that sting.



Marquesan basalt tiki

YANA SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR DENMAN & HORNBY ISLAND FAMILIES

By Y.A.N.A.

COMM INFO

If you, or a family you know is leaving Denman or Hornby Island for medical reasons, YANA (You Are Not Alone) may be able to provide support. YANA is a community organization that offers supports to Comox Valley families who need to travel for medical treatment for a child or for a pregnant mother.

Funding and accommodations are available to Denman and Hornby families who need to travel for medical treatment either to the Comox Valley Hospital or for travel-related medical needs to any location outside of the Comox Valley. YANA helps families who have a child under 19 or pregnant mother whose primary residence is within the Comox Valley. The funding that YANA provides helps to cover some of the extra expenses that families incur while travelling and being away from home. YANA also arranges and covers the cost of accommodations as well.

In response to learning about the unique needs faced by Denman and Hornby residents due to the remote

"They prefer the fast life of Tahiti," he goes on. "But I have just come from a visit there. I have seen the cars and TVs, and all the junk people are slaves to. Soon even the hillsides of Papeete will be covered in concrete as they look for new places to put their apartment blocks – just like Hawaii. Here there is always much work to be done. But we have all that we need. It is a better way to live."

Still, isolated in this haunted valley...

"We go to play in Tahiti for three or four months every year," Ozanne ruefully admits. His voice hardens.

"This is my family's land. We are the last of 3,000 Marquesans, who once lived in Hana Menu Valley. If we go..." his voice trails off, then kicks like a gunshot aimed directly at me.

"You have killed all my people!" he screams.

To be continued...



cover some of the accommodation expenses incurred due to the necessity of temporary relocation to the Comox Valley, in order to be closer to maternity care and the Hospital in the weeks surrounding their baby's birth. An application and details are available on the YANA website. YANA recognizes

and appreciates the generous funding support for this program from the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island.

"We want to ensure Island residents know of our program and support available. The Denman Hornby Connector program is designed specifically for expecting moms but we also want residents to know that we also provide funding and accommodation when medical travel is involved for children," explains Executive

Director, Kelly Barnie.

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DSMS COVID UPDATE By Margie Gang

COMM INFO

The Board of the Denman Seniors and Museum Society, at an electronic meeting on June 8th, voted unanimously to keep the Activity Centre closed until further notice. This is consistent with decisions of most of the other halls in the Comox Valley. Representatives from community halls in the Comox Valley, including Robert Fox from Denman, met (electronically) with Community Services staff from the CVRD on June 3 to discuss this. The WorkSafe requirements for opening community centers are specific and extensive. Denman's Community Halls don't have capacity or staff to meet them, to ensure the safety of community residents. If the current situation changes, updates will be posted in local news sources. The Community Services staff of the CVRD plan to revisit this issue in July. 🍷

DI GENERAL STORE COVID UPDATE

The Vancouver Island Health Authority has updated their policy with regards to customers bringing their own re-usable bags into retail establishments.

Under the new rules customers can bring and use their own bags if these new guidelines are followed:

- 1) The bags have to be clean and be cleaned prior to being used in a retail establishment
- 2) If a customer brings their own clean usable bag into a store the customer must bag their own purchases. The retail establishment's staff are not permitted to put purchases into customer's bags
- 3) If a customer does not have their own bag the General Store will be happy to both provide a bag at no charge as well as put the purchases into the bag for the customers.

... continued from Page 5 ... YANA is a community organization that exists to improve access to healthcare by providing travel funding and accommodation. YANA was started by Sandra Williams in 1986 after experiencing the financial and emotional devastation of having a very sick child who required treatment for many months in Vancouver. Since then, thousands of people have given time and money to ease the burden for Comox Valley families whose children require medical services away from home.

For more information about YANA or to apply to the Denman Hornby Connector program for Expectant Mothers, please visit www.yanacomoxvalley.com or contact YANA at 250.871.0343 or info@yanacomoxvalley.com. 🍷



OPEN LETTER TO CANADIANS

By Veronica Timmons

OP/ED

This is an open letter written by a Florida judge about the CANADA/USA relationships & history.

Robert Meadows (Circuit Court Judge, Florida) wrote:

Here is one American's take on the growing trade war with the US and Canada. "Have you ever stopped to consider how lucky we Americans are to have the neighbors we have? Look around the globe at who some folks have been stuck sharing a border with over the past half century:

North Korea / South Korea
Greece / Turkey
Iran / Iraq
Israel / Palestine
India / Pakistan
China / Russia

We've got Canada! Canada. About as inoffensive a neighbor as you could ever hope for. In spite of all our boasts of "American exceptionalism" and chants of "America first," they just smile, do their thing and go about their business. They are on average more educated, have a higher standard of living, free health care, and almost no gun problems. They treat immigrants respectfully and took in over 35,000 Syrians in the last two years.

They're with us in NATO, they fought alongside us in World War I, World War II, Korea, the Gulf War, the Bosnian War, Afghanistan, the Kosovo War and came to our defense after 9/11. There was that one time when Canada took a pass on one of our wars: Vietnam. Turned out to be a good call.

They've been steady consumers of American imports, reliable exporters of metals and petroleum products (they are the biggest importer of U.S. products from 37 states), and partnered with NASA in our space missions.

During 9/11 many aircraft were diverted to Newfoundland, an island province off Canada's east coast where Americans were housed in people's homes for two weeks and treated like royalty. In return for their hospitality, this administration slapped a 20% tariff on the products of Newfoundland's only paper mill, thereby threatening it's survival.

And what do Canadians expect of us in return? To be respected for who and what they are: Canadians. That's what I call a good neighbor. But the King of Chaos couldn't leave well enough alone. Based on his delusions of perpetual victimhood, out of the clear blue, he's declared economic war on Canada. On CANADA! And he did it based on Canada being a national security risk to the US! For no good reason, other than the voices in his head that told him it was a war he could win. So why not do it, then?

Again, we're talking about Canada. Our closest ally, friend and neighbor.

On behalf of an embarrassed nation, people of Canada, I apologize for this idiotic and wholly unnecessary attack. Please leave the back channels open. We the People of progressive persuasion stand with you. 🍷

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER

By Sally Campbell

OP/ED

12th of June, 2020

Re: Covid-19, Climate Crisis, and a Just Recovery

I am glad to hear you received my recent letter, and I understand our government has requested public input into shaping a recovery from Covid-19, open for submissions until Friday, June 19th.

These are strange times, and strange times call for bold thinking. We are seeing change occur on a global scale at unimaginable speed. We are learning what we're capable of, how we can co-operate when it's necessary. We're learning to put aside our sense of difference and pull together for the common good. The "common good" relates

to our security in Canada and world-wide. How do we create a "common security" for us all, one that addresses our very basic needs for health care, shelter, clean water, nourishing food, education and personal dignity? And how do we fund it?

Surprisingly, the answer to funding is not that complicated. Our world spends approximately \$2 Trillion/year on war-preparation & war-making (www.

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... continued from Page 6 ... WorldBeyondWar.org) Now, that is a staggering amount. Many people hear numbers like this and turn away. It's just too big to contemplate. Yet, contemplate it we must if we want a viable world for our children and grandchildren. We are now in what's called "Decade Zero" - meaning we can't put off addressing our addiction to oil and gas. We have to reduce our CO2 emissions now. We know from the research that renewable energy provides far more jobs than oil and gas, and that the arms trade, war-preparation and war-making are rooted in fear and corporate greed. We can do better. We must revisit our commitment to an outdated NATO, and our arms sales to Saudi Arabia in view of their ongoing human rights violations. We must revisit our military budget and rethink the idea of more fighter jets and warships. Will they really keep us any safer?

In the midst of our Covid-19 crisis, we are seeing clean air above cities, hearing more birdsong, savouring our connections to family and friends, planting food gardens, finding meaning in service to others, and acknowledging those in essential services who are giving so much, at risk to themselves. We are seeing people's dignity remaining intact thanks to the government's CERB and other enlightened policies. We are relearning community, and it's global. These things are what matters. In crisis, there is opportunity, and our opportunity is to shift gears on a massive level.

We must let go of our outdated, ineffective modes of thinking around what it means to be secure, and choose to change the paradigm. Let us gather our strength and take action for a world that works for everyone. We can do this. The principles underlying a Just Recovery lay a framework for what is needed. (www.justrecoveryforall.ca) Please explore them!

respectfully,
Sally Campbell
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LETTER TO HON. CLAIRE TREVENA

By Sara French

OP/ED

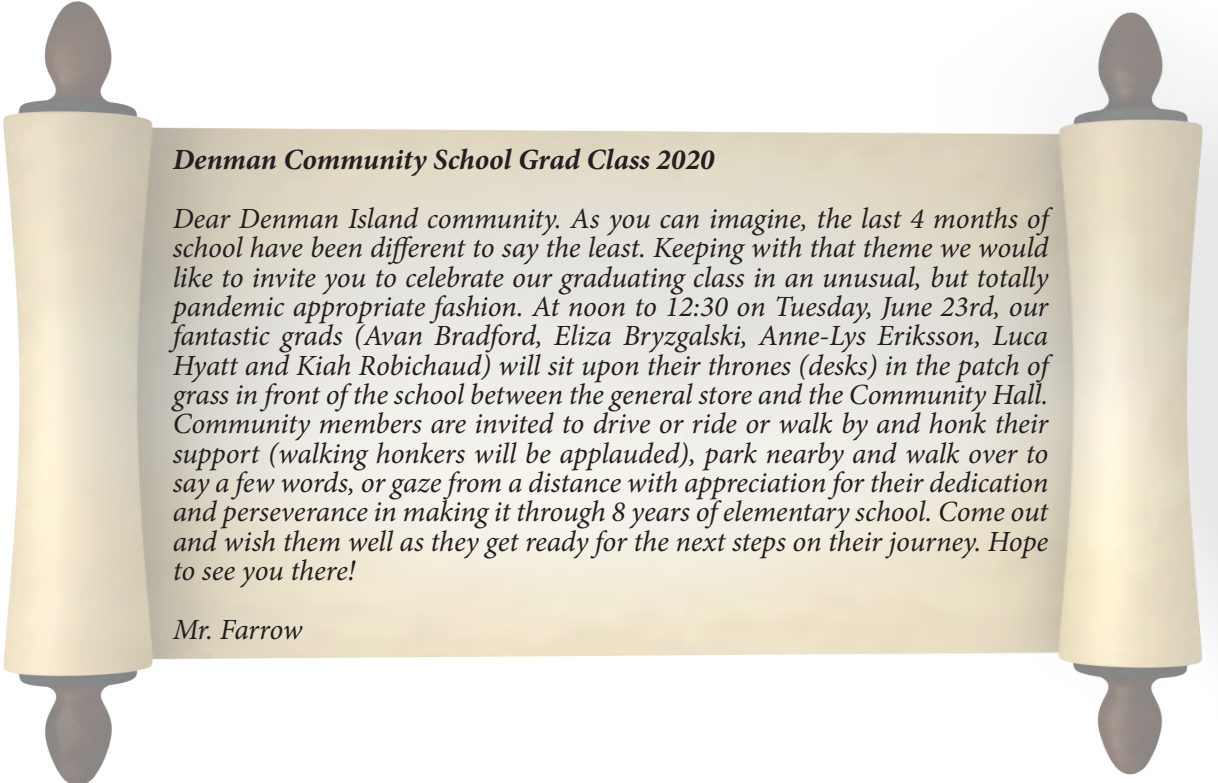
The Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure
British Columbia Legislature
Victoria, BC

June 11, 2020

Minister Trevena,
My husband and I have lived on Denman Island for thirty-nine years. When we first arrived in 1981 the small Gulf Island ferries were under the Ministry of Highways. In December 2002 the provincial government restructured BC Ferries

into an independent commercial company under the Company Act in order to "improve services and revitalize the economy of the province's coastal communities". Then in 2003, under Gordon Campbell's Liberals, the Coastal Ferries Act set up the legislative framework which established a Board of Directors and distanced the government from the operations of the service. From this

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Denman Community School Grad Class 2020

Dear Denman Island community. As you can imagine, the last 4 months of school have been different to say the least. Keeping with that theme we would like to invite you to celebrate our graduating class in an unusual, but totally pandemic appropriate fashion. At noon to 12:30 on Tuesday, June 23rd, our fantastic grads (Avan Bradford, Eliza Bryzgalski, Anne-Lys Eriksson, Luca Hyatt and Kiah Robichaud) will sit upon their thrones (desks) in the patch of grass in front of the school between the general store and the Community Hall. Community members are invited to drive or ride or walk by and honk their support (walking honkers will be applauded), park nearby and walk over to say a few words, or gaze from a distance with appreciation for their dedication and perseverance in making it through 8 years of elementary school. Come out and wish them well as they get ready for the next steps on their journey. Hope to see you there!

Mr. Farrow

... continued from Page 7 ... point forward the debt was assumed by BC Ferries, and the government was shielded from day to day operations although it is the single share holder.

Then in 2013 BC Ferries brought forth plans to build the longest salt water cable ferry in the world to run between Buckley Bay on Vancouver Island and Denman west across Baynes Sound. There were at least two “consultation” meetings with our community which was opposed to losing our reliable ferry, the Quinitsa, which always ran on schedule and almost never stopped running for any reason. We were simply told that the project would go ahead. During this time you, as Opposition Transportation Critic, and Edward Munoz, Chair of the Marine Workers Union, came to Denman to meet with several of us. You heard our resistance to the project and to being used as guinea pigs.

The cable ferry went into service in February 2016. Since that time it has broken down so often we no longer keep track. Causes seem to be hydraulic system problems or prawn traps, fish nets and ocean debris getting caught in the cables. The ferry is not considered reliable, and it isolates us from the rest of the fleet. Some of the time there has been a back-up ferry parked at the old dock at Buckley Bay. However that dock is about to fall down so soon there will be no way to have back-up at all.

The head of our ambulance station has made alternate arrangements to transport ill people off island and is given notice by BC Ferries if the ship is down for maintenance or repairs. BC Ferries says that it saves money by using non-ticketed deck hands. This is allowed by Transport Canada because the cable ferry is considered a fixed link or bridge. Due to numerous breakdowns, frequent requirements for an engineer to come on board for repairs, engine replacements and cable changes we doubt that there is much in the way of savings.

To add insult to injury a year round schedule, which we knew by heart, has been altered many times, and our 10pm and 11pm sailings were cancelled several years ago. Upon checking other small island schedules there seems to be no consistency. Late sailings posted on the BC Ferry website are:

Campbell River to Quadra Island	10:30pm Sunday to Thursday 11:30pm Friday and Saturday
Nanaimo to Gabriola Island	11:00pm
Chemainus to Thetis Island	10:00pm 10:15pm Friday
Buckley Bay to Denman Island	9:30pm 11:00pm (July and August)

This seems arbitrary indeed.

Now in the last week four members of our local Ferry Advisory Committee, including CVRD Area A Director Daniel Arbour and Hornby Island Fire Chief Doug Chinnery, have resigned. This follows the announcement by BC Ferries that 10pm and 11pm sailings on Fridays during shoulder season are cancelled, and as of September two midday sailings will also be gone not at crew change and with crew on the boat going nowhere. The FAC was simply told this would happen.

Modern day settlement of the islands has been built on the provincially run ferry service brought in by the NDP in the 1970s. I believe that the provincial government and attitude toward coastal community ferry service continues to decline. In fact it is a travesty. It is beyond time to axe the Coastal Ferries Act and take back responsibility for our small coastal ferries.

Respectfully,

Sara French
2845 Yule Road
Denman Island, BC

Cc: The Honourable Scott Fraser
MLA, Mid-Island, Pacific Rim
Minister of Indigenous Affairs & Reconciliation

For others interested in voicing their concerns:

MLA Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation
Constituency Office
908 Island Highway
Campbell River, BC
V9W2C3

MLA Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Affairs
Constituency Office
3945 B Johnson Road
Port Alberni, BC
V9Y5N4

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fairness and justice for all.

Sadly we are reminded from time to time that not all is well in our world.

People from all walks of life are loudly (but rightly) demanding fairness and justice for all.

Noble activity even though the means to obtain this sometimes goes way over what we are used to and like.

Which brings me directly to the action taken by BC Ferries.

At the risk of being deemed an Denman Islander with the wrong understanding of what fairness mean, I submit that BCF as of now is engaging in the polar opposite of fairness and equal treatment of their customers. Naively perhaps I thought that the days of “go to the back of the bus, sit down and shut up “ was long gone history. Not so according to BCF . Summertime brings visitors to the islands. Arriving at Buckley Bay they pay the fare, get questioned by the ticket agent and if they do not

QUALIFY according to the agent are directed to `go to lane 5 and wait till we tell you there is space for you on the ferry ``. In the meantime I and other islanders can breeze past these visitors to Denman and Hornby simply because we LIVE here. Segregation not by the color of your skin(oh no BCF would never dare to go there), but simply because these people do not LIVE here.

Visitors(and their kids, grandmothers etc) can cool their heels until we (BCF) say so.

In which world can this be the proper service to your customers.

I strongly and respectfully disagree with my fellow islanders who find this to be a `cool` thing.

These visitors pay like everybody else but are NOT receiving the same service. All in the name of a certain virus presently playing havoc with our world.

My question for BCF is simple. Under whose authority does your ticket agent have the power to delay ferry users and how in the world can that be categorized as fair and equal treatment of your customers .

And causing delays is really all it is. Got nothing to do with virus or not. Irritate and inconvenience your customers seems to somehow signify the way BCF operate.

Fairness and justice for all. I think not.

*Kris Christensen
5315 East Road*

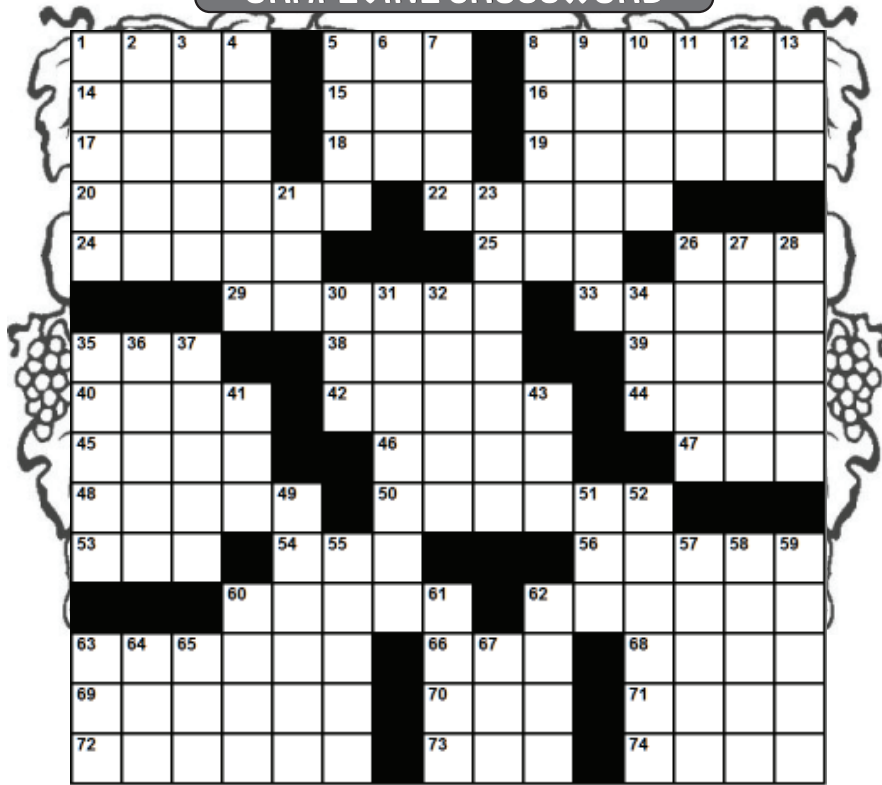
Dear Grapevine Editor:

Just a note of appreciation for your always interesting photographs on the front of each week's Grapevine. They are a valuable reminder of the immense beauty of the islands we live on and the creativity of those inhabiting them. And your quote this last week from Pablo Neruda:

“Green was the silence, wet was the light, the month of June trembled like a butterfly” is the finest, truest description of June I've ever heard! Thank you.

Sally Campbell

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Attache, for one
5. Candied item
8. By the item
14. Aggravate
15. Cote cutie
16. Catchword
17. Exploiter
18. Abby's sister
19. Coaches
20. Horse drawn sled
22. City of New York
24. Conical abode
25. Aquatic zoo
26. Fri. follower
29. Make new blueprints
33. M-m-m good
35. Certain Asian
38. Blue vessel
39. Ladled lunch
40. Besides
42. Caravan carrier
44. Besides that
45. Bigger than elite
46. Dijon daddy
47. Actor Danson
48. Mix-up
50. Solid carbon dioxide
53. Always, in verse

54. Animal

54. Animal squeezer
56. Retract one's words
60. Sea anemone or hydra
62. Delphic prophet
63. Narrative song
66. Bark shrilly
68. Actress Powers
69. Rabbitlike rodent
70. Hand woven rug
71. Copper or iron
72. Frothy dessert
73. Electric fish
74. Broadway hit from 1996

• DOWN •

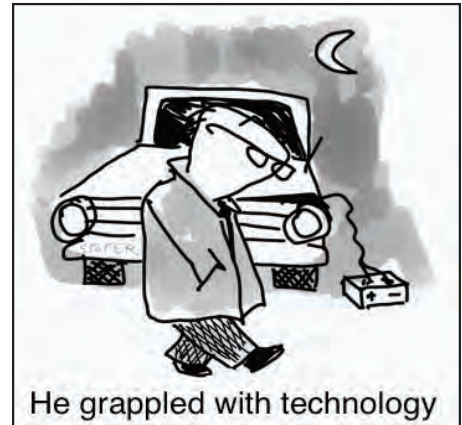
1. Earth layer
2. Altar lane
3. Be out
4. More spooky
5. Informal assent
6. Barley bristle
7. Cafe card
8. Moving
9. Perky
10. Greek letter
11. Big head
12. Cable chaser
13. Naval off.
21. Aw, shucks
23. Hide plant
26. Salmon kid
27. Emulate a jester
28. Keyed in data
30. Pipe material
31. 29th of February
32. Target sighter
34. Avail oneself of
35. Gap in time
36. Arrange in a row
37. Writer Wilde
41. Big klutz
43. Luau wear
49. Submarines of W.W.I
51. Cowardly person

52. Fill with love

55. Any Elvis recording
57. Horrify
58. Actor Tim
59. Fermenting agent
60. Added benefit
61. Fiery heap
62. Autumn birthstone
63. Emeril's expletive
64. Antiquity
65. Babe's teammate
67. Crew's consent

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Looking to the Night's Sky

LOOKING FOR THE FIRST STARS . . .

ain't all that easy - to start with - the universe has been expanding at ever-growing rates.

Which results in the light from the most distant stars and objects never being able to reach our little abode because the universe is expanding faster than the speed of light itself. Astronomers therefore studied images from the Hubble Space Telescope that show gravitational lensing of objects that are behind foreground objects. By carefully measuring the light in the lensed objects astronomers can study objects many, many times the normal distance away. Hopefully ending with finding the first stars and galaxies . . . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7YdejYsG4s>

Until next week . . .
Keep Looking to the Night's Sky

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •



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on Hornby Island. 1300 ft.², two
bathroom, two bedroom, washer
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pets. \$1100.00/month. Please call
for appointment, 250-335-0954

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

• **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

YAY! FUSION FITNESS done out-
doors. Nia resumes this week 10:30
Fridays. Meet by the soccer field.
Everyone welcome. By donation to
food bank, pay-it-forward coffee
or random acts of kindness. Ques-
tions? Max 335-0364

BLACKBERRY LANE Children's
Centre has postponed fall regis-
tration until June 8 - 19. If you are

interested in a registration package
or have any questions about early
childhood education on Denman
Island, please contact Melisande at
blackberrylanecentre@yahoo.com

• **WANTED**

OPPORTUNITY Wanted to find
a person with a truck to collect
refundables from our recycling
station. Volume is approximately 1
large truck load per week. You take,
you sort, you profit. For further
details please call 250-335-2319

• **FREEBIES**

TEAK VENEER BOOKSHELF. 4 feet
by 6 feet. Excellent condition. Bill
or Shirley 3352480

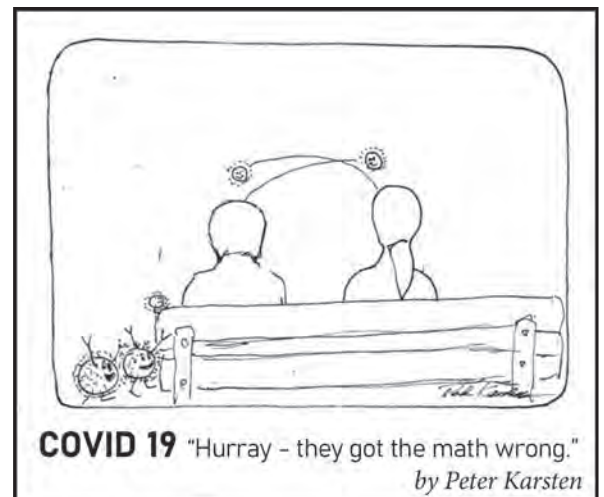
CORRECTION TO JUNE CALENDAR

THE RECYCLING & BOTTLE
DEPOT HOURS LISTED ARE
WRONG - PLEASE REFER TO
WEEKLY EVENTS LISTING ON
PAGE 8 FOR CORRECT TIMES.
THANKS AND APOLOGIES
FOR ANY CONFUSION

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- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
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2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
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- Bente Pilegaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
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- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
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- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Gutters Supply & Install • Kevin 667-3233/335-1986 (All)
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- Ray Ulovec-Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
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- Water Tanks and Cisterns • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)

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- 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 Gresson 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)
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335-2260 (D/H)
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WEEKLY EVENTS

THURSDAY 18

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm

FRIDAY 19

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

SATURDAY 20

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET 9:30-12:30pm • Old School

SUNDAY 21

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

MONDAY 22

TUESDAY 23

WEDNESDAY 24

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

THURSDAY 25

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm

Grounded
by Thomas Provençal

When you're feeling in a frump,
will a doobie do?
Just enough to clear the bump,
then tie up your shoe.
There's nothing like a walk around
to orient your thoughts;
to see what's growing from the ground;
inside your mind, undo the knots.
The constant flow of energy
enraptured in the round
will take your hand until you'll be
connected to the ground.

