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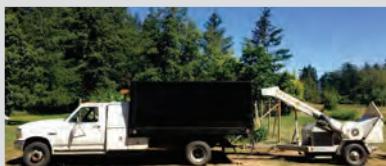
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Blackberry Faire Is Back On For 2021

COMMUNITY INFO

By DIRCS

For those of you who are new to the island and for residents with some memory loss (most of the rest) DIRCS is the Denman Island Recreation Commission Society. We are a volunteer board of directors for the Society which owns and operates the Denman Community Hall on Northwest Road. One of our principal annual roles is to host and sort of organize the annual Blackberry Faire, an island wide extravaganza that features a parade* (that starts at 11:45 am from the Guest House), the DCA used book sale, numerous food booths, music, a fruit and vegetable competition, and the famous Zucchini Race. The latter is a go cart race inspired event run on a custom-built track using small (usually) and decorated (usually) race cars made from a real zucchini and two or more axle and wheel sets. Hornby Island residents are invited (challenged?) to enter garden produce or flowers into competition with Denman's greenest thumbs as Hornby is not having a fall fair this year. Let us see a full-on horticultural donnybrook! There is also usually a 10k race, a pi booth, and much else.

Stay tuned for more information in the next few weeks, but for anyone interested in participating, getting involved or hosting a booth, please contact Max Rogers at 334-1088, this year's Faire Manager.

* The parade is open to anyone who resides on the island, is here for a visit, or got stuck in the ferry lineup. You may march in a costume or not, and with or without an animal, as you or the animal choose. Elaborately decorated floats or bicycles are welcome.

DIRCS expects that all attendees old enough to attend will be vaccinated to protect our children, and if not, please wear a mask! 🍷

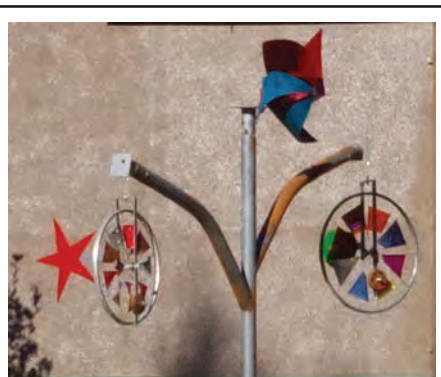
Mystery in the Wind

By Joni Daniels • ARTS Denman

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Photo by Michael Rapati

The latest work of public art commissioned by Arts Denman, through a grant from the BC Arts Council, appeared at the old school market grounds earlier this month. The untitled sculpture by a Denman artist who wishes to remain anonymous, is a kinetic work of art composed of all recycled materials. It's sure to brighten up the windy winter days! 🍷



Sweet Being

By Joni Daniels • ARTS Denman

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Photo by Chris Wardman

The Art Gallery at the Denman Island Arts Centre was host this past week to a striking array of new paintings by Katarina Meglic. These intimate portraits explore the themes of divination and the relationship between pattern, order and chaos. Katarina considers the human figure to be a vessel of storytelling and her canvases are rich with intense colour, expressive line, and thick textures. The show moves next to the Rollin Art Centre in Port Alberni, September 7 – October 2. 🍷

Community Hall Open For Business

COMMUNITY INFO

By DIRCS

nodding of heads by audience members other than if seated.

As for ongoing projects at the hall, the Farm to Family meal program is moving into a much expanded storage space in the old preschool now that the latter has moved next door into their new facility. In addition to Farm to Family, we anticipate installing a public washroom and (possibly) a community laundry in the vacant space.

We are still finishing off a major renovation to the Green Room and in the throes of planning for and installing a new HVAC system to heat and ventilate the hall. 🍷

Kaimerata Summer Festival 2021

By Kai Gleusteen

ARTS&LIT

• Kaimerata Concerts

August 6th to 8th, Denman Island Community Hall

WE ARE BACK this summer with another edition of the Kaimerata Chamber Music Festival, after so sadly skipping last year's. Much can be said about these last fifteen months but suffice it to say that we are as eager to perform live concerts as you are thirsty to hear them!

From August 2nd on, **Beth Sandvoss**, cellist from Calgary, **Dan Scholz**, violist from Winnipeg along with **Catherine Ordroneau**, pianist from France and myself, **Kai Gleusteen**, violinist, will be preparing three programs of incredible music for you. Performances will be on **Friday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, August 7th at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday August 8th at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Hall**. Tickets can be purchased individually at the door or online at www.kaimerata.com. There is

a special "supporter's pass" available which includes the possibility of listening to the rehearsals, allowing one to know the music more profoundly and see it evolve during the week.

On **Friday the 6th**, we will include two masterworks of **Beethoven**. A most impressive **String Trio** and the unbelievably beautiful **Archduke Trio**. In between these two works, Catherine will dazzle us with one of the warhorses of solo piano repertoire: the **Dante Sonata** by **Franz Liszt**.

On the program of **Saturday the 7th** will be one of the masterpieces of ALL classical music: **J.S. Bach's Goldberg Variations**, arranged for String Trio. This will be the perfect occasion for me to demonstrate and explain a few of the wonders of this remarkable work.

On **Sunday the 8th**, Catherine will share with us **Schumann's** profound **Symphonic Etudes** for solo piano and we shall finish with a very little known but gorgeous **Piano Quartet** by **Camille Saint-Saëns**.

Please join us in the celebration of **LIVE music!!** 🍷

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2021-07-22
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:27	4.5	14.8
11:12	0.2	0.7
18:48	4.8	15.7
23:49	3.6	11.8

2021-07-23
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:23	4.5	14.8
11:59	0.1	0.3
19:30	4.9	16.1

2021-07-24
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:41	3.5	11.5
05:18	4.5	14.8
12:45	0.1	0.3
20:08	5.0	16.4

2021-07-25
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:31	3.3	10.8
06:13	4.4	14.4
13:27	0.3	1.0
20:44	5.0	16.4

2021-07-26
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:20	3.1	10.2
07:08	4.3	14.1
14:08	0.5	1.6
21:18	4.9	16.1

2021-07-27
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:10	2.9	9.5
08:03	4.1	13.5
14:47	0.9	3.0
21:49	4.9	16.1

2021-07-28
(Wednesday)

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PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:01	2.7	8.9
09:00	3.9	12.8
15:25	1.4	4.6
22:19	4.8	15.7

2021-07-29
(Thursday)

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PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:53	2.4	7.9
10:03	3.6	11.8
16:01	2.0	6.6
22:47	4.7	15.4





ARTS&LIT

A Work in Progress: *Oh, Bollucks* (Part1)

By Leo Simmons

one; I would be able to monitor a wide spread of fields that bordered the area concerned, and so I parked my brightly painted patrol car behind a hedge and took up position to watch the area...

I looked out over an old five bar gate onto what might politely be called 'pasture', but which in reality was a desolate bog of a field, for the moment apparently empty except for an enthusiastic sprinkling of thistles and dark, bad-tempered-looking bushes. It was a big lump of land, clearly unfit for very much except infrequent grazing, or perhaps dumping an unwanted car and watching the swamplier parts drag it under the surface over the following weeks. It was the kind of field that made daylight seem like dusk, its high hedges and black, frowning trees drawing a line across its furthest edge as if daring the housing development to creep any closer. As soon as I saw how miserable it was, I knew that I was going to end up walking across it, even though – or more likely because - I really, really didn't want to. Never underestimate the capacity of the universe to mess with you.

Not untypically, the radio room almost straight away began to receive reports from members of the public as the fleeing burglar tried to make his escape through their back gardens. The little rascal was heading towards one part of the area I was covering, which in turn meant that I might be best placed to pounce upon him. Still young and daft enough to want to get my name up in lights, I grew agitated at the thought of him possibly getting away. It was no good; against my better instinct but spurred on by the thought of catching Billy Burglar, I clambered over the old-fashioned gate, cursed as it left a long stripe of green slime on one trouser leg, and began to make my way across the field. Keeping my eyes fixed on the spot I fancied he was most likely to emerge from, I strode across the 'pasture' in my heavy greatcoat. It was an enormous thing, designed around the end of the nineteenth century with almost zero flexibility. In other words; state-of-the-art police attire. Made of wool woven closely with – it seemed - high tensile steel, it was incredibly warm, but not the kind of garment to be running around in unless absolutely necessary (for example; if my hair was on fire and there was a horse trough nearby). Hence; striding rather than youthful jogging.

The ground was boggy and I became aware of a herd of approximately thirty black shorthorn cows - hitherto concealed in the furthest corner of the large field - lazily wandering in parallel with me towards the far side of the field. I was also conscious that I had the wrong kind of footwear for this kind of expedition – old shoes with somewhat slick soles instead of boots with a decent tread pattern. The result was similar to wearing greased leather slippers on an ice rink. As I gingerly moved closer to the houses and tried very hard not to land on my backside, reports of the suspect's movements began to increase and to my chagrin, it began to seem as if he was now moving away from me. Again, this wasn't unusual, but I was resolved to maintain my position until there were further developments. Finally, I reached the rickety fence and the line of trees which formed the border between the scruffy pasture and the gardens of the housing development. Up close, the trees were pitch black and looked very pissed off with their lot. I sympathized.

Hardly had I settled down to watch the line when, after a sudden flurry of activity on the radio and some distant shouting from over on my left, it transpired that

the little scamp had been apprehended a short distance away.

With a deep sigh of frustration, I turned to make my way back across the boggy, soggy field to the car, some two hundred yards away or more. Instead of a wide-open expanse of field, however, what I was faced with was twenty-something pairs of wet, curious eyes gazing at me from a distance of approximately thirty feet. The eyes were enormous, brown and with long, curling lashes. They sound pretty, don't they? However, let me just say: pointy horns.

The seemingly aloof cattle had crept up on me while I'd been absorbed in my task. Immediately below the long-lashed eyes were casually chewing mouths and snotty noses dripping goop in a rather sinister way. What really caught my attention, however, were those horns on top of the long faces which regarded me a little less impassively than I would've preferred. Those horns didn't look very friendly. Being faced with a large number of hairy beasts was a shock, I don't mind admitting. Idiotic, violent human beasts I was used to; livestock not so much. I paused, considering my plight. The choice was between staying where I was and slowly sinking into the mud without a trace, or ignoring the cows, calmly heading back to my car and continuing on my way. And so, with a mental shrug of resignation I walked towards the animals, not really knowing what the hell I was doing, but hoping that reading all those James Herriot books as a kid would stand me in good stead.

Magically, as if understanding my intention - and *of course* my natural, if untested, ability as a stockman - the cows moved silently out of my way and to one side, allowing me to register from the usual anatomical signs that these were not, in fact, young heifers, but bullocks. That, I was *very* aware, is a word which contains the word 'bull'...and *that* word made me a little uncomfortable. Trying to remain calm, I made my way through the herd, which of course suddenly included all those other animals that had not had front

row seats, but which obligingly parted in front of me. There seemed to be a great many of them. Indeed, there was a great many of them – at least twice the number I'd originally estimated. Twice the trampling, I thought, not making myself feel better in any way. I wished that my mind would shut up.

Having therefore spent several seconds with my brain in neutral, I'd decided that valour was the better part of caution, and struck out in the direction of the gate. The gate, and safety from these barely tamed wild, slaving and probably carnivorous beasts. I felt that a normal pace would best convey an attitude of calm, competent confidence - instead of the reality of the rapidly beating heart that was banging away within my rib cage. Remember the dignity of public office, I told myself. Animals, I consoled myself, can't *really* smell fear. That was a myth. Surely. These were, after all, honking big brutes, each of them six to seven hundred pounds at least, and all of them with those nasty, pointy and most definitely insanitary horns on their heads. More relevantly, however, they were clearly – my stockman's eye again, you understand - all juvenile and male; not a good combination in any mammal. Juvenile and male, I thought...They're *randy*, I thought. Holy ****, I thought.

Deep breaths and a calm pace, I told myself - that was the way out of this. Oh yes. Natural stockman.

For a minute or two, all seemed well, and I faced forward, concentrating my attention upon the unsettlingly distant gate which a lifetime ago I had vaulted to get into the field. Slowly - extremely slowly, it seemed - it was growing closer. It was also apparent that some members of the neighbourhood had taken a break from their daily routines to see what the police were up to, and several people were casually leaning on the gate watching me. Uncharitably, I hoped that they were getting green slime on their clothes. There was, even from that distance, an air of expectation about the watchers. They wanted a show at my expense. They might, I thought, just get one. 🍷

We Turned The Page!

ARTS&LIT

By Stewart Goodings



Whether last weekend's Turning the Page literary event in the Community Hall was a harbinger of a more normal world, or a one-off thrill before another bout of public health restrictions remains to be seen, but, wow, wasn't it fun?

For four hours last Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, the Community Hall was crowded with enthusiastic audiences, listening and watching a diverse group of talented friends and neighbours reading, singing, lecturing, and performing their own compositions. It was the first time the island has experienced an indoor, in-person event since the pandemic arrived over a year ago.

Ahead of the event, the RWF organizers worried: would people come? Could we feed all the potential attendees? Would the performers capture the audience's attention? Well, the answers were a resounding 'yes' to all these worrisome questions!

On behalf of my colleagues on the Readers and Writers Festival committee—co-chair Cindy Critchley, Gail Dugas, Debbie Frketich, Claire Kennedy, Helen Mason, John Mills, Annette Reinhart, and Howard Stewart, a big *muchas gracias* to everyone for helping to make Turning the Page a success—the writers, readers, performers, organizers, volunteers, those who provided technical expertise, those who provided the delicious food and drink, and those who handled book and CD sales.

Particular thanks to everyone who came out to support their friends and neighbours—our writers and performers. Just over \$500 was raised in the Donation jar, and that will be a nice contribution to the Community Hall's hope to install a heat pump! And if you have any ideas of what we can do in the future to improve our literary events, please let me know at: sgsgood@hotmail.com 🍷

Buzz on Bees

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Rachel Halliwell

Summer is upon us.. and fast! This immediate increase in temperature has not only been difficult on us but also our honeybees. Honeybees have techniques to keep cool within the hive, such as 'bearding'— where a number of workers wrap around the hive box and landing pad, rapidly fanning their wings to push cooler air into the colony. Although when temperatures increase exponentially, there are a handful of ways we can help them out.

First, is there a water source nearby? Just like us, honeybees need water throughout the season but particularly on really hot days. You may see honeybees in your neighbour's pool, in muddy looking puddles and nearby ponds, this is because the bees are typically looking for water sources that provide minerals and salt. If you are unsure if your colony has found a water source, you can leave out a bowl of water. If you do place a water source out for the honeybee, ensure that there are sticks or rocks to allow the honeybee or any visiting pollinator species a chance to slurp the hydrating liquid from a safe ledge. During the intense heat wave, this water can be used as an evaporative tool within the colony.

Secondly, does your colony have any shade? As beekeepers we are told to find a really sunny spot for our colonies – and this is usually a helpful tip. Although in our recent heat wave, these sunny spots allow for little relief from the sun. One of the temporary means of helping our colonies, and perhaps neighbouring pollinator species, is by providing some shade. This can most easily come in the form of an umbrella. This fixture can allow temporary relief from the sky rocketing temperatures of the previous heat wave. In our more typical temperature ranges, the colony doesn't necessarily need our intervention and can beard and fan to keep the colony cool.

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...continued from P.5 Lastly, can you increase ventilation? Some honeybee colonies have bottom boards that have a removable board. If this is the case with your colony, in really hot temperatures you can remove this board and allow for extra ventilation those the base of the colony. Once temperatures resume to 'normal', it is important to replace the board so the honeybees can properly regulate the internal temperature. If your hive equipment comes with a regular bottom board, you can provide extra ventilation through the top entrance. This occurs by propping the hive top on the inner cover and exposing the inner cover entrance. You can leave this propped hive top for the duration of the season until wasps become an issue around your hive!

Hopefully these tips can help you and your bees stay cool. In the meantime, happy beekeeping and if you have any honeybee questions or concerns, send us an email at info@homegrownbee.ca 🍷

Publisher's Notes

In the run up to our 30th anniversary the Grapevine has helped readers get (re)acquainted with the Nunzio and Vitale families. With Tina & Tony's impending union (from Valentine's Day 1998) the two families will become one. Even if Uncle Lui regards the Nunzio's more 'outlaws' than in.

Courtesy of Grapevine correspondent Betty-Ann Grodecki's coverage, I feel as though I've gotten to know both families rather well. Perhaps too well!

Let's dip back one last time as we send Tony & Tina off towards wedded bliss! 🍷

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Tony & Tina Tell All!

At last the *Grapevine* has received a Press Release from Tony & Tina, which reads as follows:

The Vitale and Nunzio families have been "at odds" ever since the Nunzios set fire to Uncle Lui's bakery 15 years ago - an insurance scam gone wrong. Now Uncle Lui's great-niece Tina Vitale, is to marry Tony Nunzio Jr. Will there be trouble? Tony's dad, Nunzio Sr., an ex pipe-guy and owner of the strip club the Animal Kingdom, is macho and tough. But Josie Vitale, Tina's mum and a widow, is tough too -- behind Tina's wedding is a solid battle plan backed by hard work, experience, and contracts in writing from Sal, the photographer and Vinnie Black, caterer and friend since high school. (Vinnie bosses everyone around, but wife Loretta really owns the Coliseum restaurant). Grandma Nunzio is also tough, but she's happy that grandson Tony is getting married, and is pleased that Maddy Munroe (head dancer at the Animal Kingdom and Nunzio's main squeeze) is sweet to her. Of course Grandma Nunzio wants to see her other

grandson, Johnny, married as well.

The young people all grew up as friends together on Denman. Handsome, rowdy, charming Tony works for his Dad and loves Tina. Tina loves Tina, Tony, and parties. Best man Barry Wheeler sees himself as "in charge" but cannot control his girl, Tina's best friend and maid of honour Connie Mocogni. Heart-of-gold usher Dominic Fabrizio also works for the Animal Kingdom and has been in love with bridesmaid Donna Marsala since 3rd grade. Donna, also Tina's best friend since day care, sees herself as a singing star waiting to be discovered. Bridesmaid Marina Galino is vulnerable, in love with love, and wants to be "in" with the gang. Tina's weird cousin Sister Terry is on leave from the convent to help out at Tina's wedding. Sister Terry had a boyfriend once, one night in high school, and that was Dominic. And there's the heartbreaker, Joey Vitale, Tina's bro, a gay, wanna-be choreographer who works at the Credit Union. Josie's sister, Aunt Rose, is very fond of Joey and his buddies, as is Father Mark, the Irish priest with a shadowed past. And lastly there's Michael Just, Tina's ex-boyfriend just out of rehab for alcohol addiction. What will happen now?

Editor's Note: Be one of the first to find out what happens now! Check with Mike or Rollande for last minute bookings on Fri., Feb. 13th. Those attending Tony & Tina's Wedding Preview on Friday should keep their tickets if they wish to return for the dance on Saturday night at 9:30, after the play is over.

Page 4 ~ Hornby-Denman Island Grapevine ~ February 19, 1998

Tony & Tina Triumph!

ACE reporter from *The Grapevine* covered Tony & Tina's wedding last weekend.

Tina was radiant in white lace, while Tony radiated sex appeal in his cream coloured tux and little pointy beard. In fact, the beautiful outfits worn by the wedding party were created by "La Madame Barbara", whose sole employee, Barbara Mullin, cut and stitched, (by candlelight when the power went off), to complete each ensemble in time for the wedding.

Decorations at the Coliseum were the work of "Tait's Tastefully Tacky Table Decor", while Liz Rocky of "Predominately Props", with her associates Kim Moloney, Ann Jansen, and The Kid provided the necessary accessories to the wedding gala. The incomparable Italian cuisine was created and produced by Master Chef ML Morden under the direction of Vinnie & Loretta Black.

Guests interviewed at the wedding were enthralled, particularly Mrs. Bunny, who shed tears of joy to see her day-care charges of 20 years ago all grown up to be so beautiful and clever and well suited to each other.

This just out: thanks to the brilliant work of Sal the Photographer and his assistant Robert Fox, visual records of the happy event will soon be in evidence. Watch for Tony & Tina's Wedding Video, coming to a library near you!

"Secret Arrests" Will be Captured by Media Finally

(with Thanks to Ethan Cox and Ricochet Media Team)

OP/ED

By Eartha Muirhead

Fairy Creek won the favor of a B.C. Superior Court judge, Justice Douglas Thomson, who ruled on July 20th, that the RCMP must allow media access to enforcement activities in the Fairy Creek injunction zone, and that such access should not be restricted unless there is a bona fide operational reason to do so. The decision came in response to an application from a coalition of media groups, who asked the court to add a media access clause to the Fairy Creek injunction order after months of police restrictions on journalists.

"I exercise my discretion to make the order sought by the media consortium," explained Justice Douglas Thompson in his oral remarks, after noting that his full written reasons would be released in the weeks to come; "on the basis that in making operational decisions and exercising its discretion surrounding the removal and arrest of persons violating the order, the RCMP will be reminded by the presence of this additional language to keep in mind the media's special role in a free and democratic society, and the necessity of avoiding undue and unnecessary interference with the journalistic function."

The ruling, which follows a two-day hearing last week in Nanaimo, is a significant victory for press freedom in Canada. Although it does not compel the RCMP to change their policies, it is a warning from the court that the rights of journalists must be respected. The court has made clear that if the RCMP continue to fail in this duty, it WILL NOT hesitate to intervene. The RCMP only allowed media access under threat of legal action from media outlets, and the access they have provided has consisted of stage-managed media tours and threats of arrest for anyone who steps out of line.

"The RCMP have now been told by courts in two provinces, as well as their own oversight body, that their approach to restricting media access in injunction zones is inadequate and unlawful," said Brent Jolly, president of the Canadian Association of Journalists, which also joined the court application. "We hope the police force will take this defeat as an opportunity to sit down with media groups and better understand our rights and needs."

For several years, the RCMP have been using injunction orders to establish broad exclusion zones around blockades and other protests in remote locations. These exclusion zones have been applied to journalists as well as the public, and have been condemned by most major international press freedom groups as well as human rights and civil liberties associations.

"The tactics the RCMP have been using to control media — including forcing them to be chaperoned at all times by a police officer and taking them on media tours where they are held in pens far from the action and threatened with arrest if they move — are comparable to an authoritarian regime," said Derrick O'Keefe, an editor with Ricochet Media. "Quite simply, a controlled press is not a free press. The courts have once again made this point clear to the RCMP, and we'll have to wait and see if they are listening."

The RCMP lawyer argued that secret arrests from which media were excluded were permissible, and also justified restrictions on media access by referring to potential safety risks if a media vehicle were to get a flat tire. But the tactic was used on Wet'suwet'en territory last year during a conflict over the construction of a new pipeline, when journalists from multiple outlets were obstructed from reporting. The RCMP's own watchdog, the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission, revealed that they had delivered a report to the force over a year earlier advising that broad exclusion zones were beyond police authority and unlawful, particularly as applied to working journalists.

Despite a clear court precedent and a rebuke from their own watchdog, the RCMP once again established a broad exclusion zone and denied journalists access to the area as they prepared to enforce the Fairy Creek injunction. As happened at Wet'suwet'en, the force only allowed media access under threat of legal action from media outlets, and the access

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INVITATION TO TENDER

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...continued from P.7 they have provided has consisted of stage-managed media tours and threats of arrest for anyone who steps out of line.

In two days of oral arguments, lawyers for the RCMP and logging company Teal-Jones, which intervened in the case, argued that the media outlets did not have standing to apply to modify the injunction, that the remedy sought was unnecessary because the law already provided for media rights and that the RCMP was providing perfectly adequate access to journalists. The RCMP lawyer argued that "SECRET" arrests, (direct quote), from which media were excluded were permissible. The RCMP also tried to justify restrictions on media access by referring to potential safety risks if a media vehicle were to get a flat tire!!!

Without intervention, police forces across this country could simply exclude the media from any enforcement activities they would prefer not be covered. Despite being supported by hundreds of pages of pleadings and affidavits and a large team of government lawyers, these arguments proved unconvincing. Sean Hern, QC, the lawyer representing the coalition of press groups, argued that the media organizations had sought to engage in a dialogue with the force about the unacceptable elements of the restrictions, and even offered various solutions, only to be rebuffed by the RCMP in a letter claiming the police were too busy to discuss such matters. This disregard for the rights and needs of professional journalists had led to dozens of documented incidents where reporters were barred from covering events, or where their ability to cover events was substantially compromised by excessive RCMP restrictions.

This ruling is not an order, and it does not compel the RCMP to take specific actions to remedy their failures. Instead, it is a direction from the court that the police must do a better job of ensuring access for journalists. The members of the coalition — which include the Canadian Association of Journalists, Ricochet Media, Capital Daily Victoria, The Narwhal, Canada's National Observer, APTN News, The Discourse, Indiginews and Canadian Journalists for Free Expression — hope that the police force will now sit down to discuss media concerns and make concessions to ensure that media rights are respected.

If they fail to do so, and continue to obstruct and interfere with journalists, then media groups will have to return to court to compel the RCMP to comply. However, this decision represents a major victory for press freedom in Canada. The RCMP can now either remedy their failures or defy the court's direction and

invite a subsequent judgement. Without intervention, police forces across this country could simply exclude the media from any enforcement activities they would prefer not be covered. This would have catastrophic implications not only for press freedom, but for the public's right to know. This is why today's ruling is so crucial, and why such a large coalition of press groups invested the time and resources necessary to challenge the police in court.

"We hope that today's ruling resolves these issues," said Jolly. "But if it does not, we are prepared to pursue whatever actions are necessary to safeguard media access and press freedom in Canada. This morning a journalist was arrested for doing his job in Toronto. That simply can't happen in a free and democratic society."

The full text of the clause that the judge has ordered be added to the injunction is as follows: "In exercising their enforcement discretion under this Order, the Police will not impede, curtail, delay, or interfere with access to any part of the Injunction Area by members of the media who are attempting to gather information and obtain photographic and video evidence for their respective publications, except where there is a bona fide Police operational rationale that requires it, and in those instances, as minimally as possible in recognition of the rights and vital role of the media in Canadian society." 🍷

Letter to *Dear Grapevine.* the Editor

It was with a creeping sense of dismay that I read Anthony Gregson's review of the show, 'Dragon Songs' (Issue #1492/July 15th). I would contrast the channeled 'dragon-centric' theme with a statement of Revelations:

"And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down... 'woe to the earth and sea: because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time'."

Obviously at this late hour when world government is imminent, there is almost no familiarity with my Lord's book... the most deadly enemy might be the one who holds our own vulnerabilities, our hopes and pride, as weakness to be exploited.

Peace.

Doug Rennpferd 🍷

Introduction Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux

By Bill Engleson
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ARTS&LIT

For a few years, I kept a diary of my inauguration into the Denman Community. This column, recently renamed Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux, will extract a few of my observations from a dozen or so years ago and share them. Hopefully, they will have some modern times currency.

Chapter 2: A Visit to Manfred Rupp

August 11, 2007

Yesterday, I visited Manfred Rupp. He is an island potter who wrote a 'sermon' in the Flagstone last month, (*sermon being his word*) calling for tranquility, for acceptance. It was a beautiful letter, nostalgic, a memoir of sorts that told a bit of his story, his first journey to Denman, his integration into the community, the extreme resistance some of the locals then brought to bear on the newcomers.

Newcomers are always a sore point for you cannot trust them, you don't know them. They are strangers.

Manfred and his partner Marjo Van Tooren, live on 20 acres up on Pickles Rd. The property has a bit of the look of an encampment. There are numerous outbuildings, at least two caravans (one apparently occupied by a tenant) and their two-story house. Manfred is recovering from foot surgery and is using crutches. Their living quarters are on the second floor of the main building, and it is quite a steep climb up the steps to get there.

The home has a worn look, worn down by time and use. The living room has been turned into a bit of a hospital ward, with a mattress stretched out on the floor behind the couch. Satellite dish jazz (*smooth variety*) is playing. Manfred makes us some coffee. I am always the good guest. He offers the coffee and even

though I am by habit only a morning coffee drinker (*three cups unless I lose count*) I accept. We start to compare lives. He tells the story of his journey to Denman...the collective times of he and his friends. He spends a fair amount of time telling me his version of the story of the owner of what became Lake Farm. That was the place everyone went to get cool during summer heat, forever the cool Island place to stave off the bright sun's glow. The owner and his wife of the land that encompassed the lake eventually built a changing hut and privy in order to provide a service of modesty for swimmers. Then the free spirits came, according to Manfred, with their skinny dipping and nudity ways. The owner's wife couldn't abide that, so they sold. Because of the nudity.

I am amazed and amused.

In the mid 70's the owners left for Findhorn, the Scottish retreat known for giant vegetables and human rejuvenation. And presumably, no or less nudity.



DI Committee Updates/Reports

COMMUNITY INFO

By DIRA

Bill Mee Park Committee (report by John Wigle): The year 2020 was a fairly regular year at the park with boaters, kayakers and picnickers using the facility in very slightly less numbers possibly due to COVID. Remarkably

unnecessary events included the graffiti painting of the signage, the vehicle donuts in the parking lot and the unusually high consumption of toilet paper from the rest station.

Current members: Kris Christensen, Allan Danks, Margie Gang, Ralph McCuaig, Mandy Negin, John Lane, David Pick, Stuart Davis, Pat Veness and John Wigle.

Dock Committee (report by Robert Fox):

1. The Crew and Cast Members

Edi Johnston - Wharfinger

Doug Wright - planner

Ram Sudama - technical support.

Robert Fox - Chair

Dave Pick and Rick Paisley - at large

Ron Shepherd, Robert French and Andrew Pringle - DIRA

DIRA Membership

Peter Karsten - swallow nesting boxes

David Scruton - Andrew Scruton memorial bench

Herman Devries - Darren Buchan memorial bench

Wade Round - all "round" go to islander

Dave & Wade - Mainroad

Graham Johnston - parking lot maintenance

Jack Carson - mooring maintenance

John and Liz Johnston, and Andrew and Judith Scruton - founding members and driving force creating the Community Dock

All the anonymous islanders who helped create, use, pick up litter, and

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2. The Work

The summer sailing program

Removal of decaying breakwater

Repair of damaged memorial bench

Installation of parking barriers to protect memorial benches and picnic tables

Filling parking lot potholes

Repairing dock floats

Walkway and float maintenance

Upgrading dock cameras

Removal of submerged dinghy

Ongoing work to collect unpaid dock fees

Underwater surveys of moorings and dock float

Support of fishing boat direct sales to Denman

Wharfage for water taxis during ferry shutdowns

Emergency dock usage for DIVFD and BC Ambulance patient transfers when ferry not available during shutdowns and after hours

RCMP off hours call arrivals by boat

While these lists are not exhaustive they clearly indicate the dedication and commitment of so many Denman Islanders all of whom are tireless volunteers to the service of our Community Dock.

3. The Mandate:

Our mandate is to operate, service, and maintain the dock for the safe recreational use of the boating community generally and Denman Islanders specifically. Due to its small size the float can only accommodate a limited number of relatively small craft and in order to maximize its availability to the most users maximum tie up is limited to five days before having to leave for a minimum of 24 hours. While all labour is volunteer operating expenses are not. Insurance, maintenance, repairs, unanticipated damages, improvements, and surveys exceed the supplemental funds available from grants and our parent organization, DIRA. As a result moorage and docking fees are a mainstay of dock funding. Like each of our other many volunteer organizations and community facilities the dock is taken for granted by a minority whose attitude towards community is "free to me from thee" rather than "free from me to thee". Litter, vandalism, theft, refusal to pay fees, and selfish use of facilities are not just frustrating they are insulting to the working and sharing spirit of our community. Consultation with concerned islanders and authorities is helping to create practical and legal solutions to these types of anti-community behaviours.

Graham Lake Volunteers (report by Ian Elliot):

What did we do in 2020 - our first (and hopefully last) "covid" summer?!

1. Put a tape and sign up in the spring closing the dock because of Covid (see

attached picture). It was immediately taken down!

2. Resigned to the "anarchy" of Denman, restored the life-saving ring to its proper place (J). (Again, see the attached picture.)

3. Collected some loose change (\$14.20) from the donations box that is behind the plexiglas at the general store. Thankfully our account is healthy!

4. And went swimming - but only once - at which time Ian collected a marvelous assortment of ?!?!?! , not all of which was suitable for the freestore.

The good news is, people stayed safe (no one drowned), enjoyed the warm sunshine, the dock and the lake. And as far as we know no one got covid. And the GLID folks still had some water to drink!

(Active members are: Frank Frketich, J Thornton, Kevin Hutton and (hopelessly inactive as there really isn't that much to do right now with covid) Ian Elliot. Oh and Ron Shepherd!)

Internet Committee (report by Peter Spurr):

We appear to be making significant advances towards better internet on Denman, although the Denman Island Internet Committee suspended activities in July. After four meetings in 2020 it was not able to find a partner/investor to commit to a major internet improvement throughout Denman, and concluded it could not recommend a feasible plan for our communities. Working with HICEEC, the Committee completed the publication of major reports describing the research/consultation process it had conducted, and the study it had contracted by Baylink Networks of the feasibility of creating a universal fibre-optic internet service on the two islands. These reports are deposited in locations including the National Archives, the Denman library, the Courtenay Museum, and the ongoing Hornby/Denman Islands internet committee website.

Our Hornby colleagues continued to press for improvements to the broadband on our islands, and DIRA supported its efforts. This initiative led to CVRD committing \$142,000

to secure landings on Denman and Hornby during the summer of 2021 of the federal/provincial funded Coastal Connection, an undersea fibre-optic cable. An application has been made to the province, which would also entail CVRD support, for funding to distribute this fibre-optic capacity to almost all households on the two islands, with a reasonable subscription cost. A decision on this application is expected in April, 2021.

When it concluded, the Denman Committee comprised: Michael Dillon, Anthony Gregson, Mark Kimmins, Paul Marmion, Lindsay McGinn, Sonia Murillo Paz, Ty Runkle, Peter Spurr and John Wigle.

Marine Guardians Volunteers (report by Edina Johnston):

MG members- myself, Maryjane Stewart and Howard Stewart - have been busy with continuously ridding our shores of escaped shellfish industry equipment (and other litter). As well, we submitted an article to the Island Grapevine and the Record re forage fish habitat protection awareness.

Since the October beach clean up (sponsored by ADIMS), we have removed around 200 oyster baskets, trays and pouches from the tideline. That was after personally notifying the tenure manager responsible, giving them one week to pick it up and then transporting it to the ADIMS collection site....cheers....edi

Old School Committee (Report by Gloria Michin):

The Old School Committed has always consisted of a representative of each regular tenant group. Currently they are: Stacey Armstrong - Waste Management, Laura Busheikin - Islands Trust, Cindy Critchley - Spinners & Weavers, Jayne Fogarty - Saturday Market, DD Fuchs - Denman Conservancy and me - no tenant affiliation.

We generally meet quarterly - sometimes if nothing specific to discuss we suspend the meeting. The last time we met was in January/20. Our next was scheduled for April 14, but of course, was cancelled.

We did not take on any projects in 2020. Initially, after the March lockdown, the OS building was not open to meeting; however, by the summer very limited meeting/gatherings were taking place, and where possible they were held outside. Scrupulous cleaning of the common areas takes place frequently; users are reminded to wear masks, open windows and maintain distance. The Weavers maintain their own space.

So far in 2021, we still haven't met in person, but have had a bit of email correspondence related mostly to the exorbitant increase in the insurance expense. As a result, our reserves were significantly depleted, so we submitted an application for a Grant in Aid, in partnership with Jenny Balke, our bat custodian, to do some work on the soffits and fascia of the OS building.

Parks Committee (report by Laura Pope):

In 2020, the parks committee was able, with the help of the CVRD, to complete the securing of a licence of occupation for 1.63 acres of MOTI land on Piercy Road for a neighbourhood park. In 2021 the CVRD budget will allow for a small amount of work to be done to improve access and to place 2 picnic tables. There may also be a minimal amount of work done to improve the trail to the beach.

This small but active committee has accomplished some major work in the last 5 years and it is a pleasure to chair such an able and friendly group.

We will continue to have outdoor work bees as we need over the winter, but have not met as much this year as we usually do for obvious reasons. We will be on hiatus until March and hopefully we will be back on monthly meetings outdoors when the weather allows.

Members of the DIRA Parks Committee are: Graeme Johnston and Tim Fuchs (special thanks for always turning out to solve parks dilemmas), Denise MacKean, Bert Taylor, Peter Karsten, Ron Shepherd, David Helmer (CVRD), Daniel May (BC Parks), Derek Moore, special trails help from Bruce Holden, Laura Pope. New members are always welcome!

Pesticide Free Committee (report by Anne Page):

In 2020 the Pesticide Free Committee (PFC) organized the annual Denman Broom Pulling Project. Thank you to the Comox Valley Regional District for providing funds for this project. Only one local resident was hired due to Covid restrictions. Bev Hollingsworth did an amazing job of broom pulling, concentrating in specific areas of Piercy, Kirk, Nelson & Denman roads and she also hauled the broom to a local farm. Thank you Bev. Broom pullers are available to borrow through the Denman Hardware Store in exchange for a donation to the PFC. Thank you to the Denman Hardware Store for supporting our cause and keeping track of the broom pullers and donations. All monies received go to support our educational endeavors and work.

The PFC continues to write articles for The Flagstone. Thank you Danni Crenna for publishing our articles.

In 2020 the PFC sent a letter with 25 brochures to each of our local realtors with a request to please distribute the brochures to new residents so they would be aware of the Pesticide Free Committee and our focus to educate residents about non-toxic and pesticide-free living on our island. Thank you to Sylvie Schroeder, Bente Pilgaard and Katarina Meglic for helping us to spread the word to new residents.

The PFC was planning a seminar event on invasive species in conjunction with the Denman Conservancy Association but due to Covid restrictions this event was cancelled. Hopefully it can be organized for sometime in 2021.

The PFC is a small but dedicated committee whose members are: Peter Thomsen (Chair), Teresa Beers, Robin

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...continued from P.11 Braun, Mary Jane Stewart and Anne Page. For more information or to join the committee please contact Peter Thomsen at linpete@uniserve.com.

Trails Committee (report by Allan Danks):

The list of Trails Committee members is as follows.

Boyd MacKean, Ian Lark, Rick Paisley, Tim Fuchs, Graeme Johnston, Michael Gorman, Ryan Getz, Duncan Stewart, Howard Stewart, Ralph McCuaig, Margie Gang, Allan Danks.

Apart from regularly maintaining the Cross Island Trail year round we also maintain the trails in the 2-BC Parks on the Island. This includes removing fallen trees across trail, cutting back vegetation from sides of trails and our latest endeavor is to make a new trail on the west side of Boyle Point Park to replace the existing one that runs too close to the edge of a cliff in places. We are usually active year-round but COVID has stopped us at times.

Wildlife Advisory Committee (report by Peter Karsten):

The purpose of this committee is to deal with wildlife concerns on the island, specifically with the harassment of wildlife by uncontrolled dogs, illegal and unsafe hunting practices, rescuing or dealing with distressed or injured wildlife and the confirmation and reporting of bear and cougar sightings; and acts as a central agency concerning lost or stray dogs.

Committee Members : Peter Karsten (Co-chair), Edi Johnston, (Co-Chair), Chris Danks, Mike Nestor, Kris Christensen (DRT), Dean Heyland (DRT), Peter Janes (DRT), John Isbister (DRT).

(DRT stands for Deer Response Team)

Edi Johnston and Chris Danks are primary contacts for dog related issues.

In light of Covid 19 transmission concerns the WAC did not meet during the last 12 months.

Chris Danks handed the Co-Chair role to Edi Johnston during 2020.



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The blue deer alert signs "BE PREPARED" have been placed entering Denman Road from the north, East Road from the south, MacFarlane from the west and Lacon Road from the north in early September 2019. Only two known vehicle impact kills have been attended to since. This represents a significant reduction in road kills. A number of winter killed deer (fawns of the year) were reported by islanders. Committee members remove these by request. The carcasses are fed to eagles, vultures and raven in designated places.

The WAC responded to complaints about dogs running at large and on one occasion killing livestock. The cases were resolved.

No reports of illegal hunting or trespassing have been recorded.

The Deer Response Team (DRT) has Committee members who are equipped to deal with injured and road-killed deer. The committee requests the public to call these members directly for immediate assistance instead of posting it on Facebook. An article to that effect was published in the Grapevine.

The WAC contacts are listed on the inside cover of the Denman Island Phone Directory.

The WAC anticipates no changes in structure or operation for the foreseeable future.

Waste Management Committee (report by Bob French)

Our purpose is to provide provincially-mandated waste management programs. To this end we manage the refuse collection contract and the Recycle Centre in conjunction with Comox Valley Regional District, which covers their costs via property taxes. The Bottle Depot is a franchise of Encorp, a province-wide consortium of bottlers and distributors. The container refund program, though a provincial mandate, is self-supporting rather than tax-supported. We also oversee operations of the Free Store, a local initiative run by volunteers and dedicated to the second of the Three Rs—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

DIRA's Waste Management Committee is a compact, efficient unit consisting of the on-site managers of the Recycle Centre and Bottle Depot—Stacey Armstrong and Mike Nestor, respectively—our financial officer, Lyndsey Jennings, the manager of the Free Store, Krista English, and representing DIRA, Bob French.

The past year, not to mention what may be yet to come, has been challenging. Providing safe spaces and operating protocols for our staff and customers has been our first consideration at all times. Nevertheless, our operations have continued to be efficient and cost-effective. This can be ascribed both to the diligence of our staff and the cooperative attitude of those we serve. So, thanks all around. We look forward to a post-Covid time when Saturdays at the Old School can again be a prime social event of the week. 🍷

Inflection Point

By Gwynne Dyer
• OP July 21, 2021

OP/ED

inflection point.

People who have taken climate change seriously for ten or twenty or thirty years, or however long it has been since they first became sentient, often feared that this moment might never arrive.

When they did dare to hope, they generally speculated that it would only arrive when there were really big and obviously climate-related disasters IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. Cyclones drowning Bangladeshis and droughts starving whole provinces in Africa didn't count, because most people in the rich countries would just see that as business as usual.

And thus it came to pass – not as soon as it should have, in terms of the time needed to turn the climate juggernaut around, but you can't expect these things to keep to a human timetable. At any rate, we're there at last: the heat waves and the storms of this northern hemisphere summer have been so far beyond the usual that the donkeys are finally getting the message.

Well, not the most stubborn donkeys, obviously, but a heat wave that is a full 5 degrees C higher than the previous national record in Canada is clearly not 'natural variability'. Most people in North America now realise that something big and bad is happening to their climate.

Only two weeks later, the same wake-up call came to Europe, with unprecedented downpours that washed away whole villages in western Germany and Belgium. This week it's heat waves and huge wildfires in northern Siberia, and massive floods in China's Henan province. (A year's worth of rain in three days in Zhengzhou.)

The price of these warnings has been remarkably low as natural catastrophes go: around three hundred dead each in North America and western Europe, and only dozens each in Russia and China. But the whole industrialised world has been put on notice that the climate disasters will not only be happening in the poorer parts of the world.

It's the richer countries that most needed to take fright, because they are the source of most of the world's emissions. Now, very late in the day, they are waking up to the peril they have drifted into, and it is probably still not too late to avoid the worst.

There is almost nothing we can do to lessen the climate misery that awaits us in the next twenty years, because the carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that will drive that heating are already in the air. It will go on getting hotter and the weather will continue to get wilder for at least that long.

Average global temperature is now 1.2 degrees C above pre-industrial. It requires a great leap of faith to believe that it can be stopped at +1.5°C, or even at +1.8°C. But it is still possible to stop short of +2.0°, and spare our children and grandchildren

'Zeitgeist' is a slippery word. At best it's just a fancy German way of saying 'the spirit of the times'; at worst it is only pretentious noise. So maybe we should say 'inflection point' instead. I think we are passing through an

a lifetime of grief – if the fabled 'early and deep emissions cuts' finally start actually happening in the next few years. Probably.

We are already in unexplored territory so far as climate is concerned, and more big, ugly surprises may be waiting around the next corner, but the obstacles of entrenched disbelief and denial are crumbling. We are entering a period where big political and behavioural changes are possible, and we need to take maximum advantage of it.

The most important venue where this can happen is the five-yearly summit of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (actually postponed from last year, so six-yearly in this case), which is scheduled to open in Glasgow on 31 October. It may have to take place virtually, but COP-26, as it is called, is where the pace could really change up – if everybody is now frightened enough.

Frightened enough to take action, but not frightened into paralysis. It's a fine line to walk, but we will all have to walk it. And we will have to walk it for years and decades, not just until they make some big deal (if they do) at COP-26.

As for me, I will be interviewing a lot of climate scientists in the coming months, writing another book about the climate crisis ('Planetary Maintenance Engineers', Random House Canada, out next year), and putting transcripts of all the interviews up on the website. (gwynnedyer.com)

I'm even filming the interviews as I go. It's more than twenty years since my last documentary series (they're too much like hard work), but this topic is probably worth the trouble.



Statement in Support of Penelakut Tribe Community

PRESS RELEASE

By Islands Trust

Lək'wəyən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – On July 8, 2021, Chief Brown and representatives of the Penelakut Tribe confirmed in a statement the undocumented and unmarked graves of 160 children at the site of the Kuper Island Industrial School. Kuper Island Industrial School was located on Penelakut Island within the Islands Trust Area.

All of us at the Islands Trust join the statement made by Chief Brown and the Penelakut community representatives to raise awareness of the devastating history and legacy of residential schools. This is a time of grief and mourning and our hearts are with the residential school survivors, their families, and community.

The residential school system was an act of genocide, and it is the responsibility of all Canadians to learn about the history and legacy of residential schools. Kuper Island Industrial School operated from 1890 to 1975 and was one of the first residential schools to open in British Columbia. Children were forcibly taken from communities on the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, and the Lower Mainland. The school earned the name “Alcatraz” due to its isolation and the horrors that occurred there.

Let us come together, and not overlook or silence the history and ongoing impacts of residential schools. Let us all commit to implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action at all levels of government to honour the children, the lost loved ones who deserved to grow up within the care and love of their families and community.

Penelakut Tribe has invited communities and allies to join them in a March for the Children on August 2, 2021 starting at the Salish Sea Market in Chemainus at 9 a.m. to witness and honour the children.

If you would like to learn more about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the commitments being undertaken at the Islands Trust, please email reconciliation@islandstrust.bc.ca.

View the letter from Penelakut Tribe <https://bit.ly/3z09yjE>.

About Islands Trust

Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area's unique environment and amenities by planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5,200 square kilometres.

Contact:

Peter Luckham, Chair, Islands Trust Council 250.210.2553 

Employment opportunity with DICES

Submitted by Maya Rytz

Want to work with kids, youth and community – come join our team!

Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) invites applications for a Program Coordinator job offer. This position is funded by Canada Summer Job and is a fixed-term contract starting at the end of August 2021 until the end of February 2022. The candidate should be experienced in delivering programs for children and youth and have strong written and verbal communication skills. Must be a reliable individual, willing to work evenings and weekends.

Find a full job description at <http://dices.ca/employment/>,
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Feel free to contact dices.director@gmail.com with any questions regarding the job offer.

Covid-19

by Thomas Provençal

*COVID is insidious!
It crawls around inside
diverse internal organs
looking for a place to hide.
If your immune system
is weak or under stress,
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Gravelly Bay Ferry Terminal (East Denman)	9:15 AM	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	---	4:15 PM	5:15 PM	6:15 PM	7:30 PM**	9:15 PM**	10:15 PM**
West Denman Ferry Terminal	9:35 AM	10:35 AM	11:35 AM	12:40 PM	1:35 PM	3:15 PM	4:35 PM	5:35 PM	6:35 PM	7:50 PM**	8:40 PM**	9:35 PM**
Activity Center / Museum	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	12:50 PM	---	3:25 PM	4:45 PM	5:45 PM	6:45 PM**	8:00 PM**	8:50 PM**	9:45 PM**
Denman Road Guest House	9:50 AM	10:50 AM	11:50 AM	12:55 PM	---	3:30 PM	4:50 PM	5:50 PM	6:50 PM**	8:05 PM**	8:55 PM**	9:50 PM**
Farmers Market (East Bound)	9:55 AM	10:55 AM	11:55 AM	1:00 PM	---	3:35 PM	4:55 PM	5:55 PM	6:55 PM**	8:10 PM**	9:00 PM**	9:55 PM**

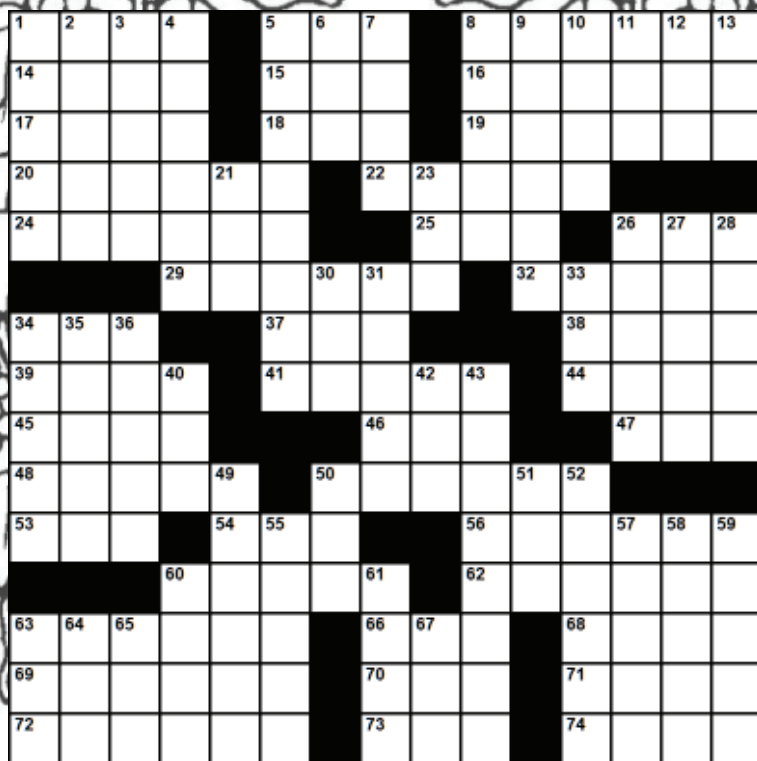
Have any questions?
Email: denmanislandbus@gmail.com
TEXT Driver: (604) 741-2223
Phone: +1 (778) 838-7110



Can't get to one of the stops?
"Flag" the bus down on a
safe stretch of road and they
will pick you up!

Hornby Island Bus Schedule:
hornbybus.com

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Fitted with boots
5. A bit sloshed
8. Complain about
14. Excessive promotion
15. Big flap
16. Political outcast
17. Atoll barrier
18. Barnyard critter
19. Overseas
20. Group of nine
22. Make confused
24. Sushi condiment
25. Avail oneself of
26. Librarian's order
29. Start walking
32. Free for all
34. African serpent
37. Common verb
38. Exhibit ennui
39. First known variable star
41. Keyed up
44. Bump free
45. Black in poetry
46. A notorious Peron
47. Historic time

48. Country lane
50. Manger scene
53. 100 percent
54. Cassowary cousin
56. Karate's kin
60. Wares
62. Narrate anew
63. Hero material
66. Ball perch
68. Auth. unknown
69. Holy sculptures
70. Coffee shop vessel
71. Corn territory
72. Beginning
73. After taxes
74. Abbe or Lois

• DOWN •

1. Mole cousin
2. Certain laughter
3. Begins the bidding
4. Conquer
5. Artsy
6. Artificial language
7. Agrippa's apparel
8. Gun sights
9. Symbolic object
10. Cablegram
11. Antiquity
12. Alternative to 401k
13. Blazed a trail
21. Blood system group
23. About to arrive
26. Dred Scott, e.g.
27. Lumberjack, often
28. Hair color
30. Anhydrous
31. Shunned one
33. Appreciation for beauty
34. Bit of lowlife
35. Woman soothsayer
36. Rove furtively
40. Cultural collection
42. A memorable Arden
43. Unreasonable flat fee
49. U.S.N. clerk
50. Mouthful for Bossy
51. Colorization
52. Necessarily involves
55. Humid
57. Salami variety
58. Taken wing
59. Radii neighbors
60. Airport area
61. Bedaze
63. Curative water
64. Assistance
65. Bk. after Exod.
67. Bard's before



He tested his skills

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Grumpism



“My pet owl will turn 180. ”

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

L	A	V	A	I	C	H	O	R	A	L	M	S
A	H	E	M	T	R	O	V	E	L	A	I	R
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D	R	E	S	S	C	O	D	E	V	O	D	K
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			L	E	I		G	A	S			
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P	R	O	S	O	Z	O	N	E	U	S	E	D
H	I	L	L	N	E	V	E	R	L	A	T	E
I	D	L	E	Y	E	A	R	N	U	R	I	C

• CLASSIFIED ADS •

• FOR SALE •

MATHER FARM: Purebred proven 2 yr old Texel ram for sale - \$500. Excellent terminal sire to improve your lamb crop. 250-335-0243

FOR SALE RAM medium duty welding and cutting torch set; Jobmate rotary tool kit; Bynford compressor; Craftsman 10" compound mitre skill saw; Mastercraft bench grinder; 14 pieces of 3/4" X 2-1/2" X 8' lumber Offers. No reasonable offer refused. Phone: 250 335-1032 or e-mail rosatele@telus.net

WAGNER FIREWOOD. 2 cords to Denman, \$580 plus GST. Hornby, \$600 plus GST. 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 •

WICKED FABRICATION, Mobile welding, B pressure, structural fabrication, repairs, stick, mig, tig Jesse Rogers 780 512-7988

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

HORNBY COMPACT EXCAVATION

Versatile machine and operator. Small footprint efficient for ditches, holes, levelling, brush clearing, etc. Please inquire email: Call: 2503350770 Matthewlingle@hotmail.ca



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

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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, (Serving Denman & Hornby since 1988) Bark Mulch, all gravels, Bison compost, Treework, site clean up, fir mill end firewood, roof tear off, demolition. High grade lumber. 30 years local Entpr. Call Dave 218-9667.(DI)

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.

• EMPLOYMENT •

HOUSE CLEANER WANTED on Hornby Island Every Sunday 11 AM -3 PM \$150 Accommodation available if coming from off island Please call or text Case 604 910 1800 Or email KT kt@ktauleta.com

HELP WANTED. Looking for a Sandwich maker to join the Abraxas Cafe team. Shift: 11am to 4:45pm 3 afternoons a week. Would prefer someone with experience with cafe work. \$16 an hour plus tips. Please email Abraxas9@telus.net for details.

• COMMUNITY NOTICES •

COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION SOCIETY EMERGENCY CRISIS LINE: 250-338-1227 or Text: 250-218-4034 For more info visit <https://cvts.ca>

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/



Gerry Talbot

On June 29, just over two weeks after a wonderful birthday celebration at the Guesthouse, exactly a year and a half after losing his beloved Rosemary, Gerry Talbot left this life on his own terms, surrounded by his loving family and close friends.

Although covid robbed him of the ability to freely entertain and spend time with friends, he was always up for an adventure or a visit and was looking forward to a return to normal this summer and fall.

Arriving here in the early 1980s, moving into a one room log cabin, Gerry and Rosemary made a home for themselves and many good friends in the process. The one room grew to a beautiful home built by Gerry and gardens planted and tended by Rosemary. They leave behind a legacy of hard work, good times, enjoyable if often somewhat enthusiastic

conversations, many friends, and sons Paul and Lawrence and their families who will sorely miss them.

The family would like to thank the many caregivers who came and made life so much more pleasurable for Gerry and for Rosemary, as well as the numerous islanders who were always there for them when they were needed.

"We live in Nirvana"

Gerry Talbot

On numerous occasions.

FOR SALE

FIVE ACRES TWO HOUSES, three established gardens, two wells, heritage apple orchard with the best apples on Denman. Gravenstein (makes great juice, apple butter, apple cider vinegar or apple cider ginger beer.

Heat pump in house built in 1982 Other home is a heritage house built in 1926. Both houses are fully equipped. The property is a triangle space, backing onto to the Hermitage an active Buddhist Centre. We are on the main road two miles from the village Ten minutes to the beach looking over Hornby Island. 900,000. Our neighbours are lovely. Please call 250335 2338 /email peacewalking@gmail.com

• 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 335-3027 (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)
- Katarina Meglic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Bobcat & Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- DB Excavations & Clearing • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • call or text 465-1889 (D)
- 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)
- Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured 335-1741 (D/H)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgeins • 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)
- Wafer Tanks & Cisterns • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165 (D/H)
- Acupuncturist, Herbalist, Physiotherapist • Carmen B-G, RPT, RTCMP 335-2260 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gresson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy • Christopher Mainella • 236-255-3354 (D/H)
- 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)
- Landscaping & Home Services • Beech & Cedar Home Maintenance (Kane) • 335-0745 (D/H)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)

After a Month of sleeping on his buddy's couch, Barry knew it was time..



FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 22

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

FRIDAY 23

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- APPIES w/MUSIC - Earth Club Factory

SATURDAY 24

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 25

MONDAY 26

TUESDAY 27

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 28

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



THURSDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 30

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 31

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 1

MONDAY 2

TUESDAY 3

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

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 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

The Monthly Calendar is on hold for now.

Instead we offer a 2 week summary of upcoming events on the Back Page. Email us with your event to be listed in "Fortnight Events".
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