



• "Some people are born for Halloween, and some are just counting the days until Christmas." • Stephen Graham Jones •



D.I. General Store

The Tradition Continues:

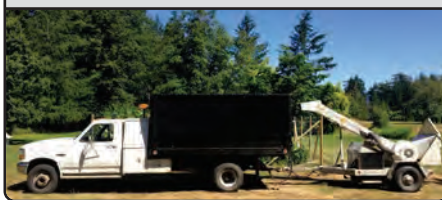
Please bring your carved pumpkins to the porch of the General Store. We will be handing out treats (while observing physical distancing) from 5 to 7pm on Halloween.

Store: 335-2293 PO: 335-6136

Delightful customer service focused staff. Grumpy boss who thinks that vampires are a pain in the neck.

TREE SERVICE

- Tree removal • Limbing • Chipping •
 - Spiral pruning • Tree topping •
 - View enhancement •
 - Danger tree assessor & faller •
 - Certified faller, insured, local •
- Antoine 250-207-3884**



Sylvie Schroeder

Personal Real Estate Corporation

250-898-9199

27Ac Oceanfront!

A sweet little 2 bed home in a sunny meadow on 27.4 Ac High bank Oceanfront property on the East Coast of the Island with calming Ocean views. A forest offering a very diverse variety of west Coast evergreens, over 700 ft of high bank oceanfront with gorgeous sandy beach below & a natural trail to access the beach.

Watch this video: https://youtu.be/5Dp_IaZSsAQ

2640 Swan Rd - \$899,000

ROYAL LEPAGE

www.sylvieschroeder.com
sylvie@sylvieschroeder.com



Our display for November

TEA PARTY

OPEN DAILY 10-4pm

335-0881find us on Facebook.....



MUSIC STUDIO & PIANO SERVICE

LESSONS IN PIANO, GUITAR, BASS

UKULELE, CELLO & THEORY

PIANO TUNING, REPAIR, & REGULATING

SCOTT KNIGHT

TEACHING & TUNING SINCE 2004

604.779.9335

INFO@KNIGHTMUSICSTUDIOS.COM

DENMAN HARDWARE

With Dr. Bonnie Henry's recent updated expectation that people will wear masks in indoor public places, we now request that all our customers wear masks when they visit Denman Hardware. We allow two customers in the store at a time, with physical distancing, and will continue to help you at the door. Email and phone preordering is also possible. Thank you for helping keep our community healthy and safe.

9-4 Mon-Fri 10-3 Sat

• denmanhardware@gmail.com • 335-2400 •



RE/MAX The Islands

Bente Pilgaard

Managing Broker, Realtor

250-792-0128

www.islandsrealestate.com

NEW LISTING historic small farm house

- .53 ac. near Piercy farm
- 890 sqft 2 br with expansive views
- \$489,000 listed by Bente Pilgaard

EDWARDSSEN TREE SERVICE

• (250)580-7127 • jerededwardsen@gmail.com •

- Pruning/Limbing
- Bucking
- Risk assessment
- Custom milling

- Felling
- Dangerous tree removal
- Branch cleanup

Efficient, Respectful, Local and Insured

Serving Denman and Hornby.

Fair pricing. Free quotes.

Personal & client safety is the first priority.

*Quiet, battery powered saws used wherever possible

No job too small.

CONTENTS

ISSUE NO. 1456 • OCTOBER 29TH, 2020

- **ARTS & LIT.**
- 4 • From The Crow's Nest: Celerity (Continued)
by William Thomas
- **COMMUNITY INFO.**
- 6 • Living Well • Week 30 • Among the Trees
by Verna Isbister
- 5 • Notes from a Trustee
by David Critchley
- 8 • Seed Co-operative Solves Problems for Growers Across the Province
by Lisa Furfaro
- **OP/ED.**
- 8 • Azerbaijan Wins
by Gwynne Dyer
- 9 • Poem: Neil the Eel
by Alan Black
- 9 • Poem: Words to Paradise
by Thomas Provençal

REGULAR FEATURES

- 3 • Tide Table
- 12 • Gary's Toon
- 10 • Crossword
- 10 • Mr. Stofer
- 11 • Classified Ads
- 12 • Business/Services Directory

Cover image: Denman stroll down Scott Road.
Photo by Dreadful Imagery



- DENMAN: 700 • HORNBY: 510 •
- E-SUBSCRIPTIONS: 93 •

CORRESPONDENT Anthony Gregson
DESIGN/PROD. Chris Seguin
PUBLISHER Mike Van Santvoord
2550 Lake Road
Denman Island, BC
V0R 1T0
theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com
www.theislandsgrapevine.com
250-335-9143

The opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the views of the Publisher.

Denman's New Childcare Centre

By Kerri Boland

COMM INFO

Blackberry Lane Children's Centre has been operating on Denman Island for longer than I've been alive, and while I am not familiar with the whole history of the preschool, I know that in the past several years we have certainly outgrown our space in the Community Hall. Currently we can have a maximum of 8 children per day in our space, and our needs are much greater than that. Additionally, as our space is not purpose-built for early childhood education, our staff are constantly moving and adapting equipment – putting out sleeping mats, putting away gross motor play equipment, re-arranging the changing area, etc. Our new partnership with the school district, and the building we are getting out of it is going to be a game changer for early childhood education on Denman and our small volunteer board is over the moon about some of its features. We really can't wait to open the doors to the community and show it to you. We have worked incredibly hard over the past few years, from imagining a new building, making the layout, getting drawings done, partnering with the school district, and going through numerous design meetings, and we are amazed that the hard work is actually coming to fruition.



One of the last steps in this project is fundraising enough for a small play structure, and to double our fence line – one in the front of the building that will get lots of sun, for the dark winter days, and one in the back with lots of shade for our hot summer months. We're trying to raise \$25,000 (and we're already more than 20% there!). We have a Go Fund Me set up (<https://gf.me/u/y5mrtw>), a jar at the General Store, an envelope at Abraxas titled "Blackberry Lane Preschool Fundraiser" (just ask a staff member) and we can accept etransfers at thebbboard@gmail.com. If you'd rather mail a cheque, our address is PO Box 40, Denman Island. If you have any questions, call Kerri Boland at 5-3000 or send us an email! 🍇

Upcoming Community Programs & DICES AGM

By DICES

COMM INFO

While this winter season is likely to look different than years past, we are still looking forward to opportunities to learn and grow together with our program offerings. This season, we're tackling some of the symptoms of 2020's, with classes that cultivate creativity, resilience, mindfulness and self-care.

Please pre-registration for all programs. To register email dices.communityprograms@gmail.com or call 250 335 2058 and leave a message. If the cost of a program is prohibitive please contact us for bursaries.

Covid protocols will be in place for all programs.

Drawing Basics for Youth

Interested in animation, illustration, or fine art? Drawing is the foundation of all

of these practices, and, like exercise, gets easier and more enjoyable through practice. Through a series of projects geared toward young adults, this program will introduce students to materials and techniques, and provide opportunity for improvement in a supportive environment.

Facilitator: Katarina Meglic

Location: United Church Gathering Place, 4575 Denman Rd

Dates: Tuesdays, Nov 3-Dec15

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Age: 12-20

Cost: \$40

Intro to Etsy Workshop for Artists and Crafters

Are you an artist or crafter looking for an online place to sell your work? Etsy.com is a user friendly e-commerce website specifically geared for the handmade market. It is a great way to sell your creations and to be found by other shops and galleries that may want to also sell your work. This workshop will tell you how to start your own online ETSY shop, how to attractively showcase your products and how to get your work found by those who are looking for exactly what it is you are creating by effectively using key words to create your online listings.

Bring along a laptop, photos of your work, and any questions you may have about being an online seller.

Facilitator: Megan Rose

Location: United Church Gathering Place, 4575 Denman Rd

Dates: Saturday, November 7th

Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$15

Max number of students: 12

Haudenosaunee (Iriquois) Corn Husk Doll Making

Come and share an experience of the Haudenosaunee. In this workshop, you will hear the traditional Ohén: ton Karihwatéhkwén thanksgiving address, make corn husk dolls, and hear various stories that are a part of this agrarian culture. Please bring an old towel and scissors.

Facilitator: Heather Royal

Location: United Church Gathering Place, 4575 Denman Rd

Dates: Saturday, November 7th

Time: 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Age: Adult

Cost: \$45

Max number of students: 6

The Gift of Active Hope

In these uncertain times of pandemic and climate change, reality can be painful to face and difficult to process. Introducing key themes and practices from Joanna Macy's Work That Reconnects we will draw on dialogue, ritual, contemplation and experiences in nature to explore new and ancient ways of seeing to support a deep engagement with the world. Together we'll explore ideas and activities enabling us to grow our resilience and find, offer and receive the gift of active hope. No previous experience with Joanna Macey's work is necessary.

Facilitator: Maxine Matilpi

Location: United Church Gathering Place, 4575 Denman Rd (and possibly on zoom)

Dates: Mondays November 9, 23, Dec 7, January 11, 25, February 8 and 22

Time: 6-8pm

Cost: \$20 (no one turned away for lack of funds)

Max number of participants: 8

TIDE TABLE

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

**2020-10-29
(Thursday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:43	3.8	12.5
11:08	2.5	8.2
17:19	4.5	14.8

**2020-10-30
(Friday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:14	1.8	5.9
06:29	4	13.1
11:46	2.7	8.9
17:39	4.5	14.8

**2020-10-31
(Saturday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:39	1.6	5.2
07:11	4.1	13.5
12:22	2.9	9.5
17:58	4.4	14.4

**2020-11-01
(Sunday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:04	1.4	4.6
07:50	4.2	13.8
12:56	3.1	10.2
18:16	4.4	14.4

**2020-11-02
(Monday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:29	1.3	4.3
08:30	4.4	14.4
13:33	3.3	10.8
18:35	4.3	14.1

**2020-11-03
(Tuesday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:57	1.2	3.9
09:12	4.5	14.8
14:14	3.5	11.5
18:55	4.2	13.8

**2020-11-04
(Wednesday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:27	1.1	3.6
09:57	4.5	14.8
15:03	3.6	11.8
19:17	4.1	13.5

**2020-11-05
(Thursday)**

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:02	1.1	3.6
10:47	4.6	15.1
16:06	3.7	12.1
19:42	4	13.1

...continued on page 5...

From the Crow's Nest: Celerity (continued)

ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net

Remember mana? Even outfitted with robotic self-steering in Pago Pago, mate and captain still spend hours hand-steering for the sheer joy of guiding my headlong flight. Though both tame my impetuous ways, I can easily tell them apart.

The Texan helms like a horsewoman, with a firm yet intuitive touch attuned with my motion and the waves through which I gallop. The captain steers like he flies, with a grip that can be two-fingers light or strong and insistent, as my speed and sea-state require. My good luck! They love to sail as much as I do.

At Rabaul, Bora Bora, Papeete, Nuku Hiva, Honiara and other anchorages where cruising boats flock, staking claims and jostling for space, we vie for respect.

"Hey girl," a 'traditional' Colin Archer teases, "when you gonna ditch those training wheels?"

"Your jealousy's showing," I volley back. "Swift passages. Lighter gear. Unballasted unsinkability. Shallow draft to hop over reefs and anchor close off deserted shores. Civilized meals and unbroken crockery in a blow. When cash and boatyards are scarce, I can be beached for bottom work."

"Who cares about speed? We're *cruising* boats," whines *Whimsical*, a Fortune 30 so laggardly she's broken her owners' hearts.

"Shorter times on passage mean less exposure to fatigue, ships, squalls and storm-fronts."

"Aren't you afraid you'll tip over?" asks a cookie-cutter Cal. "Or break up?"

"I'm here," I remind her. "It's easier sailing on top of the waves than through them."

"What *about* heavy-weather?" demands a Westsail 32, still dripping after a slow passage half-underwater.

"Storms are fun!" I reply. "Not having a deep keel gives me a *ju-jitsu*-like ability to jump clear of fast-freight combers that lay you on your beam-ends."

"Yeah, but that same side-slippage – and no deep fin to lever you close into the wind – must suck when you can't fetch port before dark," opines a sleek Swan 37. "No offense."

"My captain will fix everything!" I cry.

But how?

In Rabaul, Thomas says nuts to my upwind deficiency and decides to experiment on a full-scale wooden model.

Me!

From Cairns, he orders a full-batten mainsail, elliptically-shaped like a Spitfire's wing. Then a snorting tractor hauls me on pipe rollers into a cavernous WWII seaplane hangar. The German builder of a flawless catamaran frowns at the fat teardrop pattern chalked on the concrete floor.

"How wide?" Dieter demands in a voice that says, *are you insane?*

My master pauses. That NACA wing-shape is the standard high-lift formula. But stretched to 10-feet, its bulbous cross-section looks as streamlined as a bulldozer. He exhales slowly. "Thirteen-inches."

Holy crap! I wince.

It takes two days to bend, shape, sand and glass the 10-foot, 2x2-inch Aerolite planks around my blunt minikeel. The resulting bulb looks thick enough to break ice! When a squall skids me half-off that narrow ramp, 15 Papuan workers eating lunch under a tree walk over and toss this born-again boat back in the water.

Then the three of us go sailing.

Pinched hard on the wind, I used to lose speed and sag off to leeward. Now I sail uphill as if on rails. That first tack nearly gives us whiplash.

My full-floatation keel not only squashes pitching, its balsa-like buoyancy pops me an inch higher on my marks – providing hundreds of pounds more payload!

Nothing kills performance and compromises safety like overloading a trimaran. Despite the temptation to fill all three hulls, my pilot-captain respects the weight-and-balance limitations of a vessel more akin to a light aircraft than a conventionally-ballasted keelboat.

Bright Wing and *Ocean Rover* disregard



Celerity sailing herself close-hauled into the wind offshore (before her modifications)

my warnings and crack their underwings beating into Tonga. The 38-foot *Akahi* punches hers out going into Hawaii. She floods and is nearly lost.

Every boat has her pride. Sailing in out of the blue, her last port is the first question everyone asks.

The next: "How many days?"

On a good one, the salty Tahiti ketch my master once coveted can cover up to 100 sea-miles. Sailed conservatively on a shorter waterline – usually under deep-reefed mainsail – I average 165.

I can do more. Making for the Marquesas, running off before a glorious blue-sky gale, I log 180 sea-miles noon-to-noon.

Setting out from Vava'u the same morning as that scrumptious Swan, we raise Totoya Island at noon the third day. Wanting to clear neighboring Moala before dark, my master holds onto sail in a freshening breeze.

Atop big following rollers smoothing into steep, unbroken slopes, we play "catch the crest". With both amas locked in and my speed passing through 15-knots, we surf for more than a minute at a time.

I start to thrum.

The mate whoops and hollers.

"SeaDAWG!" screams my speed-raptured captain, pounding my cabintop in glee as powerful vibrations cycle up through bare feet and tiller. At sunset we turn north under stays'l alone, clear of both unlit islands and their offlying reefs.

The owners of that 37-foot Swan – with her skybreaking mast, fancy fittings and price-tag fit for the Riviera – arrive in Suva bragging of their fast passage. Until learning that a humble homemade trimaran from Canada has preceded them by a full day.

Not bad for an orphan.

Photo by Will Thomas
Scan by King Anderson



...continued from page 3...

Local Herbs for Cold and Flu Season

Walking through Fillongely Park, herbalist Philippa Joly will assist participants in identifying various medicinal plants beneficial for boosting the immune system and staying strong through cold and flu season. Plant properties and ethical wildcrafting considerations will be discussed (no harvesting is permissible on conservation property or parkland).

Facilitator: Philippa Joly

Location: Fillongely Park meet parking lot

Dates: Tuesday, November 24th

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Cost: \$10

Meditating with the Body

Simple, beautiful guided practices to help you access your own deep inner resources and stabilize the nervous system. Breath, guided visualization, simple movement to learn to deepen our grounding on the earth and in our bodies.

We all belong here.

Facilitator: Josey Slater

Location: United Church Gathering Place, 4575 Denman Rd

Dates: TBD

Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Cost: \$5

DICES AGM

Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) has had an eventful year! In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic we have expanded our Food Security Programs, opened DICES Laundry Facility and made sure everyone has access to showers and computers. We have also been able to keep offering fun and safe programs for kids, youth and families through creative solutions and community support.

To summarize this year and to look towards what is to come, we would like to welcome you to DICES AGM on Tuesday November 24th, 2:45pm, at the Community Hall.

Please dress warmly as the doors will be open for ventilation.

DICES would like to thank the Community Hall (DIRCS), the Activity Centre (DMSS) and the United Church for providing spaces for our programs during the time that the school isn't accessible for Community Programs. We would also like to thank School District 71 for the space in the portable next to the school and for allowing after-school programs to take place in the school. We are feeling well supported by the community spirit of our island!



DAVID W. STEELE

- Decks •
- Out Buildings •
- General Carpentry •
- and
- Finishing •

250-702-9155
davidsteele.ca@gmail.com



**Bowser
Pharmacy**

WE ARE YOUR NEAREST FULL SERVICE FAMILY PHARMACY

Transferring of your existing prescription is very simple, just talk to our Pharmacist. We will do the rest.	
• Locally owned & operated	• Accept all insurance cards
• Free compliance packaging	• Smoking cessation program
We Accept Payment By Credit Cards/Debit Cards/e-transfer/Cheque and Cash At Pharmacy	
We do free delivery every Friday at Denman Medical Clinic. Delivery direct to your home. Non emergency delivery by Canada Post mail. Emergency delivery within 2 hours	
Send your prescription; Manage your medications, anytime anywhere Diem health for IDA Mobile app - available iPhone and Android phone.	

Hours of operations: Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday-10am-2.00pm

Phone: 250-757-8631 Fax: 250-757-8632
bowserpharmacy@gmail.com
www.guardian-ida-pharmacies.ca
112-6996 Island Hwy W., PO Box:8, Bowser, BC, V0R 1G0

Living Well • Week 30 • Among the Trees

COMM INFO

By Verna Isbister

The sociologist, Tony Campolo, asked fifty elders over the age of ninety-five how they would live life differently as they now look back on their lives. Three answers emerged:

1. I would reflect more. "Reflect on the things that have real personal significance," summarizes Campolo. He "believes that people, if given the chance to do things over again would treasure their husband, wife and children fully [friends and partners]. To him every moment, every memory made, every life experience is an opportunity to be joyful" (Leah Lancione)
2. I'd take more risks. "Do exciting things with your life." (Campolo)
3. I would do more things that would live on after I'm dead. These elders had a desire to make a difference. "Do something that will have a positive effect on someone else's life." (Campolo)

In Mary Oliver's poem, When I am Among the Trees, she touches on these themes:

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.*

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.*

*And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."*

On our lovely Island, we might substitute the trees that Mary Oliver names to our west coast trees:

*especially the cedars and the Douglas fir,
equally the hemlock, the pines and the alders*

As the fast approaching month of November ushers in the colder weather with its shorter days, I invite you to daily walk among the trees, "to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine." 🍇

Notes from a Trustee

COMM INFO

By David Critchley

As the pandemic grinds on, the Islands Trust continues to adapt to meetings by Zoom. In addition to Local Trust Committee meetings (thirteen such committees in the Trust) there are quarterly Trust Council meetings (26 Trustees plus staff) and various other subsidiary committees and working groups all using the Zoom platform to conduct business. Most of these meetings are live-streamed and recorded, so opportunities for added public engagement are a consequential benefit, as is reduced car use and greenhouse gas emissions.

These meetings require new skills for all participants, especially our Chairs and the staff running the equipment. I congratulate them for being so adaptable. There is research suggesting that participants in electronic meetings experience more fatigue than in live meetings. Although this is somewhat counterintuitive I have to say it seems to be

true. Science also says that our attention and effectiveness drops off after about an hour, yet we often press on for five hours. Hopefully, we still make prudent decisions in the later hours. Perhaps this is a topic for further research.

The Trust Programs Committee is working on overdue revisions to the Trust Policy Statement. The benign title of this document belies its importance in the implementation of the mandate of the

Trust to preserve and protect. It is basically our constitutional document. Three topics of significance are completely absent: indigenous relationships, climate change and affordable housing. These omissions show how much our world has changed in a relatively short time.

However, we are now making a major effort to remedy this. We have established small working groups for each topic and we meet approximate every two weeks. Our main committee will also increase it's meetings to keep the project moving so that we can complete it within the current term of the Trustees, of which there is (shockingly) only two years remaining.

Locally, at our last LTC (Local Trust Committee) meeting we had an informative, though somewhat discouraging, presentation from two senior representatives of the BC Farm Industry Review Board. It has exclusive jurisdiction over complaints against farming practices, including aquaculture. There have been only two aquaculture complaints and they both were from Cortez Island; these were essentially determined in favour of the farmer. There have been no complaints to the Board from the Baynes Sound area. The cases are decided based on evidence as to what are "normal farm practices". If the farm practices are "normal" (even though they may have adverse effects or even be a nuisance in other settings) they will be protected. The Board is not in the business of creating a code of conduct for farm practice standards. The onus is on the complainant to establish that the conduct is not a normal farm practice. The Board has no jurisdiction over issues relating to the environment, health or pollution. They do try to resolve complaints via a dispute resolution process before embarking on a formal hearing. A power point presentation was included and a copy of it should be available on the Trust website for those interested.

The Denman Green affordable housing application was reviewed by the LTC, and following a staff recommendation we resolved to defer further consideration until the applicant has secured source water approval from Island Health (which has jurisdiction on approving the provision of water). As readers may recall, the project was unable to find a good source of well water on the property, so the society is seeking approval of a system of rain water catchment as the sole source of potable water. Regulations have only recently changed to make this a possibility but what the system requirements will be and whether it is approvable for such a project of this scale remains to be seen. Suffice to say that the proposal is innovative, not only in the T usiasts and skeptics in this regard.

The seniors affordable housing project in the village area was also considered and we asked staff to make some minor changes to the draft bylaw and to produce a plain language guide in advance of a future Community Information Meeting.

Other business included issuance of a development permit, amending a restrictive covenant and discussing a request to build within an archeological covenant area (for which we require further information). We also had a very informative presentation from the Trust's freshwater specialist who is working

on a potential groundwater sustainability strategy for Denman. This will be further considered at a future meeting.

Our next meeting, via Zoom, will be on November 3rd at 12:30



CONDITIONS CHANGE. SO SHOULD YOUR SPEED.

Winter driving can double your risk of being in a crash.
Slow down and increase your following distance.

Learn more at ShiftIntoWinter.ca.

Mainroad North Island Service Area

**Report road hazards and share feedback to
24HR Public Info Hotline: 1-877-215-7122**

Know before you go | DriveBC.ca | ShiftIntoWinter.ca



Seed Co-operative Solves Problems for Growers Across the Province

By Lisa Furfaro • the BC Eco Seed Co-op

COMM INFO

The idea of growing local, organic, ecologically-grown, open-pollinated and GE-free seeds is not a new one. Small scale Canadian farmers take pride in offering the best food they can and they know that this starts with sourcing good quality seeds.

Have you ever picked up tomatoes from the grocery store in February? When you bring them home delighted to make pasta sauce for that evening's dinner party only to discover the sauce you've had simmering for the last three hours is not redolent of nonna's and the doorbell is already ringing. I know you wouldn't do this. Nonna would shake her head. So, I ask you, if you wouldn't buy imported tomatoes in the dead of winter, why would you buy imported seeds to start your veggie garden?

Compromising on flavour aside, imported seeds are not grown to be regionally adapted to your microclimate, nor are they as resilient to the pests, and weather conditions in your unique growing zone. But you don't have to compromise, and here is why: In 2012 a handful of farmers, who happen to love seed saving, had an idea to work together, making their seeds available to the larger community of farmers and gardeners across BC, ultimately changing the seedscape of the province. And this is exactly what they did, officially incorporating the BC Eco Seed Co-operative in 2014.

Understanding that the Canadian seed market has not kept up with the demand for locally-grown, organic seeds, this group of 18 farmers chose to work together to change that story. Using the co-operative business model as a powerful way to achieve greater farmer co-operation, this community of growers works together to produce and market their seeds, all along the way supporting and learning from each other.



Wood Grain Garlic
photo by Jolene Swain

Zystro explained in the 2016 Organic Seed Alliance report titled State of Organic Seed “organic seed offers broad public benefit, including minimizing environmental impacts, supporting the success of the organic food industry, and bolstering regional food diversity and security”.

There's no disputing that good food starts with good seed. To grow the best quality produce you can, you owe it to yourself (and your dinner guests) to sow local and start your seed to supper journey with the best seeds you can. Now the hardest part is deciding which of the 150+ varieties to grow!

The BCESC is expanding and it's not too late to support our crowdfunding campaign. Visit wayblaze.com/bcseedcoop to donate and get a great reward while you're at it. 🍷

With the mission to increase the quantity and improve the quality of ecological and organic seed grown in BC they are starting to do just that, by bringing more BC-grown seeds to gardeners and farmers, offering increased crop resiliency, improved taste, genetic diversity, and the artisanal quality that nonna would love. Growers feel good about buying seeds from the co-op because planting local, organic/ ecological seeds are good for the planet, the economy, and regional food diversity and security. As Hubbard and

Azerbaijan Wins

By Gwynne Dyer • OP October 28th, 2020

OP/ED

The month-old war between Azerbaijan and Armenia is so low on everybody else's list of concerns that when Azerbaijan won the war last Monday morning, hardly anybody in the media elsewhere even noticed.

Shortly after 8am local time on Monday, Azeri troops gained control of the road through the Lachin Pass. That is the sole land route between Armenia proper and Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian enclave inside the borders of Azerbaijan that the whole war is about.

A new road further to the north, offering a quicker link between Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, was opened in 2017, but it has been closed since 1 October, short-

ly after the war started, “for the safety of civilians (i.e. because of shelling from Azerbaijani territory).”

Until Monday the Lachin road was crowded with Armenian refugees fleeing west to safety and Armenian troops and military supplies heading east to the war. Apart from one or two big strikes by Israeli-made LORA quasiballistic missiles (hypersonic, 400-km. range, GPS and

television terminal guidance), the road was fairly safe.

But now there are Azerbaijani armoured vehicles across the Lachin road, and all of Nagorno-Karabakh is cut off: no more reinforcements, and more than half the Armenian civilian population of 146,000 people still there, trapped under constant shellfire and drone attacks. At least 2,000 people, most of them Armenians, have been killed in the fighting.

The outcome of the war was inevitable once it became clear that Russia was not going to intervene militarily to help Armenia, despite the fact that both countries are members of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation. Azerbaijan is clearly the aggressor in this round of fighting, but it is a CSTO member too, so Russia had to make a choice.

Azerbaijan has three times Armenia's population and a great deal of oil, and Armenia is of no great strategic value, so Russia restricted itself to mediating futile ceasefires. The Azeris signed each time, but they knew they were winning and they never stopped their advance.

The most recent (third) ceasefire was actually negotiated with the help of the United States, and was supposed to come into effect at 8 am on Monday morning, but the Azeris broke that one too. As usual, they blamed the Armenians for having broken it within five minutes of its coming into effect (that is, at 8.05 am) – but they tweeted their protest at 5 am, which rather undermined its plausibility.

The Azeris did not commit to an all-out offensive until about ten days ago, confining themselves to probing attacks and random shelling until they were certain that the Russians would stay out. Then they sent an armoured column west along the Iranian border through territory that had been emptied of its Azeri inhabitants in the 1994 war.

The Armenians, outnumbered, overstretched and outgunned, did what they could, but by 22 October the Azeris had reached the Hakari river valley. There they turned right and headed north up the valley – and on the 26th they took Lachin. End of game.

It was a move that they would never have risked against a more mobile and better equipped enemy. The Hakari runs through the narrow strip of territory that separates Nagorno-Karabakh from Armenia proper, so they had Armenian-held territory on both sides of them, and a 100-km supply line behind them that was overlooked by Armenian troops on the right-hand side all the way.

Fortune favours the bold, but it's easier to be bold when you have total air superiority – Armenia has nothing to match Azerbaijan's Turkish-built drones and Israeli-supplied missiles – and massive firepower on the ground. So now Azerbaijan holds the Lachin Pass, and all that remains is for Armenia to negotiate the return of Nagorno-Karabakh to its legal Azeri rulers (probably minus its Armenian residents).

That will be very painful for Armenians after a quarter-century of holding the territory, but they have no way of taking it back. They were bound to lose it in the end unless they could more or less match Azerbaijan's military spending, and they couldn't; the Azeri military budget was at least five times bigger, maybe more.

Like the Balkan wars of the early 20th century, nobody is in the right in the various wars that have been waged in the Caucasus since the old Soviet Union collapsed. The ethnic groups were already numerous and hopelessly intertwined, and Soviet policy deliberately made the situation even more complex.

The Armenians drove over half a million Azeris out of the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh and large adjacent entirely Azeri provinces in the 1992-94 war. Now the Azeri refugees will go home and 150,000 Armenians will have to seek new homes in Armenia proper. None of it is fair, but that's how it still works in much of the world.



NEIL THE EEL

by Alan Black

Forty years ago I was locked up in city cells

with Neil the Eel.

The handcuffs bit into our young wrists.

"Try this," suggested the Eel.

He slid his handcuffs down his butt, brought them under his feet and now they were in his front.

I attempted the maneuver.

I have long legs and got stuck under my butt.

The handcuffs ripped into my tender wrists and opened bright red ribbons.

Realizing I was stuck going forward

I went into reverse.

painfully dragging my handcuffed hands back over my ass and gave up.

When the jailer came to get us

Neil the Eel gave him a defiant grin.

"Managed to get your cuffs

to your front you smart little shit. The world will sort you out son,"

But as far as I know

it never did.

Words to Paradise

by Thomas Provençal

I'm scratching at the surface of the inside of my head for answers to my questions in a language far from dead.

With the living words that I carefully collect

I construe a human paradise with time there to reflect on manifesting happiness, refining evolution.

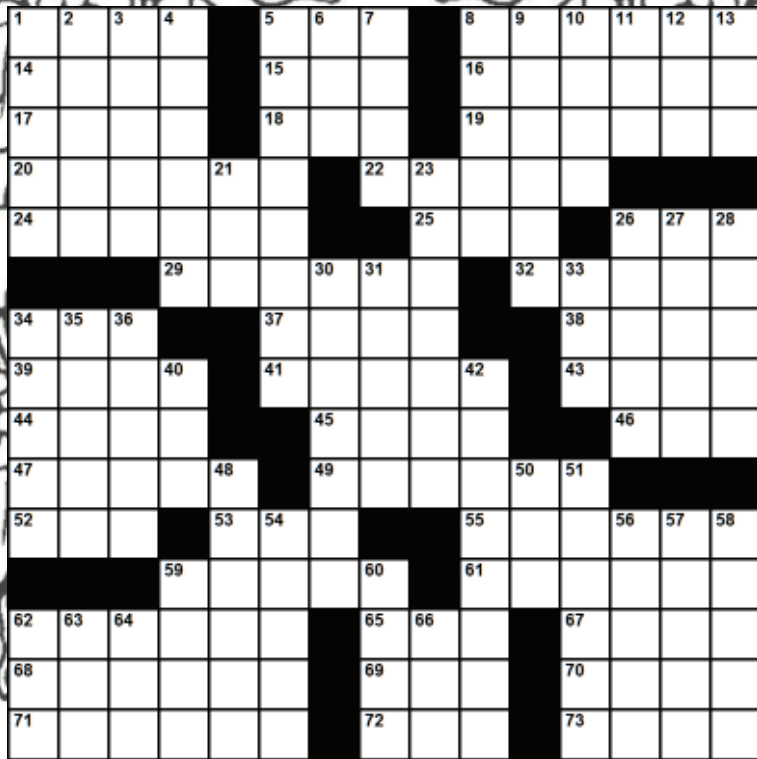
Finding harmony with nature is the ultimate conclusion.

We can dance in Eden.

It's living all around us.

By tending to our garden, health will soon surround us.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. 32-card game
5. Actor Vigoda
8. Shocked
14. Decant
15. Drop back
16. Team of three
17. Advance an argument
18. -chi ch'uan
19. Scorching
20. Discuss once more
22. Produce in great numbers
24. Indelible design
25. Actor Carney
26. Brit. fliers
29. Hefty
32. Certain laughter
34. Artesian appellation
37. Incite anger
38. Big story
39. At any time
41. Like some summer days
43. Appoint
44. Like Solomon
45. Made haste
46. At this time
47. Mix-up
49. In one piece
52. Affirmative reply
53. Actress Grey

55. Moved quickly

59. Man of steal
61. Like teen idols
62. Eventful period
65. Australian runner
67. Cougar kin
68. Play on a flute
69. ABC rival
70. Copied
71. Bothers
72. East Indian transport
73. Catches cod

• DOWN •

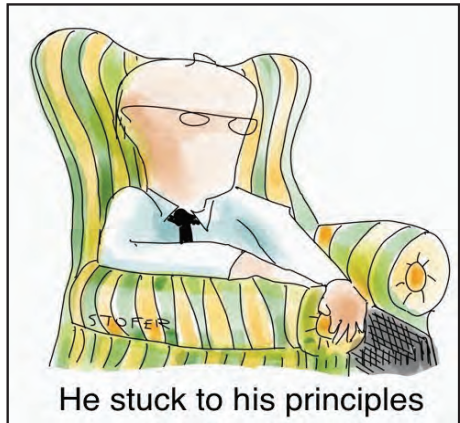
1. Brief burst
2. Asian peninsula
3. Zero
4. Picks up the tab
5. In spite of
6. Angora call
7. Sponsorship, var.
8. Essential oil
9. Build up
10. A unicorn has one
11. Affected manner
12. Aspen gear
13. Itsy bit
21. Heavy imbiber
23. Ore
26. Return in kind
27. Cartoon genre
28. Diamond surface
30. Comic's act
31. Matt of movies
33. Far Eastern money
34. Brimming with gossip
35. Sheeplike
36. High plateaus

40. Arbiter, for short

42. Goner
48. Impious
50. Automobile
51. Mining tool
54. Adjutants
56. Grayish brown
57. Irish patriot
58. Pairs
59. Josip Broz
60. Manage somehow
62. Bake sale grp., maybe
63. 1 billion years
64. Actor Ely
66. Biz degree

Mr. Stofer

www.stofergallery.com



He stuck to his principles

THE ISLANDS
Grapevine

DEC CALENDAR

deadline is

FRIDAY NOV 20TH

theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com

250-335-9143

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •



• CLASSIFIED ADS •

• FOR SALE

2007 MAZDA 6 Wagon 5SPD manual. Good condition, heated leather seats. 170Kkm. 250.335.1372

LOCAL TO DENMAN ISLAND Fresh milled cedar beams and siding. Douglas fir beams. Call or text Valerie 780 832 2727

EMINENT 2000 GRAND THEATRE ORGAN 1970 \$3K OBO Pickup only, lightly used, clean/smoke free home, numerous/various sheet music and organ books/manuals included. 250-335-0347

WAGNER FIREWOOD. 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.

• SERVICES

FOR THE TIMES THEY are a changing. Is your home or business empty for long periods?

From your hen house to your guest house, business or construction site we can cover it all. Monitor fire, flood, temperatures, intrusion; as little or as much as you want in a security system. Live CCTV monitoring is available.

Licensed and bonded Vancouver security consultant now living on Denman Island. Free estimate call Stuart 250-335-2640/604-613-7166

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, Denmanpersonalassistant@gmail.com, (236) 380 0726

YVONNE'S BAKING 335 0460

DB EXCAVATIONS AND CLEARING (Dorian Baker) Equipment: 040 Excavator, 080 Excavator, Skid-Steer Services: Land-clearing, Power Installations, Landscaping, Trenching, Site Prep. Licensed tree faller available. Coming soon if interest shown a mulching head for clearing, tree trimming and broom removal. Great alternative to burn piles. Call or text 250-465-1889 or email dorianbaker56@gmail.com

GUTTERS seamless, supply and install also repairs, for free estimate contact Kevin at 250 335 1986 or cell at 250 667 3233. Serving All Areas.

THORLACIUS TRUCKING Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. denmantruck@gmail.com

MR. FIX-IT PLUMBING & All household major and small appliances. All large and small machinery. Yard machinery, chainsaws, outboards, automotive, sharpening, welding and fabricating. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.(HI)

MAGNIFICENT TOPSOIL, Bark Mulch, all gravels, Bison compost, Treework, site clean up, fir mill end firewood, roof tear off, demolition. High grade lumber. 30 years local Entrp. Call Dave 218-9667.(DI)

• COMMUNITY NOTICES

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH Outdoor Remembrance Day Service 10:45am at the Earth Club Bistro

DENMAN ISLAND Growers and Producers Alliance AGM & Growers' Forum
Saturday November 14th, 2020 @ Community Hall
3 – 4:15 p.m. Growers' Forum
4:30 – 5 p.m. GPA AGM
We are holding a Growers' Forum prior to our AGM. We want growers to come help us brainstorm and vision the future of agriculture on Denman Island.
COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE

JOYOUS NEWS! That lovely BLUE-POINT SIAMESE has a home. She does like to wander, though. Thanks to her patron-servant for getting in touch.

EQUIPMENT LOAN CUPBOARDS – Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society maintains a loan cupboard on each island with various medical equipment items. If you require assistance, please call our Home Care Supervisor at (250) 792-5889 or email homecare@hornbydenmanhealth.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DENMAN WORKS Projector and screen: Book with Abraxas Books and Gifts 250-335-2731 abraxas9@telus.net Zoom meetings (unlimited time and free recording): See denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/

• EMPLOYMENT

HOME SUPPORT TRAINING? – Are you interested in working with older islanders in our home support program? There is a need for more trained staff to deliver these services on Denman and Hornby, and we want to know if there is interest in a local training program. For more information please contact Lori at lori@hornbydenmanhealth.com.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS – Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society requires part time and casual CHW2s for home support services on Denman and Hornby Islands. Details on our website at hornbydenmanhealth.com or contact us at info@hornbydenmanhealth.com.

WANT TO SMELL DELICIOUS? Come join our production team at Denman Island Chocolate. Full or part time available. Email us at dichoc@telus.net

• THANK YOU

DEAR DENMAN, I am happy to report that with all of your generous community support and some good old fashioned elbow grease Kiah has achieved her goal and has her new computer. Thank you all so much for your returnable (cans), cash donations and offers, every bit counts. We are ever so grateful. Sincerely, Kiah and Renee

MARG AND KEN MAGSON would like to say thank-you to all the people who have visited or sent cards regarding Reg passing away. They have made this time easier to get through and we are sure Reg would appreciate it.

• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
- Denman Community Hall Rentals 335-9177 (D/H)
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Janessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Bobcat & Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- Dean's Digger • Mini Excavator & Small Haul 218-4534 (D/H)
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded 335-3122 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Gutters Supply & Install • Kevin 667-3233/335-1986 (All)
- Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured 335-1741 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec-Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Denman Renaissance • tile & stone installation 334-6644 (D/H)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • Licenced, Bonded & Insured 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)
- Water Tanks & Cisterns • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture, Herbs • Dr. Willo Walker, Dr. TCM 335-1535 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- DB Excavations & Clearing • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • call or text
465-1889 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy • Christopher Mainella • 514-605-9398 (D/H)
- Mandala Massage • Lisa Larkin • CHMP • text 871-8701 call 335-2836 (D)
- Physiotherapy & Acupuncture • Carmen B-Gautrais RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Trees Service • Chipping • Certified faller • Antoine 207-3884 (D)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Trueview Treecare, seniors' discount • Wildbill 898-7246 (D/H)
- Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker 335-1535 (D/H)



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- MINDFULNESS FOR HEALTH 7pm

FRIDAY 30

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

SATURDAY 31

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- DENMAN FREE STORE 9-Noon

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

SUNDAY 1

- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

MONDAY 2

- DENMAN FREE STORE 4-7pm
- LTC Zoom meeting (622 1650 4541) 12:30pm

TUESDAY 3

WEDNESDAY 4

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 5

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm
- MINDFULNESS FOR HEALTH 7pm