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## WELCOME TO THE MONTH OF JUNE

Did you know June was likely named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women. June's birth flowers are the Rose and Honey-suckle and Pearl, Alexandrite and Moonstone are June's birthstones. June is also the month of the summer solstice, the day with the most daylight hours, and we also celebrate Father's Day on June 20th.

As the days of more sunlight increase, we naturally gravitate to the outdoors, which according to the Provincial Public Health Officer, is a safer place to be. As many of us have received our first and some perhaps our second vaccination I know we are all itching to return to "normal" but as they have cautioned us, we must take it slow. At time of writing the entire province is in a circuit breaker stage, restricting travel to essential travel only to stop the spread of COVID-19 and variants of concern. Staying local and staying in your community is the expectation.

The FBCA Re-Start Committee has been meeting regularly via Zoom and has scheduled a meeting June 2, 2021. The current PHO expires May 25, and the committee expects there may be some relaxing of social and event gatherings. Stay tuned!

We told you last month we had received some funding from the CVRD for touchless upgrades. We are happy to report most of the upgrades are now in place. Big thank you to local volunteer Randy Lousier for his time and expertise in installing motion sensor lighting and some new switches.

Another committee hard at work is the Bylaws update committee. A dedicated

group of

Board Volunteers are working on updating the current Bylaws and Policy manuals. This is important work that is long overdue. So far the Committee has logged over 250 volunteer hours. We will present the updates at our upcoming AGM in September.

A big thank you to everyone that helped at the Grounds Cleanup Day. Twenty-five hardy volunteers cleaned up 2 years' worth of tree branches and cones. The volunteers weeded and trimmed, power washed, spread dirt and laid down grass seed. Fabulous treats were provided by volunteer bakers and the Hall sign stand was scrubbed and polished. A huge thank you to Greg at Westcan Excavating who moved the skid steer and big thanks to Brian at Lighthouse Feed & Garden for the donation of grass seed. Thank you to Barry Fowlie who got the water going and to everyone who so willingly worked hard to spruce up the grounds!

A reminder we are still looking for volunteers to fill several key positions on the Board. We are looking for a Secretary, a Vice-President and a Buildings and Grounds Director. If you think you'd be interested in any of these positions, please contact any Board member for more information.

Finally, last but not least, the Playground Committee is going full steam ahead. Our new Playground should be ready by early July.

Enjoy the month of June. It is the gateway to summer!

## Board Buzz

*by Tammy Mercer-Gervais*  
FBCA President

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I remember March 15<sup>th</sup> of 2020 well. We had an appointment with our dog trainer that afternoon, but were hearing pleas from the Provincial Health Officer to consider only going out for essentials. The trainer didn't mind the short cancellation notice and planned to spend time in her garden.

Many businesses had to close their doors so we decided to do a one page, no ads, Flyer that April. I tested the waters for the May issue and found that most advertisers wanted to keep on with their advertising commitments. Two new editorial contributors came on board to fill the space where concerts and children's activities would normally be promoted.

Now here it is...more than a year later. A vaccine has been developed and many of us have had our first inoculations. We are hoping for and slowly seeing a great summer in 2021 that will bring a return of activities and much needed gatherings with family, friends, and neighbours.

We are fortunate that so many of our local businesses have found creative ways to continue to offer their services. Check out my list on previous page (2). You'll see over **300 years** of combined service that has survived, maybe even thrived, in the unforgettable year of 2020.

*by Wendy Keating*



## MAY HAS COME AND GONE

## OAP REPORT

and most of us have received our first vaccination and are looking forward to the 2nd and hopefully the end of Covid. We also hope that some of the restrictions will be lifted so that we can get together again although on a limited basis. Wouldn't it be great if we could have our picnic this summer – fingers crossed.

We would like to say thank you to Sylvia and Ross for their years of service in keeping our hall sign up to date. They are moving into Courtenay and we wish them all the best in their new home. Be happy and don't forget us!!

Thank you to Joan and Rob Payne who have kindly offered to look after our sign going forward.

Can you believe that none of our members have a birthday in June?! However, in June we celebrate Father's Day and we wish all our fine gentlemen a great day.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

*by Linda Tournemille*

**Food Truck will be back on the FB Wharf, Sat June 12th**

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## THE BAYNES SOUND LIONS

It has been a tough year for all of us. Despite not having any fundraisers we have managed to donate over \$10,000 directly back into our local communities.



These funds cover anything from Individual Care, Food Hampers, Covid-19 relief as well as our regular donations to The Community Associations of Fanny Bay, Union Bay and Denman Island.

We have helped with Children's programs, FB Salmonid Enhancement Society, OAP, and Wheels for Wellness to name just a few. The Lions have also given out two bursaries this year to local youth.

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#### SPID Office Beautification Project

A hearty thanks goes out to Heather MacLean who has generously donated her time and resources over the past year planning and implementing improvements to the garden area in front of the SPID office. The transformation started last fall with the removal of weeds, application of compost, and sowing of micro-clover seeds as a lawn substitute. Heather chose West Coast Seeds Micro Clover for its ability to thrive with little watering due to its deep root system. It also crowds out weeds, improves soil fertility by fixing nitrogen and (unlike traditional grass lawns) does not attract chafer beetles. It flowers less than conventional clover and requires less mowing than tradition lawns as the leaves grow smaller and more numerous with each mowing. Recently, flower boxes were built and planted with a variety of perennial flowers to complete the project. Several volunteers contributed in a variety ways. Many thanks to Jim Wahl, Jeanette Reinhart, Rudy Spatzl, Suzanne Murray, Bill Trussler, and Dave Shepherd for collaborating to make this project a success!

#### Water Main Flushing

Annual line and hydrant flushing was completed over a two-day period in May. Our water operator works hard to minimize interruptions to service and drops in water pressure while performing this necessary maintenance task. Thank-you to all ratepayers for your patience during the procedure.

#### Scotch Broom on Ships Point

Those familiar with the yellow flowers currently blooming profusely along the edge of the highway and on recently cleared lands will know that we are heading into broom season. Scotch Broom is a non-native invasive woody plant that spreads quickly and heavily through seeds which remain viable for up to 40 years. It chokes out native plants, causes allergies and is highly flammable increasing fire risk dramatically in areas where it is prolific. This Spring, several young Broom plants have been spotted along the roadside in Ships Point, particularly on Tozer Road. The good news is, the plants are few, small, and they are in bloom which is the perfect stage to remove Broom. Cutting Broom in bloom stops the seeds from developing and spreading. If you notice Broom in bloom, cut the main stem at ground level and the plant will die in the heat of summer. Cut branches will not develop seed and are safe to chip or dispose of. If we work together, we can keep our community Broom free.

#### Annual General Meeting

The SPID A.G.M. is on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions concerning gatherings and events. Stay tuned for dates and details. When we can hold the A.G.M., we will be looking to fill 3 positions on the Board of Directors. Anyone wishing to submit his or her name as Trustee candidate can do so by nomination form to the Returning Officer c/o 7729 Vivian Way, Fanny Bay, BC V0R1W0. Nomination forms are available at the SPID office or [spid.ca](http://spid.ca).



## WHAT A SPRING IT HAS BEEN!

We may not be meeting just yet, but we are all busy in our gardens. There is such a riot of colour, with flowering bulbs, shrubs, trees and annuals. The tiny blue muscari are finished, but the big flag iris and alliums are continuing the blue theme. And rhodos are everywhere, big and small, blowsy and delicate, in every colour possible.



The palette of greens in leaves, grasses and trees is amazing! The bees, butterflies and birds are busy pollinating and

multiplying. We are munching on early greens and rhubarb, enjoying herbs in our teas and to season everything, and eagerly awaiting the first berries.

## BAYNES SOUND

### GARDEN CLUB

The club has been busy with the 22nd annual Plant Sale (see below), and we also purchased and planted a beautiful, vigorous Pacific Dogwood *Cornus nuttallii*, at the back edge of the field by the Spirit Grove as a gift to the community to commemorate our 25 years of activity.

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. For more information contact Janet at :

[baynessoundgardenclub.info@gmail.com](mailto:baynessoundgardenclub.info@gmail.com) and to join the club, or to receive our newsletter.

*by Janet Haigh*

## BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

After many years of holding our annual plant sale at the community hall, who'd have thought that we'd have not one, but two in a row, "pandemic-style" plant sales rather than the usual format? Well, we did, with the 2021 edition modelled on the successful 2020 sale!

The two main sale locations for this year were once again in members' yards rather than at the hall - one on Bates Drive and the other on Cougar Smith Road, with a couple of other locations donating a portion of their sales to the club.

We were doubtful at first that 1.) we'd have enough plants, and 2.) we'd have enough buyers, after a long year of living under restrictions, and many people feeling a bit fatigued by it all. However, our members came through with flying colours, donating perennials, shrubs, tree seedlings, veggie starts, seeds, and herbs. The response was overwhelming. After a very busy opening day, the remaining plants were brought to Bates Drive for a wind-down sale the following week. A special deal was featured each day, and plants flowed steadily out the gates until Friday afternoon, when the last plant left with a new owner.

Thank you so much to club members who donated plants for the sale, provided sale sites, or helped with set-up and take-down, or greeted customers and kept tables tidy. Special thanks to the all-important gardeners who purchased the plants! We think we may have set a record for the Baynes Sound Garden Club 22nd Annual Plant Sale, but that will take some delving into the archives to confirm.

What does the overwhelming success of the sale show us? For one, the gardening community is alive and well during these trying times. Secondly, the pandemic has spurred new interest in gardening, which has not waned since it began in the spring of 2020. And last, but not least, we sure do live in a wonderful community!

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*by Debby McRae & Jackie Dunham*



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## LIVING WILD The FERN – Part 1: The Beginning

Lush green ferns were garnishing the planet worldwide over a hundred years BEFORE dinosaurs walked the earth, and throughout history they have maintained their prehistoric ambiance. An ancient type of vascular plant, ferns actually grew before any flowering plants even existed, over 360 million years ago, and have no seeds.

For centuries, ferns have widely been interpreted as a symbol of eternal youth, happiness, prosperity and good luck. The Indigenous of New Zealand regarded the fern as a symbol of 'new beginnings' and 'new life'. Ferns signify 'family' and hope for future generations to the Japanese.

In Brittany and Normandy, Shepherds constructed crosses out of ferns for protection of their flocks and themselves. Ferns also served in many cultures as protection against everything from witches and werewolves, to magical spells and evil spirits.

Throughout human existence there have been many cultures, religions and people that have written stories, fables and folklore about these prehistoric plants! The magic and mystery of a plant with no seed, no flower, no need for pollinators of any kind. Some of the stories created in early civilizations were to explain how these plants can even exist, given that their reproduction was regarded as impossible for years!

In the Middle Ages, because nobody had ever seen a fern flower, it was believed that the plants only flowered and produced seeds once per year, at midnight on June 23 which was St. John's Eve, before Midsummers Day. June 24th was celebrated as St. John the Baptist day of birth and the Summer Solstice. In Slavic tradition, ferns are believed to flower only once per year on the Ivan Kupala night, and although difficult to find, one who sees a fern flower is guaranteed a lifetime of fortune and happiness.

A famous Polish story of a young boy who sneaks into the woods on St. John's Night and attempts to steal the flower for three years in a row. He must pick the flower before the rooster crows at dawn, and the first two years he failed. The third year, the boy picked the flower in time, and he was granted every wish immediately, but according to the legend, whomever picks a fern flower cannot share his fortune or he

will lose everything. As a result, the boy was wealthy but was forced to become cold-hearted and selfish, and he lost everyone he ever loved. When he was all alone he realized his mistake and wished to die. All of his wishes were immediately granted and this was no different as the earth then opened up and swallowed him whole!



The seeds were believed to be invisible and anyone who obtained fern seeds were said to be able to find buried treasure, understand the secret language of birds and instantly inherit the internal strength of 40 men! Many cultures thought that because the fern seeds could never be found, that they must be invisible and therefore anyone who carried a fern seed would also become invisible. William Shakespeare cited the fern in his play Henry IV, Part 1 where a scheming robber assures his accomplice that they will not be caught at "We have the receipt of the fern seed; we walk invisible". In the comedy 'New Inn or The Light Heart' by Ben Johnson, a servant who was ordered to hide, explains to his master why he was found "Because Indeed I had no med'cine, Sir, to go invisible: no fern-seed in my pocket".

Michael Jerome Leszczyc-Suminski, a Polish Count solved the mystery in 1948 when he discovered the missing link of the life cycle of the fern. One fern plant can drop up to 20 million spores and sometimes they are as small as dust particles. When one of those spores finds the perfect environment of temperature, light and moisture, it begins to germinate, but it develops into something completely different from a fern! The spores grow into a small green heart-shaped, dime-sized leaf without any roots!

The new plant, a Prothallium, contains both female and male sex gametes on the underside of its leaves where the egg and the sperm are produced. The egg becomes fertilized and transforms into an embryo with leaves, a stem and roots. Over time, the baby fern sends out tightly wrapped fiddleheads and they unfold into strange-looking fronds that resemble its grandparent plant, not its parent, because it actually takes three generations for a fern to grow another fern!

I feel like the natural history and biology of the fern is even more magical and mysterious than its mythology and folklore!



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## LIVING WILD

### The FERN – Part 2: How Does This Apply to Fanny Bay?

There are about 10,560 species of ferns and they grow throughout every continent of the world except Antarctica, in various ecosystems from Arctic and temperate, though most reside in tropical regions. Sizes of ferns range from 0.08 - 0.12 inches tall to tree ferns reaching as high as 25 meters! In the Fanny Bay area you will most commonly find the Licorice, Maidenhair, Deer, Sword, Bracken and Lady Ferns.

Licorice Fern (*Polypodium glycyrrh*), tends to start its new growth in November, which is very unusual considering it is the beginning of our winter when most leaves die and fall off of the trees. You will see the small and dainty Licorice Ferns growing in shaded and damp forests within the moss of deciduous maple trees and on mossy rock faces. The roots of the licorice fern have a strong taste of Anise or Licorice and were traditionally either chewed raw but not consumed, or steeped in hot water for a remedy for sore throats and colds, to stimulate the appetite or for use with bitter medicines as a sweetener. When harvesting, it is important to use a pocket knife to cut off a small segment so that you do not disturb the entire rhizome network of fibrous roots or the moss bed in which it rests.

The Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum*) refers to a genus of over 250 species of ferns that grow worldwide. Maidenhair ferns have been used medicinally throughout history to treat conditions from respiratory illness to gastrointestinal disorders to headache prevention to hair loss. Our particular local species, Western Maidenhair (*Adiantum Aleuticum*), presents itself with striking black stems yet delicate, finger-like fronds. My personal favorite, Western Maidenhair softens the landscape and is perhaps the most delicate and beautiful fern of Eastern Vancouver Island.

Deer Fern (*Blechnum Spicant*) was aptly named as it is an important food for deer and elk. Hesquiate elders identified the Deer Fern as a remedy for skin sores, as the culture observed deer rubbing their head stubs after their antlers fell off. These are a medium sized evergreen in bogs and stream banks that displays narrow sets of tall leaves.

The Sword Fern (*Polystichum Munitum*) is known as "The King of the Northwest Ferns" and are not suitable for eating.

They are the most prevalent of the fern species in our area, coating most of the forest floors with dense, dark green growth. The evergreen fronds and leaves are tough and rigid and grow in low to middle elevations in abundance.

Bracken Fern (*Pteridium Aquilinum*) exhibit solitary and large fronds with triangular blades. They branch with pairs of leaves, large at the bottom, and tapering at the tips. The Bracken is the

world's most widespread fern, and is common on disturbed or open ground. The rhizomes reach deep into the earth and quite often are able to withstand fire, making them the first species to reestablish after a forest fire. Although nearly all coastal aboriginals have eaten bracken fern, it is heavily cautioned against ingestion as bracken has been found to cause livestock poisoning and cancer in animals as they contain the carcinogenic compound 'ptaquiloside' (PTQ). Recent studies from Lars Holm Rasmussen of the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Denmark, have found that the carcinogens are dangerous not only when consumed, but also when bracken ferns reside in areas where water is consumed, and that it may be responsible for poisoning water supplies all over the world. In fact, Rasmussen tested the wells of several Danish and Swedish farms which resulted in some that registered over 20,000 times the acceptable limit for environmental carcinogens.

The Lady Fern (*Athyrium Filix-femina*) has large feathery, delicate fronds, clustered, spreading and up to 2m tall. The most identifiable trait is that their leaf blades taper at both ends of the stem. You will find them growing in moist stream banks, wet forests and surrounding swamps. The First Nations used the wide lady fern stalks for serving or covering foods, especially for drying berries.

You have probably heard of and seen fiddleheads, which all ferns produce at the beginning stages of life. Their shape is reminiscent of the tuning end of a fiddle, hence the name was coined. Fiddleheads are healthy greens full of antioxidants, iron omega fatty acids and fiber. The commercially picked fiddleheads that you see in markets are from the Ostrich Fern which grows in abundance in the Northern Interior of BC. The Ostrich Fern is the best tasting of the fiddleheads but unfortunately it is important to note – they DO NOT grow on Vancouver Island.

Fiddleheads can only be harvested in the first few weeks of spring before the ferns unravel. Please know that some ferns are toxic, so research and ask questions to verify identity before consuming any wild plant. Although some ferns in our area can be eaten as fiddleheads, they must be harvested young (leafless) as they just emerge from the ground and cooked thoroughly. The husks need to be removed, washed and either boiled for 15 minutes or steamed. It is also important to remember when harvesting sustainably, always remember to only take 10-30% from each plant to ensure that they grow back and stay healthy.

From riverbanks to clearcut areas to the depths of the forest floor, there are many different varieties of ferns. It is said that ferns have not evolved much in the over 360 million years they have been here, simply because there was no need to change. They are resilient, pest and disease free. They will most likely endure far more than most other species on the planet just as they previously watched the dinosaurs come and go.

Magical, beautiful and mysterious! We are so lucky to have them all around us! (see more fern pictures on back page)

by Angela Hicke – Van Isle Wild

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The Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS) were tested recently. Annually, we send our stream sampling data to the on-line provincial database. This year when we sent in our data, we were asked a new and somewhat surprising question: have all of our stream samplers received training from the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN)?

The RDN has been our mentor organization. We have been fortunate to have had access to some of their training. But we hadn't realized that the RDN training was a *requirement* for our data being accepted by the province. A quick phone call to Ms. Rosie Barlak sorted things out. Ms. Barlak is a biologist. Specifically, she's an Environmental Impact Assessment Biologist for the Environmental Protection Division of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. She's the person who helped the RDN set up their training program and she's the

person to whom we submit our data every year. And even though she is a biologist and not an elementary school teacher, she's the person who grades the data we submit to the province.

Not all data is equal. There are different levels of quality, or grades, of data. The equipment used for testing, its condition, how often the equipment is calibrated, the sites chosen for the sampling, the level of training for the samplers. All this and more affects the quality of the data. To be included in the provincial database data must be a certain minimum grade. A key to quality is how well-trained the sampling teams are.

As we expanded our sampling program and increased the number of volunteer samplers, we weren't able to send everyone to the RDN training sessions. So, we developed our own training program. Now the question is – is our training program adequate? Can the Province have confidence in our data? To answer that question, we had our training program tested.



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On a cool, sunny morning in April, Ms. Barlak and a colleague joined us to audit a BWS training session for two new sampler volunteers. As our trainers held forth on the reasons for our sampling, the details of equipment calibration and best practices for successful data collection,

Ms. Barlak and her colleague took notes. When we went into the field for the hands-on portion of the session, they watched and listened. We were confident in our training but, just like taking a test in school, you don't relax until you get the results.

Thankfully, there was no surprise. We can now say with certainty that BWS has an approved training program that meets provincial data collection standards. This allows us to



continue to train new volunteers without having to rely on the limited number of seats in the RDN training sessions. It feels like a milestone; another step along our path to being a mature stewardship organization. It feels good to have made the grade.

*by Mike Mesford*



## ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO DO THE GOOD WORK WE DO

in the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society is at and around our Wilfred Creek hatchery. Our neighbors who are the current volunteer crew are central to FBSES' efforts: Frank, Rosemary, Helmuth, Bill, Larry, and Rudi are the current mainstays of a long tradition. There has been a hatchery of one size or another for 32 years on what was once better known as Coal creek. As Wilfred has cheerfully run as wild as it wants to be over its valley and floodplain it has created and abandoned stream beds and channels that have become spawning beds and rearing areas for our favourite fish. Wild Pinks, Chum and Coho call Wilfred home, and are also raised and released from the hatchery and is where they all return when it is time to spawn. Three years ago, in 2018, Dave Clough, a registered professional biologist, did a plan for our restoration of one of the best wild spawning waterways, which happens to be man-made and created for the purpose. Dave saw the need for more spawning areas with more gravel for redds, (spawning beds) more riffles and weirs, and maintenance of existing gravel, a total of 21 work sites. Wilfred Creek, for all its virtues, carries a heavy silt load which can both cement gravel into a solid mass and smother eggs.

So, the Wilfred Creek crew spend many happy hours with rakes in the stream bed loosening up long stretches of gravel beds and adding more. The work is done in the 'fisheries window,' a roughly two-month stretch over summer, when there are no fish in the creek to be affected. This same silt also needs to be removed from the water that incubates the eggs in the hatchery. Not losing eggs to siltation has been a long struggle for all of FBSES' Wilfred volunteers. When you start with a million Pink eggs, as we did for many years beginning in 1989 you want to produce a million fry. Nature doesn't always let you get what you want, but we can usually get what we need with the help of careful tending. The most obvious feature of the water handling system spearheaded in 2018 by two volunteers, Helmuth Geiger and Keith Thibault, is a system of six filter bags, best described as looking like giant condoms unfortunately, which strain and remove the solids through three grades of fine mesh, allowing only clean

water through to the eggs. The condom simile breaks down there, but the eggs stay alive. It also means volunteers need to clean out the filters as often as every three days during incubation seasons, the time eggs

spend developing into the alevin stage. When they can swim, fry have easy access from the hatchery to the side channels and rearing ponds and, when they're ready, out to the estuary and Georgia Strait.

The creek is the site of one of FBSES' four smolt counting fences, where we can put numbers to the natural abundance of the area. It has an impressive industrial appearance created by its aluminum barriers and screens, needed because of the strength of the flow. A hatchery needs daily checks on box contents, on water flows and purity, on egg or alevin health and on security and safety to ensure everything is right. Volunteers bring dedication; in the storms of February 2017, they used snowshoes to hike into the site. Other workouts come from the maintenance everything requires, improvements and storage, and the wandering creek. A side channel needs a water supply, and Wilfred's silt tends to fill a settling pond that feeds it. Draining the swamp meant wrestling large pipes together underwater while wearing waders. Maybe we should have sold tickets. The solution is to divert the inflow when needed and let the pond drop to make digging out the silt - we bring in a big machine and a good operator - a less impossible task than previously. At FBSES we like to work smart as well as hard.

Part of working smart involves using our Kubota garden tractor/scoop/backhoe unit to handle jobs like adding gravel to streams and rocks to banks. We call the tractor 'Brenda' in memory of our late, great treasurer Brenda Fisher who told us we should have one.

Constant improvement has been the aim, and often the result, of our years of efforts at Wilfred, and it has been achieved because of the good work, not to mention the blood and sweat, of too many to mention. If you'd like to be part of this kind of thing, we are always welcoming, with open arms and good tools. The coffee is good too.



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He who knows  
And knows that he knows  
Is wise ... **Follow him.**

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and a lot more fun with a stranger!

**SHIPS POINT LAUNCH**  
**Stanley, the Rescue Dog**

Every Tuesday Ships Point fire department has a regular practice. This means wearing full suits with all the gear. On this practice Fire Chief Terry asked for a volunteer. Stanley knew he couldn't Get away with driving the fire engine or even riding with the hoses on top. But he considered himself the station's dog and had ridden on the back of the truck many times. He even considered himself invaluable when he would howl with the siren when it went off. This ensured people behind the truck that they could hear as well. He'd wave and yell "It's OK people, we got this covered!"



On this particular practice the chief bellowed "We need a volunteer to be the victim". Stanley stepped up, saluted and stood at attention. "What? Not a dog! Well, why not?" Someone's pet could be overcome with smoke and the owners would be distraught. Please, please save our dog! He's like a child to us!

Brenda, being the animal lover she is, volunteered to work on the lifeless body of the dog, but said "I'm NOT doing mouth to mouth on a dog! "Chief barked, it's my dog so you're doing it" Brenda rolled her eyes, gave Stanley's chest a few compressions and turned her head to listen. Stanley held his breath and winked as if to say "Come on - give me the kiss!" After a few more cracks at it Brenda gave up and was about to give the full-on muzzle contact when Stanley burped. He'd been holding it back as long as he could but all the pushing on his chest was too hard and it had to come out. Stanley had seafood for dinner, but not from the Fanny Bay Inn. It was a sort of jambalaya of free run oysters and crabs, caught at low tide. Best before just about anything. Gag.

Brenda took one shocked breath and rolled over on her side and passed out. Stanley jumped up and straddled himself over his would-be rescuer. He was about to attempt mouth to mouth when he was air-lifted by a fireman, who seemed to be either choking or laughing hysterically. Stanley was beginning to think everyone here needed rescuing and he wasn't appreciated.

Far from the truth. In the past year Stanley had been in and out of trouble, got into some crazy situations and often needed rescuing by a sympathetic human. He is illusive or perhaps close by, but in disguise. If you had the chance opportunity to see him you would probably coax him. "Hey, it's Stanley! Come on, boy." and hopefully give him a pat or a scratch behind the ear. It's his illusiveness that makes him endearing. Owned by no one, he's the mutt of Ships Point, free to go or stay as he pleases.

Dear Stanley, you are appreciated for all the warmth and entertainment you bring to us.

*by Dianne Volrich*



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