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DARYL MCLOUGHLIN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF THE GENERAL STORE

By Anthony Gregson • Photo by Dreadful Imagery

SPECIAL INTEREST

Nothing says home on Denman quite like the tall false front of the General Store, only missing a hitching post instead of the gas pump. That is because the most important part of home is that it is always there. Denman has had the General Store for over a century – since 1908, 112 years ago. For an independent business to survive for a hundred years under the same name with the same services, and even in the exact same spot, is remarkable by any standard.

This week the General Store celebrates an important anniversary: Daryl McLoughlin, a.k.a. the notorious Grumpy, Manager, Propane Tank Filler and Chief Economist, Denman Island General Store and Post Office World Headquarters, took over in July ten years ago, becoming the fifth owner in the history of the store. Daryl and his fellow investors (his wife, his brother, and a buddy, Tony) took over from the family of Mike Comeau, who had passed away.

The late Sir David Tang, infamous for his agony uncle column in the Financial Times, was once in a restaurant in New York empty of diners but for himself. Running an empty restaurant, the owner told him, is an art. The same might be said for many businesses on rural islands with small populations and plenty of competition. Daryl knows that he stands on the shoulders of all the earlier owners who passed on a viable business.

Taking on the General Store was certainly a challenge. A lot of businesses on rural islands are not so much investments as jobs, although, at a staff of twelve, the General Store is a significant employer by Denman standards. Friends were dubious. They said, You are putting your savings into a store. What if it fails? I replied, "Than I start over." Then they said, "Then do it."

At one time the general store was a staple of every rural or backwoods community, but its niche has always been challenged, by the mail order catalogue, by the automobile, urbanization, and more recently, the big box store and now, the web. "If the store stood still," Daryl says, "it would not survive." Every owner of the General Store has had to have a strategy.

Daryl took a year to think about it before making any changes. One of the first things he noticed was that a lot of people came by just to talk, without buying anything. That told him that the General Store is a gathering place. "People should not feel they have to buy anything," he says. "It sort of ruins the atmosphere." Growing up in Comox and graduating from Vanier High at a time when the Valley was still a quiet backwater, Daryl knew something about it. "My parents would come home and talk about seeing some people downtown they didn't know or having to park the car a block of two away from the store."

Bringing more people into the store was obviously key. The café, famous for its cinnamon buns, was closed when he took over. "The café just didn't make any money," he says, beloved as it was by the regulars. "Everyone always wants to see a summer food service but on Denman, it's always going to be a struggle." Moving the Canada Post office into the store from out back where now is the Cheshire Cat was a way to achieve that goal without putting pressure on people to buy.

Daryl looked at the role of the General Store in meeting islander needs. It was never possible to stock everything; people would al



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SYLVIE MARCIL MEDICAL FUNDRAISER

By Mary Hicks

COMM INFO

Sylvie Marcil and her family have been dear friends of our family and valued community members on Denman Island for many years. People know Sylvie as a Mom, friend, and many, many know her as a caregiver. She has volunteered and worked with the school, with children and families over the years. She is a very loving, caring person who has touched many lives. Some have been fortunate enough to know her children as well. Her son Maika has worked at the General Store for two summers, and has been a close friend to our son. Her family and close friends are doing our best to help Sylvie through this, but she needs more than we alone can do.

A few weeks ago, she was admitted to Emergency in critical condition. She has undergone major surgery, with a second one scheduled for the future, each of which will require several months of rehabilitation and recovery and she will require living expenses during this time. As well, her tiny home on Denman is yet to be finished, and will need funds to complete within the next month before she returns.

DONATIONS: Can be submitted through her Go Fund Me campaign, google “go fund me Sylvie Marcil” it’s the first link. Or Cash donations are also being accepted at the Denman General Store, many thanks Daryl and Staff, In the jar labelled Sylvie Marcil’s fundraiser. Any help is greatly appreciated during this time, as she has been through a tremendous ordeal. Every donation makes a significant difference. Many thanks to all who are able to give support to Sylvie. 🍷

WESTERN PAINTED TURTLES ON DENMAN

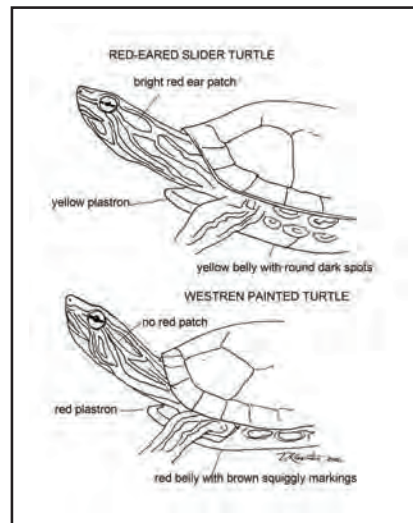
By Peter Karsten • Illustration/photo by Peter Karsten

SPECIAL INTEREST

We have a new, confirmed species of reptile adding to the bio-diversity on Denman Island.

I was called about crushed turtle on Swan Road last summer. It was a Western painted Turtle with typical bright red markings on the belly (plastron) and NO red ear patch. We knew of Red-eared slider turtles (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) existing in the Morrison Marsh near the McFarlane Road but had not found an alive western painted turtles until now. The scientific name is *Chrysemys picta bellii*. Although, turtles are fast swimmers they are slow on land and people sometimes pick them up take them home and or release them in to other places. This is unlawful. The species is “blue listed” in BC and thus considered endangered. It is native to BC and found in the south east Interior and southern Vancouver Island where it lives in lakes, ponds and slow streams. They can wander considerable distance of over 1 km from bodies of water.

I assumed the one killed on Swan Road was trans-located by humans and not truly “indigenous” to our Island. A turtle wandering on a vehicle road is very vulnerable and often mistaken as an escaped pet. I get calls on injured and orphaned wildlife. Once I even picked up a bearded dragon, an Australian lizard, which was returned to its owner. I received an unidentified turtle on June 16, 2020 found along East Road just north of the Macfarlane Road intersection. To my surprise it was a Painted Turtle and not a pet Red-eared slider. The ‘red- ears’ have been captured in the southern United States buy the thousands and sold in pet shops elsewhere in the US and other countries. They can grow to 16 inch in carapace diameter in their home range. Once they outgrow their pet terrarium people have released them indiscriminately to become alien species. Red-ears will lay eggs up north but they normally do not hatch. This helps to contain their spread, however they will breed with painted turtles and the hybrids eggs do hatch. Conservationists try to eliminate red-ears and hybrids. This is a very difficult endeavor. (pers. com. Andrea Gielens, Turtle Conservation Breeding Facility Vancouver Zoo). Releasing and relocating red-ears to the wild in Canada is illegal capturing them is not. Hence it is OK to pick up a turtle wandering around as long as it is not a native species. Field marks for the Red-eared slider are the bright red ear patch and yellow belly (plastron) with round spots. The painted turtle has no red on its head or neck but extensive red colour on the belly with



TIDE TABLE

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

2020-07-02
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:56	4.6	15.1
10:35	0.6	2.0
18:02	4.5	14.8
22:46	3.5	11.5

2020-07-03
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:40	4.6	15.1
11:20	0.4	1.3
18:51	4.7	15.4
23:48	3.5	11.5

2020-07-04
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:26	4.5	14.8
12:03	0.2	0.7
19:36	4.9	16.1

2020-07-05
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:43	3.5	11.5
05:13	4.4	14.4
12:46	0.2	0.7
20:17	4.9	16.1

2020-07-06
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:35	3.5	11.5
06:01	4.3	14.1
13:27	0.3	1.0
20:56	4.9	16.1

2020-07-07
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:25	3.4	11.2
06:50	4.2	13.8
14:06	0.5	1.6
21:32	4.9	16.1

2020-07-08
(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:16	3.3	10.8
07:39	4	13.1
14:44	0.8	2.6
22:06	4.8	15.7

2020-07-09
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:10	3.1	10.2
08:30	3.8	12.5
15:20	1.2	3.9
22:39	4.8	15.7

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FROM THE CROW'S NEST: Night

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

Though he tried to anticipate every emergency they might encounter offshore, the captain suspected they'd be blindsided. He just never thought to take that realization literally.

Still, he sought to forestall the biggest threats: heavy weather, a flooded float, dismasting, fire, Thea sick or hurt (he'd already set two dislocated fingers). One of them overboard!

How about hazy sextant observations snatched from a pitching deck, and the tricky tabulations on which their lives would depend performed on a roller-coaster by a math-challenged brain fighting nausea and fatigue?

Drawing from the words of those who had gone before, his own *what-if* scenarios and constant drills, he did his best to prepare *Celerity* and her people for the open sea.

His intention was to lay in enough stores, spares and experience cruising inshore to keep them both alive long enough to learn the rest of the ropes *out there* from a strict, uncaring teacher, whose failing grade was drowning a long way from home.

Or infinitely worse, surviving Thea's loss.

It didn't help when their nighttime forays into the Georgia Strait were curtailed because they kept hitting logs. As a day-dweller who treated brief summer nights at 50 North as a warm tropical prelude, it never occurred to the captain that in the latitudes of the Southern Cross, they'd be essentially working the boat blindfolded for 12 hours out of every 24.

Their diurnal deepsea initiation commenced a hundred miles off the Washington-Oregon coast, where the watchkeeper quickly learned to keep one eye on the tilting compass card, and the other on each roaring crest as it rushed out of the darkness to bloom suddenly close aboard – shoving, lifting and harrying them on their way.

Freed from land's confines, *Celerity* wanted to run forever. Night and day were all the same to her.

But as a distant son of the Serengeti, he would never be free of a hominid's nocturnal concerns. And awe. Easier nights cast the strongest spell: mainsail hard-edged against Orion, phosphorescence streaming in long, luminous contrails with each slow wingbeat of the windward *ama*.

Sailing blind at 10 knots, their only defense against disemboweling the boat on a waterlogged shipping container was a sailor's ready fatalism. But when endless ranks of storm seas bulked high on every hand, they came to welcome the masking cloak of darkness.

Eventually, they found themselves reaching across the Southeast Trades. Exhausted by constant motion and flinching from pistol shots, tennis serves or heavier blows slapping hollow hulls, their sun-baked, sleep-deprived senses came to welcome the ritual of shortening sail and preparing for rest in the cooling embrace of each brief dusk.

For at sea in the tropics, night falls with the abruptness of a blade severing daylight from everything left unattended. And as the interminable rotation of night watches begins, you know that for the next 12 hours, whatever comes next will happen in total darkness.



Thea helming at daybreak on the morning of our Fiji landfall after eight days at sea.
Will Thomas photo

The captain's standing orders called for the watchstander to scan the horizon every 10 minutes for the lights of a ship. Or a field of stars snuffed out by an approaching squall.

Otherwise, their time was their own! Lying on the cockpit cushions, gazing up into a night sky crammed with constellations, felt like steering among the stars.



... continued from Page 2 ... ways go over to Courtenay where there was greater variety and better prices. But with a ferry in your life, the store could always offer convenience. With that in mind he set a simple goal: "The store should have everything you might need if you were stuck on the island for a week and couldn't leave." It is an approach much appreciated, he notes, by summer vacation homeowners, who want to make the most of their stay and really do not want to have to come and go.

All the same, the competition, however inevitable, has increased. When he took over, Wall Mart was not selling groceries, Cost Co had not arrived, and Thrifty's had only one location. Now there is the Superstore, and everyone, big and little, faces the web and the Amazon behemoths. Yet the General Store has more than held its own. How come?

For one thing, Daryl thinks, the population has shifted and grown, with both more retirees from off-island, and an influx of younger families who have brought a fresh infusion of energy and resources. In the larger scheme of things, he agrees there has also been a shift in the perception of rural life, away from the withering urbanization that steadily drained smaller communities and seems to have crested in developed societies. It is complex, but suffice to say, rural life has a new cache. When he grew up, farming in the Comox Valley was not going anywhere. Now there are said to

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All this fuels Daryl's belief that the General Store should be a place where Denmaners can support Denman. Walk-in fridges and coolers were gradually acquired and are now full of local produce, including meat and fish, vegan alternatives, and regional dairy like yogurt. The on-island market has grown in ways that the off-island competition cannot service.

Not that Daryl is afraid of looking competition in the eye. Much of his career has been spent in the grain business where he worked with independent farmer-owned coops on the prairies to sell their wheat, pulses, and oilseeds. This meant taking on the giant agribusinesses and railways like the CPR which does not take to customers with only one point of pickup. "I was off Cargill's Christmas card list pretty quick," he recalls.

He learned some important lessons. "What goes around, comes around." For Daryl, honesty is prime. Part of that is walking the talk. His father who sold cars in the Valley was once advised to buy furniture in Port Alberni where it was way cheaper. "But people in Port Alberni don't buy cars from me in Comox," he replied.

He also believes that you should never take customers for granted. "When we first arrived, I was asked why he thanked everyone for their support if you are the only store?" Daryl thinks a customer's business should be earned. That is why he is often out front on the till and not cooped up in his office.

Daryl believes the store's survival and growth is owed very largely to his staff, many of whom have been there since he arrived. "I've managed lots of staff, but this is the best by far," he says. It is the staff who are the source of most of the ideas, talking with customers. "They are committed and truly interested in the well-being of the business and in the community."

You can see the results in the Grapevine ads the store runs every week, almost always featuring new products. The direct connection between customer and staff gives the store an agility that bigger stores, where inventory is managed at a corporate level.

It is an old story: the mammals who survived the dinosaurs tended to be small and nippy. If the world implodes, as some denizens of Denmanistan earnestly believe, you may be sure the General Store will still be there with your garlic scapes, craft beer, or that extra firm tofu. 🍷

LIVING WELL • Week 15 *By Verna Isbister*

COMM INFO

Summertime and the Living is Easy

Summer has officially arrived and I can't help but think back to the songs of summer. Isn't it amazing that we can often remember every lyric to our favorite songs, but can't remember where we left the car keys? These song choices will date me but some music is ageless. I hope that these songs and lyrics bring back happy memories. Feel free to sing-a-long.

Growing up in Comox means that I have to begin with Otis Redding and Sitting on the Dock of the Bay:

"Sittin' in the morning sun
I'll be sittin' when the evenin' comes"

Who could forget a name like Mungo Jerry and his song, In the Summertime:

"In the summertime when the weather is hot
You can stretch right up and touch the sky
When the weather's fine ..."

As I've re-listened to these songs, it's apparent that our culture and language is hopefully, changing for the better. So please, don't take Jerry's advice and "have a drink, have a drive" or be pressured to wear an "itsy bitsy teeney weeney yellow polka dot bikini".

And whether it's Sly and the Family Stone singing about Hot Time in the Summertime, Seals and Croft singing about the Summer Breeze, "makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine of my mind ...", or Nat King Cole singing about Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy days of Summer, I always looked forward to the end of June and the sunny, hot days on the beach with my friends with our homemade tanning solution of baby oil mixed with iodine (who'd ever heard of sunscreen?) and our transistor radios that Van Morrison sang about in Brown Eyed Girl.

We were encouraged to dance the summer nights away by The Lovin' Spoonful,

"hot town, summer in the city...
Come-on come-on and dance all night,
despite the heat it'll be alright"

and Martha and The Vandella's Dancing in the Street, which should be our call-out to this COVID-19 world and especially to our neighbours to the south:

"Calling out around the world
Are you ready for a brand new beat?
Summer's here and the time is right
For dancing in the street"

Just remember to wear your masks and keep your dancing distance! Lucky for us, we live on Denman Island and can join the chorus from Weezer's Island in the Sun:

"On an island in the sun
We'll be playing and having fun
And it makes me feel so fine
I can't control my brain."

e-mail me your favourite summer songs: vernaisbister@hotmail.com

I'm ready for "a brand new beat!"



THE WRECK OF THE ALPHA

By Craig Baird

SPECIAL INTEREST

Shipwrecks are nothing new for the area and around Denman and Hornby Island, there are plenty of ships that have found their way under the sea. While it is not as common anymore thanks to things like GPS, sailing was a dangerous thing to do during the early 20th century.

Committed to community as ever through bursaries and non-profit support

Connecting with grads

Even though the pandemic sidelined commencement ceremonies, Union Bay Credit Union would like to give a shout-out to 2020's grad class. This year's celebrations may have been different – though no less memorable – but you can still take pride in all you've achieved so far. We applaud your accomplishments.

UBCU offers student bursaries annually to help our members (or their children/dependents) pursue educational goals. This year, three bursaries of \$750 each went to deserving grads. Congratulations to Vanier's Taylor Kennelly and Logan Keltie, and Isfeld's Kyra Hagel!

Connecting with community

The bursary program is but one branch of our Community Connect Program that annually donates over \$20,000 to support local non-profits. We feel fortunate to be able to help deserving groups in these uncertain times. Following are some recent contributions:

- A "matched" donation of \$2,500 meant \$5,000 went to "The Kitchen" on Hornby Island, which provides food hampers and hundreds of prepared meals a week.
- Likewise, \$2,000 in matched donations for the Union Bay Community Club meant \$4,000 was raised for a new security and camera system at the Union Bay Hall.
- A \$1,000 donation to the Hornby Island Farmer's Market allows the market to continue this summer with COVID-19 restrictions in place, thereby providing locals with economic opportunities and access to fresh, healthy food.
- \$500 went to Joe King Park to support this important community asset.

The Community Connect program is open; any non-profits needing assistance are encouraged to apply.

No matter what the future holds, UBCU is committed to building a better one.

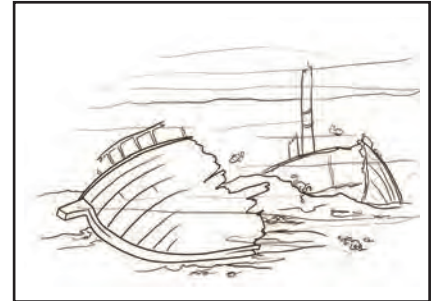
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This is shown in the wreck of the Alpha, which sank in just 10 metres of water, with the loss of nine lives, in a fierce storm on Dec. 15, 1900.

The ship had been built in 1863 and was powered by a steam engine. Built by John Barclay out of Glasgow, it was



owned by Pickford and Black out of Halifax. The ship had left Victoria at 5 a.m. on the fateful day, loaded with coal for a trip to Japan. Unfortunately, things were not going well on the ship with the bearings overheating twice at the start of the ship. By noon, a gale was hitting the ship and by 4:15 p.m., the ship had passed the Ballenas. At this point, the ship chartered a new course for Chrome Island. Shortly after this, the Chief Officer and Second Mate asked the captain to turn the ship around and weather the storm in safer waters until the morning. The captain decided against this.

At 6:32 p.m., Yellow Rock Lighthouse was sighted and it was at this moment the captain realized that he was too close to the rock and he ordered a hard move to starboard. It was too late, and the ship would hit the rocks at eight knots at 6:45 p.m.

The 67-metre iron steamer still rests at that spot and has been salvaged heavily by divers. All that remains are steel plates, machinery and a wide assortment of frames. Today, it is the home for Rockfish, Sculpins, Warbonnets, Giant Pacific Octopus and much more.

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FARMERS MARKET FEASTS: Garlic Scape

Pesto By Laura Busheikin

SPECIAL INTEREST

Garlic scapes are the flowerstalks of garlic plants. They are delicious, and in season now, offering us a mild and sweet hit of fresh garlic flavour while we wait patiently (or impatiently) for the bulbs to mature. Here is a recipe for garlic scape pesto from Denman resident and cookbook writer Sally Dyke.

Sally suggests making a large batch and freezing some in ice-cube trays. "Throughout the winter, pop a frozen garlic scape pesto cube into your soups, salad dressings, omelets, rice, sandwich spreads, dips, sauces or simply tossed with pasta," she says.

Here's the recipe:

2 cups coarsely chopped garlic scapes*
1 cup pine nuts, walnuts or sunflower seeds
3 Tbsp. lemon juice, more if preferred
1 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese (leave this out if you prefer a vegan pesto)
½ tsp salt or more to taste
more oil, lemon juice or water as needed to puree
*to prepare the scapes, snip off the flowering tip, rinse scapes in cold water, then roughly chop into half-inch pieces

In a food processor, puree scapes, pine nuts and lemon juice (smooth or coarse

ADAPTABILITY & SUPPORT HELP YOUR LOCAL BOOKSTORE SURVIVE THE PANDEMIC

COMM INFO

By Trish Weatherall • Photos by Trish Weatherall

When the pandemic hit in March, Abraxas Books & Gifts owner Tachi Barker wondered whether the business would get through the financial strain. Now, with solid community support and a new coffee bar, she's feeling more confident that Denman's landmark bookstore of 26 years will remain in business.

"The pandemic affected sales dramatically, but I'm grateful that the Denman Community has supported us as much as they have. More people have been buying local."

Some items actually increased in sales in March and April.

"People being at home spiked the sales of art supplies. Yay to creativity!" Tachi is an accomplished painter herself.

There was also a spike in dystopic novel sales. "It's ironic that Emily St. John Mandel's new book 'The Glass Hotel' came out during this period." [Emily Mandel's 2014 novel "Station Eleven", featured a world devastated by a global pandemic; "The Glass Hotel," hinges on a massive global financial crisis.]

Tachi has adapted to the new way of doing business by offering phone and email orders and curbside delivery on Denman, as well as limiting customers to one at a time in the store, providing hand sanitizer, social distancing and installing plastic shields at the counters.

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as desired), scraping down sides of bowl with a rubber spatula. With the machine running, slowly add olive oil and process until thoroughly incorporated, about 15 seconds. Then add the Parmesan (if desired), salt and pepper, and blend for another five seconds. Add additional liquid 1 Tbsp at a time to thin to preferred consistency. Adjust seasoning to taste. Scrape into a glass bowl and cover with plastic wrap. This pesto is even better when refrigerated for several hours or overnight.

Will keep for one week refrigerated or in freezer for up to three months.

Find a more detailed version of this recipe at <http://gourmetbysallyrae.blogspot.com/2015/06/what-are-garlic-scapes.html>, and more recipes by Sally at <http://gourmetbysallyrae.blogspot.com>.

Find garlic scapes, and an abundance of other local produce, at the Denman Farmers Market, Saturdays, 9:30 – 12:30 at the Old School Field. Some pre-ordering available at www.denmangpa.ca. Find and like us on Facebook at Denman Island Farmers Market.



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COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**

**The HDCHCS is planning to hold
a virtual AGM on
September 16th, 2020 beginning at
4:00 pm.**

Members who wish to renew their \$5.00 membership or new members who wish to join for the exact same amount should go to <http://hornbydenmanhealth.com/> and scroll down to the **MAKE A DONATION** button.

**You may also send a cheque to the
HDCHCS at
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Reduced store hours during months of 'lockdown' had some benefits. It gave Tachi the opportunity for some much-needed downtime, to complete upgrades to the Abraxasbooks.ca website, and preparations for the new coffee bar at the back of the shop.

A lifelong resident, Tachi has raised her son here, too. Three generations of her family have worked to keep Abraxas going. She is the eighth owner of the business, her predecessor was her father Juan Barker, who helps out a few days a week in his semi-retirement; son Theo and one other employee also work in the shop part-time.

Drawing on her 17 years of experience running The Curve food cart at the Denman West ferry terminal, she says, "I have been planning the coffee bar for a long time. In winter, Abraxas needs more income to keep people employed, and with the trend in businesses combining books and coffee – it seemed like a natural fit."

She ordered a Class 5 Rancilio espresso machine from Italy (the 'big sister' of the machine used at The Curve), but its arrival was dubious. "I call it 'June', because I ordered it in early March and it didn't arrive until mid-June because of the virus!"

The coffee bar is complete with snack bar and seating area for up to 12 people, due to limited water and current pandemic social distancing restrictions. However, patrons can also use the common ground courtyard space out the back door. Besides specialty coffee, regular drip and tea (including some from Denman Island Tea Company!), are hot and cold sandwiches, and snack foods – all sourced as locally as possible.

And, though she will miss the canine visitors, health and safety laws also mean that pets are no longer able to come into Abraxas.

The pandemic also affected scheduled events that contribute to Abraxas' bottom line, like the book launch for "Voices from Hornby & Denman Island Home Support 1979-2019" and the Reader's & Writer's festival.

"The new café space will be ideal for book readings and art events in the future – things that really facilitate the culture of the bookstore."

And getting back to books...the website upgrades make it easy to search by title, author, ISBN, or publisher, see what's in the store, or see the in-store best seller list, with precise instructions right on the home page, which states:

"At your fingertips are millions of titles to browse at your convenience! With the click of a button, you can also instantly tell what's on our shelves and what's on order, as well as browse for titles that we would be more than happy to special order in for you! Anything that you purchase at our online store may be picked up at our "downtown" location. You don't have to pay until you pick up your books." Check out all that **Abraxasbooks.ca** has to offer.



June Espresso machine photo caption: Abraxas' new espresso machine ordered from Italy in March before the pandemic hit is named "June" – the month it finally arrived.

The past few months, the shop has had very limited hours, but Tachi plans to be back to fulltime hours in the coming weeks.

The expansion into the coffee business means waking up earlier for Tachi. The coffee bar is open from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday (optionally open – Denman-style) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the books, gifts, office and art supply, and offices services section is open from Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (for now). Before 11 a.m. (or anytime) you can access the coffee bar at the back entrance, through the gate at the right side of Abraxas.

"At this point, I'm not able to staff and operate both sections, due to cost and health regulations," she said. "Phase three is here and people are on the move again. I'm looking forward to the coming months with looser restrictions and added income! The financial strain of this virus, and the global economic situation isn't over yet, so please support your local businesses."

She's excited to have new neighbours, as the Denman



Tachi with coffee cup Photo caption: Abraxas Books & Gifts owner Tachi Barker stands by one of her paintings in the new coffee bar addition to the shop – now open!

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... continued from Page 8 ... Craft Shop relocated next door to Abraxas in November 2019. “The Craft Shop gives people more reason to come to, or stay in, downtown Denman.”

Tachi also helps support local micro-economies – many of the store’s gift items are made by local artisans and there is a whole section of local authors including JP McLean, Des Kennedy, and Bill Engleson. She is looking for more local distributors of gift items, so stop in to see her if you have something to offer.

Tachi again reminds everyone that Abraxas has much more than just books. “We also carry art supplies and a full line of gifts, games, cards, toys, incense, candles, mugs, socks, puzzles and much more, plus a copier and stationery supplies.”

You can follow Book Gifts (Abraxas Books and Gifts) on Facebook for updates to hours, news and menus! 🍷

... continued from Page 3 ... squiggly patterns. This is easy to see when you can take one in your hand (watch for nasty bites) but not at a distance. Turtles like to climb up on floating logs to bask in sunlight. It helps to search for them. Binoculars should work to tell that there is no red ear patch or to see the red edges of the plastron. Our northern subspecies of Painted Turtle can grow to 20 cm. Females grow larger than males. It is doubtful the southern relative reaches that size in our region. This makes me think that a turtle seen by bikers a week ago at the road crossing of the Morrison March could have been a painted turtle. It was described as enormous with an evenly brownish green back. Red-ears raised in captivity are generally fed a poor diet and too much of it to grow rough and bumpy Plastrons which is not even coloured. If you see one please take a photo of it and send it to me with date and location; email: pkarsten@telus.net. I am reporting the sighting to the MoE. Living on Denman Island is becoming more interesting all the time. 🍷



THE COMPLICATED LIFE OF AN ENDANGERED BUTTERFLY SPECIAL INTEREST

By Chris Junck • Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team

It’s too early to tell if the cooperative efforts to re-establish a population of the endangered Taylor’s Checkerspot butterfly on Hornby Island and to improve conditions for them on Denman Island are starting to pay off. The life-cycle of the rare butterfly is complex and the tiny creatures may encounter many perils and challenges at each developmental stage.

The adult butterfly stage only lasts for one to four weeks. When they emerge from their pupae form in May to mid-June, female Taylor’s Checkerspot butterflies need to find nectar from flowers for food, locate and mate with at least one of the few available males, and then deposit masses of golden eggs on suitable host plants. In BC, these are usually speedwells (American speedwell, thyme-leaved speedwell, marsh speedwell) or plantains (ribwort plantain, common plantain), but may also include harsh paintbrush, blue-eyed Mary, or other plants.

Larvae (caterpillars) hatch from the eggs within a few days to two weeks and immediately spin protective web nets around the host plants. After eating their host plants, caterpillars disperse and search for more food. Caterpillars must ingest enough nutrients to grow and molt through four or five stages (instars) before food plants dry up during the summer. If sufficient nu-

trients are consumed by mid-July, the larvae develop into their overwintering (diapause) stage. They look for a place where they can hopefully safely spend the next seven months, before emerging in early spring to start the cycle over again. Unless conditions aren’t suitable. If that happens, Taylor’s Checkerspot diapause larvae can remain in the delayed development stage until the following year.

Taylor’s Checkerspots may face many threats to survival at each stage of their lifecycle – extreme weather, insufficient suitable habitat or food, parasites, and predation. The eggs, larvae, and their food and protective cover plants are especially vulnerable to trampling by people and pets. The public can reduce this threat by treading carefully while staying on marked trails in Helliwell and North Denman provincial parks, or other areas where the butterflies may occur. Dogs must be on a leash according to provincial park regulations. If you see a Taylor’s Checkerspot caterpillar, take a photo and email it to Taylors.Checkerspot@gov.bc.ca.

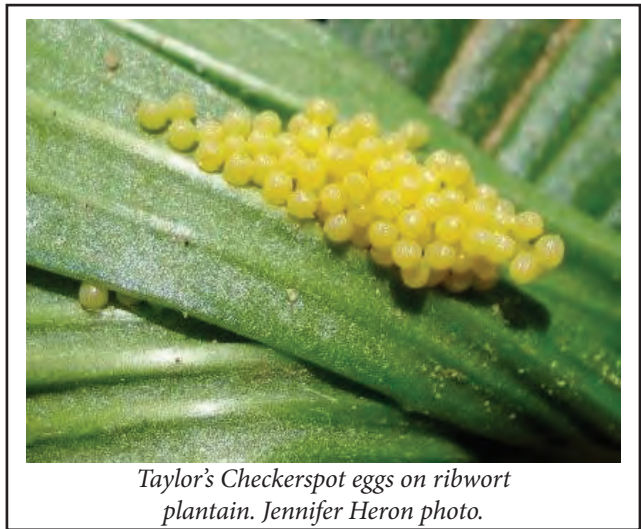
“We’re cautiously optimistic that our

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Taylor’s Checkerspot laying eggs on ribwort plantain. Peter Karsten

... continued from Page 9 ... combined efforts will eventually pay off and these beautiful butterflies will survive in Canada”, said Jennifer Heron, Chair of the Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project Team and invertebrate conservation specialist for the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. The recovery project is a collaborative initiative to restore Taylor’s Checkerspot populations in British Columbia through habitat enhancement, captive butterfly rearing and release, monitoring, public outreach, and other activities. The project team includes representatives from BC Parks, Denman Conservancy Association, Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Mosaic Forests, Wildlife Preservation Canada, consultants, and others. There has also been a lot of local assistance from Denman and Hornby volunteers, Helliwell Park neighbours in High Salal Ranch Strata, Conservancy Hornby Island, the Hornby Island Natural History Centre, and the Denman and Hornby Island Provincial Parks Committees.



Taylor's Checkerspot eggs on ribwort plantain. Jennifer Heron photo.



Stage 4 instar larva feeding on marsh speedwell. Peter Karsten photo.

The recovery project has benefited from funding generated by the BC Parks License Plate Program, the Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Fund and the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation.

Background Information

Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha taylori*)

Also known as Edith’s Checkerspot.

Historical range was Hornby Island, southeastern Vancouver Island, Puget Trough and to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In BC, they were once abundant at 10 sites in the Greater Victoria Area, one site each near Mill Bay and Comox, and sites on Hornby Island (including Helliwell Provincial Park).

They were thought to have been extirpated (became locally extinct) from Canada by 2000 when no Taylor’s Checkerspots could be found in their last known sites on Hornby Island despite intensive searches. However, new populations were discovered on Denman Island in 2005 and near Campbell River in 2018.

It is federally listed as Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA Schedule 1), and is on the BC Red list of at-risk species.

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

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

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

The Taylor’s Checkerspot Butterfly Recovery Project

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

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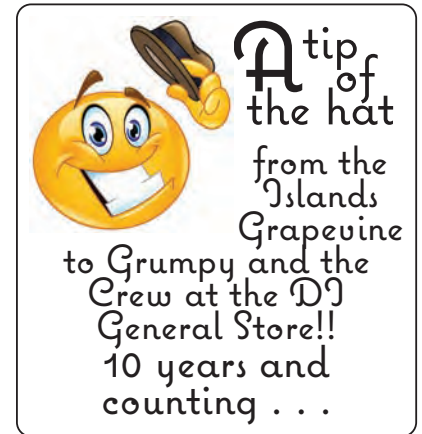
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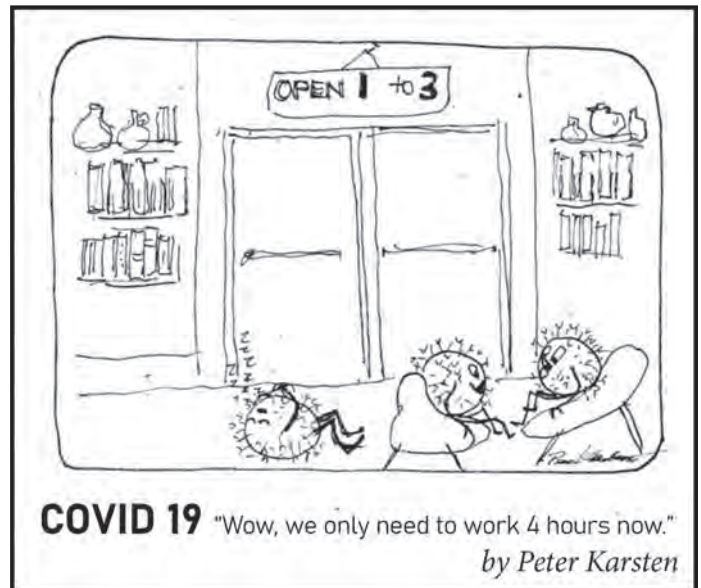
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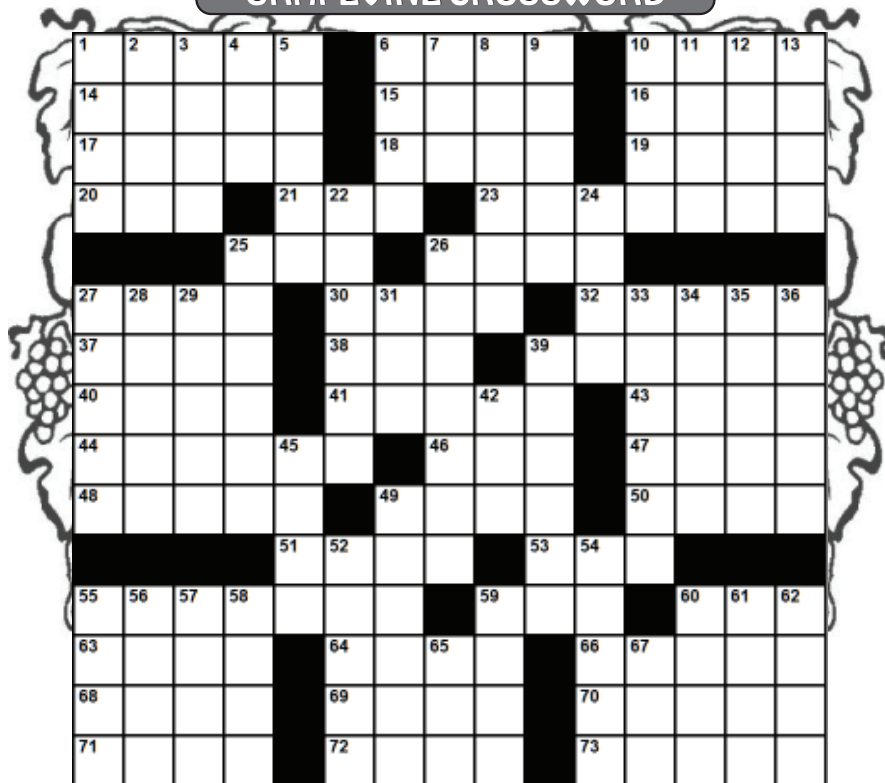
Looking at the re-opening catastrophe in the U.S, I feel compelled to give credit for B.C. avoiding the worst of the pandemic. The NDP government and our Public Health system have come through in grand style, aided by a cooperative public. A Thank You to all concerned.

If or when we have a second wave of cases I hope the government is ready to Institute a mandatory mask policy, and UNIVERSAL testing to find the asymptomatic and presymptomatic carriers. Whatever the testing costs, and however inconvenient the masks, they have to be cheaper and more convenient than overflowing hospitals, a lot of funerals, another shutdown, and a stalled economy. The worldwide experiment in public health that we are part of proves that we either adopt the Swedish model (which hasn't worked well for them) or do what is necessary to control the spread of infection and quickly.

Dale Chase

Hornby Island

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• ACROSS •

1. Mushroom maker
6. Diamond Head island
10. Counterfeit
14. Chapel area
15. Added years
16. Cougar kin
17. Show the way
18. Narrated
19. Barley beverages
20. Jiffy
21. Burnt tree
23. Low ranking laborer
25. Aspen gear
26. City on the Aar
27. A 1977 movie
30. Decant
32. Marijuana drags
37. Young Chinook
38. Coat rack piece
39. Rooftop sights
40. Colliery entrance
41. Keats's muse
43. Fifty oared ship
44. Musket accessory
46. Blackball
47. Decorated metalwork

48. At bay in a bay

49. Actionable wrong
50. Arden and Curie
51. Sandwich snack
53. Ninny
55. Upper arm bone
59. African serpent
60. Half a dance
63. Black gem
64. Boil slowly
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68. Broadway show
69. Contents of some needles
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72. Immoderate revelry
73. America's cup contender

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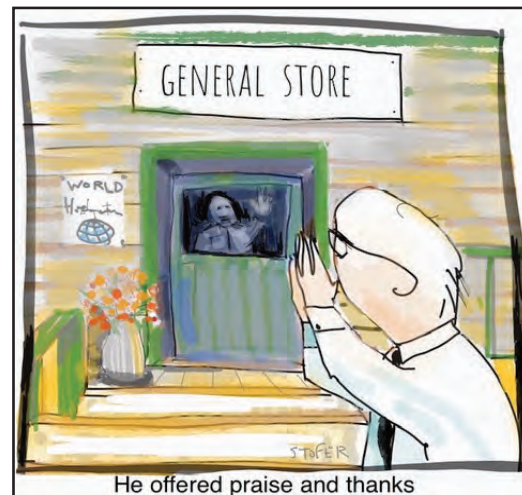
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5. Fracture
6. Egad or dang
7. Antiquity
8. Assistant
9. Cow part
10. Aerobics venues
11. Dance to chants
12. Congregational cry
13. Crow's nest place
22. Drank a little
24. Add to the pot
25. French philosopher
26. Recurring problem
27. Dizzying designs
28. Airport need
29. Illegal acts
31. Above, in poems
33. Elocutes
34. Ballet company
35. Apollo 11's LEM

36. Blackthorns

39. Bloody channels
42. Asphalt
45. Common scent
49. Exam giver
52. Actress Renee
54. Aerosol output
55. Give an edge
56. Apartment
57. Blabby bird
58. Alimony getters
59. On leave
60. Stylish
61. Diner special
62. Aid a thief
65. Dyne-centimeter
67. Period of time

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The Hornby Island Day Care Society is seeking an Operations Manager who will report to the HIDCS Board of Directors and will be responsible for the oversight of the day-to-day administration of the child care centre, working in a professional, collaborative manner with all preschool employees, the Board, parents, outside stakeholder agencies, and the community. The Operations Manager is responsible for ensuring that a high standard of child care/preschool programming that is reflective of the Mission, Vision and Goals of the Hornby Island Day Care Society is consistently provided. Initially, this is a one (1) year employment opportunity with the potential of becoming ongoing. Salary: Competitive & commensurate with experience and education background. Hours of Work: Monday to Thursday (32 hours/week) For more information regarding the position, please contact. hornbyislanddaycare@gmail.com.

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

FRIDAY 3

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

SATURDAY 4

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

SUNDAY 5

MONDAY 6

TUESDAY 7

- LTC Zoom meeting 12:30pm see Islands Trust website for more details

WEDNESDAY 8

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

THURSDAY 9

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

D^I General Store

by Thomas Provençal

*If you board a ferry
that takes you to our shore,
there's a man that you should meet.
He runs the general store.*

*Daryl always looks
at people with impunity.
You can feel he sees us all
as being his community,
concerned with stocking shelves
with products we prefer.
You know it's been a decade now;
time flies like a blur.*

*Daryl has been playing
a servant-leader function
which is to say essential
to Denman's core consumption.
If you buy your porridge there
then at home make it lumpy,
don't bring it back to Daryl
cause he transforms into Grumpy!*

*Daryl is the kind of guy
you want to have on side
at the centre of Denmanistan's
concentric rings of pride.*