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HERE ARE THREE BIRTHSTONES

for the month of December, Tanzanite, Zircon, and Turquoise. All three are best known for their beautiful shades of blue. The December birth flowers are holly and narcissus.

As I write this, I just cannot believe that December is upon us. It has been an absolute whirlwind of activity in and around the Hall in the last few weeks and October and November have zoomed by.

The FBCA Board met in person for our November meeting, and it is the first time we have met for a regular board meeting since early 2020. As a Board, we have agreed to alternate between Zoom meetings and 'in person' meetings in the future. We decided that our December meeting will be via Zoom. Another important change is, effective January; we will move our meetings from every third Thursday to every third Monday. This change accommodates commitments of current board members and our desire to meet before the Flyer deadline.

Where to begin, there are so many people to acknowledge and thank this month. First off, another big thanks to Brad Shuya of Brad Shuya Architect Inc. for his continued guidance through this flooring project. I am sure that Brad did not know when he volunteered to be the Project Manager it would morph into what it has. At the end of October Brad had donated 50 *plus* hours to this project. I am sure he has added 20 more since then! Thank you Brad! Another big thanks to Harrison Walker from Baynes Sound Enterprises Ltd for his readiness to oversee the restoration work of the mould removal and then jump in and put the kitchen back together literally from the ground up. Immense thanks to Alaine French and Suzanne Murray representing the flooring committee for keeping the board up to date on "*what the heck is going on?*"

More thanks to Richie and Ron, who replaced the Halls exhaust fans. This was no easy feat. The attic of any structure is not nice, and the Hall is no exception. Other's might have

Board Buzz

"The Elf On The Shelf," we had "The Guys In The Attic" - great work you two!

Finally, thanks to all those that contributed to the Halloween fireworks, they include the Fanny Bay Fire Department, Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association, Fanny Bay Trading Co, Baynes Sound Lions, and residents of Fanny Bay. The donations covered the entire costs of the fireworks.

Speaking of donations at the time of writing, we have received \$7,500 in donations towards the kitchen/building repairs to address the mould and structural issues we discovered during our floor replacement project. We have set a target of \$15,000 to help us through the structural rebuild and replacing the flooring in the kitchen, dining room and entrance hallways. Please, please if you can donate any amount we would be so appreciative, e-Transfer to treasurer@fannybaycommunity.com or contact any Board member to accept your cheque or cash donation.

The Christmas Market is about to kick off at the time of writing. Debbie, Sherry, Erna, and Jackie have done an incredible job pulling this together during particularly challenging times, and I am sure it will be a gigantic success.

You can support the FBCA by purchasing your **2022** membership now! \$20 for a family, \$10 for a single. E-transfer to memberships@fannybaycommunity.com Cheque or cash can be given to any board member. If you want to join and become a NEW member, please send your full name, address, phone #, email to memberships@fannybaycommunity.com. *Bonus-* You receive a tax receipt for purchasing a membership. We live in an amazing community and all your support, especially now, is much appreciated.

As we look forward, the FBCA Board is focusing on providing community events, programs and trying to bring a sense of normalcy to our community. This is a time like no other in our lives. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to produce uncertainty, stress, and trauma in our communities.

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By now, we have all been affected by this virus, which has been devastating. Add into this, the recent flooding that has affected so many people across our province and it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Now is the time to reflect on the positive and being grateful for what we have and, to practice kindness and compassion for others.

While this holiday season is perhaps not as restrictive as last years, we still need to be mindful of minimizing our risk of contracting COVID-19 by avoiding *the Three C's*:

Closed Spaces with poor ventilation
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Close Faces such as close-range conversations

Before any of us go out,
please consider the risks, and



make informed choices to keep yourself, your family, and your communities safe. If a planned activity makes you more likely to be exposed and puts you at higher risk of getting COVID-19, consider avoiding it.

In closing, as we head into the holiday season, I want to thank each person in Fanny Bay for the support you have shown the FBCA this year. This is the time of year where we stop and give thanks. May your Christmas holiday season be full of peace and joy. Enjoy the holidays and I hope you can spend quality time with those you love, creating memories and living your lives to the fullest.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
to you all.*

by Tammy Mercer-Gervais

FBCA President

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BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB EXECUTIVE

President, Marion Woloschuk, Janet Haigh and Tessa Zawila (from left to right) - presents FBCA Board member, Alaine French, with a cheque for \$1000.00 in support of the kitchen remediation project.

THE FANNY BAY QUILTERS

recently donated a quilt for the Fanny Bay Community Association's Raffle to help raise much-needed funds for the Hall floor project. Pictured are Lorraine Lindenbach and Noreen Sterling presenting the quilt to Tammy Mercer-Gervais, FBCA President.

A VAILABLE NOW!

Shingles & Shells, A History of Fanny Bay

"We had a pretty good life, growing up in Fanny Bay, even with so many mouths to feed," offers Victor. "If it wasn't for the oysters from the bay, we probably would have starved. Oysters for us were like potatoes, a staple. Us kids brought home all kinds of trout out of Waterloo Creek. We had a good garden and my mom canned all kinds of blackberries. So did my grandparents."

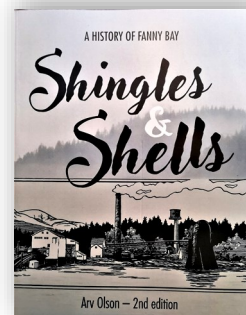
"Denman residents didn't bother licensing their vehicles in the late '20s and early '30s. When the police boarded Sandy Swan's ferry for the primary purpose of checking vehicles on the island, he would phone ahead to warn his neighbours to avoid the roads. The phone system was one big party line, with various rings for each house, says Ray. Everyone knew one long ring was a police warning."

"A square of shingles was four bundles, one bundle was 20 rows of interlaced shingles. A one-time record packer, Fred Stevenson, handled up to 80 squares daily, which was a tremendous amount. Charlie Little reportedly once held the record for square-cut shingles produced during an eight-hour shift. Accidents weren't uncommon, Sawyer Jack Willis was among many who lost tips of fingers. He was nicknamed Ripper Jack because he was No. 1 on the saws, though obviously not the most careful"

These are all excerpts from the Shingles & Shells book, which is a detailed compilation of the history of Fanny Bay, written by Arv Olsen and originally published in 2004. The book chronicles the families, buildings, artists, tradesmen, and pioneers. It

tells so many wonderful stories of simpler times, from many witnesses that were actually there, while sharing some of the details of local landmarks. In 2017 The Fanny Bay Community Association together with the OAP produced the second edition of Shingles & Shells and they are available for purchase.

Now more than ever the Fanny Bay Hall needs your help, and this is an excellent way to show your support for the community, while purchasing a beautiful book all about Fanny Bay and how it came to be. Books are available for purchase through the Fanny Bay Community Association for \$35, and proceeds go to support the Fanny Bay Hall. You can contact the FBCA at 250-335-2832 (*Please allow several days for return call*) or you can email Angela at vp@fannybaycommunity.com to arrange pick up of your copy.



by Angela Hicke

FBCA Vice-President



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LIVE MUSIC IS BACK IN FANNY BAY

Live music returns to the Fanny Bay Hall
on **Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 7:00 pm.**

We were really happy to be able to re-book some
of the artists who had to be cancelled in the last two years.

Our concert series begins with "EARLY MORNING RAIN, the songs of
Gordon Lightfoot" featuring John McLachlan, Marc Atkinson, and Scott
White. John has been a true supporter to our venue. Tickets would be the
perfect Christmas gift.

This show is an excellent start to our series, with music that most know
very well and can relate to. It promises to be a walk down memory lane so
get your tickets early. They will be available at Weinberg's Good Food,
Buckley Bay, Laughing Oyster Bookshop, Courtenay and the Salish Sea
Market, Bowser for \$25. For the first time, online tickets will be available
at fannybayhall.ticket.ca for \$27.50.

With the safety of our audience and performers in mind, current Covid-
19 protocols will be in place including proof of vaccination card and the
wearing of facemasks.

We look forward to a sold-out show
to start our new concert series.

by Bill French

Concert Co-Ordinator

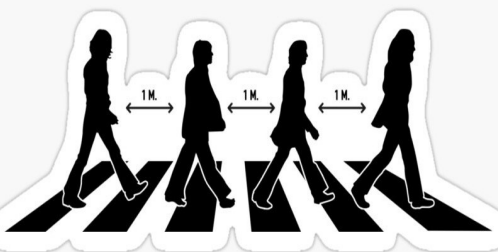


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BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB

is definitely winding down. Our days see frosty mornings inter-
persed with rain deluges. I only hope that the garlic has been planted
and the roses mulched. Of course, all the pruning and tidying up has NOT
been done, but it can wait for now. Great plans for winter veggie planting
have fallen by the wayside – maybe next year. But I did get some fall bulbs
in the ground and a few shrubs moved and planted. Now we will just let
everything rest, me included.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 3rd at the OAP
Hall. Speaker to be announced. Come and share your successes, failures,
questions and ideas. An informal, friendly group, we welcome anyone who
enjoys playing in dirt to come and join us. Covid-19 protocols will be in
place; masking required as well as vaccine certificates.

by Janet Haigh

Some views of the Market for those unable to attend.



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Halloween 2021 Festivities:

Many thanks to the Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department, the Fanny Bay Fire Department, and the Fanny Bay Community Association for their generous donations of time and money towards creating a fantastic and safe family friendly event at the Fanny Bay Hall on October 31st. The fireworks and bonfire were exceptional this year and warm, weather, and clear skies were the icing on the cake.

2022 Dog Licences available:

Dog licensing using tags makes it easy to identify dogs and reconnect lost pets with their owners. If you have a dog over 6 months of age and are a resident of the Comox Valley Regional District, you need to license your dog annually. Owners of unlicensed dogs may also be subject to fines. Licence fees are as follows: spayed or neutered pets: \$10, not spayed, or neutered: \$25. Licences are valid from January 1 until December 31 each year. Area A dog licenses are avail-



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SPID Website Photo Submissions:

Ships Point is a vibrant community and an area of diverse natural beauty. With that in mind, we are looking for photographs showcasing the diversity of the neighbourhood to post on the SPID website. Photos related to our Fire Department, community events, nature and wildlife would be ideal. If you would like to share some of your Ships Point photography, send your high-definition photographs to shipspt1@shaw.ca. For Facebook users, there will be a call for photos on the Fanny Bay Community Bulletin Board in early December, stay tuned! Remember, if your photos contain images of people's faces, please ensure you have their permission before you share. SPID News Alerts: To receive important SPID notices via email or text, there is an option to sign up for alerts on the SPID website. Just head to the homepage and hit "Subscribe." This is a terrific way to get timely info on things like water emergencies and fire ban updates. Information on privacy and storage of personal information is available on the site.

FANNY BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

by Jackie Dunham



After a noticeable absence in 2020 due to the pandemic, the iconic white reindeer were once again gracing the Fanny Bay Community Hall on November 20th and 21st, enticing shoppers to the Fanny Bay Christmas Market.

To say that things were a little different this time around would be an understatement. The ongoing challenges of COVID-19 protocols, coupled with the twists and turns of the floor project at the hall and the ensuing kitchen remediation, had the organizing committee wondering if we'd even be able to hold the highly anticipated annual event.

Thankfully, everything came together in the end and, from all reports, it was a highly successful market. We had an amazing variety of vendors - some old hands and some new. One of our new (and the youngest) vendors was a nine year old who sews catnip toys and donates a third of the proceeds to charity, in this case, the Comox SPCA.

Even though the crowds were predictably smaller, most of the vendors were very happy with their sales. The OAP's Saturday bake sale was sold out by early afternoon, while several other vendors sold out of certain items on the first day, and had to make more at home Saturday evening to restock their tables for Sunday!

Of course an event like this does not just happen without some amazing help behind the scenes. The organizing committee (Debby, Jackie, and Erna) sends huge thank-yous to the set-up and take-down crews and the door greeters and vaccine card checkers. A special thank you to those who baked such delicious goodies for our volunteer and vendor lounge in the studio room upstairs. The lounge was a hit and our bakers might be getting a few requests for recipes! And last but not least, we greatly appreciate the wealth of information that Joan Johnson and Barry Sterling provided to the organizing committee (and thank you to Barry for bringing and setting up the white reindeer!).

~ Debby, Jackie,
and Erna



able at the SPID office, 7729 Vivian Way, 250-335-0551. Office hours are Tues-Fri, 1-5pm. Further information on dog licensing is available at

CHRISTMAS MATINEE



Sunday, 19 December 2:00 p.m.



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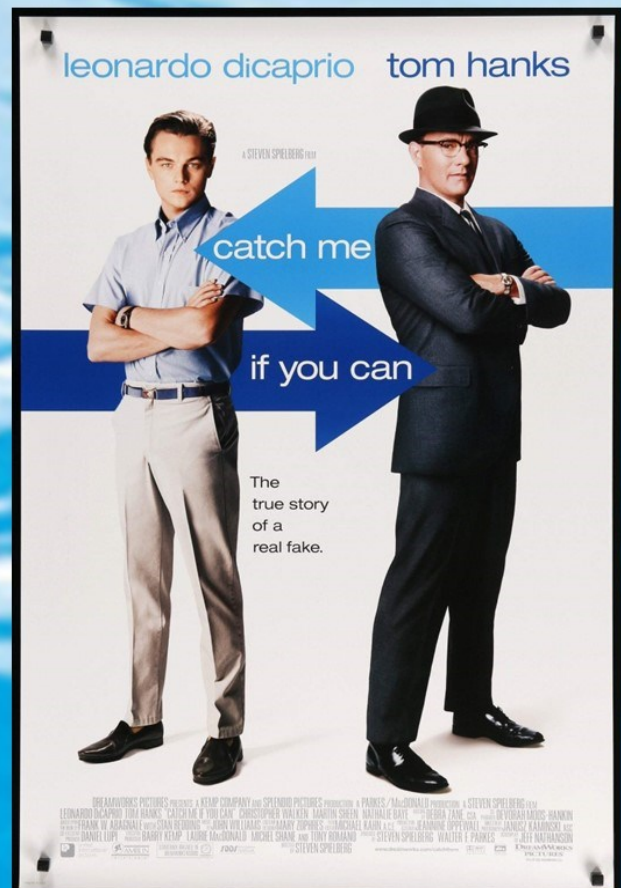
Black Cat



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Saturday, 4 December
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Saturday, 18 December
7:30 pm

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OUR CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

which was a part of the Fanny Bay Christmas Market, was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who stopped by to say hello and buy our baking. It was lovely to see you and our thanks again for supporting us. To our wonderful volunteers who baked, helped with set up, packaged and priced all items and worked at our table selling a big thank you. Without you we couldn't have done it!!

Another huge thank you goes out to Roxanne of the Fanny Bay Inn for her generous contribution to our club from the Tweekie draw. This money goes toward the upkeep of our hall and helping seniors in our area.

Santa's Elves are at it again and will be providing a take out turkey dinner with all the trimmings on December 14th. All members will be called re: number of dinners required per household prior to the date.

Happy December Birthday to: Lynne Williams, George Boothby.

Happy January Birthday to: Carla Hope, Bruce Mills, Dave Mansbridge, Leona Keim, Betty Haddon, Sharon Satterfield and a very special Happy Birthday to Barry Bowen. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

by Linda Tournemille

DEAR FANNY BAY COMMUNITY

Thank-you so very much for your kind and giving spirit during our Annual Flu Clinic. Due to your generosity, we were able to raise **\$2122.10**. These much-needed donations will go toward the repair of the kitchen.

The Fanny Bay Hall is the heart of our community. We play, learn, exercise, meet, socialize, are entertained and remain healthy at our beloved community gathering place. Our old hall is 90 years old and like us she is starting to show the wear and tear of her many years. Thank-you for infusing new life into her. Our hope is to slowly but surely revamp her to 'the glory days' by repairing floors, updating electrical, etc. We have an obligation to future generations to treat "her" well so she will continue to bring us together as a community. "She" is our legacy.

Your donations and support has been astounding. We know, by your support, that our community hall continues to be as well loved as it has been for the past near century. With our continued help, our hall will flourish and serve the next generation of Fanny Bay's and many more to come.



Many thanks from your Fanny Bay 2021 Flu Committee!

Diana, Elaine, Kilby and Cher



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S HIPS POINT LAUNCH The Sleigh Ride

For days, Stanley had been hearing the Jingle Bell song and it was stuck in his head. Jingle Bells, jingle bells, jingle bells, and something about a one-horse open sleigh. He was sitting in the covered bus stop at the bottom of Tozer, reading a comic book by the light of his head lamp. That was the only sane part of this story.



A heavy rain had washed Ships Point Road and left a slick of water. It had frozen hard, and the invisible black ice made driving treacherous. A red truck was driving slowly and carefully along the frozen road. Stanley could barely hear the jingle bell song and his ears perked up. Randy had his driver window rolled down and was singing. Stanley was sure this was the one-horse open sleigh and grabbed a piece of cardboard from the shelter and hustled to the edge of the road.

The truck was barely passing him. From his backpack Stanley pulled out a grappling hook and rope and threw it at the back bumper of the red truck. A ringer! Randy had the radio on full blast and was matching the volume. He didn't hear the hooks' clang. Stanley was thrilled, sat down on the cardboard, grabbed the rope, and leaned back for the ride.

The one-horse open sleigh wobbled up the hill, spun out at the top and then shuddered down the other side. It steadied momentarily and then swerved into the curve. In a very short time, the cardboard was shredded. It shot out from under Stanley and left him riding on his puppy tenders! Up until that point he had been singing a Jingle Bells duet with Randy, but that quickly changed to OwOwOw! Randy heard the noise, checked his side mirror, and came to a sudden stop. Seeing nothing there, he shrugged and gave the truck a little juice. That resulted in the well-known Ships Point whiplash move. Stanley was flung sideways across the icy road and propelled into a yard.

In that very yard, someone had gone to great expense to create a light show. It was complete with a family of blow-up forest animals and twinkling stars. Stanley slammed into the display, took out a string of lights and dragged them into the hedge with him.

He staggered backwards into yet one more blow-up character and had an encounter of the inflatable kind. Santa! And Santa knew if Stanley had been good or bad! He listened to Stanley's story, rocked back in laughter, called it a misdemeanor, and let Stanley off with ticket for riding with undue care and attention.

The following morning, there was a notice in the FaceBook Fanny Bay Community Bulletin Board page:

'We had a camera on our Christmas light display last night. We saw your red truck. The library book we found says 'Stanley'. Knock on the door to recover your backpack. We have questions.'

It's Christmas!

May the season find you blessed with all the family and treasures you hold dear. May you be merry and laugh often, roll down your window and sing loud!



by Dianne Volrich

THE BAYNES SOUND LIONS
once again broke a record on our Annual Wheelbarrow Push/Walkathon.

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LIVING WILD Kelp - Another Amazing Non-Plant

Having been raised with the salty breeze of the Pacific in most memories I have, I'm sure that by now the Pacific air is so much a part of me that it is essential to my survival. One of my fondest memories as a child was discovering the diverse life forms in the tidal pools in East Sooke Park. Little did I know, one of the most important life forms on the Vancouver Island coast that was laying all over the beaches is so complex that scientists have only begun to understand it. Kelp is one of the essential parts of the Pacific ecosystem for so many reasons.

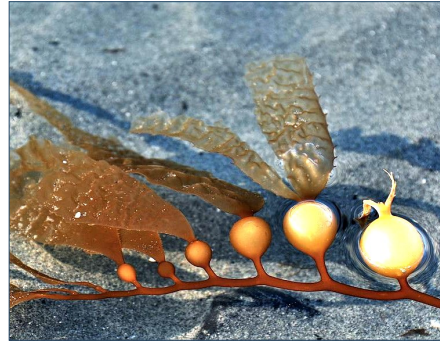
We all know the slimy brown piles washed ashore especially following a good storm. You may have seen the brown balls on the ends; these are called fronds and are actually filled with gas to keep them afloat. The brown pigment of kelp is a powerful antioxidant and it's slime is called fucoidan, which is thought to prevent diabetes, stroke, hypertension and other diseases associated with aging. The element of Iodine was first discovered in kelp, and the concentration is over 20,000 times the levels as in seawater.

Kelp is not a plant, but considered a heterokont, because it is not made up of more than one uniquely differentiated tissue, and it does not have roots. They are large brown algae seaweed with over 30 different genera in the Laminariales order. Kelp grows in biodiverse underwater "forests" often called kelp forests, in shallow ocean water and is suspected to have been on the planet for somewhere between 5 and 23 million years. Some species make up the underwater forest floor, and other taller kelp creates the forest 'canopy' growing up to 50 meters tall, like giant and bull kelp.

The many varieties of kelp, growing in harmony to create these diverse underwater forests, provide incredible habitat and food for many different life forms including fish invertebrate and marine mammals including starfish, cormorants, blue heron, whales and shore birds. Kelp also serves as a host for herring to lay their eggs and keep them safe from predators. Like trees in a forest, these kelp forests provide food and shelter. They are also vulnerable to storms and drastic weather events like land forests, as the water currents will break the kelp and wash it up onto shore leaving the underwater forests to regrow and repair themselves in the spring.

Part of the balance of nature is demonstrated within these kelp forests. Sea urchins eat a lot of kelp, and sea otters enjoy eating the sea urchins. If sea otter populations decline, the urchins get out of balance and soon entire kelp forests are decimated. During the fur trade, sea otter populations were at terribly low numbers, and sea urchin numbers increased which had a domino effect by depleting kelp populations, and the sea life that relied on kelp. Eventually sea otters were added to the Species at Risk list, and their protection exponentially multiplied their numbers, the sea urchins declined and new kelp forests started to thrive.

Even more amazing is the potential kelp has to assist with the mitigation of carbon and preventing of further damage to our atmosphere. According to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, "while forests get a lot of attention when it comes to capturing carbon, coastal ecosystems have an incredible capacity to mitigate the effects of climate change. They're also not susceptible to wildfires like



land-based forests, given their underwater habitat. In fact, coastal ecosystems "can sequester up to 20 times more carbon per acre than land forests," as stated by scientists at Harvard University".

In ideal conditions, large varieties of kelp can grow up to 18 inches per day, up to 150 feet underwater and through photosynthesis they are capable of sequestering up to 200 million tons of carbon dioxide per year.

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for a fish bearing stream is give it a tree. Or a bush or shrub. That is because those streams often remove the vegetation that grows on their banks by flooding or changing courses and knock it all down, or they dry in summer and stop watering the roots that depend on them. Then of course the fish are affected by the lack of shade, of cover from the leaves that hide them from airborne harm, and the loss of nutrients created or attracted by that vegetation. So, since nothing says loving like something from the nursery—true in many areas of life—we at Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society have long run a tree nursery to keep the gifts coming to our cherished creeks. One of the FBSES volunteers who specializes in this area is John Phillips of Qualicum Beach, who comes to Fanny Bay to continue using his pre-retirement skills as a professional forester in the service of our creeks. We grow a variety of trees at FBSES. Most start as silviculture ‘plugs,’ the product used to replant clear-cuts, left over at the end of season, and donated. ‘Potted up’ as we do in one-gallon pots in good growing soil and watered and weeded, they then go to good homes alongside the streams and enhancement projects of Vancouver Island under the auspices of groups like us and other equally motivated types.



Potted firs from the FBSES nursery are planted by John Phillips on a riverbank site.

A good place to start good works is close to home and that's where John is working now. FBSES is built alongside Rosewall Creek, which is a typical Island creek in its wandering ways. A few years ago, Rosewall tried to eat a handy piece of road everyone was still using and had to be redirected back to its preferred (by us) course. This sort of thing takes time, large equipment and money and leaves a lot of room for new planting, but the stream also does its own. Walk along Rosewall with John and he will point out where the creek has carried broken parts of shrubs and trees downstream and forced them into its banks, where some have rooted and grown part of natural healing. These successful accidents become new cover and shade for our fish. Today stream revegetation groups like FBSES go out with group leaders like John and cut and trim branches of red osier dogwood and willows just above and below buds, make a small hole in the bank with a stick and put it in with a final pat or footstep. The top bud becomes the leaves, the underground one the roots, and the stream its water source. Similarly, our nursery trees are chosen to match what is growing alongside the stream and will naturally regrow, but slower than we'd like. So, we bring our pots to streamside and sturdy new growth with years of head start is added. Fast growing hemlocks, deer-resistant Sitka spruce with its short sharp needles, less tasty yellow cedar for the same reason, sturdy grand and Douglas-firs are planted to establish themselves as the new environment. Enhancement volunteer work doesn't just mean fish, and we have places for everyone in it. We also have places for as any of those one-gallon pots you have to donate. This is a good place for us to thank *Brian Boyes of Light-house Feed and Garden in Bowser* for his most recent donation to us of 278 pots.

Every year about now, a lot of us get together for a fun time and a lot of work. This occasion is called ‘clipping’ and it's when our hatchery Coho stock loses its adipose fin to a tiny pair of scissors. The fish is anesthetized to be (almost) calm in our hands, and then revives in a raceway, ready to grow larger and become a ‘keeper’ when it meets a fisherman after it is sent out to the Pacific.

Here is a note our president sent all of us this year that sums up the event as we lived it:



The clipping table production line in action at FBSES

Many, many thanks from everyone at Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society for your help in our hour of need. A total of 56,910 Coho smolts were adipose clipped. You made our lives so much easier (and the smolts felt lighter) after the few weeks that you spent standing for three hours at a time (with a long coffee break). Great to meet everyone and catch up on what is happening in our lives since Covid-19.

Perfect chance here to tell you that we WILL be having our usual festival “the River Never Sleeps” on Sunday, May 1st, 2022

Thanks to Paul and Heather Kent, Bruce Shearer, John Whitman, Barry Seeley, Lesley Jones, Jens Johansen, Quinn Ackinclose, McKenzie Smith, Phil Plotnikoff, Dave Sands, Noel Hornby, Ton Plynaar, Chris Depka, Bob Kissinger, John Todd, Larry McDonald, Bruce Pozner, Finn Keim, Janet Haigh, Doug Barnes, Rosemary Sparham, Dean Robinson, Skyeanne Jenkins.

I hope I didn't miss anyone and like Christmas, I checked the list twice but few phone calls in between can change anything.

Thanks again. Very much appreciated!!!

Judy Ackinclose



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Once the carbon is secured in the kelp, it is either harvested for use, or it will sink to the ocean floor and be stored in ocean sediments. Scientists around the world are recommending industrial sized kelp farms in recognition of the speed and effectiveness of kelp in capturing carbon. This would enable carbon to become trapped in the ocean floor and buried for thousands of years, greatly reducing climate change and drastically affecting the current carbon release into our atmosphere.

Kelp was always one of those strange things I stepped over at the beach and never really thought much about. Sometimes you would see children trying to have sword fights or chasing each other with large strands of oozing brown seaweed. When we take the time to look at the benefits of one part of nature we can really see how much each piece of the puzzle is so integral to the functioning of the various ecosystems. Everything has a purpose and it is so incredible to think that life that has been here for millions of years may possibly be able to help us in our most desperate environmental times.

Nature never ceases to amaze me.

by Angela Hicke – Van Isle Wild



*Merry Christmas
and Happy Holidays
from Our House to Yours*



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