



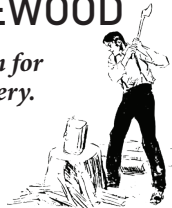
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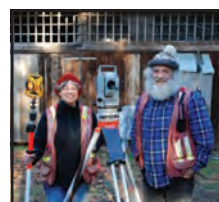
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DIRWF Launches Virtual Mini-Fest

ARTS&LIT

By Stewart Goodings

For the first time, Denman's famous summer literary festival is going virtual!

Our website www.denmanislandwritersfestival.com now contains short videos from the authors who were scheduled to appear at the annual literary festival this month. This is free for anyone to access by going to the website and clicking on the tab "Virtual Mini-Fest".

So, in the comfort of your favourite recliner, or that patio deck chair, you will be able to see:

- Caroline Adderson reminding readers of her debt to Anton Chekhov as she launches her new novel *A Russian Sister*
- Michael Christie talking about his fictional family saga which culminates in the near future when old growth trees have become a rarity
- Libby Davies expounding on her life of political activism and social justice
- Mark Jaccard spelling out his prescriptions for a more sustainable world in the wake of the Covid-19 virus
- Kate Harris sharing her amazing cycling adventure along Asia's fabled Silk Road
- Anosh Irani telling stories about his own Indo/Canadian life and those of his fictional characters
- Jónína Kirton reading and giving background for her poetry and her Icelandic/Indigenous ancestry
- Brian Goldman commenting on his life and experiences as an ER physician, national radio host and recent book on kindness
- Peggy Herring taking us to the 18th century Olympic peninsula for her researched story of a shipwrecked Russian woman's life among the native people
- Tetsuro Shigematsu opening his world of theatrical mysteries and storytelling performance

Not only will you be able to see these outstanding authors who would have headlined our 2020 festival and who we devoutly hope will be able - provided we can get Dr. Bonnie Henry's approval! - to join us in 2021.

There is even more on the website. Everyone who's been to previous festivals remembers the sessions where local Denman writers share their stories, essays and poetry. There is an active writing culture on the island, inspired by the novels and memoirs of Des Kennedy, as well as the published works of Howard Stewart, Jo-Anne McLean, and Bill Engleson.

The Festival website will include eight Denman writers reading their own work, and telling us a little about their writing interests. The videos will feature Jo-Anne McLean, Bill Engleson, Lorraine Martinuik, Howard Stewart, Carolyne Montgomery, Stewart Goodings, Lucy Dabbs, and Graham Hayman. Check out the talent in our midst and hear more about what's behind each author and their writing.

This mini-fest will stay up on the website for 2020, so you can view the videos more than once and at any time. All these interesting perspectives, fascinating thinkers and creative authors are free for viewing on demand! 🍷

Lilac Sun Pottery Re-opens: One-of-a-kind Gifts Inspired by Nature

ARTS&LIT

By Trish Weatherall

How many times have you passed that bright green Lilac Sun Pottery sign on the Denman West ferry hill and thought you might stop by one of these days?

For 20 years, Denman Island potter Shirley Phillips has welcomed pottery lovers to her studio overlooking Baynes Sound – until the pandemic hit and she closed the doors for almost 3 months. The Denman Craft Shop, where some of her work is sold, also closed. The May long weekend Denman Island Pottery Studio Tour was canceled; the April wood firing at Denman potter Gordon Hutchens' outdoor Anagama kiln (she has 50 pots boxed up for a future firing) and the Studio Tour were also canceled. Future events, like the Christmas Craft Fair, are as yet undetermined.

Still, Shirley found a silver lining in her new-found free time. "I got to slow down for awhile. It was a nice change to not have looming art show deadlines. I made a torso and two masks – something I haven't done for a couple of years! I'm always exploring new textures and techniques. I also spent a lot more time in the garden, which is wonderful."

Her garden, along with Denman seashore and forests, inspire the textures in her art. Each one-of-a-kind piece is intricately decorated with patterns inspired by nature, and in many cases are literal impressions of leaves, seed pods or seashells. "I like organic shapes."

Now, having reopened June 1st, with hand sanitizer and social distancing signage at the door, she invites people to safely browse her studio.

Perfect for gift-giving and shipping, Lilac Sun pottery has a wide range of affordable gift items (from \$5 and up) like tiny vases and flower bricks, spoon rests, soap dishes, ring holders, fridge magnet vases, business card holders, heart shaped bowls and jewelry, and 'what-not' dishes for tea bags, rings or special treasures – some with infused beach glass. You'll find these smaller items at craft shows and in her studio, but she also creates larger bowls, vases, masks and torsos, which can be seen in her studio.

Shirley's background includes a 2-year Leisure Studies program at the former Malaspina College, where she studied everything from facility design to recreation leadership to crafts and sports. A ceramics class piqued her interest and she took one class.

"That's when I went, oooh, I really like this!"

She came to Denman Island from Prince Rupert with her husband, Del, in 1988 when a great deal on the waterfront property came up next door to Del's parents.

"I felt very comfortable here, it felt like home," she says. "After 31 years its the best move we've ever made. We chose lifestyle - which is everything."

While she and Del raised their children here, she worked part-time jobs, from babysitting to landscape gardening to office work and delivering the mail. She also worked for and learned from some of Denman's legendary potters: Gordon Hutchens, Bentley LeBaron and (former resident) Janet Moe.

"I had three children, so I wasn't ready to be a fulltime potter, but I wanted to keep my hand in the learning."



Potter Shirley Phillips adds details to a mask at her Denman Road Lilac Sun Pottery Studio.
Photo: Del Phillips

TIDE TABLE

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

2020-07-16
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:46	4.2	13.8
09:58	1.4	4.6
17:43	4.1	13.5
21:49	3.7	12.1

2020-07-17
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:29	4.2	13.8
10:36	1.1	3.6
18:19	4.3	14.1
22:53	3.7	12.1

2020-07-18
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:17	4.2	13.8
11:15	0.8	2.6
18:55	4.5	14.8
23:43	3.7	12.1

2020-07-19
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:05	4.3	14.1
11:54	0.6	2.0
19:30	4.6	15.1

2020-07-20
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:26	3.6	11.8
04:53	4.3	14.1
12:34	0.4	1.3
20:05	4.7	15.4

2020-07-21
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:07	3.5	11.5
05:41	4.4	14.4
13:13	0.4	1.3
20:39	4.8	15.7

2020-07-22
(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:51	3.4	11.2
06:32	4.3	14.1
13:52	0.4	1.3
21:11	4.8	15.7

2020-07-23
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:37	3.2	10.5
07:25	4.3	14.1
14:32	0.7	2.3
21:42	4.8	15.7

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From the Crow's Nest: Getting High

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

“You’re crazy,” a Hornby reader keeps assuring me, for having ventured out on an ocean so vast in a vessel so small.

Well, *different* maybe. Drawn. Driven. For sheer barking insanity, nothing matches free-soloing a cliff so temptingly placed a short stroll from a beached dinghy.

Years returned, I land with Captain Alison on a hidden beach somewhere north of 50. Together we gaze up a steep rock bluff promising a summit view that can only be earned.

It’s one of those warm spring afternoons where everything’s possible. Including my paling corpse impaled on sea-washed boulders beneath a hold that gave way. Or remained just out of reach.

Overcome by common sense, the skipper of *Celerity’s* sister-ship, *Freya*, questions my intentions. I invite her to follow.

A mile downcoast
The beach ends in cliff
Easy handholds
Lead us up
Beckoning granite

Whether ascending rigging or rocks, I have found the introduction to most climbs a deceptively easy scramble from one convenient niche to the next. But the higher I go the faster successive foot and handholds shrink in size and availability. Alison has wisely turned back, urging me down. Of course, I elect to climb higher.

The pitch ends
High in sheer rock
I lunge, grab, realize
I can’t go back...
Oops!

Now comes that long moment in any lethal gambit where you run out of moves...

“How you doing?”
Alison’s shout,
Distant,
Anxious,
From below

“Terrible!”
I look down, wishing
I hadn’t
Empty space filled
With gravity

Each breath is a gasp. My legs start trembling. The final warning before coming off.

Seconds ago,
I was king of this rock.
Now swarming midges

Seem superior
In their nonchalance

My choices are stark. And not really alternatives at all: continue up... and die. Or stay put... and perish.

This sailor’s only chance:
A blind traverse
Across a vertical wall
Covered with moss
Fragile as life

In my hyper-awareness, that 12-foot strip of bright green lichen fluoresces into a faery path leading onto an easy slope and a forest’s welcoming embrace.

But no finger-cracks pierce that slick face. Nor the faintest bulge to plant a questing toe.

Shy as a spacewalker,
I edge out onto soft moss
Warm and false under bare feet,
Scrabbling fingers –
So easily ripped away

The contestant’s clock is ticking even faster than my heart-rate and overdrawn karma. As if in a vision, I suddenly see the only way to safety is not to inch across but to *run like the faintest breeze*, so briefly and lightly this tenuous carpet will never register my fleeting presence.

Darting like a moth
Holding its breath
Halfway across
I realize in clinging clarity:
Mom won’t drop me

Laughing, I scramble
Straight up the sky
Past topmast height –
Same view,
Without the swaying

Later, walking back,
I remark on fear
How much the body knows.
“It’s good,” Alison says,
“Sometimes to let go.”



... continued from Page 3 ... She attended a few pottery workshops over the years, but is mainly self-taught through practice and experimentation.

She realized her dream when she opened Lilac Sun Pottery Studio in 2000 (though she can't remember which month – it is a 20th anniversary year!), and says it's only been the past two years that she hasn't held other part-time jobs.

Why Lilac Sun? When she first started selling her pottery, she had read that people might not remember your name but they might remember a symbol. So, she started imprinting a sun logo on her work. Then one day she came across a song called Lilac Sun. "It just felt right! I have lilacs by my studio and I was already using the sun symbol."

She's happy to be open again, and though visitors are trickling in, she invites locals to visit. "Even if you've been before, my work is constantly changing. Plus, I like to see your smiley faces!"



*Inspired by nature, this hand-built sculptural piece from Lilac Sun Pottery is made from 31 separate textured pieces.
Photo: Shirley Phillips*



*3. Lilac Sun Pottery has many tiny treasures, like these little heart-shaped what-not dishes with infused beach glass.
Photo: Shirley Phillips*

She knows word of mouth is the best advertiser, so she truly appreciates anyone who takes the time to stop by to see her work.

Another great way to support local artists is by following and sharing their social media pages. @LilacSunPottery is on both Facebook and Instagram, and the website lilacsunpottery.com is getting an update soon.

She also has gift certificates at the studio, as well as digital gift certificates to purchase online through the new Islands Comeback program <https://islandcomeback.ca/product/lilac-sun-pottery-gift-certificates/>

(A great link to share with your family and friends a few weeks before your birthday!)

The next time you're in Denman Village or waiting for a ferry, it's a quick stroll to Lilac Sun Pottery at 3311 Denman Road, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily or as posted. The Studio is before the house on the left, and the door is usually open. Press the doorbell to let Shirley know you're there – she may be in the house, or in the garden getting inspiration! 🌸

Major BC Ferries Partnership with Island Comeback COMM INFO

Last week the Rural Islands Economic Partnership (RIEP) announced a valuable partnership for its Island COMEBACK project. BC Ferries (BCF) is now an "official Community partner." Briefly, this partnership will raise awareness about Island COMEBACK (IC) by encouraging people who know and love the islands to visit the site. The partnership is not just window-dressing. BCF's lofty commitment is backed by some jaw-dropping marketing resources. BCF will provide significant dollar value in expertise, technology and time:

- ~ Budget funding for social media boosts from August onward (BCF has 200,000 social media followers);
- ~ Dedicated staff for ongoing marketing and PR for IC;
- ~ Video screens and bulletin cases at ferry terminals, available to IC from September;
- ~ The BCF website will link to Islands Comeback from its Covid-19 landing page; and
- ~ Regular reporting of success metrics.

BCF surely hopes that this partnership will show that it cares about and supports the recovery and resilience of the rural islands it serves. There are however

still only four "vendors" on IC from Denman. This slow uptake trend is the same, though for all the islands in RIEP, and probably for the same reason. A RIEP Zoom meeting told me that small businesses and organisations have been overwhelmed (if not totally shut) by the effects of the pandemic and are now very busy with reopening and the safety routines.

A Facebook bulletin board post asked for evidence of benefit to Denman island. Francine Carlin, the chair of RIEP, said: "After seven weeks the total revenue to member islands has reached \$2000 and is growing. In comparison, the BC Buy Local campaign covering 64 communities has raised \$78,000. That's an average of \$1218 per community

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Living Well • Week 17 *By Verna Isbister*

COMM INFO

My Love's an Arbutus

Many years ago, my cousin from Iceland came to live with my family in Comox. When asked how she liked B.C., she said, "I can't stand all of the trees." Canadians felt the opposite when they visited Iceland. In fact, a Canadian group of vestur (western) Icelanders sent saplings, to be planted on the east coast of Iceland, in hopes of growing a forest. To me, a tree is a thing of beauty. To quote John Keats, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever: Its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness; but still will keep a bower quiet for us and a sleep Full of dreams, and health and quiet breathing." What an antidote in today's world!

One of my favourite trees is the Arbutus. I love the long branching limbs that curve and remind me of a muscled, human torso that Michelangelo might have chiseled, with the colours of sienna revealing lime green bark beneath, the fragrant white flowers and the red berries. I love how the trunks twist and reach out along the coastal shores. I see many similarities between the Arbutus and Islanders. In the style of another English poet, "let me count the ways":

We both like to be planted close to the ocean (most Arbutus grow 8 km. from the Pacific Ocean). We both enjoy and survive the winter storms. Islanders, like Arbutus, seldom break in life's storms and know how to cling to the rocks. We are hard to transplant. Once you've lived near the ocean, you'll always come back. We are always growing, reaching high, and reaching out. You're never too old to produce fruit and flowers! In Portugal and Spain, the fruit of the mendronhos is distilled into a fruit brandy. The Coast Salish People used the bark for medicine and the bark for tea. Maybe there's a market for an enterprising Islander.

Arbutus and Islanders have the ability to produce new growth after fire damage. We are resilient and evergreen. We both feed the birds. The red berries feed cedar waxwings and robins and provide nectar for the hummingbirds. The fragrant flowers keep our pollinators busy. The West Coast Seed Catalogue advises us to attract pollinators to our gardens. Speaking of the birds and the bees, I've heard rumours that Islanders, like Arbutus, burn long and hot. Well, enough said!

The Arbutus' papery bark peels under stress and then reveals fresh green bark. According to Stanford psychologist, Kelly McGonigal, stress can make us, "stronger, smarter and happier." Arbutus can live up to 100 years but some trees have been known to live for 400 years. On Denman, we have many revered elders living into their 90's. I was once told that locals, who swim in the ocean, every day all summer, live as long as the Arbutus. Give it a try!

Of interest, the largest known Arbutus is on Thetis Is. It is 35.5 m tall with a circumference of 6.6 m. If you can find a bigger one on Denman Island, let's set the record straight. The new leaf buds of an Arbutus, secrete a sweet nectar that

deter the deer. I've thought about making garlands of the leaf buds, like daisy chains, to string around my yard but the thought of picking off the new growth seems wrong. I've been told that there are people on Denman who have secret mushroom caches. Well, so does the arbutus tree. In the rotting center of old arbutus, a rare and red-wine coloured mushroom grows called *Tuburia punicia*. I'm not sure if it's edible so check out your mushroom guide.

Arbutus and Islanders worry about black spot, climate change, dry summers, stress from human encounters (e.g. the summer ferry line-ups) and COVID-19. Just remember, we are both unique species: tough, strong and finely grained. May we both continue to grow and flourish despite the diseases that threaten our health.

I invite you to find an Arbutus today and to spend time in its company. Arbutus means "beauty." There is beauty in this graceful tree and the colourful people of the Pacific coast!

Joni Mitchell sings about the Arbutus in her song, *For the Roses*: "It was just the arbutus rustling." and Alfred Perceval Graves wrote a poem called *My Love's an Arbutus*:

But unchanging, unchanging
You'll still cling to me,
Like the evergreen leaf
To the arbutus tree.

There are two beautiful youtube clips: *My Love's an Arbutus* by Charles Villiers Stanford performed by the Fairhaven Singers and Ian Bostridge, Julian Drake, *The English Songbook*. A lovely song for the Denman choir. 🍷

Flashback *By Bill Engleson • www.engleson.ca*

ARTS&LIT

The Hip Replacement Gang met weekly in The Always Golden Years Games Room. Bunny Smathers was the organizer. Nurse "Fidget", the name Bunny had given Mona Stark, the charmless but nervously efficient Executive Director of the facility, took her time agreeing to the support group. Bunny had argued that half of the group had already had a hip or knee replacement and the rest were bound to need a procedure.

"Fine," Fidget finally relented. "There better not be any problems."

"Average age seventy-eight, Ma'am," Bunny said, keeping as straight a face as the moment allowed. "A gaggle of wilting flower children supporting each other. What could go wrong? We'll just be going with the flow."

Later, at our first meeting, Bunny admitted she might have laid it on a bit thick.

"She didn't grok. Least I don't think so." And so, we began.

It was mostly because we knew we were sitting ducks for the Corona virus. "Why I picked a Florida Retirement home in the first place bedevils me," Simple Slim McVey moaned.

"Sun? Sand? Too many Annette Funicello movies? Doesn't matter a whit," chimed in Bunny. "Don't let it mess with your head. Take control. The Man's finally got us, he thinks. Me, I miss psychedelia. Just one last trip would be so cool."

... continued from Page 5 ... including urban areas. So, the rural islands are doing VERY well."

Figures for Denman itself are not yet available. IC's techies do not yet have automated tools for tracking revenue for specific vendors / islands. They'd have to manually look at each vendor's tracking system on IC (not their Stripe a/c or bank a/c, for those who suspect surveillance everywhere), and the techies just do not have the time for that yet.

A few commenters on Facebook think the screens waste our ferry fees, or prefer more appropriate ways for BCF to support communities: a reliable service with no cuts, maintaining the old dock at Denman West, and treating staff and customers with respect, etc.

I don't think this media deal is tradeable for service changes. Whatever we think of the BCF info screens, they do reach a lot of people. Non-profits and local businesses across the 18 islands in RIEP are already benefitting in these hard times, whose ending is invisible to my imagination.

The dollars that this partnership will attract through donations and gift certificates will have the famous "multiplier effect" on our community. Local businesses usually employ local labour and buy local themselves. Income from IC's promotions will have further effects, in a multiplying number of transactions throughout our population. Donations to our non-profits will have a more immediate benefit for the wider community because the income can be directed by their boards - without grant conditions.

The specific and immediate material benefits of this partnership seem to be all IC's, while a material benefit for BCF would seem only strategic: supporting island economies will maintain their ability to pay for ridership.

Another commenter asked if IC will use BCF's resources to market Denman

for tourism. I understand that IC will manage the social media campaign. The specific messages for that campaign marketing have not yet been created; the plan I saw is only a draft. The promotional texts now on the IC site are about individual islands, their businesses, and non-profits. Take a tour around islandcomeback.ca to see what they say about themselves. Compare Denman's page with visitdenmanisland.ca, which is funded by Denman WORKS.

Tourism is of course a major part of most island economies, and Denman has for years been marketing its festivals and tours. Our tourists are mostly the "friends and family" category; others are restricted by the lack of accommodation, etc. Let's not forget the obvious; several Denman businesses would go under without summer visitors. Pity we can't screen for only those who are pleasant, respectful, interesting - and spend lots of money.

RIEP was launched in January 2020 as a registered non-profit organization with 18 members and an impressive list of partners. <https://ruralislandpartnership.ca/> 🍷

A Warning from Poland

By Gwynne Dyer • OP July 15th, 2020

OP/ED

Few people outside of Poland care about the outcome of last Sunday's presidential election there, but maybe they should. Andrzej Duda is practically a Polish clone of Donald Trump, who will also be seeking re-election less than four months from now - and Duda squeaked out a victory.

Duda only got 51.2% of the vote against 48.8% for his liberal opponent, but Trump doesn't even need that many votes. The Poles vote for their president directly, but gerrymandered electoral districts and the 'electoral college' system in the United States let Trump win last time with only 46.1% of the popular vote. He could do it again.

It's not a perfect comparison, of course. Duda is more intelligent than Trump, and the Covid-19 death toll is only 40 per million people in Poland, compared to 420 per million in the United States. Moreover the Law and Justice Party he is linked to is generally seen as competent and honest.

"Bunny, wouldn't mixing...you know..."

"Acid?"

"Yeah. That. Would that mix well with your meds?"

"We'll find out. Took some California Sunshine at brekkie."

"You didn't?"

"Did to."

"Then, have a beautiful journey, Bunny."



The history is different, too. Just as the United States was winning its independence from the British empire in the late 18th century, Poland was carved up by its neighbours and vanished from the map for more than a hundred years. Twenty years after it regained its independence in 1918 it was conquered by Hitler's legions, and then it fell under Soviet Communist rule until 1989.

So what relevance could Polish politics have for the forthcoming election in the United States? Quite a lot, actually, starting with the very similar ways in which the two countries are polarised politically.

The Law and Justice Party (PiS), in power since 2015, draws its support from exactly the same social groups as Trump's 'base': older, small-town or rural, lower-middle or working class, poorly educated, and significantly more male than female. Also more religious (which in

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... continued from Page 7 ... Poland usually means a conservative brand of Catholicism) and much more nationalist.

Duda doesn't use the slogan 'Make Poland Great Again', because it's three centuries since Poland was a great power in Europe. He doesn't share Trump's deference to Russian leader Vladimir Putin, because Russia rivals Germany as the great historic enemy in Polish nationalist thought. But in terms of targeting minorities, the PiS and Duda actually outdo Trump.

The PiS makes a great song-and-dance about hordes of Muslim immigrants threatening Polish national identity (although no sane Muslim would ever choose to move to Poland). But the best targets in the culture wars are people who really live in the country, and since Poland doesn't have no minorities of different colours, that mainly means gays and Jews.

Duda made homophobic rhetoric the centrepiece of his re-election campaign, promising to "defend children from LGBT ideology" and comparing the LGBT rights agenda to communism. He promised a new constitutional amendment to ban same-sex adoption, which he described as the "enslavement" of children.

Since the government has already turned the once impartial state-owned media into the PiS's propaganda arm, it now concentrates its fire on the private media, much of it owned by US and German companies, which still try to offer independent analysis. Duda's line was therefore to attack the evil foreign-owned media – and, of course, to suggest that they are really serving "Jewish interests".

It's not pretty, but Trump recognises a kindred spirit in Duda, whom he has met eleven times since 2017, including an invitation to the White House last month to give the Polish president a last-minute electoral boost. Duda attacks the media, his party is busily packing the judiciary with reliable conservative judges – and he won re-election. It's enough to give The Donald hope.

But maybe not enough hope, because there is one big practical difference. However much Trump may claim to love the poor and "the poorly educated", he hasn't

done much to help them, whereas the PiS puts its money where its mouth is.

Trump has signed a cheque for \$1,200 for each American once during the pandemic, and wants to sign one more if Congress approves. The PiS gives every Pole \$125 a month for each child every month, pandemic or not. It doesn't make much difference to the average urban middle-class Polish family, but it has transformed the lives of millions of families who live in the small towns and the countryside.

The PiS 'base' is also invested in the culture wars, but there's little doubt that this subsidy, running around \$3,000 a year for the average family, gave Duda a vital extra push in the election. If Trump promised a thinly disguised 'basic income' like that for the United States, he could probably win too.

He wouldn't have any serious ideological objection to that, because he actually doesn't have any coherent ideology. However, the Republican Party's loyalty to its traditional conservative beliefs, though heavily eroded, is probably still strong enough to make that impossible.



Letters to the Editor

I am saddened to read about Annie's passing. She was truly one of the Denman bright lights and I'm gratified to see her memorialized in such a concrete way. I can only imagine that she is very missed.

Sherry Stevens
Grapevine Publisher 2005-2017



To the Taylor's Checkerspot Recovery Implementation Group,

Long-term survival of any species depends on its ability to survive in the naturally evolving environment surrounding them. Because "nature" has no good or bad aspect it is important for species to adapt as conditions change. Creating short-term habitat only delays extinction whereas letting "nature take its course" enables species to adapt over time. Therefore, "protecting" organisms for the short term may help speed up "extinction" due to their lack of evolving protective mechanisms.

Denman Islanders despaired when "4064" was clearing large areas of trees. The island had been logged "shore to shore" before that and was working on a recovery. The replacement vegetation is time appropriate and "nature driven" coming in stages and taking many years to become a "mature forest". Some species will not survive in the new environment but may slowly move on and others will thrive without further human intervention in the process of natural regeneration. Less successful species will disappear and some may acquire appropriate coping mechanisms. This takes a very long time.

I am concerned with trying to create short-term human-designed habitat especially with uncertain funding. I doubt public funding will be around "in perpetuity" and hopefully the naturally regrown forest will prevail.

We might direct our "help" to the butterflies that can find suitable habitat on their own by protecting these preferred sites until the butterflies need to seek out new homes as their present locations

change naturally.

For me, conservation means non-interference in the naturally occurring changes of nature. If a species survives, accept that. The "unfolding of the universe" has no right or wrong it just happens in response to preceding activity. My conclusion is that money spent on "preserving" naturally occurring existing habitat gives species a place to "naturally evolve".

Denise MacKean
9551 Reginald Road
Denman Island, BC
July 13, 2020

Dear Editor:



It is now a practice, before a public event, to have an indigenous land acknowledgement. Is this mere tokenism under the guise of "Truth and Reconciliation" with indigenous communities even when our province continues to have a COLONIAL name, flag and coat-of-arms?

"British Columbia" was chosen on July

24, 1858, by Queen Victoria, a monarch who never set foot in these parts. Her decision, though said to be hesitant, was unilateral and without consultation with the mostly indigenous people who lived here.

Vancouver Island was a British colony for just 22 years. The mainland was a colony for 13 years. British rule ended in 1871. Yet we cling to the "British" moniker while ignoring [a] the more than 10,000 years that indigenous communities inhabited these lands, and [b] our 149 years in the Canadian Confederation.

My take on our province's flag:

It is a **COLONIAL** flag.

The top depicts the Royal Union Flag with a crown in the centre.

This only reflects **22** years of Vancouver Island and **13** years of the Mainland as British colonies.

It **IGNORES 149** years of the province in the Canadian Confederation and the more than **10,000** years of indigenous communities on these lands.



Some will argue that a name change will dishonour British roots and heritage, and, oh yes, tradition. They conveniently forget the roots, heritage and traditions of our indigenous communities, who have lived here for more than 10,000 years, and, those of us who are not of British [today a minority] ancestry.

We are not British. And Columbus never came here. We have laboured under this colonial pretension for too long.

Besides the abbreviated "BC" commonly used today is meaningless.

When can we take pride in our province's name, flag and coat-of-arms?

The government should ask the indigenous peoples to come up with a new

name that will reflect the province's more than 10,000 years of history, awesome grandeur, diverse bio-geoclimatic zones and its mosaic of multi cultures.

The new name – hopefully easily pronounceable, spelled and short -- could be proclaimed on the 150th anniversary of the province's entry into the Canadian confederation on July 20, 2021.

This would be in accordance with Premier John Horgan's recent challenge of "thinking outside the box" in the "new normal" after the COVID-19 pandemic.

A new name will demonstrate solid confidence in our selves as a province that is inclusive of all its residents, rather than clinging to coattails of British Colonists.

The name, of course, cannot be fully changed overnight because it is a complex matter. However, many countries had the fortitude to make a start and go through a liberating process of choosing a new name [i.e. Ghana, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Zambia, Mali, etc.] and implementing it fast.

If we keep the status quo, we are only confirming that all our talk about reconciliation with our indigenous peoples is only tokenism and not full and respectful inclusion.

Sincerely,
Ben Pires
Victoria, B.C.



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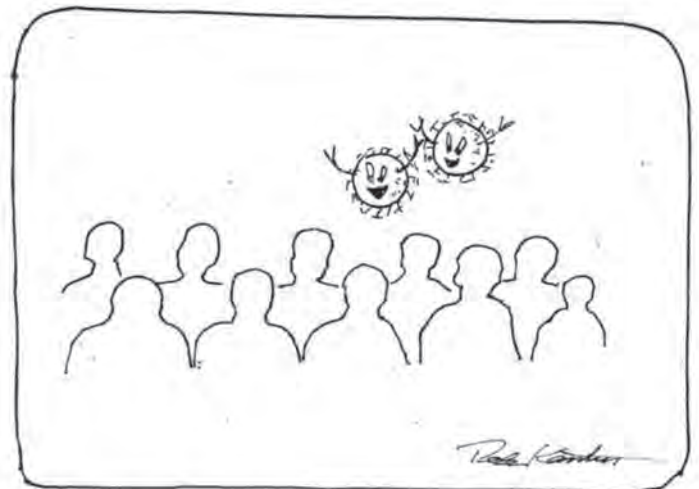
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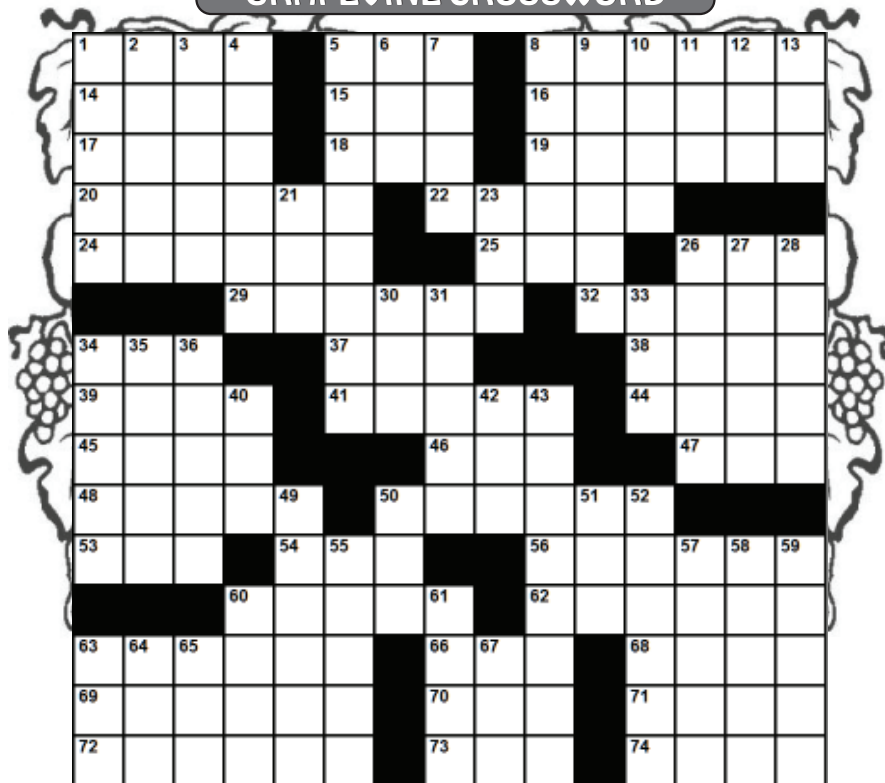
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COVID 19 "Jack pot! Which one you'd like to jump on?"
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• ACROSS •

1. Cluster of hair
5. Calligrapher's supply
8. Old sayings
14. At any time
15. Luau wear
16. Clock hand
17. Contents of some needles
18. Actor Marvin
19. Show clearly
20. Actor Martin
22. Intuitive word
24. Impose a fine
25. Blade
26. A rival of ABC
29. Stowe routes
32. Clever
34. Car shaft
37. Brewery sight
38. Forest ox
39. Attack unexpectedly
41. Chopin creation
44. Exhibit ennui
45. Sandwich snack
46. Dead end job
47. Dr. Tim's drug
48. Dance line
50. Severe sore throat
53. Asst. prof.
54. Weldon or Wray
56. Clumsy

60. Peptic

62. Of a leaf shape
63. Genesis landfall
66. Craft of sci-fi
68. Andy's partner
69. Ball of fire
70. Archaeologist's site
71. African wading bird
72. Casino staffer
73. Anhydrous
74. Gaming cubes

• DOWN •

1. Electrical inventor
2. Eye layers
3. Houseplants
4. Exchanges
5. Hallucinatory
6. Born as
7. City near Chernobyl
8. Bit of lowlife
9. Frogmen, e.g.
10. Black cuckoos
11. Colt or magnum
12. Catchall abbr.
13. Catch a glimpse of
21. Answer on Jeopardy
23. Atom fragment
26. Aqueduct
27. Foreheads
28. Arise
30. A murid
31. Complete reversal
33. Cape in New Jersey
34. Early spring bloomers
35. Braves legend
36. Conducts
40. Boxer, e.g.
42. Grooved
43. Study of the causes of diseases
49. Burning
50. Crew's consent
51. Aye opponent
52. Hardly intrepid
55. Globe employee
57. Metrical unit
58. Follower of Zeno
59. W. German state
60. Asian sea
61. Fish resembling a roach
63. Annex
64. Bread or booze
65. Cultural collection
67. An evergreen

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• CLASSIFIED ADS •

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WAGNER FIREWOOD.

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

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

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• FOR RENT

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

• COMMUNITY NOTICES

FUN FUSION FITNESS with music outdoors beside the Community Hall. Easy to learn choreography. Nia! Free or with Random Acts of Kindness. 10:00 Fridays. Everyone welcome. Bring a water bottle and a mat or blanket. Beginners always welcome.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DENMAN WORKS Projector and screen: Contact Abraxas Books and Gifts at 250-335-2731 or abraxas9@telus.net to book. Zoom meetings: See our Resource Centre page at <https://denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/>

• EMPLOYMENT

DIRCS IS SEEKING A JANITOR for the community hall starting immediately. The position is to temporarily replace the current employee who is away on an open ended leave of absence and to act as the backup janitor on an ongoing basis once they return. The job pays \$22/hour and the hours vary depending on the hall's level of activity. For more information and to apply please contact de Neen Baldwin at dbid@telus.net or by phone at 250-335-3027.

REGISTERED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS – Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society seeks CHW2s for home support services on Denman and Hornby Islands. Casual positions with availability during the summer. For more information and to apply, please see 'employment' at hornbydenmanhealth.com.

THE DENMAN BOTTLE DEPOT is hiring an attendant. This is a permanent, shared position, working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with dates and times to be arranged with co-worker (about 42 hours/month.) The job involves refunding deposits on drink containers and accepting end of life electronics and plug-in appliances. Currently also involves some minor traffic management and educating community members about recycling options. The successful applicant will have good math skills, attention to detail, and be fit (moderate lifting required.) Maturity, good people skills, and a flexible schedule are desirable qualities. Please send application to PO Box 17 or by email to lyndseyjenningsbc@gmail.com by July 30th.

DENMAN PERSONAL ASSISTANT

Skill set involves data entry, administrative tasks, content translation (english, french), property management, scheduling meetings and organizing event/travel. Other services also available. 10 years experience in fast paced industries in Europe and Canada. Charging hourly or per project. Denman resident, Claire Debleu, Denman-personalassistant@gmail.com, (236) 380 0726

EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITY ON HORNBY ISLAND!

The Hornby Island Daycare Society has an opening for 1 full time (32 hours per week) certified and experienced Early Childhood Educator. Our early learning centre offers two programs year-round; Group Care for 3 to 5 yr olds licensed for 15 children and an Infant Toddler program licensed for 6 children. We are open 4 days per week and almost always operate with enhanced ratio in both programs. Wages will be dependent on certification and experience. Please forward your resume and cover letter to hornbyislanddaycare@gmail.com

OPERATIONS MANAGER 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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THURSDAY 16

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

FRIDAY 17

SATURDAY 18

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

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

TUESDAY 21

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PARK 9:30-1pm see ad on p. 9

WEDNESDAY 22

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

THURSDAY 23

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

by Thomas Provençal

Together let's scream!

It's covid-19!

Keep your distance!

Sanitize.

Wash your hands.

Don't touch your eyes!

Wear a mask.

Track where you've been.

If you travel, quarantine!

The paranoid are making rules

with complete compliance

from frightened fools.

They let some people

walk their hounds

but professional sports

are out of bounds.

No one knows where this will go.

A social network can not flow

with laws construed to separate

that over time we'll learn to hate.