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Comox Valley Arts is gearing up for the 2021 edition of their popular Central Island Arts Guide & Studio Tour on the last weekend of May

So far, the tour will remain predominantly virtual, though plans are underway for a quick pivot if/when Public Health Orders change to allow more in-person gathering.

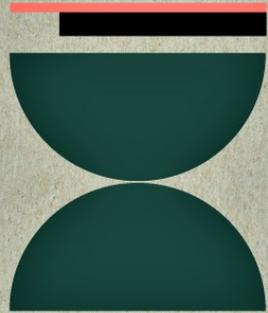
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Artists of all types are welcome to join the Guide, which is a searchable online directory, complete with maps, galleries, video and plenty of room for stories about you and your art.

The virtual studio tour will be rolled out through a series of live and pre-recorded video, including artist interviews & demos, studio walk-throughs, musical guests and live discussions.

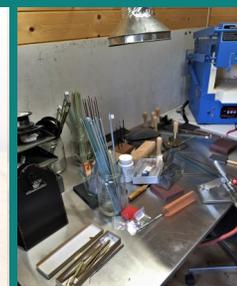
Through the experience of their 2020 virtual tour, much was learned, and a shorter, more dynamic event is the aim of this *Spring Adventure*, with purposeful promotion of artists who are open for visiting during June.

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The birthstone for April is the diamond. The birth flowers for April are the sweet pea and the daisy. April is also the start of longer days and more sunshine, and we can all use a little sunshine in our lives. While the Community Hall remains closed, the FBCA Board of Directors continues to meet via Zoom each month and plan for those brighter days we know are just around the corner. While we are on the topic of sunshine and brighter days, a big shout out and thank you to Board member Erna Smith who for years has updated the hall marquee every week with events, bits of poetry, quotes or in times like we are experiencing now, words of encouragement. *Thanks Erna!*

Another person who works quietly behind the scenes is our webmaster Debbi Tremblay. Debbi updates the website and our social media pages regularly and is always there to help the Board keep our Website current. *Thank you, Debbi!*

Staying with Board specific items, the FBCA Board of Directors is seeking volunteer Board Members. Are you a dedicated person who is interested in giving back to your community? There is a minimum of 2 vacant positions for 2021/22 and we need you to fill them. If you enjoy working as a part of a team and have good communication and interpersonal skills, let us know about you! Contact any member of the Board (see page 11) for more information on how you can join the FBCA Board of Directors.

We are also looking for one or two volunteers to empty the outside garbage cans at the Community Hall every week. It's not a big job, but a necessary job. If you can help, contact any Board member (pg 11) and they can provide details.

With the recent relaxing of Public Health Orders as it relates to gatherings, we are planning a 'grounds clean up day' for **Saturday, April 24**, from **9:00 am - noon**. Please join us - bring your rakes, gloves, wheelbarrows and enthusiasm.

Most of you will have learned about the new playground being built on the hall grounds. I hope some of you took the time to complete the Comox Valley Regional District survey.

Your input is vital for this project to be a success. Big thanks to the committee members for staying with this through the COVID-19 setbacks. We are all looking forward to the new playground being completed in 2021.

Thank you to Canadian Tire Courtenay and the Comox Valley Foundation for their donation of several litres of hand sanitizer for the hall. Further thanks to the Comox Valley Regional District and BC Transit for the new bus shelter outside the hall. There are future plans for a run-up lane for the bus and another shelter on the other side of Hwy 19A.

In conclusion, it has been over one year that we have been living with this pandemic. For many, it has been an extraordinarily tough time. At the time of this writing, vaccines are being administered by age categories and some lifting of Public Health Orders regarding outdoor gatherings have come into effect. We welcome this news, however; we are still in our BC pandemic fight. Our excitement about the future does not excuse us from our daily duty to stop the spread of COVID-19, this is an important time to follow public health measures. Our hopes for post pandemic freedom should not prevent our immediate and ongoing need to act appropriately and save lives. This is not the time to deviate from what we know stops the spread and keeps us all safe. When the Public Health Orders allow, we will "slowly turn up the dial" as Dr. Bonnie has said, and we know outside is better than inside. We also know that bigger spaces are better than smaller spaces, and we still need our layers of protection. So please everyone, we still must continue to practice social distancing, wash our hands, stay home if we feel unwell and wear a mask when in public spaces. It can't be said enough, what we do today will save lives tomorrow.

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**NEVILLE & ANNE** were recently recognized and thanked for their terms of President by Suzanne Murray. Neville Hope served for 7 years AGM 2010-2017 and Anne Trussler for 3.5 years AGM 2017-2020. The FBCA has implemented a policy of service recognition for members of the Board and members of the community who volunteer many hours in specific roles to continue the work of the Association.



**DAHLIANA & KATALIA ARE TWO LITTLE TROOPERS**  
On March 4th, in the pouring rain and without any expectation of reward, they joined their parents to clean up a section of beach in their neighbourhood of Ships Point.



Well done girls! You're on your way to being great community citizens.

## OUR CHRISTMAS ELVES

have been magically transformed into Easter Bunnies and they are getting ready to prepare and deliver an Easter dinner to all our members. The menu consists of scalloped potatoes, ham, veggies and homemade desserts plus maybe a few other treats. This dinner is scheduled for **Saturday, April 3rd** and all members will be contacted for the number of dinners required for their household.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of long time member, Maureen Burdge. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her son Peter and his family.

On a lighter note, most of us will soon have our Covid vaccinations and hopefully this will be the start of getting back to some of our activities and the lifting of some restrictions as we approach spring and summer. We are so looking forward to getting together again in one form or another.

*Happy April Birthday to:* Ron Vermeulen; Jean Challand; Ernie Anderson; Deb Gibos; Sylvia Radford; Louise Bradshaw; Margaret Anderson.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!

*by Linda Tournemille*

## BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB

may not be meeting just yet, but we are all busy in our gardens. Spring seems to be so slow in coming this year. We had three lovely days of sunshine, but had to wait until mid-morning before the frost was gone to head outside. We can always hope that was the last of the frost, but not count on it. Only the hardy plants go outside, with primulas and pansies adding welcome splashes of colour. The hellebores are showing wonderfully along with many of the spring bulbs. Roses, forsythia, flowering plums are all budding well.



The tomatoes seeded indoors have poked up and been moved to the greenhouse (with the heat mat) to maximize the amount of light and protection they receive. I get excited over a trip to the garden shop to stock up on early starters. We live on hope!

Although, due to the pandemic, the Garden Club has not met in person in over a year, we are staying in contact. Every month we collaborate on a newsletter, full of stories, hints, ideas and gorgeous photos, which is then emailed to all members. Membership also allows us a discount at some of our favourite garden shops.

We welcome anyone who wants to join us. Contact Janet at [baynessoundgardenclub.info@gmail.com](mailto:baynessoundgardenclub.info@gmail.com) for more information, to join the club, or to receive our newsletter. N.B. apologies for any frustration caused by incorrect email in March Flyer.

*by Janet Haigh*



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**SHIPS POINT LAUNCH**  
 The Trampoline Launch



At the end of every day Stanley is one tired mutt and needs to lay his head down. Somewhere. He has no real home but he has many favorite places to hole up for the night. On this particular night Stanley slept under the old yellow crane in the woods behind the conservation area. It served its time building the dyke road but has long since retired and now it sleeps in the woods. That's where he spent this night in, a soft hollow .

After a comfy night's sleep Stanley woke up, did his usual yoga routine and then decided to follow the little streams that cut through the conservation area. There is always some sort of food there and Hey! Stanley was in luck. A convention of snails lined the side of a ditch and he helped himself to 2 mouthfuls. Snails are particularly nutritious and taste and crunch something like Cheezies. Go ahead and try one the next time you're in the woods! Bring garlic and butter.

As Stanley nosed along the stream he heard a peculiar noise. It sounded like someone was yelling and in some sort of distress. He tore up the hill as fast as he could. At the very top of Tozer there was something new. It was a trampoline, but Stanley saw it as some sort of cage and the little humans trapped inside were jumping and trying to escape. He flattened himself against a garage across the street. It had cedar shakes so Stanley blended right in and looked like an extra-large shake. He waited for the right time to run across the street and yank the screaming littles out of their prison.

Just then the school bus came by, stopped and collected them and they looked happy. They didn't seem to be hurt so Stanley thought maybe this was something they were doing on purpose and maybe the yelling was just really noisy fun. Maybe they even liked it a lot!

Stanley was curious and decided to try the blue cage out. At first he tried out a few gentle bounces, but then bounced higher and higher. He was having a great time in the blue cage until he got hung up. Literally hung up. He'd bounced too close to one of the support posts and it grabbed his backpack and wouldn't let go. He reached around him and grabbed one shoulder strap in his teeth and tugged, but it wedged down tighter. He thought he'd cut himself free but his army knife was in his back pocket and he couldn't reach it.

Stanley realized that struggling was making it worse so he just hung there. You could just see the Big ? above his head. He had to figure a way out of this and fast before anyone or dog saw him there! Then the light bulb went on and he stretched his front legs up and slipped out of the pack. He was free, but how to retrieve his pack from the pole? This was going to be tricky. He calculated the speed and velocity needed to line up the 'grab and go' maneuver. Stanley bounced over and over and harder and harder and got higher and higher! On just the right bounce he leaned

back and re-inserted his arms into the shoulder straps. Instantly he was off the post and into the air. Success! But the last big bounce made the trampoline matt sink halfway down. The rebound propelled him even higher, right out of the cage and in direct line with the conservation area. Picture a rocket flung from a really big slingshot.

Bill was driving his car up the road and was startled to see a dog in a backpack fly in an arc over his place. It was yowling, something like the noise the neighbourhood kids made when they were jumping. Even more surprising, the dog seemed to be enjoying the flight and did a cannonball just as he went

over his house. Shocked, Bill got to his driveway and jumped out of the car. He didn't have his camera with him and no one was going to believe his story. Too late anyway, as Stanley, fueled on adrenaline and snails was well into conservation area and bounding like a rabbit.

*Dear reader..* All this bounding and jumping and stuff must be making you wonder what's up with Stanley. He almost sounds like a rabbit, doesn't he? Yup. Happy Easter from Stanley, the *Rocket Bunny*.

*by Dianne Volrich*

## Guided Nature Walks along Waterloo Creek



Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS) are sponsoring two guided nature walks to celebrate Earth Day. This is your opportunity to see an unusual stand of mature Grand Fir in the Waterloo Creek watershed and examples of three different ecosystems, all located in one small area. The tours will be led by BWS's own Dave Weaver, a retired Professional Forester.  
(For more on Dave see this month's BWS article in this issue)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24th 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

- \*We will meet at the Fanny Bay Community Hall 15 minutes prior to the walk time. Rain or shine!
- \*We will take our own vehicles up Hastings Road to the starting point for the walk. Much of Hastings Rd is gravel but should be fine for most cars.
- \*Please wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather.
- \*Each walk will last about an hour.
- \*The route is not overly steep or strenuous but some portions may be off-trail.

To reserve your spot send an email to [info@beaufortwater.org](mailto:info@beaufortwater.org).  
If you have any questions, please call Dave at 250.335.1345

*If a nature walk is not your cup'o tea*

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the desire to spend  
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outside to clean up our gardens, it is a perfect time to review  
our yard waste removal options and responsibilities.

### **SPVFA Chipping Event**

The Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association Spring chipping event will be held over the weekend of **May 15-16**. Stay tuned for further details!

**Burn Permits** A burning permit is required starting April 15 for any open burning. Open burning is defined as an outdoor fire not contained in a fire pit or an authorized outdoor fire-place. To obtain a burning permit, download and complete a form and take it to a member of the SPID Fire Department for approval and signature. Forms and more information on outdoor burning and the Venting Index are available on the SPID website at <http://www.spid.ca>. A reminder that beach fires are never allowed anywhere on Ships Point.

### **Venting Index**

One of the most critical factors for protecting air quality during yard waste burning is the B.C. Venting Index. The Venting Index forecasts local weather patterns that indicate whether airborne pollutants, such as smoke, will disperse or remain trapped at ground level. BC restricts outdoor burning when the index is POOR (0-33) or FAIR (34-54). Open burning when the Venting Index is POOR or FAIR 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). Venting Index information can be found on the homepage of the new website where it is updated daily. It's also available at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/ventilationindex.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/ventilationindex.html) or toll-free 1-888-281-2992.

### **AGM and Elections**

Spring is also the time of year we hold our AGM and SPID trustee elections. Dates, times, and COVID-19 safety plans are in the works and will be announced soon.

### **Area A 2021 Dog Licenses**

2021 dog licenses are still available at the SPID office, 7729 Vivian Way, 250-335-0551. Comox Valley Regional District residents are required to license their dogs annually. Office Hours are Tues-Fri, 1-5pm. Fees: spayed/neutered pets - \$10; not spayed/neutered; \$20.

### **SPID Website**

If you haven't had a chance to use the new SPID website yet, you can check it out at <http://www.spid.ca>. The new site is easier to navigate and contains a wealth of information about our water and fire departments, water conservation tips and more. Ongoing photo submissions are welcome so if you have a photo that captures the essence of Ships Point or its fire or water activities we would love to hear from you! Send your high definition photos to [shipspoint1@shaw.ca](mailto:shipspoint1@shaw.ca)



SPID REPORT

SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

# YOU CANNOT SEE THE SPECIFIC CONDUCTIVITY OF WATER, BUT YOU CAN MEASURE IT

Can you taste it? Our YSI meter measures specific conductivity and gives us a precise number (microSiemens per centimetre). Specific Conductivity is useful as an indication of mineral content. Are there other ways to determine specific conductivity? Maybe. Dave Weaver, for instance, brings a cup.

When I first saw Dave “sampling” water from Waterloo Creek I expressed concerns about Giardia, or “Beaver Fever”. Dave wasn’t worried. The streams flow swift and clean above our sampling points with little in the way of broad, quiet pools where Giardia flourishes. And Dave is a retired Professional Forester who spent lots of his career in the bush. These days, he spends much of his free time hiking, camping, kayaking and skiing. If he’s comfortable drinking from Waterloo Creek, I’m willing to give it a go.



Dave Weaver - stream monitoring in a local creek

Of course, Dave brings much more to the Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS) than a sampling cup and a taste for clean, fresh water. When we first set up our sampling program, we spent some time getting permission from property owners. Dave seemed to know everyone we contacted: the manager at Island Timberlands (now Mosaic), the manager at the K’omoks First Nation (even if only through email), and all the various industry names that came up in those conversations. This is hardly surprising as Dave spent twelve years working for the Province in the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. This experience means he has a deep understanding of the regulations around logging and also a keen awareness of how these regulations are administered. But his knowledge is not all theoretical and administrative. Dave has also worked for timber companies, managing sections of forest in the area around Smithers and operating his own Wood Lot License for ten years.

Dave’s experience is invaluable in helping us understand the impacts of logging practices on watershed health. His perspective helps us avoid knee-jerk opposition to logging in general while at the same time helps us understand the deep structural flaws in the current system of regulation and what it means for our watersheds.

His understanding of the logging industry, as well as his energy and work ethic, are critical contributions to BWS. But the most entertaining aspect of Dave’s contribution is when we walk through the woods with him to our sampling sites. He has a wealth of knowledge on all things related to trees, from Provincial legislation regarding log exports to methods for avoiding a particular pathogen that attacks white pines. He shares this knowledge cheerfully with the air of a professor who is passionate about his field. One is not surprised to learn that Dave not only taught Forestry for ten years but also developed and administered forestry programs at Northwest Community College in Smithers.

But can you really tell that the mineral content (as measured by Specific Conductivity) is 20 microSiemens per centimetre higher for Waterloo Creek than it is for Mud Bay Creek simply by taking a sip? Well, we think we can taste a slight difference. Not that it’s the kind of data we would submit to the Province. But while we DON’T encourage you to ignore public health warnings about Giardia and drink from the creek, as we sometimes do, we DO encourage you to take advantage of a great opportunity to hear some of Dave’s woodland knowledge. In honour of Earth Day this year, Dave has agreed to host two nature walks through a small but beautiful section of Waterloo Creek that is graced with a rare stand of mature Grand Fir. Look for the notice on page 5 in this issue of the Flyer for details.

And no, you don’t need to bring a cup!

by Mike Mesford

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# IN LAST MONTH'S INSTALLMENT

of the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society report, we left you in suspense about the outcome of our struggle with an invading mink. He was helping himself to the salmon we raise for the benefit of the species, the environment, and the whole world, not for some gluttonous fur bearer.



Now, a lot of work is done, our raceway fencing is sheeted to a height of five feet with new steel, gates reinforced, cameras mounted, and vigilance increased. That is the good news; the other news is that he's still here and still getting in. This story may go on longer than Harry Potter or Star Wars. Same plot though: an evil menace is out to get us.

The 250,000 Pink salmon our Wilfred Creek Hatchery raised this year have now left the safety of the hatchery for the real world and our 21,000 Chum will leave Rosewall Hatchery later this spring. Wish them well, all we can do is give them a good start.

This year our smolt fence season starts on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Its the time we start collecting and counting all the critters of four of our salmon creeks. The fourth creek is new this year. Since 2013, when we had one trap in Mud Bay Creek, we have added Cook Creek in 2015, and Wilfred in 2017. New for 2021 is Chef Creek. Briefly, smolt fences channel stream life into a holding box, to tell us how many wild Coho smolts go out of the creek to salt water and maturity in the Pacific. But they also collect every other swimming thing. So, we catch, count, and release each creeks' population for two months each year in a process that really defines 'labour intensive.' Each trap needs a daily visit, done once a week by a team member for each box. Which is where you can come in, if the idea of little outdoor exercise and eye contact with some small fry, newts and bugs interests you. Like everyone's, our indoor activities have been majorly restricted but there is lots of room for you, box-side in gumboots, with a little net and a pencil out there in the lovely outdoors. If it sounds irresistible, talk to any FBSES member and they'll point you in the right direction. Or phone FBSES at 250-335-1575 and talk to

## FBSES REPORT

the nice machine; a nicer human will get back to you. Since the invention of the cellular telephone, people have been easy to keep track of. We pay dearly for the privilege of carrying something around that constantly lets us be found by triangulating the 'pings' it sends to towers asking

if we have any messages. Fish are still harder to find than people. It used to be that they just didn't have bicycles, it still is that they don't have phones. But, if you missed it, the news was very excited recently by the revelation that herons eat a lot of small salmon. Where there are herons, there is also heron scat, which is the polite four-letter word for the one you're thinking of. In that scat, researchers found lots of tiny passive integrated transponders, which ping back when a radio signal is sent to them. Those 'PIT tags' are usually about 1 mm x 12 mm and can be inserted into a salmon smolt with a syringe poked into a small cut, which is where Will Duguid comes in and where FBSES may also. Will drops in to say hello and tell us about his PhD research, which is supported by the Pacific Salmon Foundation, which also supports FBSES (and which we support by means of PSF's annual Salmon dinners, which might just be able to come back this year.) Back to PIT tags, Will pioneered their use in tracking Cowichan lake Chinook salmon, and they would be great for us to track our rescued wild fish from Fanny Bay creeks.



There is a lot more to the story and it is also an example that FBSES stays up to date. You can too: you could Google Will and PIT tags and PSF on your phone.

*by Dave Sands*

Randy Lousier, left works on FBSES' new Chef Creek collection box, and right, Barry Seeley finishes up new solid fencing around our raceways.

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## LIVING WILD

With the topic of climate change on the rise, often we hear things like ‘Reducing carbon emissions’, ‘negative carbon’, ‘neutral carbon’, ‘decarbonizing’, ‘reducing your carbon footprint’ and ‘the war on carbon’, but what does it all mean? We hear these terms, but how many of us actually understand what carbon is, or why it is so concerning?

Carbon is life. It exists in all known life forms, and life is impossible without it. Carbon moves in a cycle, through the trees, the oceans, the ground, the atmosphere, and all life, from air to land and back to air in a continual loop. When combined with water, Carbon becomes sugars, alcohols, fats and terpenes. Nitrogen and Sulphur in combination with Carbon creates amino acids, antibiotics and alkaloids. Phosphorus and Carbon make up DNA and RNA which are the codes of life itself, in addition to ATP which is the energy-transfer molecule required by all living cells .

An Architect and Author Specializing in Sustainable Development, William McDonough explains “But carbon – the element – is not the enemy. Climate change is the result of breakdowns in the carbon cycle caused by us: it is a design failure. Anthropogenic greenhouse gases in the atmosphere make airborne carbon a material in the wrong place, at the wrong dose and for the wrong duration”. He continues “In the right place, carbon is a resource and a tool. Carbon dioxide is the currency of photosynthesis, a source of Earth’s capacity for regeneration. Soil carbon is the guarantor of healthy ecosystems and food and water security.”



Carbon sequestration takes a combination of capturing carbon from the air and a method to store it safely forever. David Johnson at the New Mexico State University Institute for Energy and the Environment found that the best method of managing soil carbon and promoting plant growth was not through added nitrogen or phosphorus, but rather with the carbon inputs from other plants. Carbon is essential for soil health.

‘Carbon farming’ is a variety of farming methods implemented to sequester atmospheric carbon into the soil and roots of crops. Through these applications, the biomass of any farm landscape is increased, and it allows for plant material to naturally decompose to increase organic soil carbon. In turn, this improves the fertility and water retention of the soil, promotes plant growth and decreases the necessity for external fertilizers.

In recent years, you may have heard of the “no till” method of gardening. This technique is practiced so that the soil is not disturbed by tilling, preventing the release of stored carbon into the atmosphere; instead, it is contained and added to, to promote more sustainable agricultural practices.

One example of this is to cut and drop your weeds to allow them to decompose and add nutrients to your soil, as opposed to digging them up by the root, which would disturb and release stored carbon. The removal of the weeds is actually taking nutrients away from your garden, when they would otherwise be adding to the soil nutrients through decomposition.

At the beginning of March, the Nature Conservancy of Canada released a report stating that East Vancouver Island is one of 9 Crisis Ecoregions in Canada, with several species at risk or facing extinction. Emily Giles of the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) states that “When these areas are destroyed, carbon is released back into the atmosphere and accelerates the climate crisis. It is therefore critically important that we protect these habitats due to dual benefit they can bring for both biodiversity and the climate.”

Planting perennial trees with large root structures is one very effective and natural method for high carbon sequestration year-round, as the carbon is cleaned from air by the trees and sent into the ground where it is kept and stored. By having native plants integrated into your yards and gardens, you will be creating more habitats for the species at risk in our ecoregion.

For this reason, trees and nature in general are the most important and the most overlooked contributors to the fight against climate change. The Climate and Land Alliance composed of 40 International Scientists, concluded that “The ‘natural technology’ of the forests is currently the only proven means of removing and storing atmospheric CO<sup>2</sup> at a scale that can meaningfully contribute to achieving carbon balance”.

*by Angela Hicke –Van Isle Wild*

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## FANNY BAY NATURALLY

Several years ago, we rescued a small flock of chickens and ducks. Over the years, the population has dwindled and by last summer we were down to a rooster and a hen. But what has this to do with wildlife, you ask? Well, let me tell you about BunBun.

Every evening at dusk, I'd go out to the poultry house to lock my birds in for the night. And just about every evening since late last summer, I would see a very small bunny in their yard, munching away on what was left of the lettuce leaves, branches of kale, or apple peels that I'd tossed into their yard earlier that day. If I moved slowly, the little bunny would sit very still, and I could walk quite near to him. I would say, "Hi, BunBun," as I tiptoed past him every night.

BC has two species of native rabbits, but Vancouver Island has none. There are a lot of feral rabbits of domestic breed origin on the Island, particularly in urban areas, however the rabbits we see most often in Fanny Bay are eastern cottontails. Native to eastern and central North America, they were introduced to the Sooke area in 1964 and have since expanded their range to cover almost all eastern Vancouver Island.

Eastern cottontails are grey-brown in colour with reddish areas between the ears and shoulders. Their fluffy tails are white underneath



and curl up against their backs. Ideal habitat for eastern cottontails is a combination of open grassy areas with shrubbery and burrows close by to hide in, just like my backyard! They do not dig their own burrows, instead using those dug by other species. When it comes to reproduction, cottontails dig a small depression, usually in open grassland, and line it with grass and fur. The nest is concealed with grass and leaves and is home to babies for 5 to 7 weeks.



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In the wild, eastern cottontails live only 15 months on average, with the longest on record living to five years. In captivity, life span is at least nine years. However, females can start reproducing at three months of age, and have two to five litters a year. At eight babies (kits) per litter, it doesn't take much math to figure out that the eastern cottontail population is far from endangered despite a short life span. However, at least half of the kits don't survive past the nest stage.

Predators are the main threat to eastern cottontails, including cats (both domestic and wild), dogs, raccoons, owls, ravens, and others. Their ability to remain unseen is the cottontails' best defense. Cottontails spend the dangerous daylight hours under cover. They are active mainly in the twilight hours, and a female will only feed her young twice a day, at dawn and dusk, to avoid drawing attention to her nest. A cottontail can remain absolutely motionless for up to 15 minutes, and if necessary, dash away at speeds up to 29 kph, running in a zigzag pattern to make the scent trail much more difficult to follow. Cottontails also have protruding eyes that give them close to 360-degree vision, albeit with a 10 degree blind spot directly in front.



On average, a rabbit has 17,000 taste buds (human tongues average 2,000-8,000), complemented by 20 million scent receptors (human noses have five million). Eastern cottontails feed on vegetation such as buds, clover, grasses, dandelion heads, flower blossoms, legumes, and lettuce. They also like fruit such as mountain ash berries. Like all rodents, rabbits have rootless incisor teeth that grow continuously. Gnawing on tough plant material helps keep the teeth from getting too long. When rabbits grind their teeth, it makes a purring noise, a sign of happiness. They can make several different noises, but usually remain quiet to avoid detection by predators.

After our rooster passed away in December, we gave our lonely hen to a friend with lots of chickens, and dismantled the poultry run. I still see BunBun around the yard, at least I like to think it's him! And although crocuses are a rabbit favourite, I have more of them in bloom this year than usual - maybe the scraps I still toss out for him have diverted some of BunBun's culinary choices!



*by Jackie Dunham*

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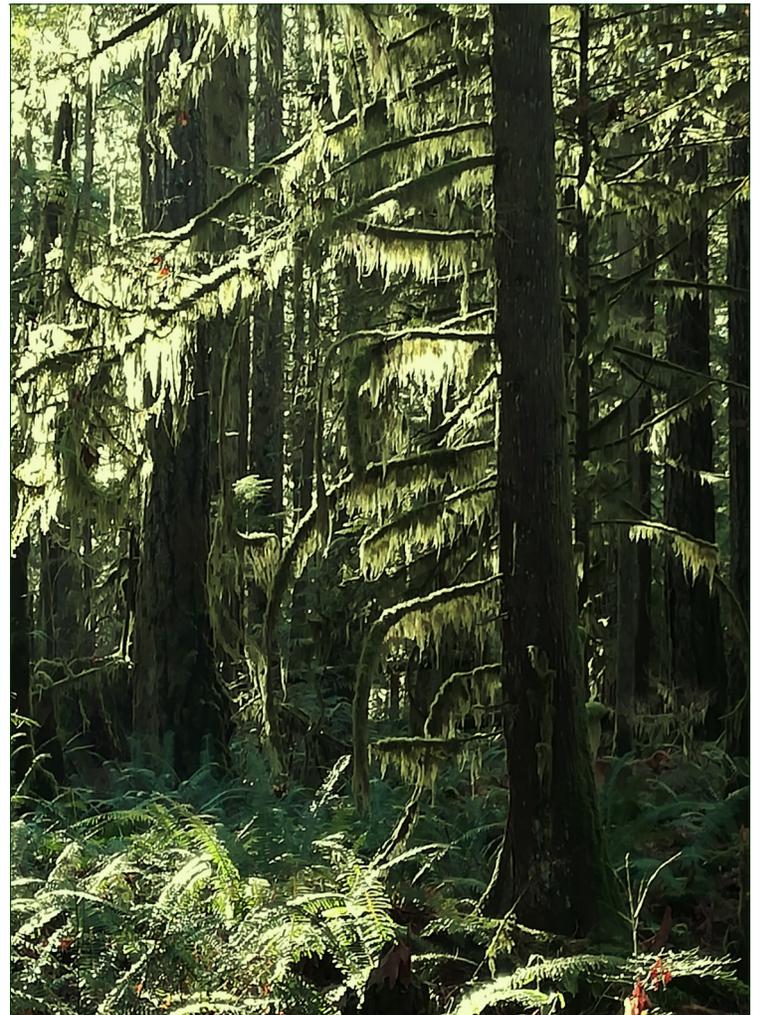
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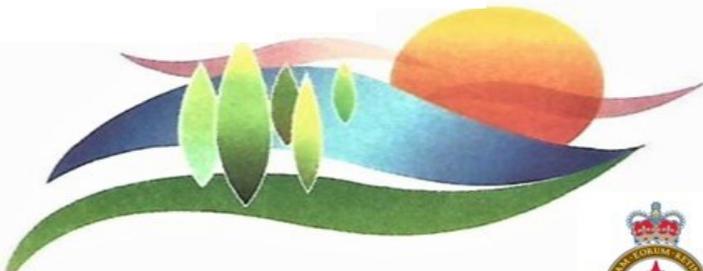
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Baynes Sound Lions - OAP Hall	Monday .....	7 pm third week
FBCA Board Meeting - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday .....	7 pm fourth week
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FBWW - Fire Hall, Cougar Smith Rd	Meetings as required .....	<a href="mailto:fannybaywaterworks@gmail.com">fannybaywaterworks@gmail.com</a>
OAP General Meeting	Tuesday .....	2 pm second week
Parents & Tots - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday .....	10:30 am - Noon
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Monday .....	11 am - 1 pm, 3 pm - 8 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Wednesday .....	12:30 - 5 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday .....	5 - 8 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Friday .....	10 - 4 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Saturday .....	10 - 12 noon
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Sunday .....	10 - 1 pm
Ships Point Improvement Dist.	Wednesday.....	time varies, second week
Youth Group - Fanny Bay Hall	Friday.....	7 - 8 pm when hall available

### April 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	1  April Fools' Day	2 Good Friday	3	4 Easter Sunday
5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Hall Grounds Clean-up 9-noon Waterloo Nature walks 10am & 2pm	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2