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## **2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

5 pm Thursday 9 September 2021

Fanny Bay Community Hall

Voting requires FBCA membership

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All members 16+ eligible to vote

Registration begins 4:30 pm

*Memberships available for purchase*

Meeting begins 5:00 pm

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



**Please note:**

**2 Special Resolutions will be raised at the AGM:**

- a.to approve revisions to the FBCA Constitution, and**
- b.to approve revisions to the FBCA Bylaws.**

**Please take time to review the revised documents which can be found on the FBCA website. Copies of both of the documents will also be available at the AGM.**

## WELCOME TO THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

and at the time of this writing, I think we all are hoping for some much needed rain. The birth flowers for the month of September are the aster and the morning glory. Asters are symbols of powerful love. Morning glories are symbols of affection. The September birthstone is Sapphire, which traditionally symbolized sincerity, truth, faithfulness and nobility, and some think it also has healing powers.

September 21<sup>st</sup> is the last official day of summer, and for most of the province, it has been a summer to remember. Between the raging wildfires and daily evacuation orders, the heat, the smoke and the rising COVID-19 case counts, I think many of us are wishing for cooler temperatures, cleaner air and general calmness for the coming month.

The Board has many people to recognize this month for their volunteerism. As always, when I write this I am fearful I will forget someone or something. I apologize in advance if I miss anyone.

With the resumption of some activities at the Hall, there are many people to thank. Foremost, I want to thank our outgoing Executive and Directors, many whom have held their positions for years. Board service is the toughest volunteer role, and they all took on their Board duties with dedication, kindness and seriousness. Anne Trussler, Roger Chayer and Barb Spatzl are leaving the Board effective at our AGM September 9, 2021, Suzanne Murray is stepping down as Secretary but is staying on as a Director At-Large. We will miss every one of them and wish them the very best in any future endeavours.

Our basketball court is getting a refresh with two new backboards. Thank you to Barry Sterling for purchasing and

cutting out, Steve our avid basketball player for painting them, and Bill French and Bill Weber for installation. Great work, guys!

Big thanks to Cathy Whitten and her company **Inside and Out Home Improvements** for donating her time and skills in repainting the kitchen and dining room at the Hall. No simple task. Randy Lousier from **R.E.L.Y Electrical Contracting** for donating his time to replace a motion light switch in a storage room at the Hall. Bill French for donating his "no job too small" workmanship while assisting Erna Smith's reorganization of the storage area under the stage. Keir Gervais for his quick action in repairing a toilet in the ladies' room the day before the Reconnect Summer Market.

More thanks go out to Pam Lengyel and Lise Lague for their hours of work on the Spirit Grove Garden. Big thanks to Pickleballer's (is there such a word?) Charlie, Elaine, Neville, Kilby, Mark, Judy, Kathy, Kris Bill and Alaine for volunteering to move mulch and rake out in the scorching heat. It was one big pile, and you got it all done!

And last but not least, all the Volunteers that pulled together the **Reconnect at the Fanny Bay Summer Market**. Debbie McRae, Erna Smith, and Jackie Dunham and their team did a FANTASTIC job during tough times to make this a fun and memorable event. A couple of reminders for the month of - Aerobics starts on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Hall. Parent's and Tot's resumes on September 14<sup>th</sup> - Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 and our AGM is at 5:00 pm on September 9, 2021, outside in the picnic area. We hope to see you all there.

*by Tammy Mercer-Gervais*  
FBCA President

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## TO COMMEMORATE THE HALL'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

"I would like to start today by respectfully acknowledging that the land we gather on today is on the Unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Nine decades ago the Fanny Bay Community Hall went from an ambitious idea to what we see here today. The land for the building and surrounding field was donated by a pioneer farmer Abraham McLaughlin who also loaned the Fanny Bay Athletic and Social Society \$2,000.00 for start-up costs. All the labour to build the Hall was done by volunteers and this was during massive unemployment and a deepening depression. By December 5, 1931, less than three months after completion of the foundation, the Hall hosted its inaugural dance, which attracted over 400 people from Courtenay to Nanaimo.

For the next few decades, there were many more dances, movie nights, parties, weddings and lots of sporting events. The Hall has had many upgrades since 1931, they added indoor flushing washrooms in the 1940s. In 1967, trees were planted by school children and the official opening of the ball diamond was held in June of that year. In 1971 Fanny Bay was the first district in the province to complete its BC Centennial project and it added a stage and dressing room to the Hall.

In 1995, the Fanny Bay Athletic and Social Society changed its name to the Fanny Bay Community Association. In the last 25 years, there have been many more improvements to the Hall and the grounds. All have been funded by donations and grants and further supported and built by volunteers.

Today, as we look to the future, we can celebrate the success's of the past and our more recent improvements, including



our new playground and off leash dog park. And just so you know, we are continuing our efforts to raise funds for a much needed new floor for the Hall. As it too is 90 years old and is now beyond repair. If you'd like to make a donation towards our flooring project, please get in touch with any Board member.

Thank you all for coming out today to Reconnect with your friends and neighbours and we look forward to seeing you all in the future at our various gatherings and events."

Tammy Mercer-Gervais

President - Fanny Bay Community Association

August 14, 2021

**THANK YOU TO ROXANNE AND PAUL** at the FBI for their kind donation to the Fanny Bay Volunteer Fire Department. A new AED has been ordered.

The Inn supports many local non-profit organizations with their Twoonie Draw. Pay a Twoonie once a week to enter your number in the weekly draw. All 'paid for' numbers become valid for the weekly draw held at **6pm on Thursdays**. The winner receives half the pot while the balance is given to a local charity.



## CAREGIVER SUPPORT

**Sponsored by**  
**Comox Valley Senior Support Society**

**WHAT:** Organizational meeting

**WHEN:** Wednesday,  
September 8th, 2021

**WHERE:** Fanny Bay OAP Hall  
418 Ships Point Road

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**COST:** Free

### PURPOSE:

To determine the interest in forming a support group for caregivers from Union Bay to Bowser. The intent of the group is to share information, resources, and offer emotional support. Depending on the need 2 groups may be formed -male and female.

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## TO ALL FANNY BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (FBCA) MEMBERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of FBCA board resolutions duly passed on June 24, 2021 to be presented to the membership for approval at the 2021 annual general meeting to be held September 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Fanny Bay Community Hall.

**Background:** The FBCA bylaws were written in 1995 and amended several times. However, while there were changes to the Societies Act in 2016, a thorough review of our bylaws has never been completed by our volunteer Boards. In February 2021, the current Board agreed that a committee would review the bylaws to update them in line with the Societies Act. This update includes incorporating motions from 2005 appended to the bylaws, incorporating provisions from the current Constitution, and modernizing and simplifying the language to make them easier to read and understand. As part of their work, the committee also reviewed the constitution, mission statement, and general description, being sure to keep overall intents intact.

After over 250 hours of review, the committee presented the recommended revised documents at the Board meeting on May 27. The constitution, mission statement, and general description were approved as presented at that meeting. The bylaws were approved with minor amendments and the request for added clarity to one section; the final amendment was approved on June 6, 2021.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- Fanny Bay Community Association is a not-for-profit community association and registered charity
- It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors
- Members pay an annual fee
- Membership is necessary to vote at the annual general meeting.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To promote a safe, respectful place for the community to gather. Since the Constitution and Bylaws are the official governing documents of the FBCA, they must be approved via special resolution at the Annual General Meeting to be held **September 9, 2021**. Please note that copies of the revised documents will be available for review at the AGM and available on the FBCA website, as stated below.

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

WHEREAS a copy of the amended FBCA Bylaws as approved by the Board of Directors is attached, and has been published on the FBCA website along with the notice of 2021 Annual General Meeting,

**BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION** that the membership of the Fanny Bay Community Association approve the amended bylaws as presented.

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS a copy of the amended FBCA Constitution as approved by the Board of Directors is attached, and has been published on the FBCA website along with the notice of 2021 Annual General Meeting,

**RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION** that the membership of the Fanny Bay Community Association approve the amended constitution as presented.



## RECONNECT WAS THE THEME OF THE FANNY BAY SUMMER MARKET

and reconnect we did! Volunteers, community groups, vendors, and the general public came together on Saturday, August 14, on the grounds of the Community Hall, and created a bustling event.

Just shy of forty vendors set up their tents in the field, offering everything from honey to handicrafts. Over half of the vendors were residents of Fanny Bay - what a creative community we live in! The Fanny Bay Community Association, Baynes Sound Garden Club, Beaufort Watershed Stewards, and Comox Valley Naturalists Society had information tents in the parking lot to answer questions and accept memberships. The Fanny Bay Seniors had a concession going all day to feed the hungry hordes, while the Baynes Sound Lions ran a beer garden for thirsty shoppers, and Laurel from the Parents and Tots group provided activities for children. Trucks from the Fanny Bay Fire Department were on hand, with members from both the Fanny Bay and Ships Point fire departments managing parking and directing traffic in and out, which was steady all day long.

As the day wound down, the 90th birthday of the Fanny Bay Community Hall was celebrated. FBCA president Tammy Mercer-Gervais gave a speech outlining the history of the building, which was built by volunteers on donated land. Donations of materials and cash helped to expedite the project and less than three months after the foundation was complete, the hall was ready to host its first function on December 5, 1931. Following Tammy's speech, a large birthday cake donated by Quality Foods in Courtenay was served with ice cream.

The market organizing committee was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community, who willingly gave their time or donated services and funds to help make the market the success it was. A huge thank-you goes out to the many volunteers who helped with so many aspects of the event - communicating with groups and vendors, designing and printing posters, putting up and taking down posters, measuring the field and marking out the stalls, pounding stakes, collecting fees, setting up barricades and safety cones, hauling tables, setting up tents, cutting cake and scooping ice cream, directing traffic, making announcements, emptying garbage cans, and just generally running here and there all day long to do whatever needed doing (even some plumbing!), and then at the end of the day, putting everything away and cleaning up. Thank you also to those who donated services and supplies, especially Quality Foods for the yummy cake! And to the vendors, without whom a market cannot take place - thank you for being patient during set-up and for providing such a diverse selection of quality goods!

The efforts of every person involved are greatly appreciated - you each added so much to the event. All in all, a very successful day!



*Debby McRae, Erna Smith, and Jackie Dunham*  
Summer Market Organizing Committee

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## EVERY STREAM IS DIFFERENT

Two months ago, we stood in Wilfred Creek with the water rushing by up to our waists, threatening to topple anyone not paying attention. Six weeks later, we stood in the exact same spot with the water meandering slowly by at a comfortable calf-level. But while Wilfred Creek went from risky to comfy in that six week period, the staff gauge at Mud Bay Creek showed practically no drop in water level at all.

This is a fascinating puzzle. Wilfred drains one of the larger areas of all the local creeks, on par with Rosewall Creek and only outdone by the Tsable and the Trent. The Wilfred drainage extends up into the snow fields which allows it to continue running strong well into summer. But little Mud Bay Creek drains only a few hundred hectares of low-lying hills. Where does it get its surprising staying power?

And now, we have another anomaly to add to the puzzle. Apple-Cherry Creek sneaks under the old highway with nary a sign or marker. It's easy to miss if you don't know where to look. We've only recently started to sample Apple-Cherry and we have yet to install a staff gauge. But it has been going strong since we began scouting it in late spring. It appears to be more of a Mud Bay style creek than a Wilfred style creek. Its drainage doesn't seem much different in size than that of Mud Bay Creek. An old driller's report from 1964 states that several homes used this creek (back then it was simply called Cherry Creek) as their primary source of domestic water.



While these two little dynamos just keep truckin' along, two more creeks that we have started to sample, Hindoo Creek and Spence Creek, have dried up completely. And Emily Creek, another recent addition, is down to the merest of trickles with a few shrinking pools sheltering ever more anxious fish.

Where do Mud Bay Creek and Apple-Cherry Creek get the water to keep flowing strong through this, another summer of drought? There is only one answer: springs. Springs are areas where flowing groundwater escapes from its geologic confinement. Spring fed creeks like Mud Bay Creek and Apple-Cherry Creek are valuable windows into the state of our groundwater.

There are other springs that make small, less obvious, contributions to larger creeks like Wilfred and Rosewall. Two such springs flow into Wilfred Creek at the Wilfred Creek Hatchery above highway 19. We've recently installed staff gauges in the flow from these two anonymous little springs to better understand their contribution.

And so we continue to add all these bits of data to our ever-more-detailed map: stream flow, spring flow, drying streams, fading streams. Yes, every stream is different but they all have something to tell us.

*by Mike Mesford*



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# THE SPID ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD

at the Fanny Bay Community Hall, at 7793 Island Highway, on **Thursday September 16 at 7:00pm**. Doors will open at 6:30pm. In light of uncertainty regarding COVID-19 variants, masks will be mandatory and social distancing will be required. Seating will be arranged accordingly and hand sanitizer available.

**Trustee Elections:** There are three open SPID trustee positions. The positions are for three year terms. To date, the office has received confirmation of two residents planning to run and further nominations are welcome. Nominations for the positions will be accepted prior to, and from the floor of, the meeting. If you have been looking for an opportunity to become involved in your community, this could be for you!

**Water Conservation continues:** As unusually hot and dry weather continues into late summer, residents are encouraged to stay diligent about conserving water indoors and out.

On Ships Point, **Stage 3**

Water Restrictions continue and the Fire Danger Rating remains at **High**. A reminder that a provincial Fire Ban is still in place. In addition to campfires, the use of the following items is also prohibited: fireworks and sky lanterns, burn barrels and chimineas, binary exploding targets, tiki and tiger torches, outdoor stoves or other portable campfire apparatus without a *Canadian Standards or Underwriters of Canada* rating. Please see [spid.ca](http://spid.ca) for the full details of the Drought Response Plan and Water Conservation Stage guidelines, and monitor the Ships Point entrance board for any changes to the Water Conservation stage.

**Ships Point Welcome Sign:** It is no mystery that Ships Point is a great community in no small part due to the generous offerings of volunteers. But did you know that the sign that welcomes you upon entering Ships Point was created by a resident volunteer? The sign was gifted to the community by Barry Sterling who designed, constructed and hand carved the sign in his workshop 20 years ago. Since erecting the sign in 2001, Barry voluntarily maintains it and applies new stain regularly.

As a retired Navy Shipwright and avid woodworker since childhood, Barry is skilled and passionate about creating and generous in sharing his gifts. You may also have seen his work at craft fairs over the years and most of us are fondly familiar with his iconic white reindeer that greets us on the highway at the

Fanny Bay Christmas Craft Fair.

Thank you Barry for this wonderful gift and your continued contributions to our community!



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Watering Lawns and Trees	Yes	Yes 10pm-10am	No	No
Watering Lawns and Gardens within 3 meters of a Structure	Yes	Yes 10pm-10am	Yes 10pm-10am 3 hours max	No
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Vehicle, Boat and House Washing	Yes	Yes	No	No
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Pressure washing for paint preparation	Yes	Yes	No	No
Fire Protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**NB:** Hand watering should be done using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off device

## WHAT A FUN DAY!!

Our thanks to everyone who came out to the 'Reconnect' Summer Market and supported us by visiting our concession and purchasing our raffles tickets. Also many thanks to our members who volunteered their time to make this day a huge success.

Those of our members who attended the regional picnic in Nanaimo had a wonderful day. Lots of good food, games and prizes. The water balloons, thank you Kaden, were a great success. Our Garage sale will have already happened when the Flyer comes out, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out and supported us by

purchasing our treasures, visiting our concession and buying raffle tickets to win some lovely prizes. The winners will be announced in the October Flyer. As always, a huge thank you to our members who volunteered their time and talents to make this a memorable and fun event.

Happy September Birthday to: Maxine Gibson

WISHING EVERYONE  
A GOOD LABOUR DAY WEEKEND!!

*by Linda Tournemille*

## FANNY BAY PARENTS AND TOTS IS RETURNING

in the fall, on a new day, and at a new time. The program will start on **September 14th** - a Tuesday, and will run from 9:30 am till 11am. Families with children aged five and under are welcome to attend and there is no fee.

The hall will be set up with a variety of toys and activities for children and parents. A snack will be provided and a story time. We will be asking families to follow the C.O.V.I.D.-19 protocols: hand washing upon arrival, and parents wearing a mask if they are not vaccinated. Children with cold/flu symptoms should not attend.

The program is made possible through the support of the Fanny Bay Community Association, Comox Valley Family Services, and The Baynes Sound Lions.

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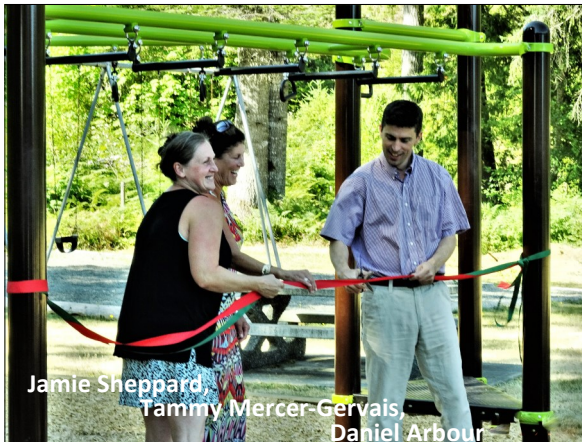
# RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Fanny Bay parents welcomed Doug DeMarzo, Mark Harrison and Area A Director, Daniel Arbour for the official opening of the new playground on July 28th. This was all made possible by a grant from the CVRD and a parents volunteer group. The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD), FBCA

and local volunteers joined together to improve the playground at Fanny Bay Community Hall. While the adults talked and speeches were given, the children got down to the business of trying out all the interesting colourful new equipment. It seems to suit girls and boys, ages 2 -12 quite nicely.



Doug DeMarzo,  
General Manager of  
Community Services CVRD  
*not pictured*  
Mark Harrison  
Manager of Parks  
Community Services CVRD



Jamie Sheppard,  
Tammy Mercer-Gervais,  
Daniel Arbour



The old wooden playground, built in the 80's, could get quite slippery after a rain. The new playground will wear well for years to come.



Adults & children alike,  
enjoyed ice-cream  
treats while visiting  
and playing.



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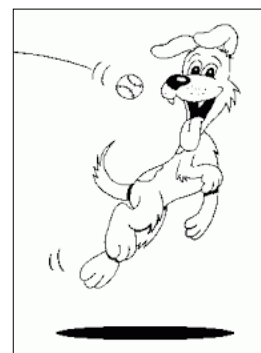
For months Stanley had been watching the activity in the dog park and he longed to join the other dogs in the free-for-all. The only way into the park was by collar and leash. Just this once he could see the advantage of having a hooman. One gate was opened, a second and then you're in! So how to sneak in? Some of the dogs had a small green bag tied to their collar and Stanley thought this must be some kind of pass key. Dog owners seemed to have them handy and a few on the ground seemed to be holding something special.

Stanley found the green bag dispenser and pulled out 8 of them. He knotted them one after the other in a daisy chain and slipped it over his head. They resembled something like a Christmas wreath. Someone approved, held the gate open and he was in! He joined all the other dogs leaping, barking and chasing anything that flew. This lasted a very short time and then the park suddenly emptied, leaving him alone and confused. Something had changed.

The OAP garage sale had started and owners put their dogs in the cars (shade, window cracked open, bowl of water on the driver's seat and -duh- keys out of the ignition). Curious, Stanley walked across the street and did a quick survey of the sale. Tables were full of clothing, tools, kids stuff and anything else man has ever created. At the toy table he spotted an ice cream pail full of tennis balls and the stars in his eyes outshone the heavens. He slipped the handle over his head and it rested snugly against his Christmas wreath which kept his balls from jiggling as he trotted from table to table.

The crowd didn't notice the mutt as he worked his way to the sports table. There he spotted Roland examining a well-used tennis racket. Stanley saw his magic moment and tugged Roland's leg. He shook the ice cream pail full of tennis balls and did his best to smile.

Who could possibly resist this scenario? Roland got the message. Man and mutt left the OAP sale, crossed the road and made tracks for the dog park. Wham! Tennis ball #1 drove into the fence and rocketed off it. Stanley sprang into the air, caught it and dropped into the competitive kangaroo position. With a high degree of acrobatics Stanley nailed every ball. The tennis racket was on fire and wild shots, pot shots and curve balls were sized up and caught every time. Finally both contenders were beat and called it a draw and Roland let Stanley out of the gates to go his own way. Then he walked back to centre of the field and picked up the green poop bag wreath – the Gold Medal Olive Crown that is, and walked back to the sale to pay for the simple beat-up tennis racket. It became the symbol of first-ever Olympic Canine Tennis Competition and it now hangs on the wall in Roland's den, right next to a gold sprayed tennis ball, teeth marks and all.



by Dianne Volrich



## IT HAS BEEN SAID, OFTEN, THAT IF YOU CAN KEEP

your head when all around you are losing theirs, you really don't understand the situation. Or maybe you're just organized, like Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society. Because FBSES is a registered society under BC law, not to mention a registered charity, it needs to hold an Annual General Meeting. Like everyone, we can manage our excitement when it comes to meetings. An innovation societies like FBSES had to come up with, thanks to COVID, was the AGM via email, and we have now done our second. You need someone who is good with both email and people for this job, and that was our secretary, Janet Haigh. She organized all the fun and excitement of reports and motions and assembled the results into one big email that sums up 2020. Seriously, one of the benefits of looking back on a years' work in an organized manner, like an AGM, is perspective. To realize that despite everything we were all going through, our tiny share of the huge job of enhancement and maintenance of Canada's salmonids was getting done. It's all there in the President's and Director's reports, as is planning for the future, which is called New Business in meetings, which hasn't stopped, and won't. Some examples, so you too can get the full experience: we produced 18,738 Chum fry and released them in May and have a total of 98,328 viable Coho eggs growing for release in May of 2022. Wilfred Creek Hatchery released 250,000 Pink salmon fry. Our tree nursery donated a total of 2416 trees to 18 different places or people,

some for multiple projects, and 150 trees to Fanny Bay residents. In the words of our president, Judy Ackinclose, who will be returning for another year, as will our directors; 'My thanks to everyone, whatever work you do. It is all about our fish and habitat, no matter what stream or creek, small or large. We all chip in and do whatever, the best we can for our salmon!'

A brief review: fish use their gills to take oxygen out of the water they live in as the way they breathe. When oxygen levels in water fall as its temperature rises, as it does more and more with climate change, the fish are the first to know.

At FBSES, we will be next, more and more, because we have begun a project to electronically monitor our stream

temperatures. Even as dedicated a bunch as your friendly neighborhood enhancement types can't always be out in the creeks with thermometers - there's shopping, and church, and the dishes, etc. So, Fanny Bay creeks are getting data loggers that will be hidden very well and just sit there taking temperatures. Naturally, computers and USB cables and all kinds of other jargon are involved, but the result will be that we know where the water is in Celsius as well as the name of its creek. Those details will be more and more important as we move salvage fish to cooler, more plentiful sites in future

years. Our data loggers come with a friendly name, the Tidbit v2, and all kinds of electronic virtues. They'll be visited and monitored, and their data downloaded in the field and then transferred to FBSES' computer and analyzed like crazy. The result, for you and us and the fish, will be news we can use in our work making things as good as possible for our favourite



Bruce Pozer, left, and John Todd do cleanup work on the Rosewall Creek water intake of the FBSES hatchery as water levels drop in August.

wild things, the salmonids of Fanny Bay.

Lots of people help us do our thing for the salmon and one of them is Jordan Stiefvater, who operates Island Style Glass and who redid our window screens for us after some ravens tore them up, and wouldn't let us pay him. You can reach Jordan at 250 703 3000 or at [www. Islandstyleglass.ca](http://www.Islandstyleglass.ca) and tell him FBSES sent you.

And here is the big news. With Covid mostly behind us, we can look forward; we'll do another The River Never Sleeps Festival next May (2022) and ***you're all invited.***

*by Dave Sands*

## LIVING WILD THE ANTS GO MARCHING ONE BY ONE

I remember lying in the dry grasses of summer's end as a little girl watching intently the troops of ants running along the garden hose as though it were their highway. I would try to follow where they were heading, sometimes several in a row with white pill shaped eggs 2x their size over their heads.

Once I found a line of them marching up the side of my house, across the soffit and down a rope to harvest nectar



from the hummingbird feeder. It amazed me that they could see drops of sugar water falling from the sky and be able to navigate their way to the

source despite it hanging virtually in mid-air. To be able to communicate, delegate and organize their colony of workers to form a highway to harvest all they can! How fascinating are ants?!

With over 13,800 species of ants in the world, most are beneficial aside from the stinging fire ant which will torture anyone in their path and the pesky carpenter ant that will excavate and build tunnels in the wood of your home.

Ants build nests full of natural material which eventually decays, feeding the plants and animals around them. They also contribute to decomposition and fertilization through their digestion of plants, other insects or dead animals. Many organisms, birds and animals eat ants as part of their regular diet. Ants are also very beneficial to the soil, as they aerate and allow the exchange of water and oxygen.

Recent studies have found that ants have inhabited the Earth for 140-168 million years and were here during the

Jurassic period with the dinosaurs! This new research shows that ants actually survived the mass extinction of the dinosaurs and an entire ice age.

Ants don't have lungs; in fact they breathe through a series of tiny holes along the sides of their bodies called spiracles. When the ant moves, it helps to circulate oxygen through the tubes, and carbon dioxide is released back out. Ants require a very small amount of oxygen, so little that they can survive underwater for great lengths of time off of the air molecules stuck to its fine hairs. And they can open and close the little tubes on their sides to allow air in and carbon dioxide out, but it would actually be impossible to try to suffocate an ant.

Ants are also lacking ears but this does not make them incapable of hearing. They actually listen with their feet, feeling the vibrations in the ground. The signals vibrate through the subgenual organ just below their knees, allowing them to be aware of their surroundings and be alerted to danger especially when away from the colony foraging.

Through pheromones, or chemical messages, ants are able to communicate and leave signals telling other ants where to go. This is how they build their exploratory roads to



the hummingbird feeder in the sky, and once a secure route has been established, can send for more ants to join the task of harvesting for the good of the colony. Ants also leave pheromones to tell when areas are getting too congested, and they actually avoid densely congested areas and adjust their travel speed accordingly.

With two stomachs, ants are extremely efficient as they use one stomach for their own food, and the other is used to store food for other ants.

When ants forage, they can collect food for ants that stay at the colony protecting the queen. Through a process called trophallaxis, the ants regurgitate the food to feed those left behind. Everyone has a job to do, and everyone in the colony is taken care of.

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With a larger muscle to body ratio than humans, ants have amazing strength and are able to lift 10 to 50 times their body weight depending on the species. The Asian Weaver Ant can actually lift up to 100 times its body weight.

One of the most incredible facts about ants is that they are the very first farmers! That's right, just as farmers raise livestock and grow crops for foods, ants actually tend and cultivate groups of insects for a food source. One of the best examples of this behavior is with aphids. Ants will protect and guard a population of aphids, even providing shelter from the weather in nests, in order to secure a steady supply of honeydew, a sugar-rich secretion of aphids after they have eaten plant sap.

As summer slows and the days begin to get a little shorter, I cannot help but think of the many memories of watching ants travelling to and from places with agendas only known to their colonies. Now you know, there is much more to those little creatures than what you see. They are truly amazing, and all working together as a team for a collective purpose. Society might do some good to watch the ants a little closer!

*by Angela Hicke – Van Isle Wild*

## IMAGES FROM LAST MONTH'S MARKET DAY AUGUST 14



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- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold 'Em - **cancelled** Thursday
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10 am - 1 pm  
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## LIKE US, IT SEEMS OUR GARDENS DON'T KNOW

What to make of this summer's weather. The heat too early threw off their schedules, and some plants just didn't recover. I had too many spaghetti squash too early, but tomatoes are slow and few. The berries did well for the most part, except the high raspberries that dried on the stem during the 'heat dome'. I must admit that I am happy to see the end of the continuous picking and freezing of berries, though I will certainly be enjoying them come winter. Early on, the leeks were looking great, best ever, then they all bolted. So much for that winter staple. But the garlic are wonderful, large firm bulbs that are now hanging to dry. The onions should be pulled soon, while there is still good drying weather.



I have had battles with slugs over the marigolds for years and true to form they were wiped out of most beds. But the slugs left one bed alone and the marigolds have flourished

## BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB

there, best ever! I don't know why; just accept the good stuff when it happens.

This summer particularly, I have been happy to have the irrigation system in place, which I am always extending as I add new flower, berry and vegetable beds. But there has still been a tremendous amount of hand watering required, just to keep plants alive, especially those things like hardy shrubs and trees that usually look after themselves.

And now, with the easing of Covid restrictions, we plan to finally start club meetings again, so we can share our successes, failures, questions and bounty. Our first meeting will be **Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the OAP Hall**. Thereafter, it will be the first Thursday of each month, same time and location. An informal, friendly group, we welcome anyone who enjoys playing in dirt to come and join us.

*by Janet Haigh*