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Mask Policies at the General Store & Post Office

By Denman Conservancy Association

COMM NOTICE

You must wear a mask to go to the Post Office and General Store

Dr. Bonnie Henry has mandated that masks be worn in indoor environments. At the General Store and the Post Office we are complying with that directive.

You must wear a mask if you wish to go to the Post Office and/or the General Store. There are no exceptions to this Public Health order. There are disposable masks available at the front of the General Store if you forget your mask. A donation to the Denman Island Food Bank would be appreciated but is not necessary for these masks. We are also selling cloth masks by Ember. These are available on the counter by the tills and are a cash only purchase that is separate from your General Store purchases.

The General Store is taking telephone orders (250 335 2293) and email orders (denmaisland.generalstore@gmail.com). The staff can shop for you. We can arrange for contactless pick up on the porch. We also can arrange for delivery.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

I will leave you with this thought:

With all this talk about COVID 19 the people who make sanitizing gel must be rubbing their hands together. 🍷

Living Well • Week 34 • Fruit Cake

By Verna Isbister

COMM INFO

I have a confession to make; I love fruit cake. So for all of you fruitcake lovers, time is running out if you plan to serve fruitcake this holiday season. I'm well aware that some of you eager purists made your fruitcakes months ago and have the cakes nestled in cheesecloth and marinating in liquor but there's still time for the rest of us.

There is evidence in the Ancient Roman Recipe Review for a fruitcake recipe made from pomegranate seeds, pine nuts, and raisins mixed in a barley mash. Fruitcakes have apparently been discovered in ancient Egyptian coffins. The cakes hadn't been eaten so not sure if that's a reflection on the cake or the sealed coffins.

Fruitcake gets a bad rap. In 2003, Jay Leno sampled a fruitcake on the Tonight Show that had been baked in 1878. After sampling the cake, he announced that, "It needs more time." and another 106 year old fruitcake was described as "almost edible." I came across a cartoon where a piece of fruitcake was reclining on a psychiatrist's couch saying, "I feel like nobody likes me."

In Manitou Springs, Colorado there is an event called the Great Fruitcake Toss. One year, the winner threw their cake over 1,420 feet. There are categories for hand-toss distance, accuracy, speed, best balance and robotic, mechanical 3-person slingshot toss. Toss them my way!

David Letterman quipped, "Airport screeners are now scanning holiday fruitcakes. Not even the scanners can tell what those little red things are."

The "little red things" could be real fruit, candied fruit, melon, turnip or "swede", an unfamiliar term to my limited culinary knowledge.



“Swede” is a “chemically neutralized turnip that is dried and sweetened.” Unfortunately, another grievance against the fruitcake.

So now let me speak in defense of a good fruitcake. Fruitcake comes in two main varieties: light and dark. Light fruitcake is made from white sugar, light corn syrup, golden and yellow fruits and light liquors. Dark fruit cake may add molasses, brown sugar, black fruits, like currants, and dark liquors. I prefer the dark cake and there are many variations.

To get around the candied “fruit” dilemma, I use organic dried fruit: cherries, currants, blackberries, blueberries etc ... and lots of nuts: almonds, hazelnuts, pecans etc... My favourite recipe is called “Extra-Fruity Dark Fruitcake” although, I was tempted by the on-line “World’s Best Fruit Cake” recipe.

The pièce de resistance is the weekly drenching of the cake in liquor ranging from Grand Marnier, rum, bourbon, brandy, Triple Sec or sherry. It’s the time of year, when elderly aunts come into the liquor store to buy a bottle of spirits and insist that it’s for their fruitcake! I read a funny question on Google. It asked, “Can I get drunk from eating fruitcake?” Well, I guess it depends on how many fruitcakes you intend to eat at one sitting.

There’s nothing so delicious as an afternoon cup of tea with a slice of fruitcake at Christmas time. I love fruit. I love nuts. Add butter, flour, spices, zest and Denman Island eggs and you’ve got a batter made in heaven. My husband used to take several pieces of fruitcake out on his hiking expeditions. It was almost like pemmican but without the dried moose or caribou. If he ever got lost in the wilderness, he could survive for a week on my fruitcake: fat, carbs and fiber in one slice.

Fruitcake, like the rest of us, hopefully, improves with age. I’d be happy to sample anyone’s fruitcake over the next few months. Just leave a wrapped slice, with my name only, at the hardware store. It will be our little secret.

For the next few weeks, my fruitcake will be self-isolating in a protective Christmas tin where it is “ripening” (the correct culinary term) and soaking in wonderful flavors. I invite you to do the same. Find things to do that will enrich your life and bring flavor to your world! 🍷

What’s Up with the Denman Craft Crawl

COMM INFO

By Laura Busheikin

You probably heard about the Denman Craft Crawl: four Saturdays in November and December when a dozen Denman artisan venues would be open in COVID-safe ways for visitors. A chance to get out, see beautiful hand-made objects, and buy local, sustainable, awesome holiday gifts.

You may be wondering if this is still happening, given the new health orders. The answer is “No, but...” The Crawl itself as an organized event is cancelled, but all is not lost: individual venues can still be open, and you can still visit them, browsing and shopping to your hearts content, while following COVID protocols, including mandatory masks.

This is because “events” are not permitted, but “retail sales” are. Craft Fair staff checked with Island Health staff to get the low-down on this. So the Crawl is not being promoted. But Denman Islanders are still making use of the vendor list and the map on the website to set up personalized shopping journeys, and that’s entirely compatible with the Provincial health orders.

Also, check the vendor profiles on the website to learn about opportunities to visit artisans (carefully) in their studios, connect with them in other ways, or buy crafts on-line from the safety of your home.

Things may change once the initial two-week restriction period ends. We’ll do our best to keep you informed in the Grapevine and on our digital media: <https://denmancraftfair.com/> | search Denman Island Craft Fair on Facebook

Please be careful and patient out there! Be safe, be kind, be calm and buy crafts! 🍷

TIDE TABLE

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

2020-11-26
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
04:12	3.7	12.1
08:43	3	9.8
14:53	4.5	14.8
22:16	1.6	5.2

2020-11-27
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
05:04	3.9	12.8
09:35	3.2	10.5
15:17	4.5	14.8
22:43	1.4	4.6

2020-11-28
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
05:46	4.1	13.5
10:22	3.4	11.2
15:38	4.4	14.4
23:09	1.2	3.9

2020-11-29
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:24	4.3	14.1
11:05	3.5	11.5
15:59	4.4	14.4
23:36	1.1	3.6

2020-11-30
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:59	4.5	14.8
11:47	3.6	11.8
16:22	4.3	14.1

2020-12-01
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:04	0.9	3.0
07:36	4.6	15.1
12:30	3.7	12.1
16:47	4.3	14.1

2020-12-02
(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:35	0.9	3.0
08:13	4.7	15.4
13:15	3.8	12.5
17:15	4.2	13.8

2020-12-03
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:09	0.9	3.0
08:53	4.8	15.7
14:07	3.8	12.5
17:47	4.1	13.5



From the Crow's Nest: Katana! (Concluded)

ARTS&LIT

By William Thomas • willthomasonline.net (updated)

Japan's traditional voices include the temple gong, rustle of *kimono*, and cobblestone clack of wooden *geta*. But nothing gets everyone's attention like an unsheathed *katana*.

So perfectly balanced it feels like coming home, Kakeshita's "samurai sword" quivers in my two-handed grip. The .50-caliber Guadalcanal-era BAR I fired at Camp Pendleton never vibrated with such urgent lethality.

Now I understand why a police permit is required to own one of these 70-centimeter razorblades. And why this extra-long *katana* – called a *tachi* and identified by Kakeshita's "whirlpool" trademark of undulating waves burnished along each cutting edge – commands millions of yen.

I let the *katana* find its way, angling downward at arm's length in position to strike. Interesting how two people whose culture and language I do not share allow me in their midst with a cocked weapon in my hands.

There is only one way to impart this dreamed-sword into cellular memory without drawing blood. Despite the severity of my transgression, I wager propriety and possibly much more on journalistic license and a *gaijin's* expected oafishness to touch skin – without bismirching fingerprints.

The honorable *sensei* winces as I rest the flat of his blade against my exposed forearm. To my surprise, instead of cold steel I feel the warmth of something hungry and alive.

I feel it now.

In olden times, a defiled *katana* was cleansed inside the offender.

"*Utsukushii-desu. Tien.*" So very beautiful it is, I compliment the swordmaker, who retrieves his exquisite killing machine and nods. Happily, he restrains himself from removing my head.



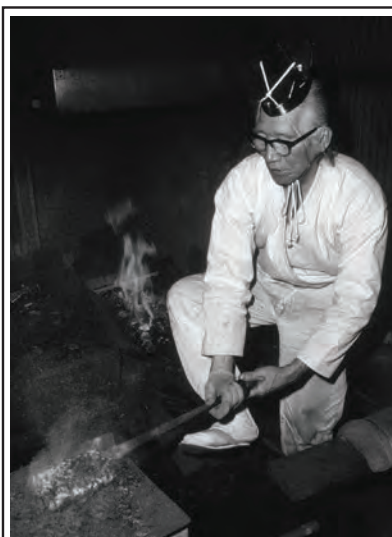
Katana!

"But the history of *katana* is bathed in blood," I add through Harumi. I'm thinking of the butchered Tiara clan... all those beheadings in Nanking... suicidal South Pacific *banzai!* charges... a young American boy discovering the bloodstained *katana* his father brought back from history's most vicious race war...

"You describe yourself as someone proud not to have fought in the war. Yet you continue to make such deadly weapons. Is this not a contradiction?"

"There is no contradiction," the master calmly evades my thrust. "The days when *katana* were used in battle are long past. Today, my swords are admired as works of art."

I get it. Like *kendo* and *karate*, contemporary *katana*-making has transformed a martial dis-



Kakeshita-sensei fire and iron paste

cipline into a spiritual Way – a means of personal fulfilment that invokes and denies centuries of mayhem to attain the highest artistry.

Meanwhile, our collective weapons worship remains an unacknowledged indulgence that's killed, maimed and displaced at least 71 million individuals – mostly under the age of 15 – since post-war, corporate-sponsored carnage segued into inter-generational chemical, biological, radiological and other horrors in 19 forgotten "foreign" places like North Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Iran, Cambodia, Laos, Kosovo, Cuba, Syria, Afghanistan, Africa, Central America, Palestine, Yemen...

Given Canada's arms profiteering from Israeli apartheid and Saudi genocide in Yemen – and our oddly righteous "human rights" sanctions against the covid-beset populations of Iran, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Yemen and 16 other countries – how can a pretty Snowbirds formation rolling through a loop with their wings overlapping *be separated from their inherent purpose?*

Put another way by someone whose military lineage extends back to Valley Forge, Colorado's Indian massacres, that big fight against the Yankees at Chickamauga, landing a lumbering seaplane under fire to rescue a ditched Corsair pilot in the Marshalls, and my own rejection of long-coveted carrier flight training over the slaughter in Vietnam – if we find ourselves mesmerized by ingeniously-wrought instruments of death and ruin, *are we not obligated to explore the consequences of our virtual hypnosis?*

Sorry, *sensei*. Weapons have been admired since the time of atlatls and flint-knapped spearpoints. But ignoring their legacy leads to nuclear detonations. The last Japanese person to assure me, "there is no contradiction" was responding to my demand to know how he reconciled Shinto's pious purity with the alarming blindness I'd suffered while moored for three days near a sun-dimming refinery outside Osaka.

Is there truly no inconsistency between aesthetic appreciation and violent dismemberment, snow-white pureness

and Minamata's agony? Though my vision returned on the crossing to Kobe, long before then I'd seen where "beautiful-weapons" sophistry leads.

Whether in dawn meditation on Yorktown's flightdeck, the backseat of a Navy T-34 barrel-rolling over Pensacola, or that black Beretta snuggling into my palm in Pago – is our addiction to arms simply an atavistic admiration for this terrible apex of human ingenuity? Or are we fascinated, men and women alike, by the mortal menace inherent in weaponry that – like all tools – *wants to be used*?

Though that little semi-auto whispered, *take me home, I'll keep you safe*, I declined the private sale. Thereby saving my soul and the life of a large drunken Fijian who boarded us one dark night anchored off Suva, after a week of being stalked by shadowy thieves circling in blacked-out skiffs.

"As a pacifist, how can you continue to make such artifacts whose inherent purpose is to kill?" I rudely press.

Kakeshita's smile does not falter. "In the *katana*," he replies, "it is the perfection of the blade which reveals the true spirit of the Japanese."

End Notes

Osaka (ohhh-saka)
Kobe (ko-bay)
Pago (pahn-go)

BAR – Browning Automatic Rifle
(heavy, clip-fed machinegun)

71 million – conservative estimate from medical authorities, aid agencies and annotated open sources (does not include casualties from resulting terrorism)

Minamata Disease – over decades, Chisso Corp. dumped nearly 30 tons of mercury into Minamata Bay, crippling thousands of residents in this fishing town – mostly mothers and their grotesquely malformed infants.

William Thomas is the author of *Scorched Earth* and *Bringing The War Home* (New Society Publishers)

Photos by William Thomas
Scans by King Anderson



It's been a long year since I was first diagnosed, and though metastatic breast cancer is never over, per se, I am finally done with the conventional treatment protocol. Wheph. Relief. It's time for a shout out of mad gratitude for all who helped out this last year. It made a HUGE difference in my life, every contribution counted. Seriously, I felt so supported. Literally tears to my eyes in the ways people came through. Thank you! Thank you! SO after 6 months of chemo, 2 surgeries, radiation treatment, giving 17 lymph nodes, half a breast and all my hairs, I can say I'm done with that! It's time to grow back. The deep dive continues with serious blessings to all the island's healers. I'm well held as I ease into a new version of "daily" life, a changed, deeper healed and healing version of me. I guess that's the unexpected side effect. (more on that next month) - Mette Schaal

• A Message From Dr. Scruton •

Covid-19. The number of cases of Covid-19 on Vancouver Island are increasing. My daughter, a senior nurse at Nanaimo Hospital, tells me that most of the Vancouver Island cases are linked to contact with infections originating in the Lower Mainland. Denman Island is I believe Covid free and we would like to keep it that way. Please will anyone who has been to the Lower Mainland, or has been visiting with anyone from the Lower Mainland, self-isolate for 14 days to ensure that any infection that is brought onto Denman does not spread.



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Hornby Island Residents

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What Does 'Oil-rich' Mean, Daddy?

By Gwynne Dyer • OP November 25th, 2020

OP/ED

"The only officials present were American and Saudi," tweeted the Saudi Arabian foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, but he was lying. Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu really did fly in to Saudi Arabia to spend a few hours with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

We owe this knowledge to that indispensable journalistic resource, the flight-tracking websites. They revealed that the private plane Netanyahu usually charts for secret visits abroad departed from Tel Aviv on Sunday and flew to Neom in Saudi Arabia, taking off for the return flight three and a half hours later.

Once upon a time this would have been headline news around the world. 'US superpower and oil-rich Saudi Arabia get together with embattled Israeli leader to carve up the Middle East', or something along those lines. Whereas today this 'summit', if you can call it that, barely gets noticed.

Netanyahu is indeed embattled, but it's corruption charges he's fighting, not a foreign enemy. Pompeo is a soon-to-be-unemployed politician polishing up his CV for a senatorial nomination in 2022 or the Republican presidential nomination in 2024. Prince Mohammed bin Salman is still effectively the dictator of Saudi Arabia, but that no longer cuts much ice in the rest of the world. The meeting was meaningless.

Some of this collapse in relevance is temporary. Netanyahu will eventually go to jail or retire, but Israel will still be the dwarf superpower that bestrides the Middle East militarily.

Pompeo and his employer will soon be out of office, and the United States will recover some of its former position as a 'world leader', at least for a while.

But Saudi Arabia will never be back as a mover and shaker. The decline is permanent, because 'oil-rich' is a phrase destined to become as obsolete as 'carbon copy'. The oil revenue of the Arab producers has fallen by more than two-thirds, from \$1 trillion in 2012 to only \$300 billion this year, and it's never coming back up.

The decline so far has been driven mostly by a steep fall in oil prices – demand rose steadily but oil production persistently rose faster – but now an absolute collapse in demand looms as well.

As the climate emergency deepens, motor vehicles (which account for half of all oil use globally) are switching to electricity instead. Britain and France are now committed to end all sales of new cars with internal combustion engines by 2030, which means in practice that nobody there will buy a new petroleum-fueled car after 2025. Many other countries have or are debating similar measures.

So what happens to a country like Saudi Arabia, where four-fifths of the government budget comes from oil revenues? Budget-cuts are already happening, of course, but revenues will continue to fall. Moreover, the population in almost all the oil-producing Gulf states is still growing fast.

At some point these two lines on the graph will intersect in a politically

destabilising way. If Saudi Arabia and the smaller Gulf oil-states go on spending vast amounts of money on weapons, ostensibly to protect themselves from Iran, the lines will intersect a little sooner, but in any case it's just a matter of time.

The extraordinary stability of these states – not a single change of regime in the six 'oil-rich' monarchies of the Arabian peninsula in the past fifty years – has been based entirely on the ability of the traditional rulers to buy the acquiescence of their subjects. Once the wealth goes, so does the stability.

The Arabian peninsula has been briefly a major centre of power only twice in world history: once in 632-661 CE, after which the capital of the early Islamic empire moved to Damascus, and once from 1973 to the present – but not for much longer.

Even the unity of Saudi Arabia itself, which was imposed by force less than a century ago, may not survive the transition. The dominant power centres of the post-oil Middle East will be exactly where they were for most of the past thousand years: Turkey, Iran and Egypt. And at no time in the last thousand years have any two of those three powers been able to cooperate for long.

They do have some things in common: Islam (although in two different and generally hostile versions), relatively modern, semi-industrialised economies (Turkey most, Egypt least), and around 100 million people each.

But they are divided by language (Turkish, Arabic and Farsi have nothing in common except loan-words), distance (the capitals are more than 2,000 km. apart), and by history and politics. Egypt occasionally got conquered by one of the other two, but that doesn't count as collaboration.

So it might be argued that the 'Middle East' itself is about to disappear as a meaningful concept. No great loss, really.



FUNCTIONAL ART

at the Saturday Market
9:30 am to 12:30 now to Christmas.

All handcrafted by Peter Karsten:

big ceramic frogs and ceramic owls both with tea lights; tree frog, ladybug and tortoise fridge magnets; artful metal candle holders with fat candles for power outages; ceramic starfish candle holders; carved duck decoys; long handled "Plus 50" shoe horns and more. Taking order for hand carved property signs and paintings of your pet animals.

But also at the market Corlans' gold winning wines in hand-painted wooden wine boxes; fresh, succulent vegetables, farm produced eggs and meat and warm lunch treats. All locally produced!

To Uncle Sam's Nephew by Thomas Provençal

*Petroleum has been a friend,
building our economy.
Now's the time we must contend
with rich and reckless hegemony.
It's been great, I must admit,
to power up my life
but when I look around a bit
I recognize the strife
we reek on our environment
with our poison spewing toys.
We give our cars priority
and ignore their infernal noise.
They help us move around a lot.
The world is looking worn
with planes and boats and buses
and car horns in a storm.
Petroleum gives us plastic
which melts and forms with pleasure.
Burning up this long saved gift
destroys communal treasure.*

Thundersnow by Alan Black

We were sitting
in the house
having a glass of organic
red when
THUNDERSNOW began to play;
I saw the flash of blue fire light
as a five hundred year old Doug Fir
went down like drunk Santa
at an office party
and the wind from the sonic sound
of metal guitars blew my toupee
into the maelstrom;
I found it later on the head of a paddling Vancouver coyote
and as the show continued
I poured another red
wondering did I need to have a bunker built
under the house?

Pineapple Express by Jan Florian

*Fright trains
In the forest tonight
Pushing trees around
Like
Dashboard
Hula girls
Turning
Wind chime
Zen tones
To
Shattered glass
Cacophony
Eaves trough
Water falls
Filling in, any
Audio void
I'm hunkered down
Under
Tropical warm
Duvet
Waiting for the
3:10 to Union Bay
To pass by.*



Tsunami Dreams-Shi Renzi by Bill Engleson

Pandemic tide, we
chart your ebb, your deadly flow,
your tsunami dreams.

Your tsunami dreams,
your virus soars, crests in rage,
poised to spread your curse.

Poised to spread your curse,
amoral, effervescent,
thoughtless to a fault.

Thoughtless to a fault,
Covid-19's deadly surge
shrouds the waiting earth.

Ebb flow



A HEADS UP

The Islands Grapevine
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December 24th so we can
enjoy some time off. We'll
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for the final issue of 2020
on December 31st



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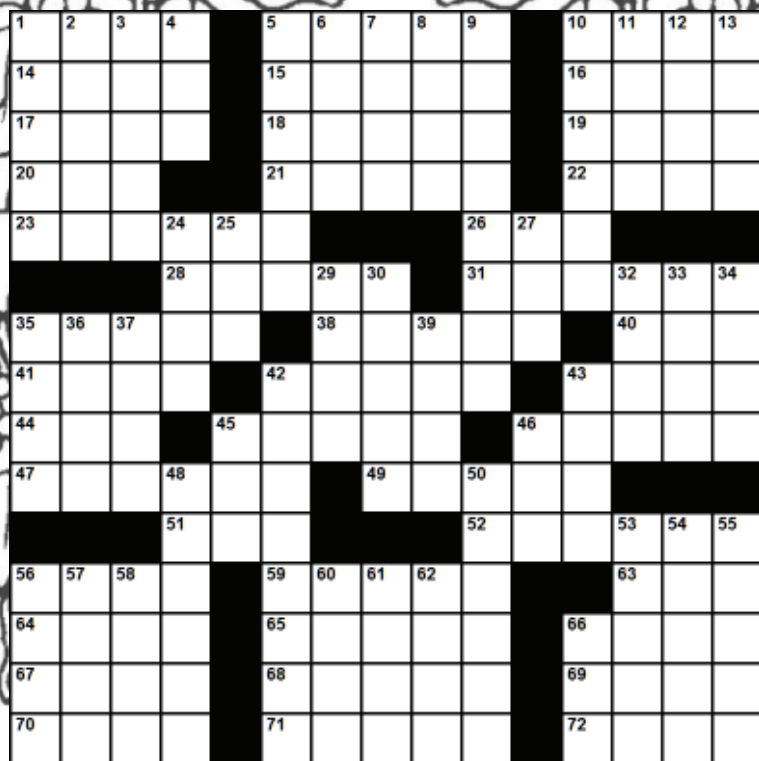
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15. Retract one's words
16. Bugbear
17. Base opposer
18. Hero spots
19. Advance an argument
20. Belonging to us
21. Resided
22. Big barrel
23. Anadem
26. A notorious Peron
28. Big Dipper neighbor
31. Coined
35. Risque
38. Or in music
40. Brazilian city
41. Angelico and Diavolo
42. Cannes coin
43. Anthony of the alleys
44. Batter ingredient
45. Russian export
46. Force out
47. Beautifully expressed

49. Spiny leafed plant
51. Australian runner
52. Exam giver
56. Encompassed by
59. Delight in arm
63. U.N. labor arm
64. Dried gully
65. Film projection
66. Exile isle
67. Stead
68. Baseball teams
69. Common scent
70. Bang the door hard
71. Shake hands
72. Crier's delivery

• DOWN •

1. Make cat-like sounds
2. Bring on
3. French coal area
4. Author's last word
5. Gautama
6. From the top
7. Atlas dot
8. Animal appendage
9. Like certain insecticides
10. Pet from the jungle
11. Pearl Mosque city
12. Units of energy
13. Mild onion
24. Annexes
25. Give it a go
27. By means of
29. Braided string
30. Honshu seaport
32. Capturing device
33. Celts' land
34. Barbie or Ken
35. Call a pager
36. Fifty oared ship
37. Carry on

39. Fishing woe
42. Directing attention
43. Alimony getters
45. Ebullient energy
46. A memorable Arden
48. Dullsville
50. Not active
53. Feature of senor
54. Be pushy
55. Circus sounds
56. Cobbler's tools
57. Drop in a letter
58. Brain wave
60. Islamic bigwig
61. Barn topper
62. Curved arch
66. 1 billion years

Mr. Stofer

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Grapevine

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• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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• EMPLOYMENT

WANNA GET YOUR HANDS on some chocolate? Come join our production team at Denman Island Chocolate. Full or part time available. Email dichoc@telus.net

Dorothy Irene West

August 19, 1929 – November 18, 2020

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Dorothy Irene (aka Rene) West, passed away peacefully on November 18th at her Denman Island home. She was ninety-one.

Our mother was a vivacious, kind and loving person who was often given to quoting Shakespeare and was able to recite poetry learned from her school days in England. Even at her advanced age she could remember the words. She was creative and in her younger days would paint and sketch, her daughters being some of her favourite subjects.

Our mother spent a quiet life on Denman and enjoyed having her family so close and being surrounded by nature. Animals were a great passion of Mum's and she enjoyed feeding the deer apples in the winter and the birds all year

round. In fact, Mum spent her last days, up until the end, watching animal programs on National Geographic TV.

Mum leaves behind her daughters, Jane (Matsuki), Deborah (Paul) and Jennifer (Tony) (all of whom live on Denman) and her lovely grandchildren, Hanako, Akiko (Noah) and Masaki, as well as five great-grandchildren. Also left behind are two cherished sisters, Jennifer (Ken) and Fay (Keith) and their families, in England. She will be very much missed by all her family. God Bless, Mum xxxxxx

P.S. We would like to thank the amazing home support team who took care of our mother over this last year. You were all so kind and gentle while working with her and we so appreciated your being there to help us through to the end. Big thank you's to Holly, Tosha, Elizabeth, Mica, Elaine, Sheila, Leah, Lynn and Heather. What a fantastic service we have on Denman! Hugs to all.

• 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 Hoepfner 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)
- Guffers 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)
- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac 778-992-0165 (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)
- Music Lessons & Piano Tuning • Scott Knight 604-779-9335 (D/H)
- Yoga Classes, Holistic Massage, 30 years exp. • Fiona Walker 335-1535 (D/H)



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 26

- 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 27

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

SATURDAY 28

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

SUNDAY 29

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

MONDAY 30

- DENMAN FREE STORE 4-7pm
- DORA DRINKWATER LIBRARY 1:30-3:30pm

TUESDAY 1

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

WEDNESDAY 2

THURSDAY 3

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- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
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