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COMMUNITY NOTICE

Predator Update

By Peter Karsten
Co-Chair WAC

Wildlife Advisory Committee of DIRA, November 6, 2023

September 18: The WAC received the first report on bear presence feeding on pears at a residence on Greenhill Road near Stanhill Park. A bear scat (feces) was found on Greenhill Road and examined. It contained only fruit particles and no animal matter.

October 14: At a Stanhill Place residence a wire fence was pushed down and remaining apples disappeared. A branch was broken of the apple tree.

October 19: On Stanhill Place as suet cake was disappeared from a bird feeder. Claw marks damaging the feeder post were seen. Suet feeding was curtailed.

October a number of comments were received about feeding on fruit in the community. The bear apparently roamed over the entire Island.

October 27: An adult sheep was killed and partly consumed at the farm of Dave and Fern Niedermoser. It was reported to the Conservation Officer (CO). The CO advised that they are not taking action at this point. The CO advised that the community should be notified to secure their livestock and to remove attractants (potential bear food).

October 29 and November 1: two Nubian goats were lost at the Landor farm but no carcass found.

November 3: Desperate bleating of a goat was heard in the early morning hours at the Landor farm. 2 goat carcasses were found and examined. Signs suggested bear kill. A bear scat containing animal matter and berries was found near the suite. Clear, fresh foot prints of a black bear were found on the farm in several locations. A detailed report with photos was submitted to the CO Office in Nanaimo.

The WAC highly recommends that Islander read the well-presented information by the Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection (MWLAP) on the coexistence of humans with bears and other predators i.e. "Bear Smart" brochure and Background Report of the MWLAP 2002.

The take-away is that humans share prime habitat with bears of high food productivity for humans and bears. Humans have extensively displaced bears from that environment to less productive habitats with resulting food shortage for bears. Years with a poor berry crop resulted in higher cases of wildlife conflict. Bears must sequester enormous food quantities to build up fat reserves for hibernation this puts additional pressure on searching food in our communities. Bears are fast learners about where they can safely find food. They are omnivores as we are and our food is perfect bear food.

In the past two decades the WAC had reports of bears visiting Denman Island to feed in fruit, predominately in the fall. Livestock was not taken and the bears left the Island on their own.

To protect farm animals, they are best held (at least at night) in solid barns with electric fencing to protect it. One farm had built a large goat corral with 4 heavy electric cables which would keep a bear back but unfortunately the bear spooked the goats and they crashed through the fence to become accessible to the bear. It takes combination of a stock fence that keeps farm animals in with an addition of at least two strands of electric wire on the outside to create a bear-safe barrier. A desperate bear trapped behind it could still break through ignoring the electric wire and scaling the fence, even an 8-foot game fence. Protecting livestock from bears is a challenge. The presence and barking of dogs seem to have deterred the roaming bear.

To avoid conflict is in our hands. We can participate in a "Bear Smart Program" to improve public safety, reduce property damage and have fewer bears killed. This is a proactive approach rather than a reactive approach. Several communities have taken the program.

The Ministry states that on a ten-year average they received close to 4,000 complaints, followed up on almost 2,000 and destroyed over **continued on P.4...**

Are We There Yet?

By Team TIG

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DIGS Announcement

By Shirley Ward
DIGS

PUBLISHER Mike Van Santvoord bought The Islands Grapevine 6 years ago, and has more than doubled circulation of the print version, and expanded its circulation to readers everywhere through his efforts to reach out from Denman Island to Hornby Island, Union Bay, Fanny Bay and the Baynes Sound region, and he's increased the

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DENMAN ISLAND'S GARDEN CLUB proudly presents our fifth annual Wreath-Making Workshop. All club members attend for free and memberships can be purchased at the Workshop. Memberships are a bargain at \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family membership.

This very jolly event takes place at the United Church Hall on Wednesday 15 November at 2 pm. Florist Karin Anglos has kindly agreed to teach the workshop. Please bring secateurs, wreath base (can be purchased at a dollar store or twist one up yourself from grape vines, holly vines, wisteria vines, willow and even a wire coat hanger will serve as a good wreath base), seasonal greens from blown down tree branches, moss, string, scissors, ribbons and ornaments you wish to put on your wreath. If you just want to make a swag, you will not need a wreath base. 🍷

TIDE TABLE

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23:15	2 6.6

2023-11-10 (Fri)

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2023-11-11 (Sat)

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2023-11-12 (Sun)

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16:07	4.4 14.6
23:28	1.1 3.5

2023-11-13 (Mon)

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2023-11-15 (Wed)

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2023-11-16 (Thu)

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18:05	4.3 14

...continued from P.2 600 black bears.

The WAC encourages Islanders to report sightings and conflict with predators to the WAC. Phone numbers are on the inside of the Denman Phone Directory. We will investigate kills and signs to establish the cause and evidence of predators. We also investigate dog incidences.

Any loss of animals or property damage due to wild predators should be reported immediately directly by the owner or custodian to the CO phone 1 877 952 7277 (RAPP) 🍷

Sensing the Dance:

By Magdalene Joly

Contact Improv & The Art of Embodied Relating, a Weekend Workshop

JJOIN us on Denman Island this November for a unique weekend workshop with Sashah Klapkiw and Natalie Rousseau. Together, we will explore the art of Contact Improv Dance through the lens of relational somatics.

Some topics we will be working with include the fundamentals of contact improv, nervous system regulation through embodied mindfulness practice, how to negotiate nonverbal

Shucking Oysters: Power Outages

By Alex Allen

SPECIAL INTEREST **A**AAH WINTER. Atmospheric rivers. Gale force winds. Dark and stormy nights. Power outages. No matter how many outages my partner and I have gone through, we are never, ever prepared. Having lived on Hornby for over 28 years, we've experienced our share of power outages, from a few hours to over a week. You'd think we'd get it by now. But no, every year, the first outage, we aimlessly grope in the dark trying to find some source of light.

After one of our driest summers on record, be forewarned, there will be more frequent climate-related power outages. We've all noticed the stressed out trees everywhere. Not a comforting sight. Weakened by drought and climate-related parasites, trees are becoming more and more susceptible to wind and weight from rain and snow. Nina Bassuk, professor of urban horticulture at Cornell University, explains that climate change can kill tree cells through a confluence of stressors. "It's not like an animal, which dies when you pierce the heart — trees die cell by cell," she says.

If a tree falls on Denman, Hornby will not only hear it, we will often feel it too. We are connected, strangely (or shall, I say, weirdly). Not like an umbilical cord, more like one of those 16-foot retractable dog leashes. BC Hydro forgets that we have a distant attachment to each other. Last weekend's outage on Hornby was nine hours (November 4: 2:29 am to 1:30 pm). Apparently, we are so chill that no one called Hydro, so they fixed Denman and went their merry way. But we won't take it personally, the Hornby ferry wasn't running anyways until later because of the storm.

Every year the first power outage, my partner and I go through the same routine. "Where did you put the flashlights?" "Why would I know?" And then finally, we find one. Turn it on, flicker, flicker, black. Dead batteries. At least we know where they are, in the cabinet drawer in the living room with Colonel Mustard. It never ceases to amaze me during outages,

consent within the dance, composition, creative emergence and the value of play.

This trauma-informed workshop has been designed to inspire dancers and movement enthusiasts of all levels. Bring your curiosity; together, we will explore connection and creativity in a supportive environment.

Workshop is November 17th, 18th, and 19th at Denman Island Community Hall. Price is \$225-\$325 Sliding scale which includes meals.

Email Magdalene with questions or to register at magdalene-joly@gmail.com 🍷

how I suddenly have no idea about our furniture layout. It's as if someone rearranged the entire house overnight. Eventually, we find the six flashlights. "Now, where's the lantern?"

The best thing we ever invested in was a propane stove/oven. In fact, we love her so much, that she has a name: Gretchen. Power outage? Whatever. We can cook, bake, and even make toast with those metal camper thingies that you put on the burner. Dirty dishes are an issue. Depending how long the power is out, we just hide them in the oven. The refrigerator. Just open for a few seconds, a little peek, that's it. In fact, the rule should be that you can't open it unless you know what you are getting out. This will prove to be challenging, if you have a refrigerator like ours; we have no idea what's in there, let alone the vegetable drawers. Fact: An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for only about four hours. An unopened freezer for 24 to 36 hours.

When the power outage goes on longer than a day or two, is when our true personalities seem to come out. My partner likes to lie on the couch and call Hydro for updates every hour or so, until the power comes back on. I get restless and want to get out and go storm watching. Some people stay in bed and pretend all is well. Some stand for hours staring out their windows wondering when, when? Others just carry on as if it is just another day. Who are you?

I also get power outage brain, where I totally dumb down. How many times can you turn on the bathroom switch before you remember that the power has been off for 37 hours? A lot apparently. Or run the tap water and quickly turn it off as if you've been tasered. And is there no better sound than the din of diesel generators in the distance?

The year-round incessant cutting, trimming and chipping by the arborists isn't cheap. BC Hydro spends more than \$50 million a year on vegetation maintenance. In its 2022 Revenue Requirements Application to the BC Utilities Commission, BC Hydro has requested an additional \$25 million for vegetation management, bringing the total budget to \$74.4 million. Perhaps they should be looking seriously at the cost

benefit analysis of burying the lines versus maintaining above-ground lines. In the US, one utility company, PG&E, are now seeing that the costs of maintaining lines above-ground are equal to burying below ground.

In the meantime, maybe I'll finally order that NOAA/AM/FM Weather, Solar, Crank, 3-Mode Flashlight, Reading Lamp, SOS Alarm, and Compass for Home Power Failure and Outdoor, Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Emergency Crank Radio. 🍷

SPECIAL
INTEREST

Phoenix Riting!

By Phoenix Bee

It is Remembrance Day this Saturday. This day has been held to remember the veterans of two very specific wars which happened a very long time ago. My cousins post family photos on Facebook of my grandparents and their two eldest sons all in uniform from the second of the two wars we are expected to remember.

My Grandpa fought in both wars. He used to tell funny stories of life in the trenches during WW1. He took the pain, degradation and misery of those days and turned it into humour, dwelling on small events, practical jokes played on fellow soldiers, the smells, the messes, the crowding. But the big stories, the actual fighting and suffering, he didn't tell nor wish to recall. Nor did he ever talk about how it felt when his eldest son, the golden child, Bruce (the one my brother was named after) was killed stupidly just before WW2 ended.

"The War to End All Wars," as they called, it was only the first of those two, and the second ended generations ago now. Yet still, we have wars currently in progress and new wars erupting. Why is war still a thing? Can we not learn from the pain of the past? How can we teach children that violence is not a way to resolve conflict when governments wage war?

Perhaps we need to go farther than simple remembrance, which so often equals glorification. While I fully agree that veterans of wars should be supported by the governments they sacrificed everything for, 'heroes' of wars are not heroes. For the most part, they are children, cannon fodder, pawns on the chessboard in the game of dominance between nations. No one can be a hero in modern war. Every soldier has committed atrocities, and are shamed and harmed by their own memories. They suffer not only their own pain, but the suffering they themselves have, under orders, inflicted on the innocent. Trauma. PTSD. Passed down through the generations, Daddy broke in the war, breaks his kids. Now, Mommy gets to break in the war, too. Progress. Yay feminism!

Rather, we should forget war. Forget that it exists. Take it off the table as an option. Why is war still acceptable? War is the worst thing that can possibly happen in this world, it is the most economically, environmentally and psychologically devastating thing that can be done--something this beleaguered planet can absolutely no longer afford--and yet it is still sanctioned and elevated in our fond remembrance of heroes past. Those heroes would rather be forgotten, I think, if forgetting them meant

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 Islands Trust	Denman Island Local Trust Committee PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Proposed Bylaw Nos. 228 and 229 Denman Farming Regulations Review Project
The Denman Island Local Trust Committee invites the public to attend a Public Hearing beginning at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Denman Community Hall, 1196 Northwest Road, Denman Island, to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw Nos. 228 and 229. • 4:00 PM – Community Information Meeting will be held before the Public Hearing for you to learn more about the bylaws and to ask questions • 4:30 PM – Public Hearing What are Bylaw Nos. 228 and 229 about? Amendments to the OCP and LUB are part of the Denman Island Farming Regulations Review Project to formally protect Denman Island's land base for agriculture. Bylaw No. 228 will amend the Denman Official Community Plan (OCP) bylaw No. 185, 2008 (OCP) by: • Re-designating all lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) to a new 'Agriculture' designation; and • Several new policies supporting agriculture uses consistent with the Agricultural Land Commission regulation. Bylaw No. 229 will amend the Denman Island Land Use Bylaw No. 186, 2008 (LUB) by: • Regulating dwellings within the ALR • Regulating tourism and accommodation; • Updating several agricultural related definitions; and • Updating setback regulations for associated agriculture buildings. How to Get More Information? Copies of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information is available online from October 30 to November 14, 2023 here: https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/denman/projects/ Enquiries? Contact the Islands Trust Northern Office, by email: northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, or phone: 250-247-2063. This Public Hearing has been postponed to allow additional time to receive outstanding referral responses. Questions regarding the project or the proposed bylaws should be directed to the Project Planner at mmccargar@islandstrust.bc.ca. An updated Public Hearing Notice will be published in the Islands Grapevine and posted on island when a new date is selected. Project information can be found on our website at https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/denman/projects/.	

...continued from P.5 forgetting war and letting it slide farther into the past where such things belong.

We can't forget, though, can we? It's happening now. Right now, bombs are incinerating the homes of families. Children are being punished for the crime of existing in the wrong place at the wrong time. It's happening in Ukraine, in Gaza, and in many small places where war is chronic, so much the norm that we don't think of them and aren't even certain where they all are.

What would my uncle Bruce say, if he were alive to ask? Would he think his death was a glorious sacrifice, or a stupid waste of his potential, the murder of his children and grandchildren? Would he agree that war is a glorious struggle between nations and that the winner should rightfully write the history books? Would he believe in enemies, Right vs Wrong? I will never know, and that alone seems like an answer to me.

When we remember, let it be with shame and repentance, not with pride and exaltation. We should feel compassion for the soldiers, for I doubt they remember their own deeds with pride. Support them, and help them heal their suffering. But don't affirm their heroism or the glories of war.

White poppies stand for 'never again.' It is the remembrance of war without its justification. If we must wear poppies, let us wear the white one for ending all war, not the blood red ones for the glory and remembrance of heroes. If you want a white poppy, they are being given out at the Co-op till next to the red ones. Remembering alone is not enough. Whatever your personal feeling on Remembrance Day, may this day bring you blessing and peace.

That's what I think. What do you think? Email me at phoenix-onhornby@gmail.com



March 29th, I just got a visit from my old cellmate, young Richie.

**2007
Richie**

By CS#05943451



A number of days back now, he approached me and asked if I might help him fill out a request for a visit from his father. The rules of this place stipulate that you can't receive a visit from anyone who has a record within the past six months. Richie's dad has a drinking driving offence with which he's currently under parole for. Richie's familiarity with my penchant for writing led him to me for help. I simply asked him the details of his dad's situation and quickly penned out the request. It certainly couldn't hurt to try. Our complaint forms seem to get the attentions of the administrative end of this place so why not a well worded request?

Well, sitting here in my room, Richie came to say that he was summoned into the bubble where alongside with the on-duty C.O., stood a white shirt. They proceeded to discuss with Richie the matter and while it isn't a certainty as of yet, it appears they're going to look into it further and see what they can do. The chances for Richie to have a visit from his father, of whom he's very close to, stand at 50/50 as of this writing. Which is to say better than zero. Better than could be expected given the rules this place so rigorously upholds. Richie is cautiously optimistic and so am I. I was flattered that he would come to me for help in this matter to begin with. To have it actually work out in his favour would please me all the more for him. Go Richie!

March 31, 2007

Richie came to me today to tell me the powers here have granted him permission to have a visit from his dad! He's happy and this makes me happy. It still requires his father get permission from his parole officer but I imagine that shouldn't be a problem. To my mind, the harder part of the equation was getting the heads here to make an exception to their own rules.

**Green
Wizards,
Inflation**

By Maxine Rogers

YEARS AGO, when my husband and I got together we started to budget. We had to as we were really poor and had lots of debt. My husband is a methodical worker and I think he must have kept all those little monthly budget sheets from the past twenty-five years.

He showed me our monthly budgets from five years ago and our current monthly budget. The figures from five years ago were slightly less than half of what they are now. That means our expenses have increased by almost 100 percent in five years.

Our lifestyle is, possibly, even more frugal now than it was five years ago. In fact, the figures don't tell the whole story. Five years ago, we were not producing as many of the items we consume as we currently are. We have learned to eat a great deal more out of our garden since then so the rate of food inflation in the past five years is likely a little more than 100 percent. Has your income gone up that much?



I know the Government figures do not show this but governments around the world have a vested interest in deceiving their populace about the rate of inflation. The jobless rate too is a serious work of fiction.

So, we are stuck in a situation of rampant, world-wide inflation. What should we do? The first thing is to admit that things are going to get worse before they get worse. Our industrial civilization works just fine on oil that is 20 to 25 dollars a barrel. Today, oil was priced at \$80 a barrel and last week was \$90 a barrel. This is where inflation comes from. Everything in our civilization is tied to our oil consumption. The price of oil goes up and so does everything else. Oil is the commodity that allows Western Civilization to run at all.

There is nothing we can do about the price of oil except to practice good conservation measures (don't drive unless you have a series of jobs lined up that all need the car and drive at or below the speed limit) and get ready for even higher prices.

There are a couple of wildcards in the deck, the first is the possibility of war spreading in the Middle East. If the Straits of Hormuz close, expect the price of oil to soar while Western Economies go into cardiac arrest.

The other wildcard is a problem with a shortage of heavy oil, such as the Russians produce. The boycott of Russian oil has led to a shortage of diesel fuel which is used in almost all agricultural machinery and is used for the transportation of goods. The price of diesel is currently quite high and this means the price of food is probably going to be even higher next year. The situation is so dire that the American Government has started to buy heavy oil from Venezuela, formerly a pariah state for the Americans.

Here in the countryside, we can help ourselves by gardening and growing more of our own food. To get new garden beds started, or to remediate very weedy garden beds, cover the area you want to garden with layers of maple leaves, newspaper, cardboard, manure, or seaweed. By the spring, the soil will be almost weed free and will be easy to dig and already

more fertile.

Having a couple of hens to eat any food scraps and to produce beautiful eggs would be good but there is no point in keeping hens unless you build a mink cage and put your hens in it. That is something Peter Karsten taught me years ago. Even if you manage to exclude mink, we now have a bear, and possibly a cougar, taking livestock on Denman.

As usual, the Government has been no help at all beyond telling us to read a pamphlet on how to coexist with bear and cougars. We are to keep our flocks and herds behind electric fences by day and lock them up at night. Fine, but what about people's pets and children? What about smaller people who might want to go out for a walk without taking their rifle? Our various levels of Government are useless where they are not corrupt and incompetent. We are on our own with the bear.

But, back to inflation, one way to offset the high cost of food is to buy staples in bulk and cook from scratch. I love Donna's little grocery store here on Denman where I can buy large bags of organic staples such as flour.

I also like Fieldstone Organics, a Canadian company that I purchase legumes and grains from. A lot of lentils are grown in Western Canada despite our not eating very many lentils in Canada. Most of them are exported. If you want to slim down, be healthier and reduce the cost of your groceries, then learning to cook with lentils would be my first suggestion. 🍷



Letters November 4, 2023 to the Editor Letter to the Island Grapevine Editor:

Open Letter to the members of the D.I. Fire and Rescue: Re. fireworks on Denman.

DEAR DENMAN FIREFIGHTERS, thank you for your unwavering and dedicated service to our community. It would appear that it has become tradition for Denman firefighters to set off the community fireworks on Halloween. As a recipient of the 2001 DI Fire Chief's Award I would like to respectfully engage you all, **on a personal level**, by way of the risks vs benefits template (that all rescuers are familiar with) in hopes that perhaps you might reconsider your participation.

The risks which include, but are not limited to~

♦ **Children** between 3-18 yrs. of age are often employed in the fireworks industry. The US Dept. of Labor reports that "children in Guatemala work **continued on P.8...**

NOTICE OF INTENT

RE: LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING ACT

APPLICATION FOR A LOUNGE ENDORSEMENT

Application for a lounge (with patio) has been received by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch from Corlan Vineyard & Farm located at 8441 McFarlane Rd.

Proposed licensed hours are: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM; Daily

Person capacity will be limited to 60 persons = 30 interior and 30 persons on the patio.

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2) Email to: LCRB.SLA@gov.bc.ca

PETITIONS AND FORM LETTERS WILL **NOT** BE CONSIDERED

To ensure the consideration of your views, your comments, name and address must be received on or before December 09, 2023. Please note that your comments may be made available to the applicant or local government officials where disclosure is necessary to administer the licensing process.

...continued from P.7 long hours and are exposed to explosive chemicals such as potassium nitrate and gunpowder, which can cause **skin and lung diseases and cancer**".

- ♦ **Fireworks factory explosions** in 2023 alone caused dozens of **deaths** and hundreds of life threatening injuries in China, Thailand, India, Mexico, the US and Canada.
- ♦ **Chemicals** involved in the creation, explosion and colouring of fireworks include potassium nitrate, carbon, sulfur, solid potassium carbonate, solid potassium sulfate, nitrogen gas, carbon dioxide and metal salts (all of which have negative environmental consequences).
- ♦ Fireworks create a **toxic** fog of fine particulates, **poisonous** aerosols and heavy metal which add to environmental pollution, are highly resistant to degradation and they easily enter and quickly **accumulate in the food chain**. "Inhaling smoke and particulate matter from fireworks can cause an inflammatory response in the lungs, resulting in coughing, a fever and difficulty breathing" according to the National Institute of Health.
- ♦ Humans suffering from **PTSD** can be triggered into negative mental health episodes and **pets and wild animals panic** and can experience life-threatening injuries. Wild birds will crash into power lines, automobiles, buildings, trees, and even each other. The **fear and panic** induced by fireworks can drive **farm animals** to attempt to escape the perceived threat. Horses, cattle, and sheep may attempt to jump or break through fences and gates, resulting in serious injuries such as lacerations, strains, sprains, and even broken limbs. Animals that manage to escape their enclosures are at risk of being hit by vehicles. The BC SPCA reports that "roughly 49% of dogs are fearful of loud noises such as fireworks. When frightened, dogs who are normally friendly can sometimes act out of character. This places members of the public, including children, at risk of being bitten and panicked pets that can even break through windows to escape, as well, reports of lost pets increases significantly during and after firework events".

Benefits~ fireworks are pretty, exciting and a tradition.

As a past volunteer firefighter, I respectfully ask that you weigh the risks vs benefits and come to **your own personal conclusions** as to whether or not to continue to support and participate in this tradition.

"To Safely Protect Life and Property"

With the greatest of respect,
Edi Johnston edijohnston@gmail.com
Denman Island 🍷

OPINIONS

Evolutionary Reconciliation Part Two

By Eartha Muirhead

up to negative groups." Sarah Schulman in her book, Conflict is Not Abuse, urges us to ruthlessly pursue the issues of overstating harm, and the duty to repair as a community response to blame and shunning. She insists that we stand up to bullies, stay connected to people in real time and stay strong in the face of injustice. I will focus more on her work in Part Three.

LAST WEEK I was at an event and saw someone I had long ago decided was my "enemy". I had at least 5 solid reasons to avoid them, one being that they never approached me even though we had friends in common and had sat at a potluck table together a few times. I looked up and they were suddenly walking in my direction. They came close to me, only to speak to someone else. I wanted to test out my invitation to TIG readers last week to try doing one thing to increase connection in the community. I faced the person and made it clear I wanted to talk. We made some small talk and then I asked them some deeper questions. I noticed feelings of aversion rise when the person failed to inquire about me but I listened and withheld judgement. I knew that there was an issue that we both cared about so I focused on asking questions about their related experience. Afterwards, I felt cautiously open-hearted towards that person. I noticed that my need for attention and approval from others may have been blocking my bigger needs to be curious, empowered and included. I learned that taking the high road requires taking charge of making inroads with

others, especially ones I have judged to be my adversary.

We all have real and imagined conflicts with ourselves and others. Sometimes avoidance of conflict is skillful as long as we are creating new neural pathways that eventually allow the release of blame, shame, paranoia and anxiety. This kind of inner work requires guidance and long-term commitment to healing. I want to ask myself every morning: "Today, how can I re-solve my personal suffering for the sake of a healthier world?" Whenever I get triggered into harmful emotions, I know I need to take time out to care for my need for honesty, support and self-empathy.

Multiple global and local crises are colliding and threatening our mental health and civil society. When we fall in and out of numbness, anger, despair and grief, we are joining the ranks of all other delicate sentient beings. When we can stay open to the ebb and flow of our inner experience, we can sometimes get flooded; being stuck in any emotional state for too long signals a need for training the mind, self-compassion and healthy outside support. Preparing the mind, each and everyday for times of stress and turmoil is important work.

Ideally, people will make the effort to get help to become resourced enough to step up to face conflict in person. Trying to resolve conflict using the cops or the law is the very last resort. So is the use of email, Facebook, etc. Hiding behind a screen is a waste of everyone's time. Punishment and shunning never resolves conflict, it does, however, escalate conflict.

"Perhaps the only hope for the planet lies in our willingness to end our personal suffering." (Eli Jaxon-Bear.) I think the same holds true for community well-being. 🍷

Soul in a Bowl

By Sally Campbell

MY bread bowl is one of those big old-fashioned white ceramic beauties that I acquired in Edmonton in 1978, and carried back to Cranbrook where we were living at the time. A friend walked me through the *Tassajara Bread Book* recipe and a love affair with bread-making began. I made a pact with myself to bake bread only when the spirit moved me, only when I wanted to, not because I had to. I wanted to put good energy into it. That, I figured, would definitely impact the taste of my bread, and I still abide by that philosophy. What I did learn though, was that I didn't have to be in a great mood to bake bread, I just had to *want to*. In fact, over the years I brought my anger, my frustration, my rage at the world's failures of imagination - many a negative emotion - to my bread bowl and found that the baking process transformed those emotions to something more positive. Many a tear has been shed into my bread bowl over the years. And I have always found comfort there.

Part of how bread-baking evolved to becoming a soulful exercise that strengthened and enriched me, was my early sense of identification with humans everywhere who were, at the same time as me, preparing food *by hand* for their families. This idea brought me a recurring image of world community and a broader sense of purpose in this humble act, which has always had a calming and restorative effect. The simple act of kneading bread was so valuable for me, a person who tends to be in her head, way off somewhere, rather than grounded and in the present moment. I learned I had to be *with* my bread, pay attention to it and care for it like a baby. Many was the time on Denman when I'd pack my bread bowl off in the car with me, because I had to take the kids somewhere or run an errand and my bread was rising. Once you start the process, you must stay close to it.

Another gift of bread-making was the learning that things don't have to be perfect to be perfectly fine. It is very hard to make a bad loaf of bread when you pay attention to your process and make it with love! For me, perfectionism wasn't really a problem, but there's always that little self-critic, saying it could be better, or the comparative mind at work, telling me that others were doing

this a lot better than I was. The smell of fresh bread in the oven and the sight of those loaves cooling on the racks are such rewards, it becomes an easy practice to continue. Most homemade bread is perfectly fine.

I had a full career for which I travelled, yet I wanted my children to remember me as one of those "homey" mums, not someone who zoomed in and out with store bought wonders. I learned that this secret plan had indeed succeeded when one of my adult sons arrived at our house on Hornby one time when bread was emerging from the oven and sighed: "Ahhh, the smell of my childhood." Yes! Now he's the family bread-maker in his home.

Bread-making is one of those simple nurturing activities that helps us be grateful for what we have. It makes us slow down because it has its own time frame; you can't rush bread-making.

It is a creative exercise because there are so many different types of bread - the possibilities are many. It makes a fine gift because it comes directly from our labours. It takes us out of the mad consumerism of modern-day life in that we only need one bread bowl, a few bread pans or even cookie sheets, and a few basic ingredients - oil, honey, flour (organic though, is a must) yeast and water. And oh yes, an oven.

I sometimes used bread-baking as a metaphor when I taught mediation. I liked it because the subject matter is so familiar - most of western culture enjoys bread. Bread-making came from what has traditionally been a woman's world, the home kitchen. Our great grandmothers probably all made their own bread, and in bread-eating parts of the world, my hunch is that the majority buy their bread product very locally, or still make it themselves. The mostly male world of lawyers I

continued on P.10...



From disbursing fire starter the island over... every week, to actually starting fires, TIG is doing its level best to compel new recruits to sign up with our local heroes at the D.I.V.E.D. Check out this week's insert! Photo by Robert Trahan



...continued from P.9 was teaching mediation could benefit from exposure and attention to something as humble as this. The key ideas for me as a teacher of mediation were that you work with the ingredients you have, you work carefully and patiently, you do not know what the end result will be, so it's not about control, but if you give it your best focus and energy, and be mindful of the process, the outcome will most likely be positive.

We all need ways to slow ourselves down in our hectic-paced world, ways that aren't necessarily an escape from our world but rather an engagement with it that is satisfying, that is creative and purposeful, that can be a gift for those in our lives. Soul in a bowl – I highly recommend it. 🍷

OPINIONS As the Lights Go Out in Gaza

By Caitlin Johnstone
November 1st, 2023

IN America they killed all the buffalo just to take away food from the natives, made mountains of their skulls and posed proudly in photos like they posed proudly in front of burnt bodies after lynchings in the south.

In Australia they stole the brown children and gave them to pale families and watched their ancient civilization disappear into the toxic fumes of industry

like a sailboat into the mist.

In Israel teenagers play with buttons that cause explosions on screens and look forward to the end of the Gaza operation so they can leave and go play better video games.

In Gaza mothers clutch tattered pieces of flesh and clothing to their chests and scream names that will never again be answered and call out questions to the heavens that will also go unanswered.

And the ghosts of the buffalo roam through the ruins looking for their heads while the people of Gaza comb through the rubble looking for their dead, and the rest of us stare at screens and cry like babies and ask our own unanswered questions of heavens clouded by the fumes of industry, vanishing stars above a dying world as the lights go out in Gaza one by one. 🍷



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Bears

by Mr. Unknown

*Deep in thick woodland
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Lives the giant of nature
Seeing one brings elation*

*With great big snouts
And bodies built to look scary
the bear provides itself with
surroundings
Weather it be salmon or berries*

*But far from scary
Are these wonderful creatures
Living by riverbanks
Far away from beaches*

*The Grizzly bear
Stands at many feet tall
Up to ten on hind legs
Truly far from small*

Black bear's keep to themselves

*Keeping to forest
Rarely coming to the island for fruit
Keeping to a place with low risk*

*Polar bear's are remote
Sustaining up north
The size of a small car
Lumbering slowly on forth*

*The spirit bear is quite breathtaking
With that shaggy white coat
Sticking to abundant vegetation
Where there leads no road*

*Deep in thick woodland
Beyond human population
Lives the giant of nature
Seeing one brings elation
They are gentle giants
That are misjudged
For a fierce monster
But bears will always be loved*

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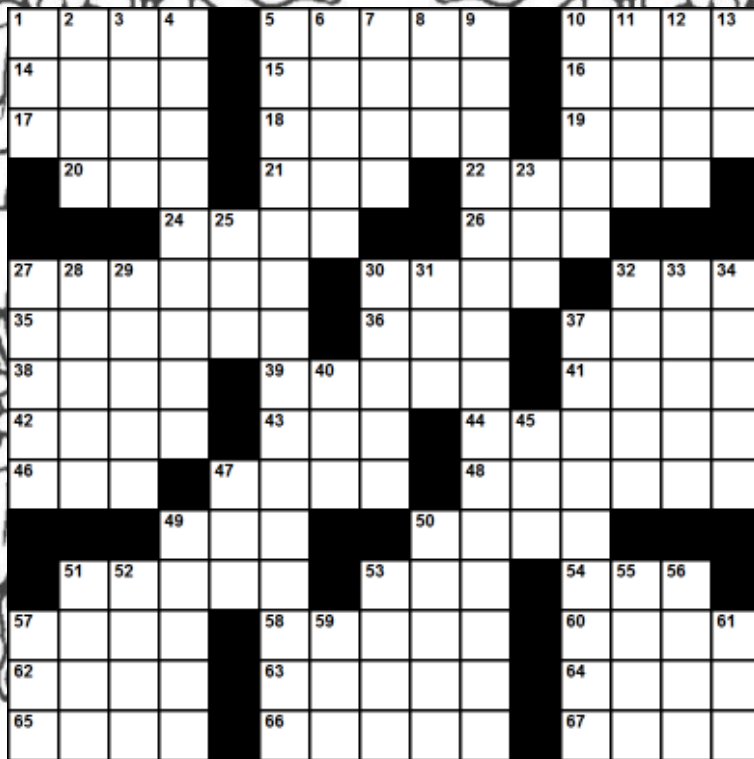
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• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Pained cry
5. Steel support
10. Grow together again
14. Black-and-white cookie
15. Blue entertainment
16. Put on board
17. Beatles movie
18. Church tenet
19. Current with
20. A Canadian export
21. Appreciation for beauty
22. Comprehensive
24. Ballpark souvenirs
26. Cooper's tool
27. Five iron
30. Secure with ropes
32. Existed
35. Dr. Salk, once
36. Archaic
37. Fade, as a flower
38. Becomes gray
39. Hang downward
41. Atlas dot
42. Chink or crack
43. Antony's loan request
44. Bless my soul!
46. Adult males

47. Guest houses
48. Color in a way
49. Bio-pouch
50. Fuji flow
51. Gleam
53. Actor O'Brien
54. Came in first
57. Copied
58. Because of
60. Arabian port
62. Lock of hair
63. Alpine crest
64. Japanese stringed instrument
65. Celtic
66. Startled cry
67. Formerly, once

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2. Type of organic compound
3. Cabal unit
4. Prospective bride's storage
5. Declaration commemoration
6. Harbor markers
7. Apply rickrack
8. Aspire to
9. The fundamental part
10. Ungraceful sort
11. Calif. county
12. Baal or Mammon
13. Addition column
23. Anomalous
25. Affected manner
27. Marsh vapor
28. Fish
29. Ale serving
30. Churlish ones
31. U.N. labor arm
32. Smartened up
33. Soothe
34. Solid
37. Watchful
40. Contended
45. Virus that causes AIDS
47. Actor McKellen
49. Crab walk
50. Starbucks offering
51. Bronco prodder
52. Milady's
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57. Air hero
59. Altdorf's canton
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Grumpism



“I heard the Navy was going to make a vessel out of rock, but it turned out to be a bunch of hardship.”

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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- Denman Works! • Tony Gresson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Bottled Water Delivery • DenmanWater.ca • 250-228-7161 (D/H)

• HEALTH & WELLNESS •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac. • 778-992-0165 (D)
- Physiotherapist • Acupuncturist • TCM Herbs • Carmen RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Acupuncture • Jenny McCartney, R.Ac. • 250-508-8160
• www.heartwoodacupuncture.ca (D/H)
- Jessi Schlegel • Personal Training & Fitness Classes • 604-329-3466 •
online & in-person (D/H)
- Dan Last • Registered Massage Therapist • 250-335-1270 (D)

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 9

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm



FRIDAY 10

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 11

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- REMEMBRANCE DAY Denman Activity
Centre 10:30am

SUNDAY 12

- ST. SAVIOUR'S Eucharist 5:30

MONDAY 13

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

TUESDAY 14

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- DILT Business meeting Community Hall 10am
- DILT Spec. meeting Community Hall 4pm

WEDNESDAY 15

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 16

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30-6pm
- FARM2FAM AGM Back Hall 7:30pm

FRIDAY 17

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 18

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

TUESDAY 21

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 22

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 23

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 4:30pm-6pm



What if ... You called 911 but no one answered your call



Fortunately, on Denman Island, that's not the case but Denman Island Fire Rescue would like to recruit a few more volunteers to train as front-line Firefighters/First Responders to ensure that we will be able to continue to provide high quality essential services to the community.

We offer:

- Free training to professional standards
- Potential for moving on to a career in firefighting
- First-class gear and equipment
- A one-on-one mentoring program
- Diverse challenges and experiences
- The opportunity to serve and protect our community
- The Island's best fundraising & social programs
- Income Tax benefits

... and much more.

If you think that you are up to the challenge and interested in learning about becoming a front-line firefighter, contact Fire Chief Rob Manering by email at denmanfire@outlook.com

Denman Island Fire Rescue

"Proudly serving the Denman Island community"



Free Yard Waste Wood Pick-Up

The Comox Valley Regional District and K'omoks First Nation using Community Resiliency Investment Grant funding are, once again, offering a **free wood debris pick-up** on Denman Island for **six consecutive days beginning on Monday, November 27th**. All the chipped wood will be kept on Denman Island. It will go to Two Roads Farm to be made into compost for use on the farm.

The chipping initiative is undertaken to encourage FireSmart Safety on residential properties by removing wood debris that could easily spread wildfire to homes and other structures and to minimize smoke pollution if the waste wood were to be burnt.

If you want to take advantage of this free program to dispose of wood wastes, the rules and limitations are:

- No rocks, no metal, no roots (to prevent damage to the chipping machinery)
- No treated lumber. No leaf piles or grass clippings.
- In fairness to all, keep the size of the bundle reasonable. **This program does not apply for land-clearing**
- Tree trimmings must be under 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter and under 10 feet (3 meters) in length
- No invasive species such as Scotch Broom, English Holly, Giant Hogweed, Knotweed permitted
- "Butt-ends" of the branches must be stacked towards the road to facilitate efficient chipping
- **The contractor reserves the right not to pick up any pile that they feel doesn't meet these rules**
- Bundles are to be placed clearly visible at the end of your driveway – Not on public roadways
- Any debris brought to the end of your driveway late, that is after the start of the chipping program on **November 27th** may not be picked up.

This is a free program

To participate, your bundles of wood debris must be placed by the road by the morning of November 27th

Denman Island Fire Rescue strongly endorses this program to remove fire fuel from around our Island. We encourage all Denman Island residents to become familiar with and implement the **FireSmart Program** to reduce the potential impacts of wildfire on your home. We have an extremely informative booklet that will assess your property's risk and outline steps needed to minimize your risk. If you do not have a copy of **FireSmart Homeowner's Manual**, they are available in the red box beside the Firehall's main door (5555 Denman Road).

If you have any questions about the free chipping program or about FireSmart, please email Denman Island Fire Rescue at denmanfire@outlook.com

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