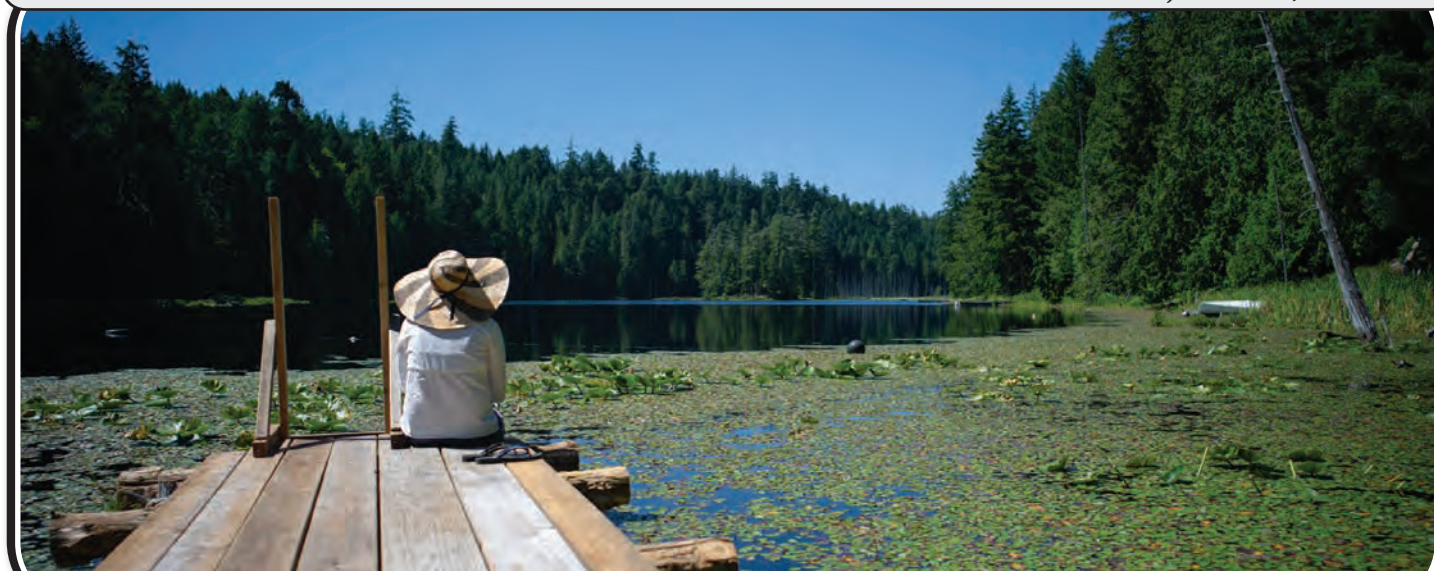




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Notes From a Public Trustee

By David Critchley • Denman Island Local Trustee

COMM INFO

On August 6th, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm, Islands Trust will conduct a Community Information Meeting (CIM) regarding the affordable housing proposal of Denman Housing Association which is also referenced as "Denman Green". This will be the first Denman CIM to be conducted via Zoom and telephone.

If you have internet service you can go to the Islands Trust website to locate the link for joining the meeting. It will be found on the meetings page of the Denman Island section of the site. If you do not have internet you can join the meeting by telephone by dialing 855-703-8985, toll free. There is further information in the Grapevine ad in this issue.

There has been some "feedback" about holding this meeting by video conference instead of having a live, in-person event. Obviously, the main reason is that large gatherings are not legally permissible in this time of pandemic. Even if it was technically possible there are, no doubt, many community members who would be unable or unwilling to accept the risk of catching a potentially fatal illness in order to be informed about a land rezoning proposal and perhaps participate in a community discussion. Although some islanders take an acute interest in land-use decisions, I expect that only a small subset wish to pursue martyrdom for the cause.

So why not wait until the pandemic is over? That was certainly an option, but the delay would likely be very long. Although nobody can say with certainty, many experts are saying that the pandemic will last until an effective vaccine is found and broadly used. This might not occur for a year or longer. The question then becomes: could this project survive a delay of that length. We are told that it could not. Whether this is completely accurate, I cannot say. No one really knows what the future holds. However, I do think that the Trust and other governing bodies have to carry on their functions to the best of their ability in the current circumstances.

We are fortunate to have video conferencing as an alternative in these conditions. Although my preference is to have in-person meetings I have been surprised at how well a Zoom meeting can substitute. We will see how it works in the context of a CIM. It might be a gong show or it might be pretty good. One additional benefit: the meeting will be recorded and made available for viewing at anytime on the website.

I want to emphasize that a Community Information Meeting is, as the name suggests, to provide information. That includes answering questions. Such meetings are not legally required as part of a rezoning application process. Apparently, many local governments do not use CIMs in their processes at all, however, they are common in the Islands Trust. The CIM is quite different from a Public Hearing which is a legal requirement and which would occur if this application proceeds further along the process. A Public Hearing is a more formal process in which members of the public express their support or opposition for a proposal, but it is not really a forum for seeking information and having a two-way discussion.

One last point, the holding of this meeting should not be taken as a signal that the application is going to be approved. My personal view is that there is enough public interest in favour of the proposal that it deserves further examination. Having said that, I am also aware of deep concerns expressed by a substantial number of community members. We have received many letters and emails, both pro and con, and I encourage everyone to share their views with us - especially after more details become known through the CIM.

N.B. These notes are my personal views and do not necessarily reflect the views of other members of the Local Trust Committee or the Islands Trust generally.



Virtual Neighbourhood Walk *By Baxter*

SPECIAL INTEREST

The Virtual Neighbourhood Walk is a FREE fitness event for Denman & Hornby Island that runs from July 30th to Aug 7th. Explore the outdoors or challenge yourself to complete a distance inside on a treadmill. To receive an e-finishers certificate to commemorate your participation and achievement please complete this form!

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ARTS&LIT

A Discussion at the International Public Health Alarmists Symposium

"What we're doing just isn't working. It's like, one step forward and twelve steps back."

"We know. You think you've got a handle on this nasty bug and whammo...something like Florida happens."

"As the American representative, I object to you picking on Florida...there's lots of other choices. Brazil for example."

"Colleagues let's not be throwing knives at each other. We're all members of IPHAS in good standing. We owe it to the world to develop a harmonious solution to the spread."

"My apologies. It just, our President is a little sensitive about Florida. You know, what with Mar-A-Lago and all. Make it California...he's a wee bit less tetchy about California."

"Fine. California it is. We always want to please President Trump. Now, moving forward. We've agreed that we need a global approach?"

"Yes. In fact, President Trump has an idea he wants me to present. When he and I met, I ran a few WHO ideas by him and...I remember it so clearly, he's such a clear thinker, he said 'You think you're so smart. You and your WHO gang? You ever heard of Bert The Turtle?' I confessed that I hadn't. He explained...1950's...Nuclear War...actually he sang...the

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TIDE TABLE

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

2020-07-30 (Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:25	4.5	14.8
09:13	0.9	3.0
16:55	4.4	14.4
21:35	3.6	11.8

2020-07-31 (Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:19	4.4	14.4
10:06	0.7	2.3
17:48	4.6	15.1
22:47	3.6	11.8

2020-08-01 (Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:15	4.3	14.1
10:56	0.6	2.0
18:34	4.7	15.4
23:46	3.5	11.5

2020-08-02 (Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:11	4.3	14.1
11:43	0.5	1.6
19:14	4.8	15.7

2020-08-03 (Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:35	3.4	11.2
05:05	4.2	13.8
12:26	0.5	1.6
19:49	4.8	15.7

2020-08-04 (Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:18	3.3	10.8
05:55	4.2	13.8
13:06	0.7	2.3
20:21	4.8	15.7

2020-08-05 (Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:59	3.1	10.2
06:44	4.1	13.5
13:42	0.9	3.0
20:50	4.7	15.4

2020-08-06 (Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:41	3	9.8
07:31	4	13.1
14:15	1.2	3.9
21:16	4.7	15.4

From the Crow's Nest: "Hit Reef!"

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

ARTS&LIT

I don't like the looks of this place. Lashed by squalls, Rua Sura's palms bow toward the white-fringed crescents of detached reefs. Hounded by approaching nightfall and an unfamiliar lagoon, I grasp the beggar's prize.

"Gybing!"

Swinging *Celerity* back around, I glimpse rocks drooling in the backwash of the surge. For one long bad moment I don't think we'll clear. Then we're past, angling sharply back upwind for another pass off Guadalcanal's hard coast.

Looking for water shallow enough to anchor, I start the outboard and call to Thea to drop the headsail. As we cut across the reef's northwest corner, the working jib comes down. But my mate stands transfixed.

"WHAT'S THE DEPTH?" she screams.

Distracted by the suddenly silent motor, I look up to find the seabed close enough to stop the prop. The sounder flashes: *three feet*.

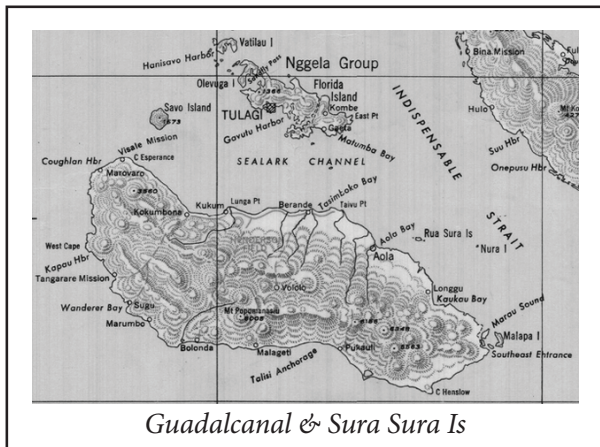
"WE'RE ON!" I cry.

Celerity strikes.

The impact stuns my soul. The Kismet staggers, forges ahead... and smashes into another unyielding coralhead, shuddering through her length in a spasm that goes on and on and is with me now.

This cannot be happening!

The swell catches the boat, lifting us clear.



Guadalcanal & Sura Sura Is

"SHOULD I DROP THE MAIN?"

Every account of stranding says it's the right call. *Don't compound calamity. Don't*

drive further up the reef!

But I see with absolute certainty that if *Celerity* loses the last of her stumbling momentum, she will leave her bones here.

I call for the jib instead.

With both sails bellied to the next gust, I urge the boat onward. Once again, she slams nearly to a stop... lurches forward... bangs into another barely-submerged obstruction. With each collision the tiller leaps in my hand.

Come onnn! Keep moving!

Bluewater is less than a boatlength away. But brown-tinted shallows ensnare us, crowded with coral close beneath the departing tide. Hardening my heart, I command a final charge.

The next blow rattles the masthead windvane as *Celerity's* descending plank-on-edge minikeel splits a table-size coralhead like a stiffened hand shattering a concrete slab.

Then three breathless hulls are rocking in deep water.

In 34-feet, we drop sails and anchor. Dreading this duty, I duck below to check the bilges.

Dry.

Snatching mask and snorkel from their mesh bag, I storm back on deck and leap overside. A 10-inch strip of fiberglass hangs like peeled bark from the minikeel's leading edge. Tearing it away, I find the thick roving underneath intact.

There's a reason Kismets are called "jeeps".

The minikeel's splintered bottom looks like it's been run through a dull buzzsaw. But the sacrificial gumwood shoe Svend persuaded me to install back on Gabriola has done its job. The 10-foot dorsal fin it protected is sound.

So are the oversize rudder and skeg.

"No structural damage," I report.

The mate writes up the log for Aug. 19, 1979: *inside Rura Sura lagoon SE25 HIT REEF! Sailed off heavy pounding*

There is no final punctuation.



... continued from Page 3 ... chorus... He'd duck and cover, duck and cover...except the President changed it to "He'd duck; no Covid, duck, no covid."

"And so?"

"President Trump suggests that the world sing the song ...with his lyrics."

"Ambassador, we'll take it under advisement."

The End

Bonus link: The original Duck and Cover TV advertisement <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMnKNHN-fznE>



Living Well • Week 19 By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

Yoga Anyone?

Since the beginning of the pandemic, friends have confided in me that this new order of living has allowed them time to tackle jobs around their homes and properties that they have been putting off for years. It has also afforded them time to take up practises, such as Yoga. Today, I want to introduce a new practise that allows you to combine both chores and yoga. So let's take a deep breath in, raise our arms to the sky and slowly exhale as we begin the Mountain of Work Pose.

The brilliance of this Chore Yoga (not to be confused with Chair Yoga) is that it can be done inside, outside or in many different settings.

Let's begin **Outdoors:**

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| -The Pruning Tree Pose | -Upward Facing Drain Pipe |
| -Downward Facing Dirt | -Hanging the Laundry Pose |
| -Sanding (not Standing) Plank Pose I | -Wall-assisted Sweet Pea Pose |
| -Sanding Picnic Table Pose II | -Garter Snake (Cobra) Pose |
| -Stretching for Raspberries Pose | -Gathering the Abundance |
| -The Triangle-Wheelbarrow Pose | -Cleansing the Windows Pose |
| -Folding Cardboard before Recycling Pose | -Warrior: Spearing Slugs Pose |
| -Mowing the Lawn Pose, AKA Cow Face | -Head-to-knee Forward Weeding Pose |

For **Indoors:**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| -Book in Chair Pose | -Net Flix Lounging Pose |
| -Sleeping-in Pose I | -Seated Forward Fold |
| -Napping Pose II | -Playing Bridge Pose |
| -Adult Snoring Pose III | |
| -Sorting Old Clothes Pose | |

For **Social Situations:**

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| -Bonnie Henry Breathing | -Hero Health Worker Pose |
| -Masked Warrior I | -Being Kind, Calm and Safe Pose |
| -COVID Warrior II | -Happy Hour Pose |
| -Zooming over the Air Waves Pose I | -Zooming up the Big Hill, E-bike: Grin Pose II |
| -Playing with Child or Grandchild Pose | -Give Yourself a Hug Pose |
| -Where's the Ferry Pose? | |

For **Meditation:**

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|---|---------------------------------|
| -Fearless Heart Seal | -Loving Your Enemies Meditation |
| -Melting Heart Pose (for long distance relationships) | -Thankful for each Day Pose |

For **Out in Nature:**

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| -Walking the Dog Pose | -Heron Squawking Pose |
| -Beach Fire Log Pose | -Lord of the Dance Party Pose |
| -Reclining in Hammock Pose | -Floating-on-Back Pose |
| -Full Moon Howling Pose | -Crouching Cougar Inner Dragon Pose |
| -Eagle Pose | -Applying Sunscreen Pose |
| -Head Stand on Paddleboard Pose (do not try at home) | |

When you're finished, the Mountain of Work, lie on your back, close your eyes and rest! Ahhh... 

New Action to De-Ratify CC-FIPA

OP/ED

By Eartha Muirhead

Monday, July 27th, 2020, marks the first day of a Nanaimo Extinction Rebellion hunger strike. The demand is for the NDP to ban all logging of old-growth forests immediately. One fellow, James Darling, is a professional musician and father of a two year old. I know he is, like many of us, desperate to get this issue out into the public eye. For updates, check their Facebook page. The rampant clear-cut logging of BC's old-growth forests point towards the need to resurrect the Hupacasath versus Canada lawsuit, concerning a bilateral agreement with China called the Foreign Investment Protection and Promotion Agreement, ratified under Stephen Harper, in 2015. CC-FIPA grants China access to all the resources they demand, until 2035. In fact Brenda Sayers, who spearheaded that legal action, went on record saying that China has more control over Canada's resources than any and all First Nations. Western Red Cedar is one wood product highly sought after by Indigenous and is being bought up by China at an alarming rate. As we all know, Red Cedar is dying on the coast due to prolonged drought conditions and will never grow back. This ecocide is being fueled by a global trade agreement, not by the need for local jobs and flies in the face of the need for BC to abide by it's vow to become carbon neutral. Cutting ancient forests is the now highest source of CO2 in this province.

Forest activists have lost many old-growth forest campaigns over the last many years. Trying to save individual forests, with the usual strategies is not working. I have heard that the logging companies are "consulting" with FN by granting them small logging operations of their own. Is this not yet another divide and conquer tactic? Many FN people I speak to avoid talking about this thorny issue. The de-ratification of CC-FIPA is one possible avenue that I and Essential Living Forests are pursuing along with pressuring insurance companies to withdraw their policies from logging companies that cut old-growth. Meanwhile, some people are willing to get very hungry for a long long time.



The Denman Green Dilemma

By Ron Sakolsky

OP/ED

Clearly, our community MUST do something about the shortage of affordable housing on island, but that doesn't mean that we must be expected to uncritically rally around seriously flawed initiatives that ignore the roots of the gentrification problem in kneejerk fashion. Admittedly, the issue of gentrification is a slippery one to grasp. The wideness of its scope can even elude well-intentioned people when they think that they are doing the right thing in a specific instance. Though some consider critiquing an "affordable housing" proposal to be akin to attacking "motherhood and apple pie", I am not interested in squelching affordable housing but expanding its presence on what is rapidly becoming a gentrified island. To that end, I will focus on the Denman Green proposal as a microcosm of the larger gentrification issue of which it is a part. The concept of "affordability" is a complex one that can be best understood by thinking of the varying degrees of affordability peculiar to each project proposal in the context of the larger picture of why an affordability crisis exists on our island in the first place. To what degree the Denman Green project (as proposed by the Denman Housing Association) might alleviate or compound the affordability problem on island depends in part on whether it addresses the rampant gentrification on this island or merely offers a band-aid approach that allows the enablers and beneficiaries of that gentrification to sleep soundly at night. Most immediately, it depends on what the project actually means in practice by affordable housing.

As usual, the devil is in the details. In the course of their ongoing public relations campaign to promote their project to islanders, Denman Green has not been fully forthcoming about the tenant income requirements that they have worked out with the provincial government. According to BC Housing, 8 of the 20 rental housing units in the Denman Green project proposal would be priced at full market value and only 4 would be fully subsidized social housing which would be available at a cost of \$375 per month for low income tenants who are formally registered with and selected by BC Housing. The other 8 units would be partially subsidized by making them available at a rental cost of 30% of the total gross household income of the tenants (who might actually in some cases possess a middleclass income if two adult wage slaves combine their paychecks). With regard to this latter group of 8 units, we must not confuse the resulting "under market" rents paid by such household members with the provision of affordable housing that is reserved only for low income households. Nevertheless, the idea that even middle income people might find it impossible to afford to live on Denman Island only serves to highlight the enormity of the gentrification emergency that we are facing. To give you an idea of how upscale the interpretation of "affordability" can get in the Co-mox Valley, a recent BC Housing-approved "affordable housing" project proposal

for Courtenay is slated for people with yearly household incomes of between \$48,000-\$74,000. That sure ain't affordable housing by Denman standards where incomes sometimes fall way below that level.

Because "affordable housing" means different things to different people, you'd think that by this time the movers and shakers of Denman Green would have given us basic rental pricing information for their proposal as well as an idea of the way in which that pricing and their criteria for choosing tenants is tied to the financial strings attached by the project's mortgage obligations to BC Housing. Yet little word of such details has surfaced from the Denman Green developers. Fancying themselves as champions of the poor, they seem to resent having to be held accountable to what they tend to characterize as an uninformed or unappreciative community which has had the temerity to question certain facets of their development project and its association with BC Housing. Rest assured that if BC Housing bureaucrats are granted an outpost on Denman Island in regard to their partnering with Denman Green, determinations as to what would be the required parameters of income eligibility for the 8 units at 30% of household income, and which potential tenants would be chosen from among the pool of on-island and off-island applicants, will not be decisions that are made by the Denman community. While Denman Green can advise on these matters, the final decision rests

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The resounding silence of Denman Green on the specifics of such rental terms is in sharp contrast to the relentless beat of do-gooder rhetoric hyping the project's affordability in missionary terms. While project cheerleaders and the downtown power brokers who hatched the idea for Denman Green churn out a slew of cringeworthy guilt-tripping endorsements which imply that anyone opposed to their project is against affordable housing, the problematic political aspects of their proposal remain hidden from public view. In a crucial sense, approving the Denman Green proposal would not address the larger gentrification problem on the island which is the cause of the affordability crisis. Even worse, it might further entrench class inequalities by unofficially assuming that the 4 subsidized Denman Green housing units and the 8 which can be attained at 30% of household income would be designated for occupancy by those who are in effect expected to be employed as "essential workers". In this sense, the end result of the Denman Green project would be to secure the labor of service workers, caregivers, manual workers, and tradespeople who it is further assumed would all be repaying their debt to the Denman Housing Association's benevolence by catering to the needs of the island's fast-growing

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Community Information Meeting **Regarding DE-RZ-2018.1 (Denman Housing Association)** **Via Zoom Webinar & Live Stream**

Thursday, August 6, 2020
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Please join us for a presentation and facilitated Q + A session on Proposed Bylaws 235 & 237 (OCP) and 236 & 238 (LUB) which if adopted, would amend the Denman Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

The proposal is to reduce the permitted density of a 28 hectare (69 acre) portion of parcel PID 009-704-523 (6080 Woodham Road) from seven dwellings to a maximum of three dwellings; and increase the permitted density of a 29 hectare (72 acre) parcel PID 006-657-290, Denman Road) from one dwelling to a maximum of 25 dwellings, twenty of which would be rent controlled, affordable housing units owned and managed by the Denman Housing Association.

To watch/listen & participate in the webinar

By computer: <https://islandstrust.zoom.us/j/67108691964>

By phone, call 855.703.8985 (Toll Free)

The webinar ID number is: 671 0869 1964

To watch the live stream (no participation) go to:

<https://collaboratevideo.net/islandstrust/C>

For those who are unable to join or watch the live meeting, a link to the recorded live stream will be available in the Denman Current Applications section of the Islands Trust website about 48 hours after the meeting.

For more information or to submit questions before or following the meeting, please email northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

... continued from Page 7 ... gentrified population. Moreover, in the same breath as they preach the gospel of affordability, the Denman Green project would be opening up another 8 units of their housing development at market value rental rates which could easily result in effectively locking in the going rate for the rest of the island's rentals to BC Housing standards.

Of course, for some, what Denman Green is proposing here is the proverbial win-win situation. However, for others, it is just a more gentrified elaboration of class privilege crowned with an inflated cost of living which negatively impacts all islanders and most particularly those who can least afford it. Alternatively, for those who desire a more grassroots/bottom-up approach to affordable housing rather than chafing at bureaucratic constraints and chasing the ghosts of representative governance, there are more inviting possibilities. It always amazes me how many wheeler dealer realtors, trigger-happy bylaw enforcement officers, and not-to-be Trusted planners that there are on Denman these days and how few community land trusters, cooperative land sharers, co-housing crews, and direct action squatters we have in our community. I am astounded by how many wannabe cops, Karen-esque snitches, and finger-wagging retired social workers there are here and

how few autonomous zones exist on this lovely little rock. How much longer will we allow ourselves to endure the plague of high-rolling developers and flag-waving Chamber of Commerce "comebacker" types promoting an increasingly gentrified and tourist-oriented colonial economy (with a smidgeon of affordable housing thrown in for good measure) that claim to be our saviors? My own heartstrings are more in tune with the untamed voices of those who dream of poetic insurgency and communal luxury that can still be heard deep in the forest wildly howling at the moon and surreally dancing to another drummer around the flashing flames of backwoods campfires. 🍷

Denman Hardware Supports Islanders' Self-Sufficiency *By Trish Weatherall*

BUSINESS

As owners of the Denman Hardware Store for just under two years, Graeme and Verna Isbister, Stirling Fraser and Noni Fenwick- Wilson had not factored a pandemic into the business plan. But Denman Hardware didn't miss a beat when businesses starting shutting down in March.

"We didn't close, we adapted the store protocol for customers to line up 6 feet apart, we served them outdoors, and they used a bank or credit card to tap through the glass, so they didn't have to come in at all," says Graeme. "We reduced our hours to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, yet we found no drop in sales or support. We got so much positive feedback and appreciation that we were still open."

come in and ask for something I've never even heard of. But we're always learning and constantly asking customers what they need."

And so, the staff knows that hardware can be intimidating, and want you to feel comfortable asking questions.

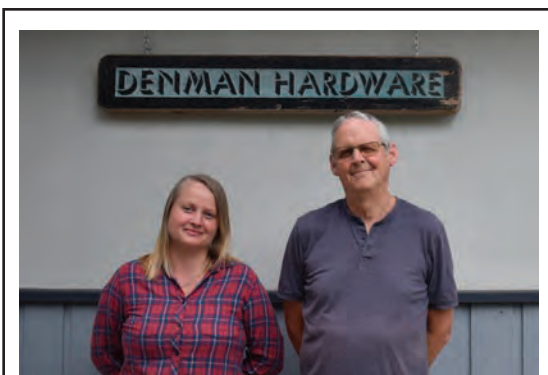
"There are so many options – even for a simple light bulb these days. We're here to help you make choices about what would best meet your needs. It's important to have someone knowledgeable, patient and approachable, and that's what we all try to do."

For a store of its size, the selection is extensive. From lumber, building blocks and fenceposts to camping and fishing gear, to water toys and kitchen items, and even garden shoes and boots!

And it provides some equipment rentals. For a fee you can rent a post pounder, hammer drill, drain auger, plumbing crimper, scaffolding, and an electrical fish stick. Bulk sales let you buy just the four screws you need, or wire, rope or chain by the foot.

Besides helping locals complete home and garden projects, the store contributes to the community in other ways. As an employer, Denman Hardware provides income for the four owners plus one full-time employee, sales associate Colleen Yezagelian.

"Colleen is a tremendous asset," says Graeme. "She's friendly, personable, hard-working and knows the business really well. Overall, we're a great team, we all enjoy working together and complement each other's skills and abilities. It's a good place to be, it's a safe space."



Sales Associate Colleen Yezagelian (left) and co-owner Graeme Isbister (right) are part of the Denman Hardware team helping islanders choose the right products for the job.

One loyal customer even serenaded them with a violin outside the store in thanks for their service.

In fact, the pandemic hit right at the start of gardening season, when supplies were in great demand.

"It was almost like a Y2K thing – people were thinking about the future and how to be self-sufficient," says Graeme. "Also, people had more time on their hands, and with no holidays or activities to attend, the 'Honey-do' list came out with home and garden projects lined up."

Seeds, soil, manure, and poultry fencing sold out regularly as locals planted gardens and built chicken coops in preparation for the unknown. Plumbing supplies were hot as more islanders built greenhouses with watering systems. He said it was difficult to get product in as garden centres everywhere were selling out. But backorders eventually came through and some products – like bedding plants, raspberries, and reusable produce bags – were locally sourced.

Graeme says the hardware gig has a steep learning curve but the unofficial store motto is 'Sell things that people need.'

"It's like drinking from a firehose – there is so much to know! A contractor may

As restrictions are lifted Denman Hardware continues to adapt; you can pay in-store and one person at a time is allowed in the store now. "Which is flexible, depending on what areas they need to be in," says Graeme. "When there is a lineup, one of us works the line to see how we can help you within five to ten minutes."

Graeme feels the store's prices are fair and they have occasionally had lower prices than off island stores. "We can't compete with Big Box stores, but when you factor in gas, the ferry, and your time, we keep things affordable while at the same time run a viable business and keep the doors open."



Bulk sales at Denman Hardware let you buy just the four screws you need, or wire, rope or chain by the foot.

The pandemic also prompted ordering by email or phone and delivery service, all of which the store will keep providing. Customers can email denmanhardware@gmail.com or call 250-335-2400 with an order and then pick it up at the store the next day or have it delivered for a small fee.

They plan to continue with reduced hours for the foreseeable future but are open to after-hours shopping by appointment.

"It works well for us. If we steward our time and energies well, we can maintain a pace that allows us to keep doing this, so that we're here for a long time to serve the community. We know that people could buy in town but choose to shop here. We so appreciate islanders' support – it's what keeps our doors open."



Denman Hardware carries housewares from cleaning supplies to coffee makers!

Drop by at 1071 Northwest Road, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, or call 250-335-2400 or email denmanhardware@gmail.com. 🍷



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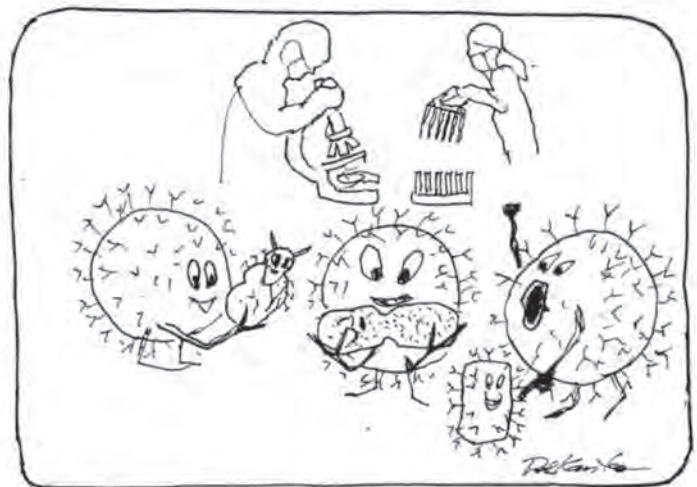
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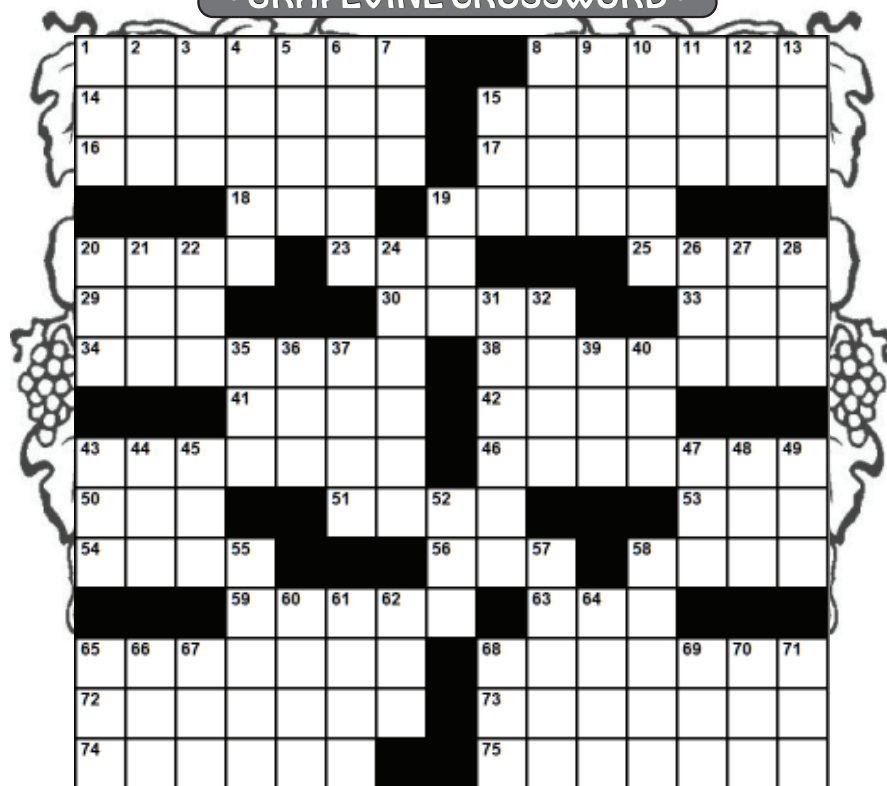
*Sunday, August 16, 2020 @ 2pm
Farmers' Market Field
(bring your own chair)*



COVID 19 "Modify - modify - modify!"

by Peter Karsten

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Elizabeth's hubby
8. Pushes away
14. Pilot employer
15. Be clairvoyant
16. Kind of ship
17. Crackpot
18. Scratch the surface
19. On the fringes
20. Robin Cook novel
23. Asphalt
25. Fuji flow
29. Apple dessert
30. College bigwig
33. Dog bite
34. Search for the unknown
38. Grasps
41. Higher math
42. Baltic capital
43. Pioneer of telegraphy
46. Act of contrition
50. Fr. liquid
51. Like horror films
53. Ball park souvenir
54. Sharpen
56. Belief, in brief
58. Key blunder
59. Correct, in a way
63. Antony's loan request

65. Cropland

68. Mindless
72. Thingamajig
73. Choral piece
74. Illuminations
75. Clever escape

• DOWN •

1. Ballet step
2. Batter's hope
3. Angry state
4. Alpaca kin
5. Capital of Peru
6. Chemically nonreactive
7. A pop
8. Decisive win
9. Bald eagle's cousin
10. Bailey or Buck
11. Approx. conduct award
12. Luau wear
13. Jiffy
15. Cold weather malady
19. Bauxite bonanza
20. Acct., often
21. Black gold
22. Actress Tilly
24. Music movement
26. Cuckoo
27. Namely
28. Be unoriginal
31. Orderly arrangements
32. Clean and tidy
35. Catchall abbr.
36. A rel.
37. Band
39. Antiquity
40. Computer network, abbr.
43. Cat's cry
44. Dismissing comment
45. Be contrite
47. Frigid
48. Baby's break
49. Mail HQ
52. Dispose of
55. Canines, e.g.
57. Good
58. Fox chasers
60. Crow's nest place
61. Sponsorship, var.
62. After deductions
64. Hokkaido ancients
65. Boring tool
66. Actor McBride
67. Cloth for cleaning
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69. -chi ch'uan
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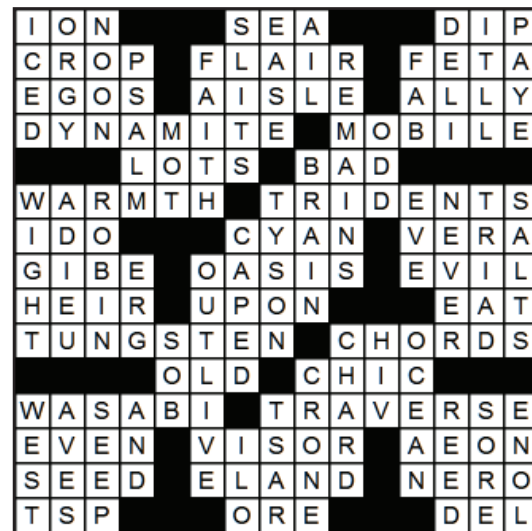
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• **EMPLOYMENT**

HELP WANTED Postal Service Staff: The Denman Island Post Office is looking for a person to work one or more shifts per week at the customer service counter. If you are interested please contact Jennifer at 250 335 1636 on Thursdays and Fridays or 250 335 2293 on Mondays. General Store: Looking for a person to work Mondays 3 pm to 7 pm plus additional shifts to be discussed. If you are interested please contact Grumpy at 250 335 2293 Or email for either or both of the above positions to: denmanisland.general-store@gmail.com

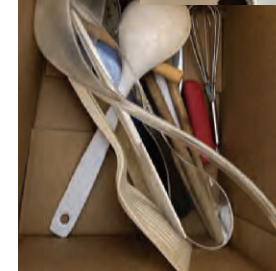
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- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-7pm
 - BOTTLE DEPOT 2-7pm
 - CAP SITE 3-7pm
- JEFFREY RUBINOFF SCULPTURE
PARK 9:30-1pm see ad on p. 9

FRIDAY 31

SATURDAY 1

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
 - BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
 - FARMERS MARKET 9:30-12:30pm • Old School
- DI GENERAL STORE 10TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 2

MONDAY 3

TUESDAY 4

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



A Duckie Life
by Thomas Provençal

*If I were a duck
that played with a puck
I wouldn't be stuck to this rhyme.
I'd quack out a beat,
slap time with my feet
and wouldn't ask for a dime.
I'd merry along,
join in with the throng
and dive for succulent plants.
Me and the boys
would make such a noise
with an eye to evening romance.*