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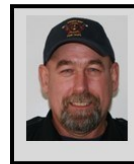
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## Board Buzz

### ON SEPTEMBER 10TH THE SUN SHONE

and offered the FBCA the opportunity to hold our postponed AGM outside. More than 20 people were able to socially distance in their own lawn chairs. They heard reports from President—Anne Trussler, Treasurer—Bonnie Hoffart, Floor Committee Chairperson—Alaine French and Canine Companionship Committee Chairperson—Tammy Mercer-Gervais. The board thanked our previous Treasurer, Liisa McCollum, for her 10 years of outstanding volunteer work for the Fanny Bay Community Association. All the AGM reports are on our website.

The AGM chose a new FBCA president, Tammy Mercer-Gervais and welcomed Sherry Harrill as a new board member.

The FBCA looks forward to a great year with a dedicated board. (See the list of the board members on page 15 )

### FBCA MEMEBERSHIPS

Thank-you to all who renewed their membership and welcome to all new members. I'll be in touch in 2021!

The hall is a designated Emergency Shelter for this area ex: earthquake, flood and we thank you all for your support.

*by Debby McRae*

### JOIN THE FANNY BAY FLYER TEAM

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## THE FANNY BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GIVES THANKS

to the following groups and organizations for their financial support. These generous contributions have allowed the Hall to remain viable during this very difficult year.

- BC Community Gaming Grants;
- Comox Valley Regional District Grant-in-Aid;
- BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief Fund;
- Valley Charitable Gaming Society;
- Baynes Sound Lions;
- Union Bay Credit Union;
- Creative BC (Amplify BC program); and
- Fanny Bay community members (you!)

## WHAT KIND OF PERSON DOES IT TAKE TO COME UP WITH A REALLY GOOD IDEA?

What kind of person does it take to come up with a really great idea and then carry it out? What kind of community minded person then goes ahead and organizes two outdoor markets to be held in the Hall field? And what kind of high energy person arranges vendors, finds volunteers, plans all the safety protocols, with help, organizes parking and clean up, and makes a significant amount of money for the Hall?

That person is Bev Powell and we owe her a huge thanks for all her efforts with the two outdoor markets this summer.



At press time a third event planned by Bev, Art Walk and Studio Art Tour, is about to go forward. Under blue skies we hope!

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**Saturday  
October 31**

**3 to 6 p.m.**

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Community Hall**

***2020 is going to be different!***

- ***No community bonfire.***
- ***No community fireworks.***
- ***No community gathering except in your own bubbles.***

***But youngsters of all ages can look forward to some COVID-safe haunting excitement at the Hall!***



Planning is underway for a COVID-safe Halloween upside-down parade, jack-o-lantern contest, and outdoor decorations at the Hall, finishing with treats for all the youngsters!

***What is an upside-down parade?***

Spookily decorated vehicles with costumed humans parked safely around an area while the audience in costume tours the parade route. We are awaiting BC Public Health Halloween guidelines to develop details, but meanwhile:

***Interested in entering a decorated vehicle in the parade?***

Email Erna at [mjbsmith@shaw.ca](mailto:mjbsmith@shaw.ca)

Please watch for details on our FBCA website & on Facebook

Kids of all ages please bring your carved Jack-o-lantern to the Hall between 5 & 7pm on Friday October 30th.



**Halloween treat donations will be gratefully accepted from the community!  
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by a community bonfire, games and treats for the youngsters, and a firework display at the Community Hall, financed in part by monetary and treat donations from the community, BUT with COVID-19 haunting us, Halloween 2020 will be different!

Check out the poster on page three outlining what is being planned. Unfortunately, until BC Public Health Authorities reveal the Halloween Guidelines they are developing, we cannot provide all the details. However, we are asking once again for Halloween donations: both of packages of traditional sweet treats and for cash donations or gift cards to allow us to purchase some large outdoor Halloween decorations. The decorations will be used for future years, even after we get COVID-19 under control.

We will let the community know via the large Hall sign what days and times candy donations may be dropped off at the Hall. Because of COVID-19, we ask that donor cheques be sent to us at 7793 Island Highway South, Fanny Bay, BC V0R 1W0 or submitted via E-transfer to [treasurer@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:treasurer@fannybaycommunity.com). Thank you for your continued support in helping to make Halloween magic happen in our community.

## NEEDLESS TO SAY THESE COVID DAYS

We have made for challenging times, and in our own Fanny Bay community many are missing the events at the hall that keep us inspired and connected. To this end, Fat Oyster, after careful consideration and consultation with the Fanny Bay Community Association around safety protocols, are pleased to announce that we'll be hosting a live reading from **Cornelia Hoogland and Ted Goodden's** new book, **Cosmic Bowling** on **Wednesday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** inside the Fanny Bay Hall. Our hall is large enough to accommodate physical distancing requirements, and a Fat Oyster volunteer has agreed to take on the lead responsibility in ensuring protocols are followed. We ask that people wear masks, and hand sanitizers will be readily available.



A few weeks ago, I had the great pleasure of attending a launch of **Cosmic Bowling** on Hornby Island. It was reassuring to witness the ease with which Covid-19 protocols were followed, and this made it a successful, safe and uplifting event on many levels. Ted is an artist and Cornelia a poet. To watch and listen to these two read from the book and discuss their collaborative project was thought provoking and entirely a delight. I believe we can offer the same experience in our community.

Cornelia and Ted are Hornby Island residents and long-time supporters of the Fat Oyster Reading series. You may remember Cornelia's launch of **Trailer Park Elegy** at the hall in 2017, a book of poems set at Deep Bay. **Cosmic Bowling** is Cornelia's eighth book of poetry, of which several have been shortlisted for major prizes. Ted Goodden is a visual artist who works primarily in architectural stained glass, sculpture and mixed media. His stained glass windows hang in hundreds of public and private collections, and his work is exhibited in major galleries.

This from the back of the book: "**Cosmic Bowling** is a collaboration, a three-way conversation among a sculptor, a poet and the *I Ching*." Patrick Friesen says, "The on-going interrelationship of poems and photos of sculptures work into a beautiful, realized whole."

We hope to see you on Oct. 14 for an enlightening evening. If you'd like to come but have concerns or questions around Covid-19 protocols, please email [j-leblanc@shaw.ca](mailto:j-leblanc@shaw.ca).



## PHASE 3 WATER PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the completion of Phase 3. The contractor wrapped up the road paving, restoration and hydroseeding by mid-September. We thank residents for their patience and cooperation throughout the project.

**Project Warranty:** There is a one-year warranty period for work completed in Phase 3. If ratepayers have issues they believe resulted from the project, it is crucial they notify SPID as soon as possible so we can work with the contractor to rectify the situation. If problems come to light after the warranty has expired in 2021, SPID will be unable to address the problem.

**Hydroseeding:** It is residents' responsibility to care for the new grass to ensure it establishes. Newly-seeded grass needs to be kept moist. If autumn rains cooperate, there will be no need for additional water. However, if we hit a dry spell, residents will need to provide supplemental irrigation until the grass is established. The grass can be mowed once it reaches a height of 3", but new grass is best mown when it's dry. Keep the mower blades high at first and don't remove more



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## SPID REPORT

than 1/3 of the grass length at one time. Bag the clippings until the grass is fully established.

### ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

If you will be away in February/March, please contact the SPID office before you travel to make alternate arrangements to pay your parcel tax and water tolls before the March 31 deadline. Invoices will be mailed at the end of January, and payment must be received before the deadline to avoid late fees and interest charges. **Please note**, the deadline for payment has been extended to March 31, as a result of feedback from ratepayers.

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Fire Prevention Week activities, including the Open House and neighbourhood walkabout, have been cancelled. Fire safety is still as important as ever. Residents can find fire safety info at [spid.ca/FDept/](http://spid.ca/FDept/)

### OPEN BURNING

SPID Bylaw 83 allows for open backyard burning without a permit October 15-April 15. For those who choose to burn yard waste, local and provincial regulations must be followed.

A critical factor for protecting air quality during open burning is the province's Venting Index. The Venting Index forecasts local weather patterns that indicate whether smoke will disperse or remain trapped at ground level. BC restricts outdoor burning when the index is POOR (0-33) or FAIR (34-54), and burning at that time may risk a fine from the BC Conservation Officer Service. Please check the Venting Index and burn yard waste only when the forecast is GOOD (55-100). The Venting Index is updated daily at [spid.ca](http://spid.ca) or toll-free at 1-888-281-2992.

(SPID Report continued on page 12)



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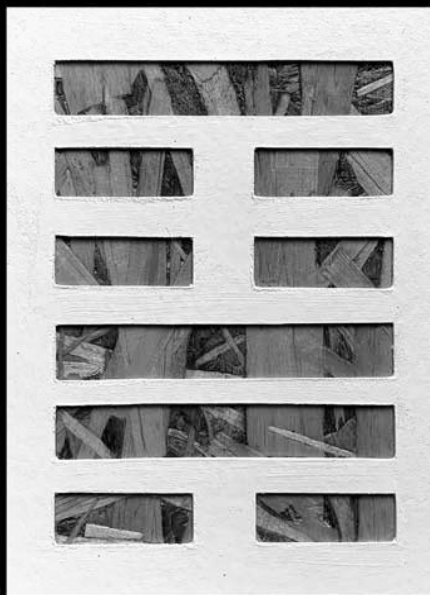


# Fat Oyster<sup>👑</sup> Reading Series

AT THE FABULOUS FANNY BAY HALL

7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 14

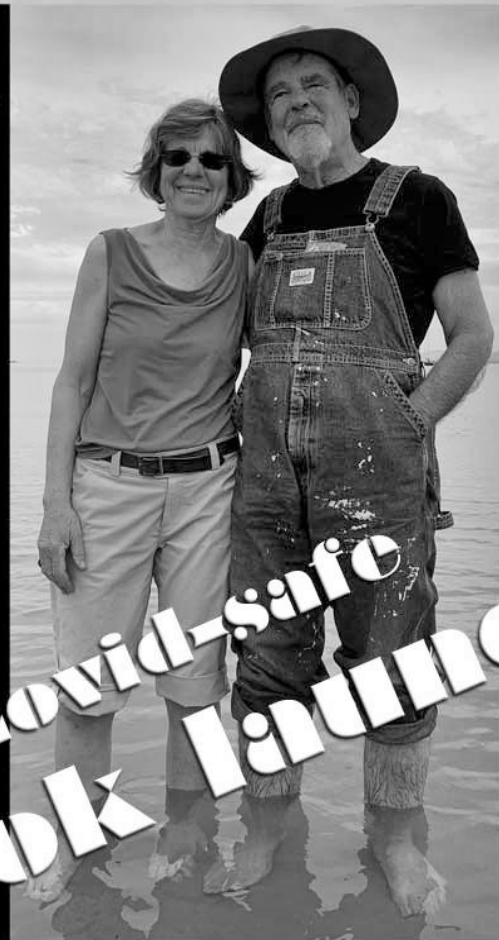
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We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Fanny Bay Community Association,  
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# Black Cat Movie Night

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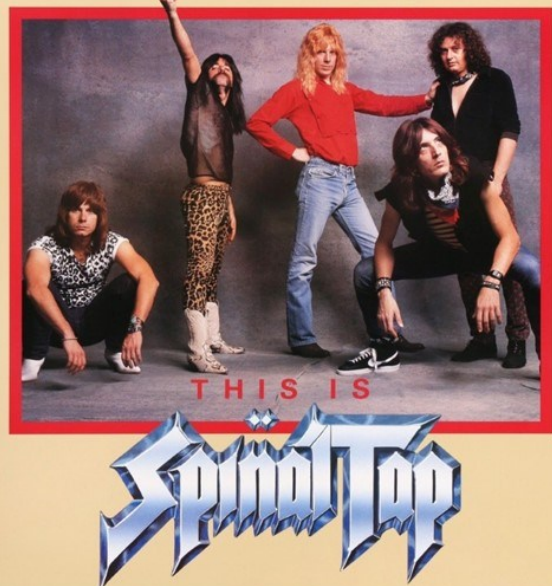
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## WHERE WERE YOU IN 1963?

I was 9 years old. And despite being an avid reader who was fascinated by stories of travellers and exotic locales, I had never heard of a place called Fanny Bay. But the folks in Qualicum knew of Fanny Bay. In December of that year, there was a 482 foot test well dug in the hills above Fanny Bay by the Village of Qualicum (now the Town of Qualicum). The well driller's report is available today as part of the online Provincial Well Database. It lists the various types of rock and sediment (the lithology) encountered during the drilling of the well. This kind of information is invaluable when mapping aquifers. As far as our aquifer research is concerned, finding this report was like hitting a home run. But what if we could find the well itself? What if it were possible to install a depth recorder? Now, that would be like hitting a grand slam!

We learned about the existence of this well while reading historical documents from the 1980's and 90's. In 1987, the Ships Point Improvement District (SPID) Board of Trustees wrote a letter to the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona expressing their "unalterable opposition" to zoning changes that would allow the construction of a hatchery on Stelling Rd. Over the objections of SPID and local citizens, the hatchery was built anyway. (Initially, the hatchery operated as United Fisheries, then it was sold to Cermaq, a Norwegian company, and it's now owned and operated by Mitsubishi Corporation).

When the hatchery was built and its wells began pumping, the effects were felt by neighbours in the immediate area. Well levels dropped. Some ran dry. An ad hoc citizens group, the Coal Creek Aquifer Protection Committee, was formed. (Coal Creek is now called Wilfred Creek). Before long the Province got involved. A 1992 letter from the Provincial Water Management Division in Victoria to the chairman of the Coal Creek Aquifer Protection Committee includes copies of an internal study assessing the viability of the hatchery in terms of fresh water. The study also includes a map showing local springs, proposed "test holes", and ..... the "Old Village of Qualicum well".

Armed with this map and the latitude and longitude of the well, which we found in a separate record in the provincial well database, we thought we might be able to find the well itself.

So, on a recent Tuesday, after we had finished the routine sampling of our five creeks, we set about exploring. It felt like we on a modern day treasure hunt. We started by going to the latitude and longitude shown for the well. As one might imagine, after 57 years, this location was deep in the bush, about 200 metres from the nearest logging road. But the undergrowth wasn't too dense and the possibility of finding a 57 year old well, not to mention the notion that we might find a patch of chanterelles along the way, made things pretty exciting. But we soon decided we weren't in the right spot. There was no sign of a road. Even after 57 years there should be some evidence of an old roadbed. Indeed, the terrain was sloped, and it was hard to picture any place where a drilling rig could have found level ground. And on top of that, there were no chanterelles.

The old map from the provincial hatchery study didn't show latitude or longitude but many of the logging roads shown on the map seemed to line up with current roads. The map had the well a couple of kilometres away from where we had been searching initially. Cruising slowly along the gravel road, we got as close as we could to where the well appeared on the map. We came to a place where the trees seemed just a bit thinner than the rest. We got out of the car and, on foot, plowed through some of the roadside Snowberry bushes and Nootka Rose.



(BWS continued on page 10)



## LITTLE THINGS ADD UP TO BIG NUMBERS

When you're dealing with thousands of them, and when they're always moving, like Coho fry, they're hard to keep track of, not to mention that they all look alike. So at the FBSES, we are weight watchers. Not just after coffee break, either. As fish grow we can and do divide a tank of, for example, 7224 fish precisely into two tanks of 3684 with considerable alacrity, dispatch and precision. Because we know that the average weight of every fish in tank I-1 is say, 5.6 grams, we know that all of the little rascals will be 40,464 grams or 40.46 kilograms. Scooping them out of a tank, weighing them in a water-filled bucket on a precise scale, deducting the 'tare' and then dumping that bucket into a waiting unpopulated tank will quickly add up to a round number half the one we started with. (20,232 grams if you're keeping track.) Fish are fed throughout their growth to finish at a recommended weight for survival at release. So, an accurate count and constant reweighing is necessary throughout their time with us. Fish are counted first as eggs and again after clipping, and weights are taken by sampling them regularly, because the amount and size of feed they're given also has to change. It's a lot of arithmetic.

We've all seen pictures of salmon in mid-air. The leap that propels him out of the water, and hopefully past the waiting grizzly is instinctive to a salmon and demonstrates their impressive abilities. One of the joys of studying salmon behavior is finding contradictory research. To save you a lot of time: salmon jump up over barriers like waterfalls and weirs. How they do it is apparently best known only to them. Salmon either: take an s-shaped run at the barrier, or jump straight up with a burst of energy against the strongest part of the flow, the standing wave in the pool below the drop. What is important to us at FBSES is that fish return to our hatchery via a fish ladder, a long, old concrete channel that starts at the edge of Rosewall creek and leads to our 'brood tank' where the arrivals are sorted and held, or returned to the creek well upstream. This year's spawners will be met by an extended fish ladder that will improve the return to the hatchery for us and the fish. Once, too few fish were our problem; with years of work, numbers increased to the point where one day's or nights' run could fill our quota or exceed it - a nice problem to have? Not really for many reasons; having to handle hundreds of fish all at once is one of them. By extending the fish ladder into the creek we will be able to take fish from lower water flows in Rosewall, not just the highest and fastest, and over a longer time. The time a run takes varies and is hard to predict, and we are convinced that there is a difference between early and late arrivals, one that we want to preserve. Being able to spread out the time of collection will let us do a better job; every fish must be sampled for its DNA and for bacterial kidney disease as well as be handled for egg and sperm taking.

The extension on the ladder was fabricated by volunteers and its design and installation may change with experience - the salmon and the creek have a big say in everything we do -

but for now, things look good. We may even be able to decide how fish jump.

There is a popular theory that trees talk to one another. Perhaps one day some of ours will tell their seedlings of the time they grew up in a fish hatchery and then had a car ride to a place called Cook Creek where people planted them along the banks and let them put down their roots into soil fertilized by the carcasses of salmon and watered by that creek. That investment in the future is one more of our plans for this fall that you can be part of as a member of Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society, and there are many others. [www.fbSES.ca](http://www.fbSES.ca)



*The fish ladder extension, newly built and waiting for finishing touches and the spawning run.*



*Randy Lousier, centre, works with John Todd, left and Jens Johansen, right, to move Coho fry.*

*by Dave Sands*



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We eventually emerged into a quiet, shady woodland. The ground was flat for several metres on either side and appeared to extend in front of us for quite a way. It had all the appearances of an old roadbed. Walking further in, we noticed an overgrown ditch on one side. Clearly, we had found the remnants of the road that would have led to the well site. After about 100 metres we came to another overgrown ditch directly in front of us and perpendicular to the other ditch. It was the end of the road. We excitedly cast about, in ever widening gyres, hoping to stumble on an old well casing sticking out of the ground or, more realistically, evidence of an old concrete pad or some sign of a decommissioned well. We found nothing, not even chanterelles.

So, we need to go back to the archives. If we can find records of the well's decommissioning, we can decide if it's worth searching more intensely. But even if we never find the well, having the recorded location with its associated lithology is extremely useful. Any efforts to map the aquifer will be able to use this data as a calibration template.

The existence of the old well records raises some interesting questions. Why was the Village of Qualicum looking for water so far north? And the report states that there was never any test pumping done, despite evidence of a possibly productive aquifer between 265' and 325'. Why did they not pursue the issue further?

Then there are some less obvious but even more interesting questions. What if a large water consumer were to begin extracting water from our aquifer? What effects might that have on our wells? History has shown that a heavy industrial user such as a hatchery can have deleterious effects on local wells. And history has also shown that over-pumping from our aquifer could have potentially disastrous effects: the letter from the SPID trustees to the Regional District makes reference to a well that served the Tozer Land and Development Co. Ltd. This well served 90 households and was 650 metres north of the existing SPID wells. In December 1975, this well experienced saltwater intrusion and had to be abandoned.

We ignore history at our peril. We're extremely fortunate to be living on top of such a fabulous source of fresh water. **But it isn't an unlimited supply.** I sincerely hope that someone writing an article for the Fanny Bay Flyer 57 years from now will be able to report on the continued health of our local aquifer. Rather than detailing a sad history of over-pumping, salt intrusion, and abandoned wells.

[www.beaufortwater.org](http://www.beaufortwater.org)

*by Mike Mesford*

#### OAP REPORT

### THE O.A.P. IS STILL ON HIATUS

and we find that we miss getting together once or twice a month to catch up with our friends and have a good chat. To this end, the executive will meet in the next week or two to come up with some ideas of how we can get together bearing in mind that we must follow all Covid protocols which are set up in our hall.

Once this meeting has taken place, we will be in touch with all members to get their input and/or advise of upcoming events. Hopefully everyone is well and we wish those who are travelling a good vacation and safe journey home. Happy October Birthday to:

Fran Mills, Bert Livingstone, Susan Hargreaves, Mary Bowen.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!

*by Linda Tournemille*

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You can register for the Great B.C. ShakeOut at [www.ShakeOutBC.ca](http://www.ShakeOutBC.ca). You can register for the first time or simply renew your past registration. By registering you will be included in the largest earthquake drill in BC and you will be updated on ShakeOut new and preparedness tips.

When you go to the ShakeOut website you will learn how to prepare your family on how to recover and survive an earthquake event. If you and yours are ready for an event of significant magnitude you can better ensure your safety and quality of life.

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## THE FBCHA WILL ONCE AGAIN

be offering flu shots at the hall. The Health Authority shots will be arriving shortly and distribution to satellite clinics will be coming in mid

-October. We don't have a date set for our flu clinic yet, but once the pharmacies receive the vaccines we will be able to choose a date and time.

See Hall Notice board and website for information.

**It is particularly important to get a flu shot this year.** The worry for health care practitioners is that with the onset of the flu season, we're going to get peaks of flu and COVID-19 cases at the same time. Even with a mild flu season, the convergence with a COVID-19 surge could very rapidly overwhelm our hospital system.

Unlike COVID-19 however, the flu is a familiar foe,

and a safe and effective vaccine is available. For both the flu and COVID-19, the elderly and those with underlying conditions are more susceptible. The flu also hits children particularly hard and spreads readily in schools. The more people in all age groups who get a flu vaccine, the more protected these vulnerable populations will be. The Canadian National Advisory Committee on Immunizations recommends that **everyone 6 months of age and older** should get a yearly influenza vaccination with rare exception. With the advent of COVID-19, our protocol at the hall will operate differently this year. Shots will be given in the main hall to enhance social distancing and masks must be worn once inside the hall. Tape will be put on the hall floor at two meter intervals and everyone will arrive using the front doors and leave by the double gym doors. There will be fewer participants within each 15 minute time frame, however the clinic will run longer to accommodate everyone wanting the vaccine. As per other years, tetanus boosters and pneumonia shots will also be available. Tetanus boosters are good for 10 yrs & pneumonia for 5 yrs.

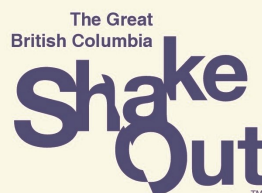
The Fanny Bay Flu Clinic has been very successful in immunizing our local population. We started with just over 30 vaccines given in 2015, and are now vaccinating over 130. Let's keep going in the right direction and not only keep ourselves healthy but also our family, friends and community. **Please stay tuned for a date in mid-October.**



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## LIVING WILD

The leaves are turning crimson and falling to the ground, leaving the bare hands of trees reaching for cooler skies. October has always been the main month for the big garlic plant. Many families have a tradition to get their cloves in the ground on Thanksgiving weekend, before the cold sets in. There are many other tasks at hand that really help for the fall/winter harvests, and give you a head start for spring and summer.

Let's begin with what to grow! Yes! Gardening season has just begun for many! Fall gardens have the benefits of not requiring as much care or as much watering with the change in weather, and the decrease in pests, as many of them are finding homes for the winter instead of foraging.

It is an excellent time to transplant seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, beets and broccoli, as well as direct sowing quick growing peas, turnips, bok choy, kale, carrots, swiss chard, spinach and radishes. A useful tip for cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli is to bring all of their leaves up and tie them together to protect the heads from frost later on.

Another beneficial job at this time is to dig up your summer bulbs, remove any dead leaves and store bulbs in a dry place for the winter. These especially include dahlias as they can be quite damaged by the cold. Also gladioli corms and begonia tubers will do much better if dug up and stored until next year.

You can split your perennials and herbs, to prevent overcrowding while the weather is still warm. Make sure to cut them back, removing all dead leaves. I like to take photos of my gardens once my clean up is done, so I can remember where everything is before it all dies back for the winter!

Herbs can also be directly sown at this time, as our climate allows for them to establish a strong root system before the cold sets in. If you plant now, by spring next year you will have an abundance of herbs, well ahead of any seedlings you could plant at the end of May!

It's best not to rake the leaves as they offer habitats for overwintering pollinators, but in areas where you must rake,

make sure to utilize those leaves for mulch in the garden. Any roses in particular, must have the fallen leaves raked and removed, and make sure to dispose of them instead of composting, to prevent disease and the spread of damaging fungi! Prune any climbing roses and tie the stems to prevent them from breaking in the wind.

Discover areas or your yard where you would like more privacy? This is an ideal time for the relocation of any trees, shrubs or perennials. I always take inventory of the trees that I have, and make sure to plant seedlings to ensure a diverse and balanced canopy in the future. For instance, I have lots of patches of alder which are prone to a short life expectancy, so I season those patches with Douglas fir, cedar and evergreens which will flourish on the fallen decomposing alders in the future. This diversity adds strength to the root systems, and helps endure winter storms.

If you have any trees on your property that are of concern with storm season fast approaching, you can thin the crown by trimming the thinner branches right to the trunk in a spiral pattern up the tree to help deflect wind. This "spiral pruning" reduces the weight of the tree, and decreases resistance, al-



lowing wind to travel through and around more freely. This makes the tree safer, as there is less risk of it coming down in a storm. Of course you need to contact an arborist or qualified tree specialist if it is a really large

tree, but it is something to consider if you have trees of concern, especially by your home!

If your greenhouse is now empty, it's a great opportunity to clean it up, wash it out and disinfect it. This will prevent mold, mildew and the transfer of any plant diseases. Organize that clutter of plant pots and prepare for a fresh start next year! You will thank yourself!

These fall "Chores" as we call them will give us food crops in November/December, make our perennials more resilient and prepare our yards and gardens for a successful Spring!

*by Angela Hicke-Van Isle Wild*

**SPID REPORT** (continued from page 5)

The following restrictions must be adhered to at all times during open burning: **1.** Fires must be attended by an adult at all times until extinguished. **2.** Keep a shovel and charged hose ready for immediate use if required. **3.** Never burn in windy conditions. **4.** Maximum size of a fire is not to exceed 1.5m diameter by 1m height. **5.** Do not burn within 5m of dry grass, brush, trees, wooden buildings or other flammable material. **6.** Never use an accelerant like gasoline or lighter fluid. **7.** Never burn garbage, pet waste or driftwood from the beach, which releases toxic smoke.

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Let's talk turkey! No, not the bird that many of us will soon be serving for a festive dinner, but rather a bird that would be happy to clean up the leftovers. I'm talking turkey vultures, also known as buzzards. I can imagine readers thinking "yuck" and "ew" at the thought of vultures and their eating habits, but in reality, we should all be thinking "yay!" Turkey vultures belong to the genus *Cathartes*, which means "purifier," which is very appropriate - they play a very important and valuable role in the ecological system, cleaning up carrion, the decaying flesh of dead animals. Now that's something to give thanks for!

There are five subspecies of the turkey vulture; the western turkey vulture is the one we see here, although only during the warmer months of the year. The western is the most migratory of the turkey vultures, traveling from southern Canada to the southern United States or as far as South America for the colder months.

The western turkey vulture is a large bird with a wingspan of up to six feet and weighing between five and six pounds. Males and females are almost identical in size and appearance, with brown/black body plumage, silvery flight feathers on the undersides of the wings, and featherless red heads. The red head gave this vulture its name, as its head resembles the comb and wattles of a turkey, though they are not related. The head is small in proportion to the body and has a short, light-coloured, hooked beak. Immature turkey vultures have grey heads and black beak tips.

Turkey vultures roost in large groups at night, in dead trees or on man-made structures such as microwave towers. During the day, turkey vultures are often seen in a spread-winged position, most often following cold or rainy nights. This stance is thought to dry the wings, warm the body, and bake off bacteria.

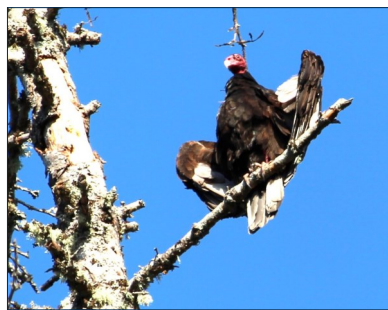
Turkey vultures forage independently or in small groups. Though somewhat clumsy at active flight, vultures have the ability to soar to great heights and then fly effortlessly for hours, buoyed by columns of warm rising air (thermals). This, along with their excellent eyesight, allows them to scan for carrion over vast areas. They may also fly low to detect the presence of decaying carcasses by scent, a rare ability in birds.

Vultures do not kill living adult animals. Even if an animal is obviously unwell, vultures typically wait nearby until the animal dies, although they have been known to occasionally attack helpless newborns. While they prefer freshly dead meals, turkey vultures must often wait for carcasses to decay and soften before they can pierce the skin. Their neck muscles and beaks, as well as their feet, are simply too weak to tear into fresh kills, hence they live almost entirely on scavenging animal carcasses. In a pinch, turkey vultures will also eat rotting fruit or animal feces.

One would think that illness would result from consuming such food, but enzymes in the vulture's digestive system destroy the toxins and microorganisms associated with

disease and decay. As one can imagine, vultures' legs also get covered in plenty of nasty stuff during feeding. To counteract this, turkey vultures excrete onto their legs - the highly acidic uric acid acts as a sanitizer. Now, if all this isn't enough "yuck" for you, they also deposit foul-smelling vomit in their nests to deter predators! Ew! And there's more! If disturbed while gorging on a carcass to the point of becoming too heavy to fly, they must regurgitate their rank smelling food in order to take off.

By now, you're thinking that no other animal would touch this bird with a ten foot pole, and indeed they have few predators, although turkey vultures of all ages sometimes fall prey to great horned owls, red-tailed hawks, and eagles. Vulture eggs and nestlings may be preyed upon by mammals such as raccoons and opossums, if they can get past the smell of the nest, that is!



As repugnant as they may seem, there is nothing to fear and everything to like (well, almost everything) about turkey vultures. They have no interest in attacking humans and other animals and, in fact, are rather timid birds who deserve our

respect and gratitude. Obviously, vultures rid the landscape of rotting carcasses, the sight and smell of which would otherwise ruin many a nice walk in the wild, but lesser known is the role vultures play in controlling the spread of diseases such as anthrax, cholera, botulism, and rabies. Due to the vulture's powerful digestive system, disease-causing organisms are neutralized as they pass through. This is in sharp contrast to part-time scavengers, such as canines and rats, who have weak digestive systems, and actually become carriers of the disease that killed the source of their food. In truth, the much-maligned vultures make our world cleaner than it would be without them, and they should be appreciated for their contribution to our well-being.

*by Jackie Dunham*

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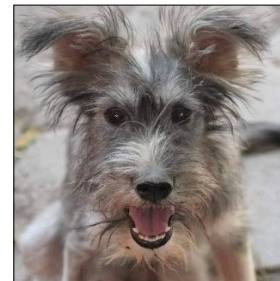
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## SHIPS POINT LAUNCH

### Robin Hood



Fanny Bay Community Hall has a large notice sign and messages change regularly. On Monday Stanley watched as someone changed the sign but he couldn't read it. Although he's fluent in Spanish he struggles with English. He pulled his cell phone out of his back pocket, took a pic and then tapped the translator app. The sign read 'Please Leave Food Donations Here on Tuesdays 1-3pm. All Gratefully Accepted'. Stanley's eyes got huge and his jaw dropped! In a nanosecond he hatched a brilliant plan.

When the coast was clear he pawed the letters and rearranged the notice. He stood back to read 'Dog Food Donations Accepted here on Tuesdays 1-3pm'. The next day Stanley was back. There was a card table just outside the hall door and he tied himself to a leg and pretended to sleep. With one eye open. A truck backed up and a man dropped a bag on the table. He looked under the table at the sad looking dog and said "Who'd leave a mutt like that tied to a table and just walk away? Pitiful". It was all Stanley could do to control a snigger.

As soon as he left Stanley untied himself, grabbed the bag and dashed across the street to the OAP. His getaway was a pink kid's bike with a basket and a bell. Stanley knew this was going to be a dangerous mission and he was prepared. He'd stuffed a hoodie and dark glasses in the basket and got into costume. The contents of the bag were dumped in the basket and it was a veritable bonanza of doggy treats! He grabbed a pig's ear to chew on for the road and he was off. He pedalled along Ships Point, aiming for his hideout, but the road was fraught with danger. People were walking their dogs and it was going to be tough.

First up was Dirk, the stately German Shepherd taking his humans for their regular walk. Despite the hoodie drawn low over his mug, Dirk recognized him. Stanley rang the bell, tossed a large milk bone and kept going. Ring! Up ahead was another potential problem, but a rawhide hambone kept Casey distracted. Ring! Ring! Up ahead was Winston and he was going to be a tough one to get past. Winston saw right through the hoodie and did a drop and laugh in the middle of the road. Stanley gave it all he had and flew over top of him like the kid in ET. He dropped the choice squeaky chicken toy and kept going.

Driven by the incessant squeaking Stanley raced up Vivian Way and made the last lap to the fire hall. Finally there, Stanley pushed the bike around the back of the hall to the burn container and leaned his bike against it. A twinge of guilt over the stolen bike made Stanley pull out his cell phone and posted this on Fanny Bay Community facebook. 'Pink girl's bike found behind the Fire Hall on Vivian Way.' Guilt appeased, he rolled in the doggy junk food, woofed most of it and passed out in the container.

Sound familiar? It's a trick or treat and as close to the real thing as Stanley and I could get.

Happy Halloween!

*by Dianne Volrich*



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Ships Point Improvement Dist.	Wednesday.....	time varies, second week
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#### **FBCA COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN UPDATE**

**Sept 16th**

All FBCA programs and regular events cancelled or moved outdoors. Canine Companion Park and Children's Playground open; planning for upgrade to playground- ongoing; Annual General Meeting successfully held outdoors on Sept 10th 2020. Re-opening Committee developed protocols & sign-off sheets to allow groups of up to 50 people to rent FBCA facilities once again; protocols posted on website & in Hall.

-Fanny Bay Community Hall COVID-19 Protocol -FB Community Hall COVID-19 Kitchen Protocol -Protocol for rental requests during COVID-19 pandemic (*for use by Rental Agent*) -Washroom, Kitchen, and Touch Point Cleaning sign-off sheets -Sign posted on Community Hall entry door 'Do not enter if any COVID-19 symptoms, etc.'

COVID-19 reminder signs (e.g. safe distancing, hand washing, safe coughing/sneezing, room maximums) posted as appropriate throughout Hall. COVID-19 Information Bulletin Board set up in main hallway. **Soft reopening of the Community Hall as of September 15th. Rental requests for activities and events in the Hall considered on a case-by-case basis.** -COVID-19 safety plans and contact tracing lists required from all rental & user groups.

-FBCA Guidelines for writing a COVID-19 safety plan developed and posted on website and in Hall. -Washroom use limited to one designated washroom; others posted as closed. -Additional washrooms available with pre-approval from Rental Agent. -Hand sanitizers available at front entry; rental/user groups required to bring their own hand sanitizers.

Hall cleaning schedule adapted according to use of Hall. FBCA Directors and entry door key holders advised of appropriate protocols for entering & exiting Hall. Regular monthly FBCA Board meetings continue via Zoom.

Ad hoc Board committee meetings continue in-person following physical distancing rules if only 2-3 people involved, or via Zoom or email.

Financial planning ongoing to mitigate loss of revenue from rentals. FBCA representative meeting regularly with other Community Hall groups on Island to brainstorm ideas to keep such groups afloat. Outdoor Market Days in July and August successful; Studio Tour scheduled for Sept. 26th. Various grant requests submitted. **COVID-safe outdoor Halloween celebration being planned.**

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