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[www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-  
infection/prevention-risks.html?topic=tilelink](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html?topic=tilelink)

[www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

**Your F.B.C.A. Board will be disseminating details, as they are received, from the health authorities regarding Hall openings and events.**

**Watch the website [fannybaycommunity.com](https://fannybaycommunity.com) or our group page on Facebook - Fanny Bay Hall or the large Signboard at the Hall, for information.**

## WE ALL OWE

FBCA Board Treasurer,  
Liisa McCollum a huge debt of gratitude.

Many people serve on the board over the years and it is only when they decide to turn to other interests, we look back at their accomplishments.

For the past ten years the Fanny Bay Community Association, and the community of Fanny Bay, have been very fortunate to have the volunteer services of Liisa as our treasurer. She will not be running for the next board. Elections will be held at our still postponed 2020 AGM.

Being treasurer of a non-profit organization requires time, a lot of knowledge (Liisa is a CPA, CMA), and enthusiasm for the organization. Liisa has given generously of all three.

As well as preparing monthly financial statements to present to the FBCA Board, Liisa has kept track of a number of different accounts and what the funds may be used for, reported regularly to the Province all the required documents, and helped tremendously writing grant applications. And she always did this with patience and grace.

Keeping in mind that Liisa has a full time job, you would think that would be enough volunteer work. But no. During her 10 years with the FBCA Liisa organized a Heritage Day Celebration in 2017 to recognize the pioneer families of our community. This involved invitations, presentations, menu planning, seating arrangements and inspiring all the volunteers. It included a family afternoon event for the entire community and a sold out dinner in the evening. Liisa also organized a Children's Carnival, and could always be counted on to help with many other projects and events at the Hall, such as Fanny Bay Day.

Thank you Liisa, for your splendid community spirit and good wishes for your continued career growth.

## Board Buzz

## DON'T WANT TO SCARE ANYONE BUT

I think there may be a sea monster living in Little Bay. It's the only explanation I can think of. There have been no sightings reported. And I haven't heard any other tales of local sea monsters. I know of no local legends, no indigenous lore. But legends have to start somewhere. And perhaps by sharing my tale it will encourage others to come forward with their stories.

It was an uncharacteristically nice day for early March when my friend Dave suggested we go for a leisurely paddle. It's pretty easy to keep a 2 metre physical distance in kayaks so it seemed a great way to get in some socializing. We paddled about, chatting as much as paddling, and went as far as the oyster floats in Mud Bay. The sea lions were barking lazily and we watched as one struggled to haul his vast bulk up onto the raft. His companions made no effort to get out of his way or open a spot and he finally gave up. While watching this little slice of sea lion life we drifted a little closer than we probably should have. One big bull started barking more emphatically, watching us intently. When he splashed into the water and began a cautious advance in our direction, barking the whole time, we began paddling away in earnest.

We ended up in a slightly sheltered spot but we could see that the wind was picking up a bit so we decided to head back, paddling into the breeze and riding a slight chop. We settled into an easy rhythm and were able to stop every so often to coast, allowing us to keep the chat-to-paddle ratio at an acceptable level.

*(Sea Monster continued on page 3)*

**HOW ABOUT YOU?** When able to hold the 2020 AGM we will be looking to fill two positions on the Board; Vice-President and Volunteer Co-Ordinator. Contact [president@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:president@fannybaycommunity.com) for more information.

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## OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE ON HOLD

Until September. Maybe by then it will be safe to meet again. In the meantime, we will fully enjoy our wonderful gardens this year, as we have had so much extra time to work, play, dabble, create, cajole, expand, dig, prune, stake, thin, weed... and relax in them. Smelling the flowers, munching on early greens, watching the birds and bees and butterflies, the insects small and large, pests and beneficials, both delighting in and cursing the rabbits and deer, anticipating the berries, vegetables and fruits to come over the next couple of months. Never a boring moment in a garden. And hopefully, we will meet again in September.

*by Janet Haigh*

### Plant Sale Committee Report

This year would have marked the 25th anniversary of the club's famous "Spring in Fanny Bay" Plant Sale. Early in the year, plans were underway to make the day special.



Then along came the COVID-19 pandemic. We never imagined that "special" would turn out to mean unique rather than celebratory!

After the plant sale committee discussed the matter at length, it was decided to cancel the sale. However we didn't want to just give up on it; after all members had already

started potting up and seeding in anticipation of the great event, and the plant sale is the club's main fund raiser. Various scenarios were discussed but they all seemed fraught with logistical problems concerning social distancing.

Eventually we decided to suggest to club members that they hold their own driveway sales instead, with the proceeds to be donated to the club.

In response, three members set up sale tables in separate locations, and several other members brought plants and other items to these locations. The sale began on May 9th; after that weekend the leftover plants were taken to a single location, where the sale continued all week and through to the end of the long weekend.

And what a sale it was! We haven't done our final tally yet, but expect to come very close to, if not exceed, the figure from last year's sale held at the hall. The response from the Fanny Bay community (and further afield) was amazing - thank you to everyone who purchased plants, pots, trellises, and other items! Your support of our club is truly awesome and very much appreciated!

Bouquets of appreciation also go out to the club members who donated plants and other things for the sale. Thank you, too, to Zand Farm for quietly and generously supplying veggie starts to our sale tables when we weren't looking, and refilling them several times! As well, one of our regular sale vendors offered to donate the proceeds from her own plant sale in Union Bay to our club. What a great gardening community we have in the Baynes Sound area!

Hopefully things will be back to normal next year, or the "new normal" will at least permit us to return to the usual format for our sale, with perhaps a few tweaks here and there. In the meantime, we hope everyone enjoys their gardens!

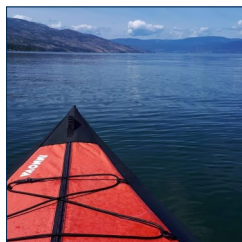
*by Jackie Dunham*

*(Sea Monster continued from page 2)*

During one of these brief lulls in paddling I met our sea monster for the first time. I had a sudden sense of being slowly but inexorably tipped to my left. In retrospect I'm really not sure how I reacted. I remember putting my paddle out to try and right myself. But the paddle had no solid surface to work against and didn't help me at all. As a novice kayaker my instincts aren't great. Did I lean too far and accentuate the listing? Should I have thrown my weight the other way to try and balance against the mysterious force? At the time, it felt like a very large and powerful hand was lifting the side of my boat and trying to dump me out.

And dump me out it did. It always amazes me how many different thoughts can race through your mind in the second or two it takes for an accident to happen. I had time to regret never taking a course in righting one's kayak. I had time to think "how do I release the skirt?", "Where is the yellow loop? Front, back?" But I had no time to actually remember the answers to any of these questions. I was unceremoniously dumped into the cold water and found myself, miraculously,

*(Sea Monster continued on page 10)*



## HOPE THIS FINDS EVERYONE WELL

and coping with our "new normal". As we must continue to observe social distancing, all OAP events will be cancelled for the month of June. This, unfortunately includes our Annual Community Garage Sale. However, we are keeping a positive attitude and are planning our sale in 2021. To this end, we continue to collect items for our sale. Please keep us in mind as you start your spring clean up. We will be delighted to take your used items.

Please contact either Bruce Mills (250-335-1337) or Joan Johnsen (250-335-2333) for pick up or drop off at our hall.

A very Happy May Birthday to:

Ann Mansbridge, Joan Johnsen, Rob Payne, Gayle Livingstone, Aileen Beasley.

A very Happy 80th Birthday to Gary Hargreaves and Dick Walters!!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR SPECIAL GENTLEMEN!!



*by Linda Tournemille*

## IF WILFRED CREEK PLAYS CENTER FOR OUR AQUIFER

and Cowie Creek is the Left Winger then clearly Waterloo Creek is the Right Winger. It only makes sense to add Waterloo to the team. And so, starting on May 19<sup>th</sup> we will be sampling Waterloo Creek along with our three other streams (Wilfred, Mud Bay and Cowie). This is one small change we're making and we're contemplating others as we begin to move forward again.

So far, we at BWS have mostly managed to stay on track through the early days of the pandemic with only minor changes to our procedures. We have rearranged our sampling teams such that each team is made up of household members of a single 'pod' or 'bubble'. We have had an online meeting and a face-to-face meeting in which all the faces were 2 metres apart. We've had email discussions and FaceTime calls.

But like so many others, we are beginning to understand that we won't be back to normal any time soon. Yes, some rules are being relaxed. But as Dr. Bonnie Henry is urging, we will be relaxing our rules "carefully and thoughtfully". This means that if we want to establish more sampling teams we have to create protocols for sampling that go beyond just the integrity of data but also include reducing the risk of viral transmission. And it means establishing training protocols that accept the current need for physical distance. We still have eager new volunteers just waiting to get started. And we want to put them to work. There are well levels to be recorded, more streams to be sampled, and flow rates to be monitored. Installing elaborate flow measurement devices is probably not realistic for now. But we can certainly install a few staff gauges. These will measure relative water heights but give no information regarding absolute volumes. But relative data is better than no data.

One of the few upsides to this holding pattern we have been in is the opportunity to spend some quality time with existing data. For all of you who love graphs and spreadsheets as much as I do (and who doesn't love a good spreadsheet?!) I've included a small revelation that grew out of our

recent data work.

Graph 1 shows the water level in a well as measured by one of our home-made, Arduino-based ultrasonic sensors. This well was not in use during the sampling period so the fluctuations were a bit of a mystery. We had put it down to the inaccuracy of our device. After all, we are tinkerers. Pretty sophisticated tinkerers, yes, but not electrical engineers. The fluctuations are on the order of 5cm and there seems to be a daily pattern to the larger peaks and valleys.

Graph 2 shows the level in the same well for the same period as seen by a LevelLogger. This is a professional quality instrument that measures the pressure of the water above it. It's placed at the bottom of the well. This graph shows the raw data as recorded by the sensor. At first glance, it doesn't seem to line up with the Arduino graph at all. Indeed, it's showing levels on the order of thirteen metres and the home made sensor is registering around three.

But when you measure water level by sensing pressure you have to subtract the barometric pressure i.e. the pressure of the air above the sensor, to get the actual weight of the water. And it turns out the barometric pressure is rather significant. It took some time to find a good source of historical, local barometric data. And it took a while to develop the process of applying the corrections to the data. However, a few months of relative inactivity due to COVID-19 did the trick! With a little more time on our hands we were able to work through the problem and voila!

Graph 3 shows the corrected LevelLogger data and suddenly the picture snaps into place!

This is both exciting and puzzling. We're excited to realize our homemade Arduino sensor holds its own against a more professional grade instrument. But what's causing the jagged little hills? Maybe some more time spent stick-handling through the data will give us an answer.

*(Graphs on following page)*





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## LIVE AT FANNY BAY HALL CONCERT SERIES

Like most things at the moment, the 19/20 concert series at the Hall came to a sudden halt with the Covid-19 pandemic. While the first half of the series featured some wonderful performances, we had to cancel our final three shows this Spring, the last of which was to have been on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I had not expected this to be the way my final year as concert coordinator would unfold, however, such is life.

Organizing these shows over the past eight years, has given me a tremendous amount of pleasure and brought increased activity into our wonderful Hall. We've been fortunate to see some wonderful live performances during that time, featuring performers from many parts of Canada as well as locally.

Each of these shows required a tremendous volunteer effort, without which the series could not have been the success it has proved to be. I want to extend my thanks to all the people who gave of their time to stage these shows – the firefighters who ensured orderly

and safe parking, the sound and lighting crew who erected the stage each time and ensured top quality sound, the kitchen volunteers who provided the half-time refreshments (including our famous fruit pies!), the ticket takers, the folk who set out and put away the chairs, the people who prepared food for the artists, the community members who offered up their homes to billet our artists and to host after-show receptions for the performers, and the many other tasks involved in pulling off each show, and to our faithful audience members for their ongoing support.

It's impossible to name everyone who helped (you know who you are), but I would like to mention a few of the key folk. Huge thanks to our sound engineer Ron Vermeulen and his talented crew of technicians who upgraded our hall and equipment to produce such high quality acoustics for each show. To Erna Smith, who did such a fabulous job in designing unique and colourful posters; to Suzanne Murray and Cherry Kuss for

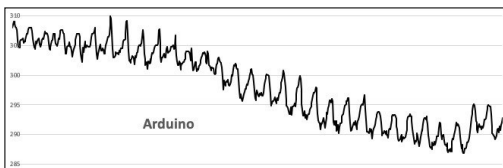
recruiting the kitchen volunteers and providing such great refreshments; to Bill Trussler for organizing the outside parking, which was envied by larger venues than ours, and to Weinberg's Good Foods, Laughing Oyster Books, and Salish Sea Market, for selling our show tickets each time. To our Corporate Sponsors and the Union Bay Credit Union for their financial support and Wendy Keating and the Fanny Bay Flyer for providing great coverage for our shows which brought in our audience.

And finally, to my wife Eleanor, who has been a great support throughout all the concerts, a huge thank you.

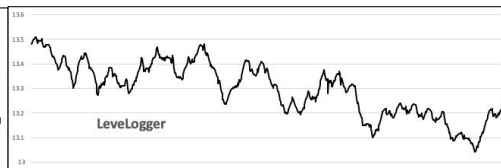
At this stage we do not know what the immediate future holds, but I am confident that the 'Live At Fanny Bay Hall' performances will continue once Covid-19 is defeated. My enthusiastic thanks go out to Alaine and Bill French for taking over organizing future shows. I know they have a great program arranged for next season, and I wish them every success for the future.

*by Neville Hope*

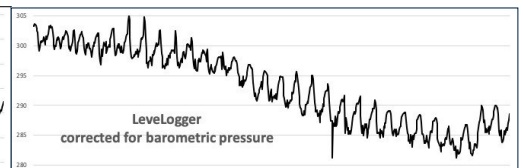
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Graph One



Graph Two



Graph Three

*by Mike Mesford*

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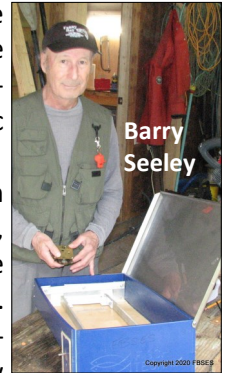
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**IF YOU HAVE SOME LIFE SKILLS**  
 If you aren't using, you should think about joining the rest of us at the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society. For example if you had started logging at 17, gone on into auto repair and oyster farming, do you think it might help with raising salmon? Of course, and that is what Barry Seeley, who does have that background, brings to the FBSES. Specifically, Barry's lifelong approach to making what he has to work with work better has resulted in some remarkable improvements to some of our basic equipment. The 'belt feeder' is a very basic piece of gear; think of a window blind connected to a clockwork motor in a plastic box and you've got it.



**FBSES REPORT**

No batteries required, just fill it with feed, park it on a fish tank, and it does the rest. Except, not very well, until Barry came along. Belt feeders are made for large amounts of heavy fish feed, which FBSES doesn't use. Our amounts are small and light, but the feeder is reliable and simple, and that is important. They are now fitted with aluminum frames Barry built that guide food along the belt, keeping it moving slowly and evenly, and make the friction that is the secret to the even spread of food from the feeder work as it should. Today's version of the feeder is the third from his original idea, because he wasn't shy about improving his original designs until they produced exactly what we needed. Barry describes himself as "an island boy, who lives with an appreciation of where we are and what we're about." He's also a fan of the rest of us at the hatchery; he sees the effort and dedication put into the place over the years by our predecessors.



**Barry Seeley**

Numbers are very important to us at FBSES; we keep track of everything related to the fish we raise. Here are some numbers from this year. By the end of April we had sent 22,946 Coho smolts each weighing between 12.8 and 18.9 grams average into Rosewall Creek to begin their two or three year lives before they return to the creek as adults. All of them were clipped fish, meaning that any caught by a sports fisherman is a keeper, and all of them were free of the chronic Bacterial Kidney Disease that is endemic in our streams, but not in FBSES fish, because any infected eggs we take are never raised. In addition, we sent 52,000 Chum fry into the creek about mid-May, at a weight of about point-nine grams each, and all at once because Chum school together for protection. At that weight, you need all the protection you can get. FBSES has 71,367 Coho growing in its tanks now, and they'll be cared for until about this time next year and then sent out to take their chances.



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One of the big jobs waiting for a return to whatever normal will be is our annual tree potting chore. We raise donated 'plugs' from silviculture nurseries in gallon pots for enhancement projects all over the island. Thousands of trees are waiting for pots, and transplanting. When they're grown, the coronavirus will be only another memory; something else to look forward to. Our website is [fbeses.ca](http://fbeses.ca)

*by Dave Sands*



## PHASE 3 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

update. SPID has awarded Wacor Holdings the contract to construct Phase 3, the final phase, of our Water Infrastructure Project. This phase will see the replacement of the water mains and residential connections along Ships Point Rd, the north loop of Baynes Drive, Vivian Way, Victor Lane and Wentle Way. Construction is scheduled to run from early May through the end of September.

The contractor will try to limit water service interruptions, but it may be unavoidable. **Please keep an emergency supply of drinking water on hand.** We will try to give as much notice as possible for planned water service interruptions.

**Please limit your speed to 30 km/h** while driving through the Phase 3 work zone. Construction crews may be working throughout the area at any given time and are at risk from speeding traffic.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, **residents are requested to maintain safe social distancing of 6 feet when interacting with construction crews and SPID staff**, to ensure everyone's safety.

Children and pets may be curious about construction activity and wish to come close to watch. The construction zone is full of hazards. Equipment operators have limited vision and are focused on their jobs, and may not see people or pets who enter their work zone. To prevent accidents, **please ensure children and pets stay well back of the construction and material storage areas**, and consider rerouting walks and bike rides away from the construction zone.

More information about Phase 3 can be found at [spid.ca](http://spid.ca). If you're not already on our email list, please contact our Administrator at [shipspt1@shaw.ca](mailto:shipspt1@shaw.ca), to ensure you don't miss out on important notices and updates.

### WATER CONSERVATION

Summer is on its way, everyone's favourite time of year. But did you know that water consumption skyrockets during the warm, dry days of summer, and the majority of that increase is due to watering lawns and gardens? Although

we had a very wet January, local rain gauges registered below-normal rainfall compared to Environment Canada's 30 year average for our area again this past winter. So what can we do to conserve water?

Limit lawn sprinkling to the hours of **10:00 pm-10:00 am**. Sprinkling later in the day is prone to evaporation before the water has a chance to reach the roots. Lawns require only 1" of water per week to stay green and healthy. Water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep roots, which results in a more resilient lawn and garden. If you have an automatic sprinkler system, monitor the settings and adjust watering to match weather conditions, or install a rain sensor to your controller. Check your system regularly for leaks or broken sprinkler heads. When hand-watering, always use a shut-off nozzle, and regularly check for leaks in the hose, nozzle and tap.

We are currently at Water Conservation **Stage 2**. Please monitor the entrance board for changes to the Water Conservation stage, as conditions may change.



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## LIVING WILD

With most of us having a lot more time lately, we have taken to the gardens, some of us for the very first time. You have planted amazing symmetrical rows of veggies, flowers around the walk, or maybe even some fruit trees, only to wake up to slugs or pests chomping away, or the remnants of deer having their way with your perfect gardens.

When we took on our endeavor of forest farming, we were awakened to the vast array of pests that also wanted to indulge in the labour of love we poured into our garden beds and trees. It was an unfair ratio it seemed, as we were trying to cultivate a natural setting without being invasive, and in the process, we were inviting all of the pests and critters to enjoy our food! In this article we will discuss some of the most common pests; both large and small, and what you can do to protect your yards without the use of chemicals.

We often hear of companion planting, to maximize your space, regulate shade, suppress weeds or promote faster growth. Perhaps the best utilization of companion planting though, is its effectiveness in naturally deterring pests from your beloved plants.

One of the most annoying pests is the Cabbage Moth, which tends to attack cabbage, cauliflower, kale, broccoli, turnips and radishes. If you plant things like mint, hyssop, sage, dill, rosemary or oregano, you will offend them terribly and they will stay away! Thyme planted in your garden beds is the most effective for preventing them from laying eggs which result in Cabbage worms that will infest your plants and eat the leaves.

Aphids are relentless at attacking fruits, vegetables and flowers, but some onions, garlic, dill, cilantro, nasturtiums, marigolds or tomato leaves nearby will discourage them.

Leaf Miners are notorious for eating up your spinach, but if you plant a row or two of garlic or radishes along your spinach bed, they will leave them alone.

Slugs are one of the worst! Coming out and realizing your veggies have been slimed and eaten! For companion planting,

rosemary, basil, fennel, lavender, garlic and/or parsley planted in amongst your veggies will deter them.

In rural areas like Fanny Bay, our gardens are vulnerable to rabbits and deer if not fortified. But if you plan things out right and plant daffodils for when your seedlings are starting, or scented plants like hyssop, mint, bee balm, chives or garlic, they cannot stand the smell and most will just stay away. Or strategically place plants with fuzzy or hairy foliage like lamb's ear, yarrow, comfrey or heliotrope, as they do not like the texture - keep in mind that mint, bee balm, yarrow and comfrey can also be invasive so best to have in a pot if you don't want them to spread!

Another aspect of pest control in the garden is attracting bugs that will help you in the fight. This includes planting things like carrots, dill, yarrow and parsley to attract ladybugs, parasitic wasps and spiders that will dine on your insect pests. Many pests have simple solutions, like pill bugs (woodbugs) who just require their habitat to be eliminated by removing debris, leaves and weeds. I always like to use a coating of egg



shells and diatomaceous earth around my plants as slugs, snails and worms hate to crawl over them. Leaf Rollers who eat up fruits, beans and deciduous trees, really just need to be picked off and maintained (chickens are really good helpers for this one). You will never have a better apple than one from a tree with chickens under it! Everyone will figure out what works for them, it is all part of the process.

With so much to know and learn, I hope this introduction helps some of the new gardeners out there. Although many natural remedies exist, companion planting to deter pests or attract extra help from ladybugs and spiders, is one of the oldest and most effective methods for chemical-free gardening.

*by Angela Hicke -Van Isle Wild*

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## FANNY BAY NATURALLY

"Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose." We have all heard or said this at one time or another. It comes from a 1913 poem written by Gertrude Stein, an American novelist, playwright, poet, and art collector who made her home in Paris, hosting the likes of Ernest Hemingway and Pablo Picasso in her salon. Originally, the first "Rose" was someone's name. "A" was eventually added to the beginning of the statement and, as such, is loosely interpreted as "things are what they are" or, in Stein's view, that simply using the name of a thing invokes the imagery and emotions associated with it. "Rose" invokes a pleasant image indeed, but rather than the image, it's the scent of roses, especially the wild roses, that comes to my mind before anything else when talk is of roses.



In "Romeo and Juliet," William Shakespeare wrote, "That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet," and indeed there are many common names for wild roses - dog rose, briar rose, pasture rose, and prairie rose to name a few. To set the record straight, the correct botanical term for the wild rose is "species rose." A "species" plant has developed naturally without interference from man.

There are over 100 true species roses worldwide. The many species roses of North America are so similar that they are often difficult to identify. They all have single flowers with five petals - no more, no less. Virtually all of the flowers are pink, with a few almost red, and at the other end of the wild rose spectrum, almost white. The wild roses found on the west coast are most likely to be the Nootka rose, but could also be the Arctic, baldhip, or wood wild rose, all of which grow in a wide variety of conditions in British Columbia's coastal areas, from sea level to mid elevations. Sunny areas are the wild rose's usual domain but some shade is tolerated along the edge of forests. Canes ranging from three to ten feet in length grow into dense masses or thickets, providing habitat for birds and small wildlife, as well as serving as hosts to gall-making wasps and as larval hosts of some species of butterfly.

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may," by English poet Robert Herrick, is more or less what my English grandmother proposed during a visit to Canada, when she taught me how to make wine in a crock. Along with rhubarb and dandelion wine, we also made wild rose petal wine. It was very sweet, more like sherry than wine, but very good!

Wine aside, roses are regulars in herbal medicine, particularly rose hips - three small hips contain as much vitamin C as an orange! The other parts of the plant are also useful - flowers, leaves, bark, and roots - but take this old French proverb seriously when harvesting: "No rose without a thorn." Small hairs in rose hips can be irritating to the throat as well, so be sure to strain rose hip tea or separate the hairs when processing the hips.

Please be mindful when harvesting roses and leave plenty for wildlife - bees are frequent visitors to wild rose flowers, deer eat petals, leaves, young stems, and rose hips, and hips are also enjoyed by birds and bears. And, as always, don't start a war of the roses by gathering ye rosebuds in a park, private property, or conservation area!

In early spring, my daily walks lead through the woods, where I can watch the forest gradually come back to life.

However, come mid May and into June, I am eager to get onto the sunnier trails lined with wild roses, just for the pure enjoyment of their heavenly scent. It's one of my favourite wild plants and I leave you with this thought, by Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, and poet of the 1800s.



*"There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence."*

*by Jackie Dunham*

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*(Sea Monster continued from page 3)*

floating next to my overturned kayak. I have no idea how I had managed to free myself.

Dave is an experienced kayaker and of course had everything needed to get me to shore: line, a pump, a calm air of confidence. I crawled ashore at Arbutus Road and texted my wife. The adrenalin kept me from feeling the cold for a few minutes but by the time the car pulled up I was shivering pretty good.

I've replayed that scene in my head over and over. The one thing I can't talk myself out of is the feeling that I was being pushed over by something below. Did the sea lion sentry we had annoyed decide to come give me a reminder? It seems unlikely. It was quite a while later and we had seen no sign of marine mammals surfacing for air. And the water wasn't very deep in that spot. We had been able to see the bottom a few minutes earlier. The more I consider it the more I realize there is only one rational conclusion: a sea monster.

Sea monsters don't need to surface for air. They can have long tentacles that allow them to reach in to the shallows to wreak havoc with unsuspecting kayakers. And generally, they are benign creatures, rarely if ever eating their victims. Mostly they show themselves just long enough to have a blurry portrait taken. If you've had a similar experience but were afraid to come forward for fear of being called crazy (obviously I have no such fear) now is your chance to add to the legend.

*by Mike Mesford*

## **MEET STANLEY**

To tell you the truth, I just met him myself and I know next to nothing about him. I was taking some sticks out of the back of the trailer by the shop when I heard a sniffing sound. A strange and really bizarre-looking dog rounded the shop. He parked himself, cocked his head and appeared to be checking me out. I



had the feeling I was being assessed but allowed to make the first move at this, our initial visit. Astonished, I said "Howdy do?" and asked who he was and what his business in Ships Point was. During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic folks here are cautious and curious about anyone new. He appeared to listen politely, lifted his leg, and peed on the yucca plant. (Note- when we built the shop there were three near-death yuccas by the door. After just one year of canine sprinkles they have gone gangbusters!) I fumbled for my cell to take a picture but he was way ahead of me. He fished out his business card from his back pocket, handed it to me, winked, gave a meaningful yap and was on his way. His walk is peculiar. He seems to veer a little to the left for 5 or 6 steps and then go on auto correct. I said he was a 'he' but as he trotted away from me I was sure. In hind sight I'd guess there are many little Stanley clones somewhere. I stepped into the road to watch him go down Vivian Way till he went 'stage right' at the fire lane and was gone.

My guess is that he came up my way from Victor Lane. Probably hitch-hiked a ride in the back of someone's pick-up truck on Wente Way, then cut through the property down there. Who has a pick-up there? He trotted in a nonchalant sort of way, nose up and sniffing the air for anything of interest to a mutt. Maybe he just landed in Ships Point and was exploring and checking us out at the same time. "Hmmm....nice puddle in that driveway, overfed cat on that front step, pile of sticks in front of peoples of yards, Thursday is garbage day in this part of town, red poop can - I'll just pee on everything to let people know I'm here". The cat was not impressed.

After he left, I looked at the card. It had his picture on it and the word 'Stanley' and that was all. I'm not sure of the breed, but he looks like a terrier mixed with an Airedale, or a collie or maybe a broom. That was the extent of my first encounter with him, but in the few short days and weeks that followed there were many sightings of the new dog on The Point. And there were incidents to report. Oh boy! Are there ever stories to tell! If you would like to hear of his adventures, misdeeds, goofy antics, and clever ways of getting out of sticky situations, let me know and I will tell all.

Stanley 101. This charming and resourceful character is fiction, but he will steal your heart, lift your spirit and maybe leave something on your doorstep.

*by Dianne Volrich*



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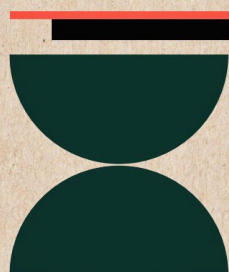
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