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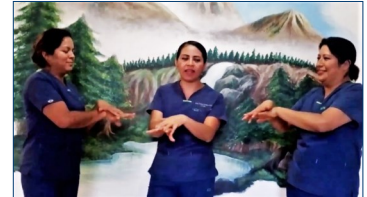
Fanny Bay Community Association

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BACK TO BASICS

WASH YOUR HANDS frequently. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub. Here's a fun music video from a trio of Spanish nurses crooning, 'Die, Bacteria, Die'.
<https://www.newsbreak.com/news/1522313801758/die-bacteria-die-mexican-nurses-croon-in-hand-washing-psa-video>



REFRAIN FROM TOUCHING YOUR NOSE, MOUTH AND EYES

These are warm, moist entry points, especially the nose, to your lungs.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – KEEP YOURSELF AT ARMS LENGTH,
or Leash Length if you own a dog! No hugs or handshaking.

GATHERING WITH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Keep in mind that the more space you have and the less time you spend with others, the safer you will be. An Order of the Provincial Health Officer bans social gatherings at your residence or community events from

November 19, 2020 at midnight to December 7, 2020 at midnight.

Masks are required in all indoor public settings (our Hall) and all retail stores.

*If you have a fever cough
and difficulty breathing
seek medical attention.*

Stay home if you feel unwell

WASH YOUR HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK frequently.

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store lately?



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when out
in stores or
crowded public
places when
social distancing
is not possible.

WE CAN FLATTEN THE CURVE AGAIN

FBCA COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN UP DATE

Revised 03 November 2020

- Soft reopening of the Community Hall is going well. Rental requests for activities and events in the Hall continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis. See October update for details.
- A few FBCA programs and regular activities have moved into the Hall. Others have unfortunately been postponed until further notice.
- Guidance provided by Re-opening Committee members, if requested, as rental/user groups develop their own COVID-19 safety plans.
- Re-opening Committee continues to monitor Hall usage and receive input from rental/user groups so that changes can be made to COVID-19 protocols when needed; protocols posted on website & in Hall; regular user groups advised via email of any changes to protocols.
- Sign posted on exterior of Community Hall entry door 'Do not enter if any COVID-19 symptoms, etc.'.
- COVID-19 reminder signs maintained as appropriate throughout Hall.

- COVID-19 Information Bulletin Board maintained in main hallway.
- Copies of generic/blank Attendance Sheets, Contact Lists, and "Your Spot is Here" signs are available for all rental/user groups, if needed.
- Hall cleaning schedule continues to be adapted according to use of 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.
 - o FBCA representative meeting regularly with other Community Hall groups on Island to brainstorm ideas to keep such groups afloat.
 - o Various grant requests submitted.

For updates watch Our Website fannybaycommunity.com
or FaceBook page - *Fanny Bay Hall*
ex: for movie projection confirmations



Fire Truck Christmas Parade

Saturday, 19 December 2020
4 pm—6 pm

Fanny Bay and Ships Point Fire Departments will be touring the community with their vehicles festively decorated. No strict schedule, but listen for intermittent sirens and holiday music as they come into your area, and wave to them as they pass by, spreading smiles and joy!



See page 6 for more details
and information

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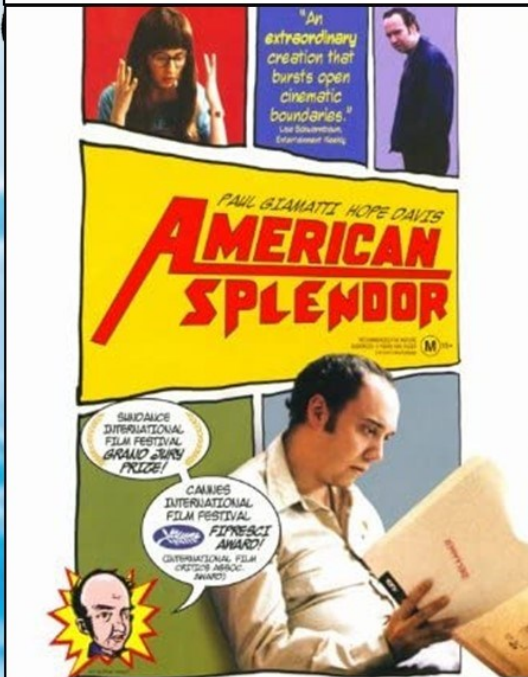
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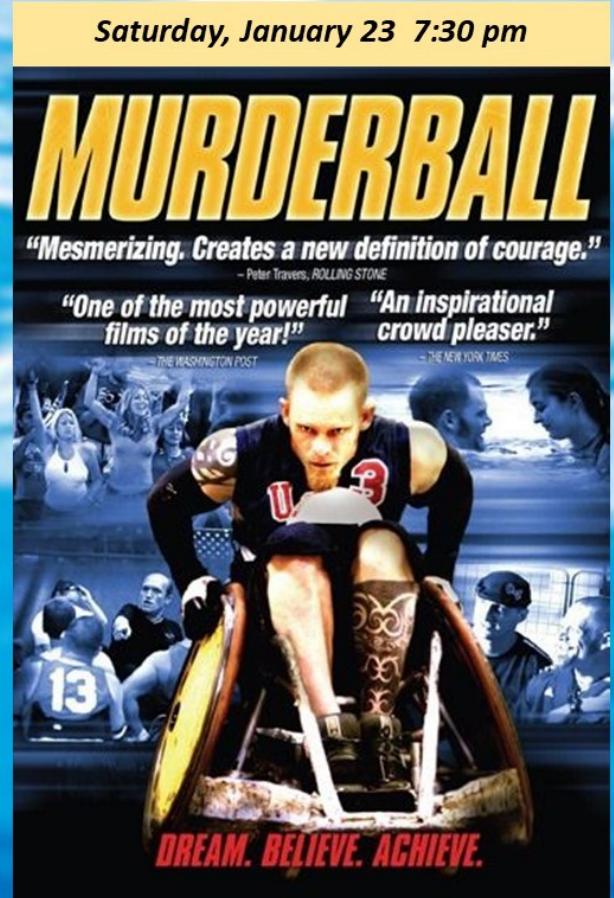
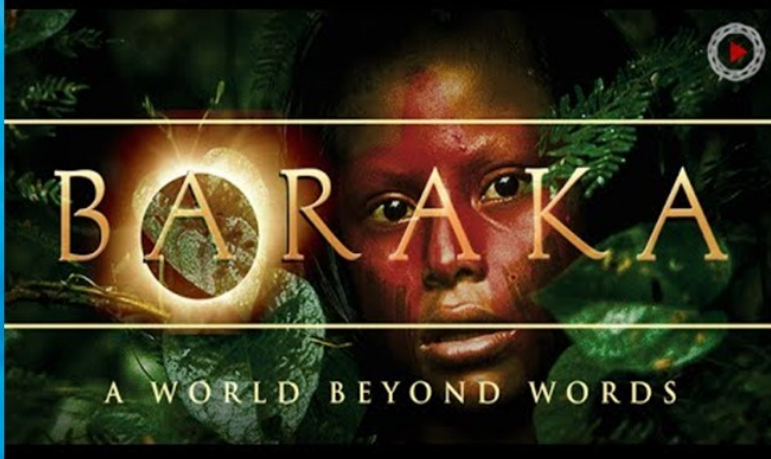
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Maximum number of
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Saturday, December 5 7:30 pm



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Saturday, January 9 7:30 pm



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Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

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BAYNES SOUND LIONS

Christmas Hamper Drive

We are now accepting names for assistance with food for this Christmas Season.

If you know of anyone in need or you yourself need a boost this Christmas,

please do not hesitate to call us or email.

Be assured that all requests are kept in the strictest of confidence.

Cut off date is Tuesday, December 8th

PLEASE CALL 250-335-1112 or 250-898-7515

If no one available to take a call please leave a message. Or email lionsbaynessound@gmail.com

Please state number of people in household along with age and gender of children.



A GREAT THANK-YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

Baynes Sound Lions of the Comox Valley via the Wheel Barrel Walk for Kids on November 1st raised for this charity run a grand total of **\$11,756.40**.

We would like thank all our contributors, sponsors and the people of the Comox Valley for helping us This was raised specifically for the Comox Valley Child Development Association and it's programs.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUCCESSFULLY HELD

The 2019 Annual General Meeting, delayed due to COVID-19, was held on Nov 10th with thirty-two residents in attendance and full safety protocols in place. Open SPID trustee positions were successfully filled by three nominees. Many thanks to Bill Trussler for renewing his term and a warm welcome to first time SPID trustees Melina Fakaro and Jeanette Reinhardt. Phase 3 of our Water Infrastructure Project is officially finished and was completed on schedule and within budget. Congratulations SPID residents on your new state of the art water system!

SPID Annual Water Tolls and Parcel Tax Invoices

Residents will receive invoices in the mail by the end of January 2021. If you do not receive your invoice, please contact the SPID office at shipspt1@shaw.ca. Payments in the form of cheque, money order or bank draft will be **due at the office by March 31, 2021**. Cheques postdated to March 31, 2021 are accepted. Due to banking costs and restrictions, SPID is unable to accept e-Transfers.



SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

SPID REPORT

New Website

SPID has a new website. Thanks to trustee Bob Timbers for his work in getting the site up and running! Check us out at <http://www.spid.ca>. To receive important SPID notices, via email or text alert, there is an option to sign up on the homepage under "Subscribe." A great way to get timely info on things like water emergencies. Information on privacy and storage of personal information is available on the site. For an opportunity to have your photo representing Ships Point (or its water or fire departments) displayed on the homepage, look under "Recent News and Photo Submissions" on the new site for more info. Or submit your high definition photograph to shipspt1@shaw.ca. Keep in mind that photos including people may require a photo release.

2021 Dog Licenses

A dog license tag helps animal control services quickly identify and get your dog back to you safely. If you have a dog over 6 months of age and are a resident of the Comox Valley Regional District, you need to license your dog annually. Owners of un-licensed dogs may also be subject to fines, however, the CVRD is always looking for compliance with our by-laws

Licenses purchased from Nov 1-Dec 31 remain at 2020 rates (*Fees: spayed or neutered pets - \$5.00; not spayed or neutered - \$15.00*).

January 1st, 2021 and beyond will see a \$5 rate increase over 2020. Area A dog licenses are available at the SPID office, 7729 Vivian Way, 250-335-0551.

Office hours are Tues-Fri, 1-5pm.



FANNY BAY BYWAYS Fill-in Puzzle

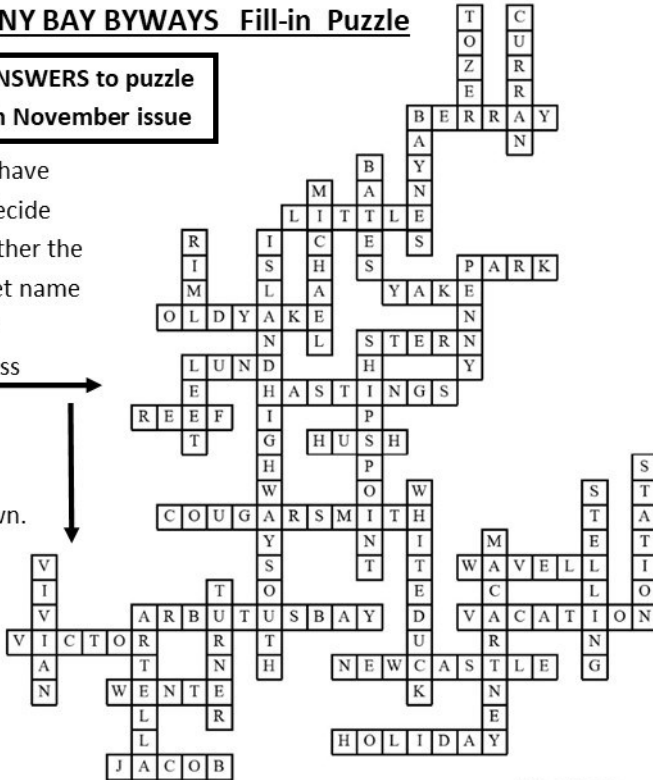
ANSWERS to puzzle
in November issue

You have
to decide
whether the
street name
goes

Across

or

Down.



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Leet
Lund
Park
Reef
Riml
Yake

5 Letters

Bates
Jacob
Penny
Stern
Tozer
Wente

6 Letters

Baynes
Berray
Curran
Little
Turner
Victor
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7 Letters

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Michael
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Board Buzz

DUE TO COVID-19,

at publication date there are no plans in place for a Fanny Bay Community Association Children's Christmas Party or any other community festive events. The FBCA continues to do their utmost to keep our Hall open for limited activities, but we must follow Provincial Health Officer orders, which as you are all aware, continue to evolve.

To brighten the spirits of young and old alike this holiday season, the FBCA urges residents to embrace the idea put forward by Jeanetta Watt & Dianne Volrich of lighting up Fanny Bay with household outdoor lights which other residents can admire from the safety of their vehicles or while walking through the neighbourhood. In addition, on **December 19th**, many of our local volunteer fire departments trucks will be touring the community wearing Christmas decorations and playing music to help bring holiday joy to Fanny Bay. There is no specific schedule for this parade, but it

will start at **4pm** and if you listen for the sirens as they enter your area, you should be able to make it to the end of your driveway or onto the side of the main road in time to see the trucks and wave to all these intrepid members of our community who help to keep our community safe. You might even catch a glimpse of a jolly old elf who has come south to let little ones know that he will indeed still be able to safely travel around the world this Christmas Eve. Again, due to the pandemic, Santa's helpers will not be able to give out any treats or gifts, but will have lots of friendly smiles and good wishes to everyone who comes out to see them.

Please note that we are optimistic the *Fire Truck Christmas Parade* will be able to go ahead even in the pandemic, but if health orders change and the event must be cancelled, it will be announced via social media.



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HALLOWEEN 2020 IN FANNY BAY WAS AMAZING!

The community once again came through for the kids, overcoming COVID-19 anxieties and finding innovative ways of ensuring the safe distribution of treats. Not only did we have kids and adults in costume roaming the streets during daylight hours to see where they might safely find goodies, but the community association successfully hosted an "upside-down parade" at the community hall in which decorated vehicles around the perimeter of the parking lot while families toured the route secure in their own vehicles.

The hall was festooned with goblins, ghosts, bats, and jack-o-lanterns crafted by local kids and adults, with Fanny Bay's own kitchen witch and cohorts handing out goody bags using broom handles to safely distance. Thank



you to every person who helped make the day a success. Whether you donated treats or funds for the hall event, helped fill goody bags the day before, handed out goodies at your driveway or down at the

hall, helped to decorate the hall, decorated a vehicle, carved a pumpkin, safely directed traffic in and around the parade, or simply took the time to safely drive your family along the parade route, YOU were amazing! **THANK YOU!**



Special group mentions go to our two local fire departments and the Baynes Sound Lions

who all agreed to allow the FBCA to use their donated funds, usually set aside for fireworks each year, to purchase new

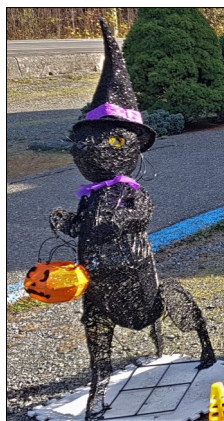


modern Halloween decorations which will be able to be used for years to come; to Quality Foods who generously donated both

candy and enough goody bags to last us for several years; to Co-Gen/CanWest Mechanical whose mountain of treats made sure all the goody bags were stuffed as full as possible; and to the Lindstrom/Shepherd family who delivered large and small hay bales for the parade route.



Winners of the jack-o-lantern contest (as picked by the audience): Rya Proske, Flint Lindstrom, Baylee Lindstrom, Slade Lindstrom, and Jaime Shepherd. Winners of the decorated vehicles (as picked by the audience): Dave & Bev Racicot and Harry Hickman & Susannah Howick - swashbuckling pirates were obviously more popular than ghosts and goblins!



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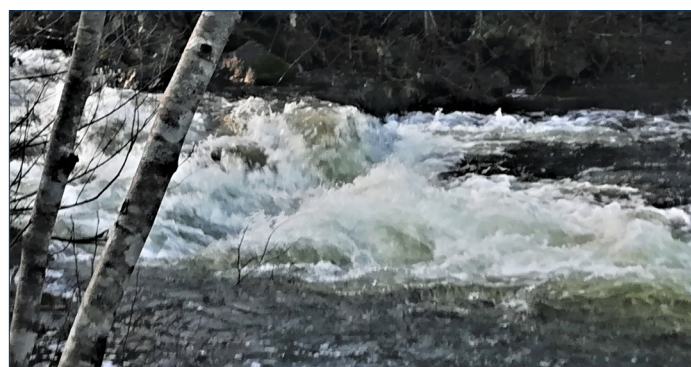
CHANGE IS INEVITABLE

Sometimes it is sudden and unexpected. No one saw a pandemic coming a year ago. Other times, change is the result of hard work and intention. Three years ago there was precious little information on the health of our local creeks. Now we have rich data sets to pore over. But the type of change most prominent this time of year is cyclical change.



In early October, we had warm weather with bright sunshine. Not unusual for this time of year. Then we had a bit of rain and our creeks, to varying degrees, responded with more flow. But the night before a recent sampling expedition, it rained buckets throughout the night and was raining when we headed to the woods. Hart Creek, normally a tame little dribble of a creek, was roaring. The roiling water had a milky, dirty look and the turbidity was quite high at 16 NTU. Cowie, which is often the colour of weak coffee, was a muddy mess. Wilfred was so swollen that it had created a swamp where we normally take our readings. Stagnant water isn't what we want so we had to improvise, wandering downstream until we found a spot that wasn't a newly created wetland.

The seasonal changes we see in our creeks and wells follow a yearly pattern. These changes are familiar and we have two years of previous readings to help validate



our results when they change dramatically. Turbidity is high in Cowie? Ah, yes, it was quite high last year around this time. Conductivity seems low in Wilfred? That makes sense, it did that last time there was a big rain event just before sampling. We emphasize this process when training new members. It's not enough to simply write down the readings. We have to consider: do they look reasonable?

I can personally relate to this. I learned it the hard way. Last year, while calling out numbers to my sampling partner, a new sampling trainee, we managed to turn a thirteen into a thirty. When we returned from sampling, someone with sharper eyes than mine pointed out that it was physically impossible for dissolved oxygen to be that high. If I had glanced at recent records, which I now do diligently, I would have caught the error and we could have resampled and corrected the error. Instead, there is a small hole in our dataset.

And when there is no previous data? The recent high turbidity in Hart Creek posed a problem because we only recently started sampling this creek. We don't yet have a full year's worth of data. So the strategy in this case is to resample several times to rule out a procedural error or the measurement anomaly known in scientific terms as a "fluke".

But even changes we're familiar with can bring the unexpected: errors, surprises, twists and turns. We learn to deal with them all as best we can. Change is inevitable and if we pay attention it can bring wisdom.

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by Mike Mesford

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESS STORY

is a lot of work, lottery wins excepted, perhaps. For example, the project that Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society volunteers have just completed in Union Bay. A 'fish and riparian habitat restoration' is often a repair or maintenance job on a natural feature like a stream. Hart, better known as Washer Creek in Union Bay had a hard life as an industrial water supply for the long-gone coal loading wharves there and is still on the mend. One thing that happened to Hart was a diversion so that its original watercourse could become Union Bay's baseball diamond and picnic ground beside the community hall. An earlier project had done major work on the stream bed. What was needed now was more work on the berm with the addition of large rock to control stream erosion and large woody debris in and on the creek to create in-stream habitat and shelter for salmon fry. Then, planting, irrigating and supporting regrowth on 180 square meters of new bank. Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society's involvement with Hart Creek goes back many years.

Every project starts with members recognizing a need or opportunity in the shape of a creek that can use some help. When we have a good idea and a workable plan, we go looking for money and fortunately for us, salmon and the environment there is the Pacific Salmon Foundation. PSF exists to fund enhancement projects like ours. Their money comes from the Salmon Conservation Stamp charge on the saltwater fishing license. Our only problem then is to have a better project than everyone else because there are a lot of streams and groups in BC and the competition is real. The grant proposal must fill in all the blanks with the right answers. More to the point, we do a lot of the work on every project, and our time is credited at \$15 an hour. Good deeds done dirt cheap, that's us. This is known as 'leveraging' in the grant application world; volunteer time, cash, in-kind, administration, supplies and equipment. It must add up to more than you're asking for, and FBSES has to come up with it, or find it, and promise it. This was not our first rodeo so the PSF knew



FBSES REPORT

their money would be in good hands. FBSES' record is 17 prominent projects over the last ten years. Our projects have another feature; like the hundred-mile diet, the money is spent close to home. Which brings us back to Union Bay on a nice weekend in October, and a whole lot of folks putting in a lot of time doing riparian planting, one of the final steps in the project. Accomplishment is its own reward but getting your name in the Flyer is nice too, so here are the FBSESers and some UB friends who were there and answered the call; Bruce and Myra Shearer, John and Julie Whitman, Ray Kraft, Ray Cravitz, Mike Robson, Paul Kent and George and his grandson Dominic. Another group of volunteers were working equally hard in Saanich where 30 people planted 600 trees and shrubs in two hours. Darrell Wick of the Friends of Mt. Douglas Park Society thanked us at FBSES for the donation of 400 of them. Saanich Parks and Recreation had prepared the area and added topsoil, and everybody was masked and spaced to get the job done. And Conservancy Hornby Island put together a crew of properly spaced school children and parents to plant our donation of 70 cedars and firs at Beulah Creek.



Kids and their trees will grow up together on Hornby. Photo by Rebecca Benjamin Carey

Rebecca Benjamin Carey, CHI's Trees 4 Tomorrow co-ordinator said the trees "made for a very special experience here on Hornby Island with the kids." At our hatchery we are wrapping up fin clipping and are in the midst of our annual brood take, filling our incubator trays with the eggs of the next generation of Coho salmon while observing protocols and procedures everywhere.

by Dave Sands



The Union Bay volunteers on the scene at Hart Creek with their hard work behind them. Photo by Bruce Shearer

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OUR COVID-19 SUMMER

August 2020 and the summer was really dragging on, no grandkids visiting, no deck dinners with friends, no gatherings at all.

Aug. 17th - We have a good solid truck with a sweet little camper sitting in the yard so we thought, let's pack it up and go north, explore our own backyard. Dawson City, Yukon became our goal.

Aug. 24th - Saw us sitting with our little dog at Duke Point waiting for the ferry to the mainland. We checked out The Caribou, Barkerville, Prince George and pushed on to Ft. Nelson. The weather was great, and from here onward it was all new territory to us. Just before Muncho Lake, we stopped at the Cinnamon Bun Centre of the Galactic Cluster for the biggest, best cinnamon buns ever!

The scenery is jaw dropping, rugged, clean and endless. Wildlife is plentiful, Stone Sheep, caribou, moose, Buffalo, deer, black bear, porcupine, beaver, even a red fox.

Sept. 2nd - Watson Lake, home of the 'Sign Post Forest' is the Alaska Highway port of entry to the Yukon. Next stop Whitehorse and the start of the Klondike Highway, and then Dawson City. So much to see there but COVID-19 had shut



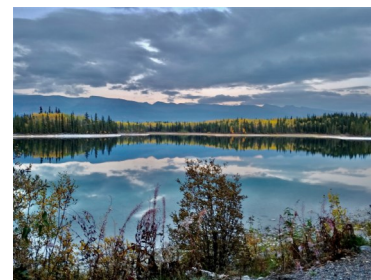
down many of the attractions. We camped across the Yukon River, accessible only by a tiny ferry...a very thrilling ride. The temperature at night was around zero and daytime not much warmer. Down jackets and gloves were the order of the day.

Sept. 10th - On our way back south we took a little side trip up the Dempster Highway to Tombstone, the beginning of a barren countryside...tundra, Arctic Circle. It took 2 hours to travel 72k...very rough road! We encountered snow so we knew it was time to turn around and go south!



Sept. 14th - Atlin Lake! Little Switzerland, beautiful little town with more spectacular scenery.

Sept. 18th - Onward on the Stewart Cassiar highway. We camped on Boya Lake, a beautiful clear blue/green lake with a white shoreline, autumn colours and bright blue sky!



Sept. 20th - Stewart BC, an old mining town close to the Alaska Panhandle and Hyder, Alaska. We roamed around the Bulkley Valley for the next couple of weeks including a side trip across the vast Francois Lake by ferry, over to Ootsa Lake and Takysie Lake.

Oct. 4th - Kitimat, Terrace

Oct. 8th - Onward to Prince Rupert, the last leg of what has been a wonderful journey through beautiful BC and Yukon Territory.

Oct. 13 - Boarded the ferry that took us over to Pt. Hardy then we drove back to Fanny Bay. We were on the road 52 days and put 8361.5 kilometres on the truck.



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It is unlikely that we will be able to hold our garage sale in 2021. As a result, due to a lack of storage space, we will discontinue collecting sale items until further notice.

As Covid-19 restrictions continue, we wondered what our members were doing to keep occupied and in touch with family and friends. Betty Haddon is busy having a glass wall installed on her deck to keep out the ocean breezes along with a propane heater to keep her guests warm. She also

plans to provide electric blankets to keep her guests toasty. Her daughter will be arriving in December for the Christmas holidays and while self isolating for 2 weeks will enjoy being able to use the deck.

Happy December Birthday to: Angela Patrick, Lynne Williams, Maureen Burdge, George Boothby.

Happy January Birthday to: Carla Hope, Bruce Mills, Dave Mansbridge, Fran McLean, Barry Bowen, Leona Keim, Betty Haddon, Sharon Satterfield.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

by Linda Tournemille

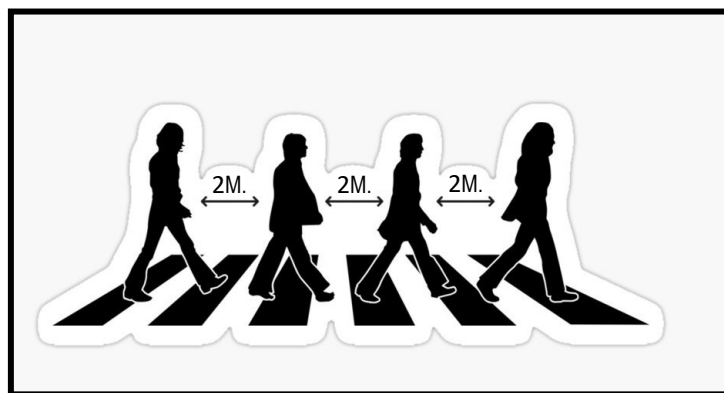
SHIPS POINT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Due to the second wave of Covid, the Fanny Bay Christmas Light Up event from December 1st to January 1st, has been cancelled.

Instead, we encourage you to do your own self guided tour. Come see our brightly lit community from the safety of your own car.

Brilliant season greetings to all!!

by Jeanetta Watt & Dianne Volrich



COVID HAS BROUGHT ABOUT MANY CHALLENGES for 2020, some of which include how long standing traditions such as Santa's Workshop and Secret Santa would operate. A very difficult decision was made by both organizations that they would not be able to run in their usual manner due to the on going pandemic.

The Baynes Sound Lions are happy to announce they will be supporting **Island Hearts of Hope** who has stepped in with their CV Christmas for Kids Campaign. Their Campaign is already underway with the collection of NEW TOYS. Many drop off locations have been secured throughout the CV.

For more information or to find a drop off location near you please visit their website www.cvchristmasforkids.com

Their NEW TOY drive will run from now **until December 5th**. However they will end with a final 'Stuff The Trailer' Campaign which will run **December 12th & 13th** at F-2440 Cliffe Ave in Courtenay. Drop off all new and used toys at UB Diving F-2440 Cliffe Ave. Courtenay, on **December 12th**.

Also If you or someone you know needs help putting Christmas under the tree for their kids, please register by visiting <https://cvchristmasforkids.com/toy-registration> **Deadline for registrations is December 5, 2020.**

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YOUR LIGHTHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PHARMACY

LIVING WILD

Six months ago, becoming turkey farmers was the furthest thing from our minds, not to mention becoming one of the few Canadian farms to be keeping an endangered species alive. The Ridley Bronze Turkey is listed as 'Critical' on the Rare Breeds of Canada Conservation List.

Every day, we are learning more about this fascinating creature. I responded to an ad for baby turkeys, and immediately we were hooked. It was only after learning more about the particular species through reading and research, that we learned just how important these heritage birds were.

Many people are unaware that heritage birds, unlike the supermarket turkeys, can run up to 25mph, fly up to 60mph and fly up to 35 feet into the treetops! They are very independent foragers and do not like to be contained in any sort of building. They take twice as long to raise as they grow at a slower rate than commercial birds. Many farmers will clip their wings, but with so many predators in the area such as mink that can destroy a flock within minutes, we leave them with their only real natural defense of flight.

Now that you have some background of raising heritage birds, here is the story of the Ridleys Canada's only Heritage Turkey. In the 1940s, J. H. Richardson of Saltcoats Saskatchewan spent an undetermined amount of time travelling throughout Canada and the US seeking out the best turkey breeding stock available. He was specifically looking for qualities of gentle temperament, personable nature, and natural ability to reproduce and forage.

He crossed them together until he felt that they were perfected. The turkey strain became unique to Canada, and once ideal Richardson never crossed them again, but instead spent 20 years raising them on his Richardson Turkey Ranch.

During the 40s and 50s, members of the Ridley family worked for J.H. Richardson, and eventually started their own farms which were dedicated to this particular breed. In the late 50s, George Ridley, developed his own breeding farm in Leslie, SK and continued to raise them for another 20 years.

When George Ridley moved away in 1981 the University of Saskatchewan obtained his turkeys and developed a program

for studying and breeding. The University is thought to have coined the name "Ridley Bronze" after George. The rest of the Ridley family had all dispersed their flocks, so the fate of the Ridley Bronze turkey now was in the hands of only the University and small private breeders.

In 2008 the University of Saskatchewan had to close their program due to budget cutbacks, and their flock of 200 was dispersed to private farms, but unfortunately they were lost to disease and predation within a few short years. The Ridley Bronze Turkey was now left solely to the small farmer for its survival.

Rare Breeds Canada recorded only 90 breeding females left in the world in 2010. In 2012 there were 225 breeding females, and in 2015 just up slightly to 250. The small farmers committed to improving these numbers have now dropped from 50 to 30 across Canada as of 2015. Part of the problem is that these turkeys are left to breed on their own naturally, unlike commercial birds that are incapable due to their large breast structure, and are mass produced.

I will never forget the awe that I was in when I realized the little turkey chicks we obtained from a small farm were so unique and important. With an entirely new appreciation for the importance of our endeavor, our year-round flock will consist of mostly Ridley Bronze to hopefully help bring those numbers up from "Critical".



We have recognized their wonderful temperament, natural foraging ability and resilience in our ever changing climate. Not to mention they love a good snuggle and to come for guided walks with us, as they just love people. When they have the ability to fly away and so high in the forest canopy, but they still run towards the sound of our voices, I would have to say they are pretty happy to be here.



by Angela Hicke –Van Isle Wild



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Earlier this year, I read an article from the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa about a public vote to choose Canada's national lichen. Wait, a national lichen? Yes, indeed! Seven finalists had been chosen, and after a public vote, the name of the winning species was to be submitted to the Canadian Heritage office for formal consideration as the national lichen, joining the likes of the maple leaf and beaver as Canada's national symbols.

I've always been fascinated by lichen. With its many forms and colours, lichen adds extra interest to a winter landscape, tiding us over until spring bursts forth with its profusion of greenery and flowers.

Lichen names are equally interesting: freckle pelt, bear's hair, and rock pimples, for example.

Lichens are often confused with moss and vice versa. While some lichens do bear resemblances to some mosses, they are not related. Moss is a simple plant, while lichen is a not a plant at all, but rather a composite organism consisting of a fungus, an alga, and sometimes a cyanobacterium. Basically the fungus provides the "home" in this symbiotic relationship and the alga and/or bacterium look after the food supply. There are thousands of possible combinations. The fungus controls the appearance of the lichen, so the same fungal species paired up with different algal species, can result in lichens that look very similar. This makes scientific classification of lichens very challenging; even so, there are about 17,000 identified lichen species worldwide.

It is estimated that 6% of Earth's land surface is covered by lichens, from sea level to high alpine elevations, in a wide range of environmental conditions, and on almost any surface. Some lichens even live between the grains of solid rock! Lichens grow extremely slowly, usually one to two mm per year, and reach maturity at four to eight years of age. Age is difficult to measure because what defines an individual lichen is not precise. Lichens can grow from pieces that have broken off, which may be considered the same lichen or a new one, and at the other end of the spectrum, multiple lichens can merge, producing the same conundrum. Map lichen, an Arctic species thought to be the world's oldest living organism, has been dated at 8,600 years.

Many folks believe lichens to be parasites that damage trees. Lichens do not actively remove nutrients from trees, rather their presence may indicate a lack of vigour in the tree from other causes. For example, lichens need sunlight to grow, so it follows that an unhealthy tree, with fewer leaves to shade its branches, provides a more favourable location

for lichen than a healthy well-leafed tree. Lichens do cause slight chemical erosion of the substrate upon which they grow but it is usually of no consequence to the "host."

Lichens are sensitive to pollution and, as such, are good indicators of air quality. If the air is very badly polluted, there may be no lichens present. Crustier lichen species that can tolerate quite high levels of pollution commonly grow on pavements, walls, and tree bark in urban areas. If the air is clean, then hairier, leafier lichens become abundant, such as is the case in our area.

Lichens provide food for the caribou and reindeer that roam the northern tundra. However, as environments become more polluted, their food source is diminishing as lichens die off. As well, lichens accumulate radioactivity, as was the case during the nuclear accident in 1986 at Chernobyl, thereby accumulating in the milk and meat of reindeer. Thousands of reindeer had to be destroyed as a result.

Most of the common local lichens are shades of grey-green. Other lichen species produce brightly coloured pigments - that little strip of litmus paper you use to test the pH of your hot tub water is infused with dyes extracted from lichens! In fact, the word 'litmus' is said to come from an old Norse word, litmosi, meaning 'moss used for dyeing.'



Lung Lichen



Oak Moss Lichen

Now, without further ado, may I have the envelope, please? And the winner is star-tipped reindeer lichen,



Old Mans Beard

which received 27% of the 18,075 votes! Now we wait for Heritage Canada to make its decision. I can say with near certainty that I have not seen this national lichen candidate in our area - it grows primarily in boreal and Arctic regions. However we do have plenty of other species - oak moss lichen, lung lichen, and old man's beard (also known as witches' hair), to name but a few.

Don't you just love those names?

by Jackie Dunham

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SHINGLES & SHELLS - A History of Fanny Bay, by Arv Olson

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Dear Members,

I would like to thank our membership and the community for a highly successful Poppy Campaign again this year. We are still waiting for all the boxes to come in, but I believe we will be very comparable to last years fundraising despite the restrictions we had to deal with. The drive-thru donation tent was very well received and met with a lot of positive comments. Further, our Remembrance Day service was "attended" by about 2,000 sign-ins, well in excess of our expectations. Thank you to all those that attended. When things get back to normal, we are looking at producing the live stream for those that found this format more accessible.

At our Nov. executive meeting part of our discussion was about how we have met with the COVID challenges since we reopened in June. I would like to commend the many volunteers and our guests for working together to create a safe place for us to enjoy a meal, a beverage and/or the meat draws. We have worked hard to follow all BC Health protocols and I feel confident that we have provided a safe environment for all those that have joined us. We did come to the realization that Central Vancouver Island is now facing more risk of exposure and our volunteer base has been overly burdened. As such we had voted to close the Branch in December to give our volunteers a break and further evaluate the COVID situation. This however has been pre-empted by today's briefing by Dr. Henry and new rules put in place effective immediately. **As such, we will be suspending our meat draws until further notice.** As the number of cases in Central Vancouver are still trending higher we will be *closing the Branch for the balance of the year*. We are all hopeful that the numbers will come down over the coming weeks and look forward to kicking off the New Year with our annual Levee on January 1st.

Be safe and hope to see you all soon,
Respectfully,
Norman Anderson President, Branch 211

SHIPS POINT LAUNCH A CHRISTMAS MUTT

For as long as he could remember, Christmas for Stanley was just another day. The promise of left-over Turkey dinner was his high point, as it is with many stray or homeless dogs. Occasionally he had managed to get all the way into a restaurant and grab a full meal deal and wolf it down in the broom closet.

Stanley thought there must be more to it than that. But what? There were no other dogs he could ask. Everyone he knew had a human and life was good. He pulled his cell phone out of his back pocket and used the voice command.

In doggy language he said 'What is the best doggy Christmas present ever?'

Through the screen of his cell the ghost of Christmas Future reached out and patted his head and said. "Why it's you! Let's find the perfect family for you".

He thumbed through his list and came up with these. Couple living on fish boat 24/7. Looking for a dog for fish bait. Stanley listened incredulously and shook his head. **No!** Family of 4 looking for a house sitter for 2 months in the winter. Must be a guard dog and bark at anything and all the time. **Nope, definitely not!** Looking for a canine companion for a senior lady. Must be able to do parlor tricks and enjoy being dressed up and going for walk in a buggy. **Oh, never!** This wasn't working.

Both the Ghost of Christmas Future and Stanley looked at each other and shrugged. This was becoming the impossible dream, so they agreed to table it for now and hope something would present itself.

Stanley, being the resourceful and multi-talented fellow he is decided to handle this by himself.

He hiked up his jeans, puffed up his chest and snapped his red suspenders.

On his cell phone he found a local online dating site. He gave a mostly truthful description of himself and then listed his Christmas wish list. It went like this-

Looking for a forever friend. Must be willing to move often, not fussy about most things at all, weather tolerant and preferably a loner. But most of all, must be willing to give warmth and friendship regardless of the wrapping paper I come in.

A reply came almost immediately and they agreed to meet at a restaurant for a Christmas Dinner. The Salvation Army was there with open arms, a hot meal, new warm clothing and a place to sleep.

Please remember our homeless in the Comox Valley. Times may be tough but a donation to the Food Bank, Salvation Army or other organization is one of the best gifts you'll ever give.

Thank you, and a Christmas face lick from Stanley

by Dianne Volrich



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Baynes Sound Lions - OAP Hall	Monday	7 pm third week
FBCA Board Meeting - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday	7 pm fourth week
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Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday	5 - 8 pm
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2021