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Covered Recreation Space, Laundry Facility & Computer Support *By DICES* **COMM INFO**

Denman Island Community Education Society is happy to announce that we have received a grant for \$87,800 from the Capital Project Gaming Grant toward creating a Covered Recreation Space on the concrete pad next to the Community Hall. The intention is for the space to be used for recreational sports, but we also want to make it suitable for concerts, winter markets, free play etc.

An important feature of the structure is for it to be well ventilated so that we can use it more safely. The space will be available to book for regular practices through DICES and will be available to the community when it isn't booked.

Because of limited funding the project will be completed in stages starting with the basic structure and as resources allow additional features will be added such as; electricity, lighting and resurfacing of the concrete pad. Our goal is for the initial stages of the project to be completed by the fall of 2021.

We are grateful to the individuals and organizations who have already pledged money toward the project including: DIRCS, DI Sports Field Committee, Denman Island Health Centre Society, Denman WORKS! and the CVRD.

If you would like to contribute to the construction of the Covered Recreation Space you can donate money through e-transfer to dices.director@gmail.com or drop off a cheque for DICES at the Food Bank donation jar at the General Store. Please ensure that you state what the donation is for and provide your address so that we can send you a tax receipt.

If you have thoughts or ideas regarding the project you can get in touch with Emily Guinane at dices.director@gmail.com.

We are excited to be part of creating this much needed community resource!

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We are doubling the number of time slots available at DICES laundry facility! The facility is open Tue-Fri and you can now choose between a 8:30am-12:30pm or 1:30pm-5:30pm timeslot.

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The laundry facility is located at 3646 Denman Rd. (Ducks Crossing) follow the road to the left of the building to the back door. The cost for the laundry facility is sliding scale \$3.50 - \$6.50/load in the washing machine and per load in the dryer.

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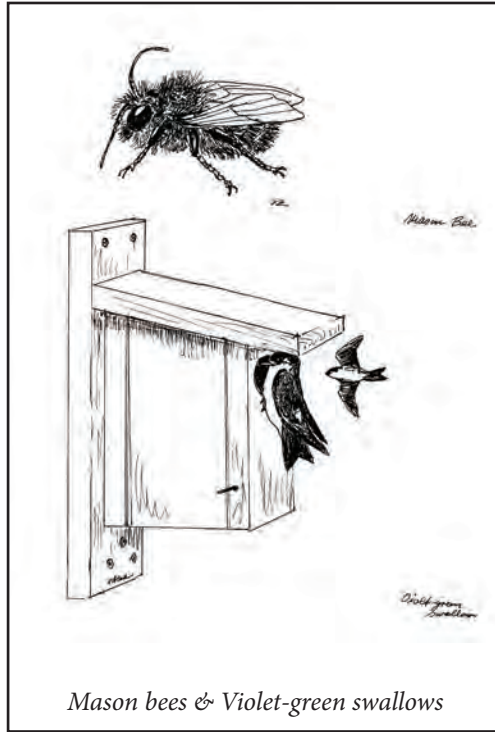


Swallows & Mason Bees

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Peter Karsten

Despite the present few frosty days spring is in the air. Violet-green swallows will return to our Island early April looking for nest holes to raise their chicks. Natural tree cavities mostly made by woodpeckers in old snags are short in supply. Dead trees become “dangerous trees” and we remove them for good reasons. Violet-green swallow and barn swallows favour places where people keep livestock since it attracts flying insect populations. To make up for dead trees we ought to provide the birds with man-made housing. Fortunately, many birds accept them happily. A good and functional violet-green swallow house is not any little box with a hole in it! Bird homes are made species-specific to be of the correct size, shape and made with the right materials. The wood use should be ¾ to 1 inch rough sawn western red cedar to insulate the nestlings from heat and cold, to aid them in climbing to the nest hole to accept food from their parents and to make them last outdoors. The entrance hole must be of the right size for the species. Big enough for easy access but not so big to invite starlings to take over the house or allow casts or racoon to reach in. 1 1/8 to 1 ¼ is my pick for the entrance hole and 6x6x8 inch the house dimension. The box needs a door to clean it out. Commercial houses usually have the front fold down. This is problematic if you are on a ladder to clean out the old nest with the debris falling all over you. I make them with a side door instead. Well-made Blue bird houses can be purchased “on line” for violet green swallows. They are for sale around \$30. One should not paint the house to allow the wood to breathe. Placing a perch at the entrance is a mistake; it gets in the way of feeding the chicks. This an old country idea for European starlings who like it to perch on and sing to defend their territory. Wrens, chickadees and nuthatches will use nest boxes and they could be of the same dimensions as the swallow house or smaller.



Placing the house is species specific again. Violet green swallows particularly like them high in the gable under the eaves. Facing east or south east catches the warm morning sun and avoids the hot afternoon sun. A house wren likes it lower perhaps at a wood shed. The pretty Pacific slope flycatchers readily nest in a half open house placed under the eaves of low buildings. American robins love a simple shelf, also under the eave because they have become wise to the crows detecting their beautiful turquoise eggs in a nest in a bush. A barn swallow appreciates a shelf (even just two big nails) to build their mud nest against a beam in a barn. March is the time to mount the bird house in your yard or in the woods.

Mason bees hatch March to April when the outside temperature rises above 12 degree Celsius. Now is the time to place new bee “condos” in your yard. I experimented with ceramic house for them since one I have works so well in being used year after year. I observed the bees were cleaning out old bores more than they do in wood blocks. I made a number of them last spring for bee enthusiasts but when I placed the at the wood block position, they ignored them and used wooden ones. Other people had better success with the ceramic houses. Given the many hours to make the ceramic condos I am switching back to wooden condos. The trick seems to be to out up enough new houses to maintain a healthy population. The holes should be 5/16 inch diameter no more no less to encourage the bees to use them. The best place is under an eave facing east to south east for optimum temperatures.

Various proper bird nest boxes and bee condos are available at the Saturday Market from 9:30 am to 12: pm.

There is so much joy in having living things around you.

TIDE TABLE

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

2021-02-11 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:23	4.9	16.1
11:53	3.3	10.8
16:38	4.4	14.4
23:46	0.7	2.3
2021-02-12 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
06:56	4.9	16.1
12:36	3.1	10.2
17:30	4.3	14.1
2021-02-13 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
00:25	0.9	3.0
07:25	4.9	16.1
13:17	2.9	9.5
18:20	4.2	13.8
2021-02-14 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:00	1.2	3.9
07:52	4.8	15.7
13:58	2.7	8.9
19:11	4.1	13.5
2021-02-15 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
01:33	1.6	5.2
08:17	4.8	15.7
14:40	2.5	8.2
20:03	3.9	12.8
2021-02-16 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:04	2.1	6.9
08:40	4.7	15.4
15:21	2.3	7.5
20:59	3.8	12.5
2021-02-17 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
02:35	2.5	8.2
09:01	4.6	15.1
16:03	2.2	7.2
22:07	3.7	12.1
2021-02-18 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PST	(m)	(ft)
03:06	2.9	9.5
09:21	4.5	14.8
16:47	2.0	6.6
23:40	3.7	12.1





An Unpainted Portrait: Bogwash

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons

Bogwash. Def: a service generously provided for small boys - free of charge - by groups of much larger boys, whereby a free and thorough cleaning of the entire head is on offer. This service is facilitated in any one of several lavatory bowls situated in the oldest, coldest toilet block. Warm water or pity are not available options.

There is a very real chance that this feature of my school days was not confined to Ridgeway Secondary, however since I didn't have the opportunity to sample the culture within other establishments, I grew up believing it was unique to our collection of obnoxious adolescent males...

The 'Bogwash' was one of the unpleasant manifestations of the pseudo-hierarchical society at Ridgeway. The most probable victims of the process/rite of passage/assault were first year students and/or small. Even at the tender age of eleven, we had a few peers who sported startling signs of intimidating size and even beard growth. Robert Prince, for example, was six inches taller than me, could pass for fifteen and was annoyingly good looking. Along with his family's evident wealth, this gave him an air of easy confidence. He was even popular, which I thought was an extremely unfair garnish to his already brimming bowl of good fortune.

Usually, just being small was enough to make you a target, which meant that in some cases age factors could be dispensed with. This made the diminutive Martin Bracklespink's life hell for a number of years, as if the poor guy didn't have enough to handle, what with a name like that and the physical presence of a tiny, nervous shrew. Sometimes there was a pattern to the random application of the torture, but mostly the hapless individual was in the wrong place at the wrong time (and of course, of the wrong size) and thus fell foul of the perpetrators. In other words, it could happen to anyone - so long as they were small...

The process of 'lavée de bog' - as we non-French-speakers sometimes referred to it as we tried to make light of its dark cloud - was brutally simple. First, following the onset of boredom and usually through a haze of illicit cigarette smoke, a naive or unsuspecting target was acquired. Occasionally the unwary would foolishly entered the toilet block, but most often they were simply in that part of the school yard. There wasn't ever an excuse, but the evil-doers could always think of something to justify their cruelty. It might, for example, be a deficiency in height, an excess of circumference, having the temerity to wear spectacles, or most damnable, having somehow offended the delicate sensibilities of one of the bullies (which could of course include any of the aforementioned transgressions).

Upon entering - voluntarily or otherwise - the cold, stone and tile Victorian toilet block, the hapless small person was seized by larger, deep-voiced boys hiding behind the drifting strata of cigarette smoke which mysteriously appeared within

during break times. Many hands would relieve the struggling victim of the trouble of walking, and he would be carried into a cubicle. Once there, he would be forced - head first - into the toilet bowl while a 'helpful' hand flushed the toilet. The press of human bodies in such a confined space usually muffled the inevitable shrieks and squeals emanating from the brutally bogwashed boy.

It was a vile practice which as far as I could tell, went completely unpunished by the faculty. The problem seemed to be that nobody ever reported the matter to the authorities, although any teacher with his/her head screwed on would be hard pushed to not have any idea about what was happening when small, traumatized students kept turning up for a lesson after break time with dripping hair and a wet pair of shoulders.

Thankfully, my experience of this particular little horror remained only vicarious. Being particularly short during my first two years at the school, I was likely to be high on the list of potential victims, however a strange anatomical quirk had seemingly provided me with the storage capacity of a human several times my actual size. This meant that I could postpone that particular bodily function until I had the opportunity to visit a more secure washroom elsewhere on the site. There I could safely open the sluice gates.

Sadly, of all the reflections I am left with upon this one aspect of my school life all those years ago, the most meaningful is the wish that this latter ability had endured into my middle age...



Living Well: How Do I Love Thee?

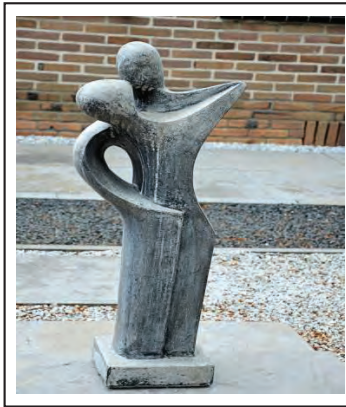
COMM INFO

By Verna Isbister

With Valentine's Day only three days away, you still have time to plan something lovely for that special someone in your life. As Elizabeth Barrett Browning asks, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." I invite you to begin making a list of all the ways that you adore the special loves in your life. Next find some red or floral paper, fold it in half, slip your list inside and voilà, a card is born and ready for the 14th.

As a child, I remembered the Lawrence Welk Show, where bubbles blew out of a bubble machine to the tune of Tiny Bubbles. If this season finds you in a tiny bubble of your own, use this occasion to reflect back on those people who you have loved over your lifetime and those who have loved you. Perhaps, you are sheltered with your loyal animal friends. I know that dogs, cats, horses, alpacas, llamas, donkeys and even chickens bring much love into our lives.

Chocolates, flowers and gifts are customary on this holiday and Denman Island provides us with all. Denman Island Choco



lates comes in many enticing varieties. So whether you want to add some Razzle Dazzle or some Zesty Orange to your relationship or move your love to more spiritual heights with Holy Mole or if you need some extra fun, buy Cocoa Loco. There's also a Valentine assortment called Heart of Gold. A piece of chocolate every day reduces our risk of heart disease. For flowers in February, create a bouquet of wild ferns and greenery from the forest and roadsides. The Denman Craft Shop is featuring many heartfelt gifts.

Cook a favorite meal with wine from Corlan Vineyard and purchase seafood, vegetables or meat from local producers. The Guest House is offering

a special Valentine's Day take-out dinner complete with wine pairings or order from the Shack N Wagon. Your efforts will be much appreciated and enjoyed.

To top it all off, clear the kitchen dance floor and put on some of your favorite love songs from the past. Neil Young's Harvest Moon would be at the top of my list. Graeme and I met at Vanier High School in Courtenay:

*When we were strangers
I watched you from afar
When we were lovers
I loved you with all my heart*

It also brings back memories of my husband's cancer diagnosis and my heart's longing:

*Because I'm still in love with you
I want to see you dance again
Because I'm still in love with you
On this harvest moon.
So, yes, we're still dancing ...*

Comatose Dreams

ARTS&LIT


By Richard Balfour

Alf woke up one morning last week well rested after a successful night of lucid dreaming, an Astral voyage where he spent time with friends.

But now he was getting worried. He found he was immobile, he could not feel his limbs and he could not move even a finger. His eyelids were frozen shut. He thought maybe I am still asleep and dreaming. He tried to meditate, to go into a lucid state but now he found himself frozen out of that too. After all this time of controlling his out of body experiences, he now was trapped it seemed. His wife nudged him but he could not move. Now she was worried and she started yelling at him. The sound of items crashing around the bedroom made him feel better and he could feel the mirror under his nose as she checked to see if he was breathing. In his panic he held his breath.

Oh shit. She called 911, the doctor, the family. What with the pandemic, all sort of said well it must be his time. The funeral home wanted no part of him, he was a cheapskate and his Will said he wanted a Viking Funeral, burning boat and helmet. Or what if they found the older Will first and they bury me alive?, he asked himself.

The kids came and put his naked body on the pyre, but with helmet and sword, it was too cold for the boat thing. As the flames got hotter, he still could not move and he passed out again, finally.

He woke up again to find himself in his bed. Oh thank god it was a dream. But oh no! He found he could not move. 

Music is so evocative of times, places and emotions. Start making your playlist for a night of musical reminiscences. How about Van Morrison's-Have I Told You Lately that I Love You or The Beatles'-All My Loving? If your bubble is small, you can really kick up your heels!

This weekend our daughter is getting married on February 13 (Covid rules: 10 guests and no reception). Love in the time of Covid replaces Gabriel Garcia Marquez's Love in the Time of Cholera. The couple have chosen two songs to be sung during their ceremony. Wildflowers by the Wailin' Jenny's:

*You belong among the wildflowers
You belong on a boat out at sea
You belong with your love on your arm
You belong somewhere you feel free
and Rhianna's We Found Love:
Yellow diamonds in the light
Now we're standing side by side
As your shadow crosses mine
What it takes to come alive
We found love in a hopeless place (or a Covid place)*

What I've learned is that love never fails. Love can be found in many places. Love is worth celebrating. Now it's time for a slow dance





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No Trespassing

By Philippa Joly

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I happened to be looking at the Denman facebook page last week when I noticed the long thread about trespassing on the island, and a video someone had captured of some older men making their way to the beach. Well, I scrolled on by, as people do on a screen, only to be struck by this thought in the middle of the night, “how can there be trespassers when the land is not ours?”

Only in very recent history has the idea of private property held any sway on the west coast. It wasn't until 1861, when the Governor offered land for \$1 per acre in the Comox Valley that the Crown began deeding land to settlers that was not theirs to give away. Since time in immemorial, Denman Island has been part of Pentlatch, Qualicum, and K'omox traditional territory. Not until the land was cleared of its people through diseases and desperation, could the crown come in and claim it, divide it up with artificial boundaries, and sell what was not theirs. There has never been a treaty relinquishing this land to the Queen. And even if there was a treaty, most of them were fraudulent, made under duress or not consented to by all the people of the nation.

The K'omox people now live on a postage stamp sized reserve. And here we are on a beautiful island demanding that community members do not step foot on 'our properties.' The greatly quoted (and mis-quoted) Chief Seattle said “The earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth.” Belonging to the earth sounds like a humbling practice that needs to be taken up and re-membered, as our bodies will always go back to the earth. And the will land continue on, lived on by the river otters, eagles, rats and ravens, fir trees, English ivy, disappearing chocolate lilies and cottonwood.

This culture favours the individual. People want houses big enough for four families, and a wide berth of privacy around them. This does not foster community. There are No Trespassing signs posted now in places I have walked for the past 20 years. The Commons shrinks. No more access to amazing south end wet lands, no berry patch, no walk down chocolate lily lane, no beach access. Yes, we can give space to the dwellings of each other, we can move quietly and respectfully across the land, but a No Trespassing sign is the end of a conversation. What does that really mean? What do you really want? Put that on a sign.

In the city, many people have learned that the best way to not have your car broken into, is to leave it unlocked. This too could be said for land. I write this from the privileged place of now having a place that I call my 'own.' But rather than fence

it off from others, my land mates and I have built a trail that can be easily accessed, so those who want to, can move freely across the land. I understand that this land is not mine, but a place I share with the nut hatches, the deer, the raccoon, the rough skinned newt, the sword fern, the moss, the cedar tree and the other humans who make their homes on this island. All over Europe, land is kept in common by the Common's act. You not only cannot put up No Trespassing signs, you actually need to make a right of way so people can cross the land. There are fences, but with steps to welcome people to cross them.

No Trespassing signs can go the way of Winnie The Poohs. The sign above his door says “Trespasser's W.” Which, he tells Piglet, was the name of his Grandfather. Let all No Trespassing signs now be a thing of the past. Let the gates be open, welcoming each other to roam (but close the gate behind you to keep the cows in.) Let's foster community and inquiry, especially in these times of scarcity, change and upheaval. Ask yourself, what are you afraid of? What do you have to lose? What do you have to share? Notice how good it feels to share. Then go out for a wander and wonder at the generosity of this land.



Language Shapes Thinking: The “Two-state Solution” & Israeli Apartheid

By Sally Campbell

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Israel has long regarded itself as a small European-like nation in an “unfriendly neighbourhood”. Alas, Israel is the only Middle East state with nuclear weapons; it is one of the world's leading exporters of arms and military/surveillance/policing technology & training. (See Israeli Jeff Halper's *War Against the People: Israel, The Palestinians & Global Pacification*, 2015). Those weapons, we are told, have greater value in the marketplace because they have been “field-tested” on Palestinians. That doesn't sound very friendly to me.

Defenders of Israel and the status quo invariably express their support for peace in the form of a “two-state solution”. It sounds so fair, so benign. Why has it been touted for so many decades as the answer to a seemingly intractable situation, and yet remains further from becoming a reality than ever before? Because the language is used to lull the international community into non-action, while Israel continues its settler-colonial project of populating and controlling the whole territory, “from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea”.

A two-state solution would of course, preserve Jewish supremacy in Israel, recently enshrined by Israel's “Nation State Law”. Presently 20% of Israel's population is Palestinian, living as lesser citizens. They are a small enough minority to be safe. The dilemma posed by a one-state solution, which would include the West Bank & Gaza, is that Palestinians would then make up fully one-half of the overall population, and as Israeli apologist Prof. Alon Ben-Meir contends, that would “undercut its [Israel's] democratic nature”. (1) Translated, that means: one state would confirm to the world that Israel is an apartheid regime, where the Palestinian half of its population lives under its cruel thumb.

This fact has finally come to the forefront in an explosive report published January 12th by Israel's human rights organization, B'Tselem: "A Regime of Jewish Supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea: This is Apartheid". This was followed January 16th by an editorial in The Guardian, usually a bastion of liberal Zionism, entitled: *The Guardian View of Israel and Apartheid: Prophecy or Description?* Then on January 21st, Nathan Thrall, former Director of the Arab-Israeli Project at the *International Crisis Group*, out of Jerusalem, published an essay in the *London Review of Books: The Separate Regimes Delusion: Nathan Thrall on Israeli Apartheid*. Each one of these is well worth the read. The gist of these writings is that the Israeli state pretends the West Bank & Gaza are somehow a separate regime from it. That Israel is a democracy and the occupation (since 1967) of the West Bank and Gaza is somehow temporary, so military rule and separate laws "over there" are ok. And actually this is all an illusion, carefully-crafted to preserve Israel's image as "the only democracy in the Middle East". The Israeli government's use of language to confuse and distract is brilliant.

Once people realize Israel's bureaucratic grip over life in the occupied Palestinian territories (and the old colonial-style role of the Palestinian Authority as its enforcer), it becomes clear that the occupied Palestinian territories, including Gaza, have long been *de facto* annexed. Medical care, mobility, land, housing, access to water, education, roads, buses – these and many more aspects of Palestinian life are under Israeli control. Maps of Israel show no demarcation between Israel and the occupied territories. The territories are referred to as *Judea and Samaria* by Israelis. Nearly 700,000 Jewish settlers now live in the occupied territories and Palestinian East Jerusalem; they're not leaving anytime soon. There is no place left for Palestinians to have a state. Israel has worked hard to lay down what it cynically calls "facts on the ground" to establish its claim to the whole of the land.

Nonetheless, these recent publications are strong indicators of a *shift in the discourse*. The writers named above show how the Zionist idea of Jewish supremacy has led to the ugly reality of apartheid. And once we understand that apartheid doesn't have to be everywhere in a country to still be "an apartheid

regime", Israel is exposed. People don't like apartheid. It is a powerful word eliciting strong distaste. South African former Archbishop Desmond Tutu has long condemned Israeli policies as "humiliating" and endorsed non-violent boycott and divestment as a means of reversing "decades-long support for the apartheid regime".(2)

Many prominent Jewish intellectuals (such as American writer/academic Peter Beinart and Israeli-Canadian filmmaker/journalist Lia Tarachansky) have taken the blinders off and recognized that their Judaism is better expressed by working for equality & freedom for all, than by the sorry clinging to the idea of a Jewish supremacist state. That was a bad idea in the first place and it is now being exposed for what it is. Let's use language to clarify and name injustice, not to muddy the waters.

(1)-Ben-Meir, Alon, *Biden's Opportunity to End Israel-Palestine Conflict*, *Peace Magazine*, Jan.-March, 2021.

(2)-Desmond Tutu: *Israel guilty of apartheid in treatment of Palestinians*, *The Jerusalem Post*, 10 March, 2014. 🍷

Finding Strength by Thomas Provençal

*When desperation comes to call
it's hard to carry on.
When your world feels like a wall
and all your hope is gone.
Though your heart beats in your
breast,
self-pity it can spread.
The world's awaiting your behest;
don't quarantine instead.
Find a star, absorb its light.
For your soul it shines,
the force of love there to ignite.
Your strength of will aligns.
Find the joy around you.
It's breathing in the trees.
Allow a partner in to crown you
to co-create as you please.*

Corrections to February Calendar

- There is no LTC meeting on the 23rd
- the CAP Site hours are Wed & Thu 4-7pm.

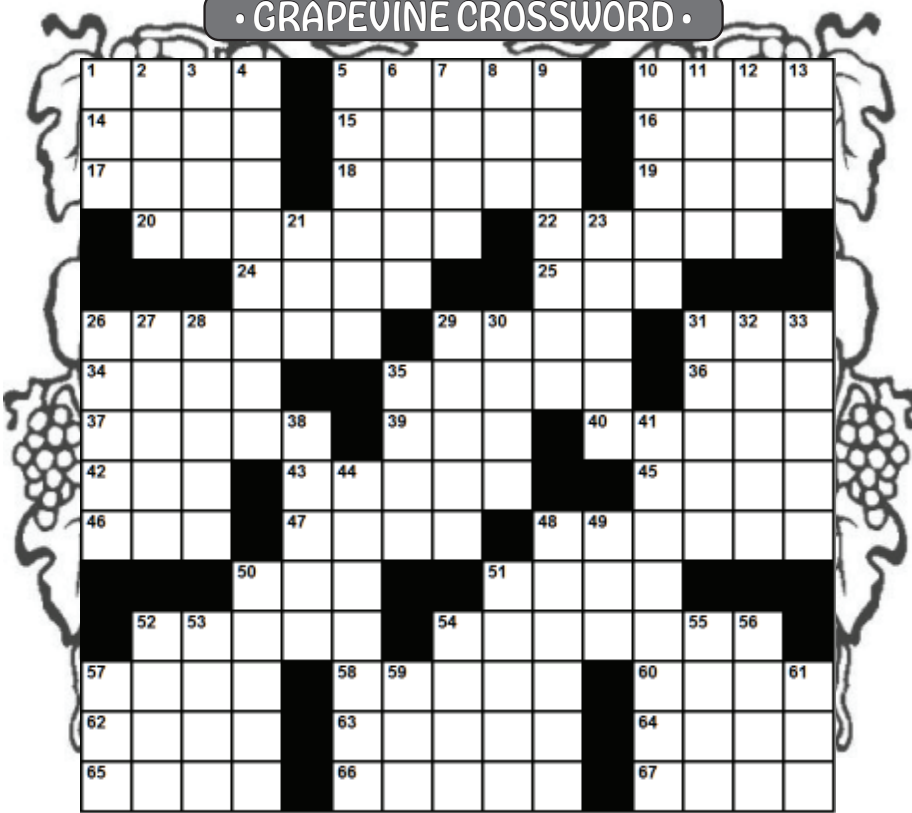


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• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

- 1. Back flows
- 5. Go over
- 10. Physics unit
- 14. Dull as dishwater
- 15. Do penance
- 16. Crucifix
- 17. Feral pig
- 18. Church singers
- 19. 100 cents overseas
- 20. Clear and shrill
- 22. Colony of bees
- 24. Kisser
- 25. A little resistance
- 26. Clark Kent's newspaper
- 29. All there
- 31. Curative water
- 34. Excellent
- 35. Filling
- 36. Came down with
- 37. Liquid refuse
- 39. Jazz genre
- 40. Saber
- 42. Cloth edge
- 43. Cousin of aloha
- 45. Alleviate
- 46. Beatitudes verb
- 47. Audition
- 48. He may be high

50. Addition column

- 51. Bluewing
- 52. Far from sleepy
- 54. Granted
- 57. At the summit of
- 58. Up to a time that
- 60. Awaiting reply
- 62. Drifting
- 63. Brooder's perch
- 64. Is congenial
- 65. Milady's
- 66. Devoid of content
- 67. Benevolent group

• DOWN •

- 1. Chicago lyricist
- 2. Congressional caucus
- 3. False god
- 4. Bomb fragrant
- 5. Bigot
- 6. Group beliefs
- 7. Masked fur bearer, for short
- 8. Cuckoo
- 9. Aura
- 10. Aspiration
- 11. Not mine
- 12. A Crosby
- 13. Ancient Tokyo
- 21. Be contrite
- 23. Watery parts of milk
- 26. High ranking Ottoman
- 27. Bring down
- 28. Cartoon genre
- 29. Grimace of contempt
- 30. Bavarian range
- 31. Sand bank
- 32. Analyze sentences
- 33. European viper
- 35. African wading bird
- 38. After a while
- 41. Bravo!
- 44. Set of teeth
- 48. Buildings and land
- 49. Blade
- 50. Big state
- 51. Certain dance
- 52. Altar area
- 53. Evil grin
- 54. At the peak of
- 55. Bad deed
- 56. Knock flat
- 57. Dismissing comment
- 59. Artesian appellation
- 61. Part of RSVP

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He tested his limits



MARCH CALENDAR

deadline is

FRIDAY FEB 19TH

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• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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Jean Ferry
 1927-2021

After a well-lived life, travelling & doing what she loved, Jean died peacefully at the Comox Valley Seniors Village Long Term Care Residence on Saturday, January 30th.

As she requested, there will be no service. Her ashes will be scattered both on Denman Island & at the Campbell River, where George's were given flight in 2008.

In remembrance, donations may be given to the Hornby Denman Community Health Society (www.hornbydenmanhealth.com) in thanks for the wonderful services they provide to those in need.

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

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

THURSDAY 11

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

FRIDAY 12

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 13

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark

SUNDAY 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

MONDAY 15

BC FAMILY DAY

TUESDAY 16

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



WEDNESDAY 17

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

THURSDAY 18

