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## WELCOME TO THE MONTH OF MAY

"May" is named for the Roman goddess Maia who oversaw the growth of plants. Yes, Spring is finally here!

*"In the years between operating as first the Waterloo Chalet, Pacific Village and then the Peppermill, the establishment on the straight-away into Fanny Bay – just beyond the serpentine curve and the rail tracks - has changed hands more frequently than money at an all-night poker game."*

### Chapter 21 Shingles & Shells: A History of Fanny Bay.

With Spring arriving, it means just like everyone else, the FBCA Board is busy, busy, busy. We have a "Celebrate Your Community" event scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> – see related article in the Flyer and, we are holding our AGM April 28<sup>th</sup> in person and INSIDE the community hall for the first time in two years! The Beaufort Watershed Stewards are making a presentation on Earth Day at the Hall on April 21<sup>st</sup> @7:00pm Join this information session presenting findings from the Hydrological Health Report Card on four watersheds in our area. We are excited to see the return of the Baynes Sound Garden Club Plant Sale coming May 7<sup>th</sup>.

On the concert front we have Sweet Alibi coming Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and, returning to the Hall are the Red Dirt Skinkers May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Tickets may be purchased online at [fannybayhall.ticketit.ca](http://fannybayhall.ticketit.ca) or at one of our community partners, Weinberg's Good Food, Laughing Oyster Books or Salish Sea Market. Big thanks to Bill and Elaine French for organizing our concert series – they never gave up hope over the last two years that one day we would have concerts again – and ta da, we finally are!

Speaking of the last two years, COVID-19 has not gone away and, as we learn to cope with all the variants, we will continue to adapt as things change. Our Re-Start Committee is taking a pause for now. Our work of writing protocols, updating Safety Plans, reading health orders etc. is done for now and, as the writer of this month's Board Buzz and Committee Chair of the Re-Start Committee, I would like to express my appreciation to supporting all of us in a very challenging time. Committee members include: Anne Trussler, Elaine French, Eleanor Hope, Nancy Sim, Judy Starr, Joan Johnsen and later recruited for her exceptional policy writing skills Erna Smith. I think it goes without saying that none of us ever envisioned this committee being together this long or doing all the Committee members for their determination, dedication,

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## Board Buzz

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a FBCA board resolution duly passed at a Board meeting on March 24, 2022, to be presented to the membership for approval at the 2022 annual general meeting to be held Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the Fanny Bay Community Hall.

**Rationale:** FBCA Bylaw 5.1.2 currently states "Nominations for new Directors must be received in writing by the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations will NOT be accepted from the floor."

Nomination procedures require that Director candidates provide a Criminal Record Check to the Nominating Committee, and the process for obtaining one can easily take more than 14 days. For this reason, the Board agrees and recommends that the deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest be increased to 21 days.

Since the Constitution and Bylaws are the official governing documents of the FBCA, amendments to them must be approved via special resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION: AMENDMENT OF BYLAW 5.1.2

WHEREAS the FBCA Board recommends that the resolution below be passed as a special resolution at the 2022 Annual General Meeting,

**BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION that By-law 5.1.2. be amended by replacing "not less than 14 days" with "not less than 21 days".**



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## 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5:30 pm Thursday 28 April 2022

Fanny Bay Community Hall

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All members 16+ eligible to vote

Registration begins 5 pm

*Memberships available for purchase*

Meeting begins 5:30 pm

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



Our Constitution, Bylaws, and Expressions of Interest (EOI) for becoming an FBCA Director are posted on our website.

Deadline for submitting an EOI: 14 April 2022

### Special Resolution for consideration of members:

*That By-law 5.1.2 be amended by replacing "not less than 14 days" with "not less than 21 days".*

Rationale for the amendment is available on our website & is posted in this Flyer. Please take time to review it prior to the AGM.

WEB: [fannybaycommunity.com](http://fannybaycommunity.com) FaceBook: Fanny Bay Hall

## LIVE MUSIC AT FANNY BAY HALL

An enthusiastic crowd turned out for our second March concert, "Christine Tassan et les Imposteures" and was treated to excellent, well-crafted music. There was some initial excitement as the group was travelling from Seattle and due to delays at the border, missed their ferry by three cars, (we've all been there). Our patient audience awaited their arrival. Our sound team responded with an expeditious quality sound check and kept the show on time. We all learned something watching the set-up. Thanks Ron, Mike, and Dave!

Our next presentation is **Sweet Alibi from Manitoba on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**. Sweet Alibi toured heavily across Canada prior to the pandemic and built-up a following in Germany and the Netherlands for their first three albums. All that came to a halt in March 2020 and at first, Nielsen, Ayre and Anderson could not even make their weekly get-togethers to discuss music and plans.

"It's been so weird-the past two years have been shows booked, cancelled, or moved to later dates. It's crazy," Anderson says. "It's been hard. When everything shut down, we shut down. But we're back at it now."

This Western Canadian Music Award winning combo have captivated audiences with their charming and personal performances. This group blends soulful, powerful vocal harmonies with the sincerity of folk and the foot stomping energy of roots. We hope to see you at this show.

## FAT OYSTER RETURNS TO THE HALL

with an Evening of Poetry.

Poetry is meant to be read out loud face-to-face, and the Fat Oyster Reading Series is thrilled to be hosting a live poetry reading at the hall on **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Three accomplished poets who've read for us in the before time will be returning with their new books. Each of these women bring their own distinct voices and concerns to their subject matter.

**Doors open at 6:30, and the event starts at 7:00.**

**By donation.**

**Kelly Madden**, a beloved Comox Valley poet has read as a Fat Oyster featured reader and at our open mic. Her work has appeared in *CV2*, *Reckoning*, *Island Writer's Magazine*, anthologies and publications supported by the League of Canadian Poets. Her first collection of poetry, *If I'd Known* was published in 2021. Of it, John Donlan says "Kelly Madden's poems are survivors. Out of heartbreak and loss, and the struggle with despair, they bring us the small moments, vividly portrayed, that make life worth living."

**Arleen Paré**, one of Fat Oyster's first readers read to us from her Governor General award-winning collection, *Lake of Two Mountains* in 2014. She returned in 2017 with *The Girls with Stone Faces*. Altogether she's published seven collections of poetry, and her work has won several awards.

On May 15th, Alaine and I are happy to welcome back the **Red Dirt Skinners**. Their previous concert was one of the best received at our hall. A few years ago, when Rob and Sarah immigrated from England it was a big gain for Canadian music. The first act in history to achieve accolades at both British Blues and British Country Awards, the duo's unique sound also won the folk/roots album of the year and Alternative Album of the year in polls across the UK and North America. Described by Roots Music Canada as "The Pink Floyd of Folk Music" the Red Dirt Skinners blend exceptional almost telepathic, harmonies with world class musicianship. Our audience has been anticipating their return for some time now. Harmonies blended with the unique instrumentation of soprano sax and acoustic guitar, Rob and Sarah Skinner have a natural rapport with their audiences, making their show a musical journey to remember. You will not want to miss them.

### SAVE THIS DATE FOR FUTURE CONCERT

*Friday June 3rd, 7pm* **John McLachlan Trio with Marc Atkinson & Scott White : Early Morning Rain, the songs of Gordon Lightfoot**, "a wander through the wonderfully crafted songs of one of Canada's greatest songwriters".

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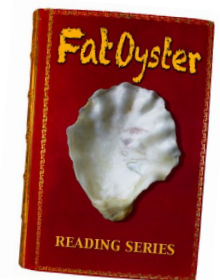
by *Bill and Alaine French*

Her 2022 collection, *Time Out of Time*, is a tribute to the Lebanese poet and visual artist Etel Adnan. Maureen Hynes says "Paré takes us to a corner where she faces the small and huge scales of death on our planet, and celebrates the ingenuity of women's 'impossible lives, the way we continue to thrive.'

**Rhona McAdam** is a poet, food writer and holistic nutritionist. Her poems have appeared in literary journals and anthologies in Canada, the US, Ireland, and the UK since the 1980s. Her ten poetry collections include the award-winning *Hour of the Pearl*. As a Fat Oyster featured author in 2014, she read from her non-fiction book *Digging the City*, an urban agriculture manifesto.

Of Rhona's 2022 collection of poetry *Larder*, Lorri Nielsen Glenn says, "McAdam's perceptive poems dig in the earth to celebrate its creatures and its harvest, offering vibrant and memorable takes on the marvels around us."

See poster on page 14 for further information.



by *Judy LeBlanc*



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**Sunday**  
**May 15, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

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Permits are required for yard waste burning AND for campfires in non commercial or homemade fire pits. To obtain a burning permit, download and complete a form and take it to a member of the SPID Fire Department for approval and signature. Forms and more information on outdoor burning and the Venting Index are available on the SPID website at [spid.ca](http://spid.ca). Please note that beach fires are NOT allowed anywhere or at anytime on Ships Point and that no Burning Permits will be issued when the Fire Danger Rating is High or where there is a total burning ban.

**CHIPPING EVENT:** A reminder that the Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association Spring chipping event is scheduled for the weekend of May 14-15. Registration is not required. Branches can be left out at the roadside to be chipped according to the following guidelines: - Clean brush only, branches 1/2 inch to 4 inches in diameter, no smaller or larger, foliage does not need to be removed - NO BLACKBERRIES, NO RAKED MATERIAL (to avoid stones injuring crews or damaging machinery) - Stack material parallel to the street, butt ends facing the same direction. Wood chips will be hauled away or, if you wish to keep your chips, contact the SPID office in person or at [shipspt1@shaw.ca](mailto:shipspt1@shaw.ca). We need community volunteers to help make this event a success and ease the workload on our volunteer firefighters. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. If you would like to help, thank you in advance! Please leave your name at the SPID office as volunteers must be registered for insurance reasons. Please note that residents CANNOT help at the roadside unless signed in as a volunteer before the event. Donations are appreciated and can be made at any time leading up to the event. This year, ETransfer is available as an alternate method of payment to [spvfirefightersassociation@gmail.com](mailto:spvfirefightersassociation@gmail.com). All money received by the Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association is used to replace outdated equipment, provide training for fire fighters and first responders, and for emergency preparedness. Thank you for donating generously and for contributing towards reducing potential fire load and nuisance smoke in our community!

**WATER MAIN FLUSHING:** From May 12-14 you may notice our Water Operator flushing the main water lines and fire hydrants. Water main flushing is performed regularly to ensure continued safe, clean drinking water. The line flushing may cause some cloudiness in the water. With this in mind, you may consider doing laundry at another time. If cloudiness occurs, please run an outside tap until it clears and, if possible, avoid running your washing machine. **POSSIBLE LEAK:** SPID would like to ask that you keep your eyes open for any unusual water accumulation on your property and around your service box. Your service box has a black (or green) rectangular cover and is typically located at the roadside edge of your property. Since January, SPID has been investigating changes in our minimum daily water flow rates. The minimum flow rate is measured in litres per minute, during early morning hours, and has shown a small but steady increase since the cold snap we experienced in December. This data could indicate a leak caused by a pipe cracking during freezing temperatures, or

## SPID REPORT



(SPID Burn Permits cont'd on pg 12)





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**Sunday, April 24th 1 — 3 pm**



## SPRING IS HERE! AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON.

For the Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS), spring means more than sunshine and robins. It also means time to train! A formal, documented training program for our stream samplers is critical. It assures those who might use our data that standardized protocols were followed in its collection.

On a cool but pleasant March morning, the three newest members of BWS gathered around a dining room table for some classroom instruction. We covered basic concepts: what we measure and why, principles of measurement, common pitfalls, etc. We covered the care and handling of our specialized gear. We demonstrated our calibration procedures, a key component of high-grade data. We discussed the actual sampling protocols, another key component of reliable data. Then we all headed to Waterloo Creek for some hands-on practice.

Later that day, core members of our flow monitoring team took part in a quite different kind of training – an informal course in swift water safety. Measuring the water flow in Mud Bay Creek or Waterloo Creek is never a problem. They are both gentle little rills. Yes, Cook Creek can be more robust, but where we sample, the bottom is flat and free of large boulders. It never feels treacherous. Wilfred Creek and Cowie Creek, on the other hand, have irregular streambeds with slippery boulders and deep holes. And the water level in these larger creeks can be waist-high, or higher. One of our newer BWS members has extensive experience in white water kayaking. He agreed to help us develop safer methods for when we measure flow in these larger, faster streams.

The biggest change to how we work? No more waders. Waders are the norm for the hydrologist crowd. Sometimes we wear them, sometimes we do not. But if you fall in a stream, your waders can quickly fill up with water. This

makes it harder to get up and harder to maneuver to shore. For the training, we ditched the waders and struggled into wet suits. It felt like overkill; the water was barely over our knees. But we played along. We started by doing some float drills. The idea is that if you fall, rather than thrashing desperately to get your footing, you should simply go with the flow. You are warm in your wet suit, and you can



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## OUR FIRST GET TOGETHER

after so long apart was a wonderful success.

The spaghetti dinner followed by a few rousing games of bingo were just the ticket for a fun evening of reuniting with friends and neighbours.

This will be followed by our annual picnic to be held Tuesday, July 26th at 4:00 PM. The theme is Angels and Demons so get your halos or pitchforks ready and join us for an afternoon of fun and games. All members will be called prior to the picnic re: attendance.

The proposed date for our Garage Sale is **August 27th** - to be confirmed. We are now collecting items for sale such as small household items, tools, decor items, small working appliances, garden equipment. All donations are gratefully accepted.

At this time we cannot accept clothes, bedding items, TVs, sofas, refrigerators, stoves or computers.

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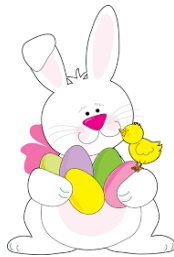
### WHO AM I??

Like me, my father was a musician.  
I dropped out of school when I was eleven.

I sang frequently with Teddy Wilson.  
I am nicknamed Lady Day.  
I sang Good Morning Heartache.

Happy April Birthday to:

Ron Vermeulan,  
Jean Challand,  
Ernie Anderson,  
Deb Gibos,  
Sylvia Radford,  
Louise Bradshaw,  
Margaret Anderson.



HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!

*by Linda Tournemille*

## LIVING WILD – A MOTHER’S FAVOURITE DOLPHIN

We are so fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful places on Earth and so lucky to be able to experience all the diverse animals and birds that this coast has to offer. Nature gives us quite a show, especially in the early mornings and evenings with a wide variety of life, including everything from beautiful eagles to vultures to hummingbirds decorating the skies, to deer prancing through our yards and black bear sauntering down the road, to beaver swimming in the ponds and sealions barking about their delicious catch. One of the most magical and awe-inspiring creatures that we often hear about but so very rarely see is the great Killer Whale.

Although very illusive, Fanny Bay residents often get a show as Killer Whales swim through Baynes Sound and the Strait of Georgia fishing and playing. Quite often they can be seen from Union Bay, Ships Point, Deep Bay, and Bowser, usually swimming in small groups, and foraging up and down the coast.

Killer Whales, as they are called, are not whales at all! They are the largest species of dolphin, with males weighing up to 10,000kg and measuring out at 10 meters long! Although they are called “Killer” Whales and they eat other animals such as fish, squid, seals, sea lions and sharks, an attack on a human has never been recorded in history.

These large mammals do have quite an appetite though, and they can consume up to 227kg in one day and they live for 60 years or more. That works out to just under 5 million kilograms of food in an average Killer Whales’ lifetime. A Boeing 747 weighs about 200,000kg, so imagine a Killer Whale eating the equivalent of 25 Boeing 747 Airplanes worth of food in its lifetime!

These magnificent creatures are also known as Orcas, and when they swim together, they make a variety of noises including chirps, whistles, chatters, and clicks. They can make the clicking noise with their mouths extremely fast and it has been documented at a rate up to 5000 clicks per second.

The tones and whistles that Orcas make range between 0.1 kHz and 40 kHz. 20 kHz and higher is considered ultrasonic, meaning vibrations of sound at frequencies greater than the highest audible range for humans. For reference, the human ear hears between 20 and 20,000 Hz which is 20 kHz. During a conversation, the frequency of a typical adult male ranges from 80 to 180 Hz and that of a typical adult woman from 165 to 255 Hz.

Orcas are widely dispersed around the world, living in every ocean. They are the third most widespread animal in the world next to only humans and the brown rat. There are several different varieties of Orca based on location and genetics, but the most common types are Transient Orcas and the Resident Orcas. You can tell the difference very easily as the Transient Orcas have straight and pointed dorsal fins while Resident Orcas have rounded tips on their dorsal fins. In Fanny Bay and along our inner coast from mid Vancouver Island to Alaska, you will most likely see the Resident Orcas as Transient Orcas are in the deeper waters.

And just in time for a Happy Mother’s Day fact: young Orcas tend to stay with their mothers for their entire lives. They do not leave their side and travel together in a pod. For male orcas over the age of 30, after the loss of their mother, their likelihood of death multiplies by eight. The mothers help sons with foraging and offer protection in the event of encounters with other males. Because of this close bond, the mother’s genes are protected as she helps her young to survive.

Now you know all about these amazing creatures, so next time that you hear about a Killer Whale pod travelling through our area, you will know that they are with their family of large dolphins, eating LOTS of fresh fish and seals and communicating with all kinds of sounds that we are incapable of hearing! Nature is so awesome!

*By Angela Hicke - Van Isle Wild*



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## ARE YOU FEELING LIKE A GRUMPY OLD BEAR,

coming out of hibernation? Or feeling at sea as the new "kid" on the block? Well, the Celebrate Your Community event at the Fanny Bay Community Hall, from 1 to 3 pm on April 24th, is just what you need to rekindle interests, spark new ones, and meet or reconnect with your neighbours!

Fanny Bay is a great community to live in and this event, hosted by the Fanny Bay Community Association, will acquaint you, or reacquaint you as the case may be, with the many reasons why! There is something for everyone in our community - aerobics, parents and tots program, yoga,

garden club, seniors group, pickleball, movie nights, markets, first rate concerts and more. Maybe your interests lie with environmental concerns; groups such as the Beaufort Watershed Stewards are always looking for volunteers. Or perhaps you'd like to join a service club such as the Lions or volunteer with one of the two fire departments in the area. Well, they'll all be represented at the hall on April 24, waiting to answer your questions!

If that's not enough to get you off your couch and out the door, the FBCA will be kicking off an exciting new raffle at this event and there will be door prizes! FBCA memberships will also be available.

Don't miss this great opportunity to mingle with old and new neighbours as you discover the many programs and groups in the area.

Mark April 24th on your calendar NOW!

### (SPID BURN PERMITS

*Cont'd from page 6)*

simply an increase in water consumption during the night. So far, no problems have been detected within the SPID main distribution system, but an issue could potentially exist on your property. If you find anything unusual around your service box, please contact our office at [shipspt1@shaw.com](mailto:shipspt1@shaw.com) or our water operator at (250) 335-0551. Please note that a leak on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance!

Billie



Holliday



# LOGGING IN YOUR WATERSHEDS: A Health Report Card

Information session on:

**BEAUFORT WATERSHED STEWARDS'  
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**Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Fanny Bay Community Hall, 7793 Island Highway  
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Cowie watersheds?

What can we all do to  
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watershed development?

## SPEAKERS

Opening Address:

**Mike Mesford**  
Technical Director  
Beaufort Watershed Stewards

Keynote:

**Dave Weaver**  
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(BWS - cont'd from pg 8)

just lie on your back and gaze at the canopy above. The current will take you to the next shallow spot where you can roll over and stand up. And while a fall in waders can be a disaster, a fall in a wet suit is no big deal. In fact, one begins to feel a bit like an ungainly otter, unworried about splashes and missteps and happy to be wet from head to toe. We spent some time in this new, freer mindset, going about the normal steps of a transect. By the end, we were all wet suit converts. And as we were packing up to leave, we realized there was another benefit to wetsuits. The gyrations and contortions required to actually get in and out of them is better than yoga for maintaining flexibility and balance!

## IT HAS BEEN COOL AND WET OF LATE

but nothing can suppress a gardener's enthusiasm for spring! We are so lucky in this part of Canada - we get to enjoy snowdrops, followed by daffodils, tulips, and other spring blooms, while the rest of the country is still shovelling snow!

The garden club held a meeting on April 7 at the Seniors (OAP) Hall, where we learned how to properly care for our garden tools. On May 5, we are looking forward to a presentation on the Greig Species Rhodo Garden at Milner Gardens, which should be very interesting! Our slate of speakers for the year is full and varied, with much to look forward to in the coming months.

Guests are welcome to attend a meeting to see what we're about, or you can stop by our table at the Celebrate Your Community event at the Fanny Bay Community Hall on April 24. Memberships in the club are available for \$20 single or \$30 family for a year. We now accept e-transfers to the email address at the end of this article, if you'd like to join us or renew your membership. Membership not only gives you access to our meetings with great discussion topics and presentations, but your membership card also gets you a discount at many nurseries and garden centres.

The next day was the end of our training trifecta. Ten of us attended an all-day first aid class taught by Alpine First Aid. We practiced CPR on the dummies and took turns pretending to be injured. We came away with certificates (Occupational First Aid, Level 1) and a better sense of how we might manage medical emergencies when we're on our sampling rounds. Now we can go back to our creeks feeling better prepared. We can have confidence in the accuracy of our work. We can approach a fast-flowing stream without trepidation. We can dig the first aid kit out of our gear box and have some idea what to do with it. And we can return to the joys of spring: warm sunshine and the joyful song of robins.

*by Mike Mesford*

## BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB

Club members are busy seeding trays with veggie starts and annuals, and dividing and potting up their perennials in preparation for the club's annual plant sale, which will take place at the Fanny Bay Community Hall on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. until noon. (See the poster in this issue.) This long running annual event is very popular and attracts gardeners from near and far. We are very excited to have Master Gardeners on site this year, to answer your gardening questions! Credit and debit cards will be accepted, as well as cash. If you can't make it to the sale, the "leftovers" will be sold roadside on Bates Drive for the week following the sale - watch for signs and keep an eye on the Fanny Bay Community Bulletin Board Facebook page for updates and daily deals. If you are a vendor of garden related products, we are offering tables at the sale for \$30 each. Email: [bsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bsgardenclub@gmail.com) for further information.



*by Jackie Dunham*

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## **S**HIPS POINT LAUNCH THE ARTIST

Somewhere down the beach, there was a racket, and it was coming from the oyster farm close to the old Rhododendron ferry. Curious, Stanley went to investigate.

A flotilla of sea lions was basking on the raft, and they were all barking about the same thing, punctuated with groans and regular eruptions of bubbles beside the raft. A little further down the beach, Stanley saw another small group, mostly submerged. They were obviously in some sort of distress and maybe even drowning! Five large fins jutted out of the water, but there was none of the barking or jostling. This was serious and they needed rescuing and quickly! He panicked and looked up and down the beach for someone and spotted a single figure, close to the water's edge, doing nothing.

Frantically, Stanley ran towards the man, oblivious of the barnacles on slippery stones and barking loudly, Help!! Help!! Lester looked up from the easel and realized he was the target of a wild and barking dog, intent on attacking him. He dropped the paint brush and ran.

Stanley was about to run after him but, at the easel, he came to a skittering halt and circled for a closer look. Lester had been painting seals on a log and the nearby group in the water with their fins up. Stanley clued in. If he had known this was just a rest stop and typical rafting, he would have gone on his way. This is just what they do, something like a snooze with a dog on the sofa, and no real cause for alarm.

But the paint brush lying on the beach gravel was of interest. Stanley gently picked it up with his teeth and put it back on the easel. The lightbulb went on and suddenly all this stuff made sense. At that moment Stanley realized that all his life he had wanted to be an artist, and here was the opportunity. He knew he would be right up there with the Group of Seven.

His previous experience with dragging anything like a brush was to yard on a rat's tail till he got it out of the hole, so he already had the rudiments of what it takes to be a great artist. Stanley stood on his hind legs and dragged the brush through the blue, and orange paint, and cautiously dabbed the brush on the paper.

Cool!

The original placid scene on the canvas became something that looked like sea lions waterskiing towards the ferry. Even to a mutt that didn't make sense, so Stanley dragged yellow paint over the picture and tried again. A blob of red looked something like a sunset and a couple of quick flicks of black looked like seagulls or maybe bats. Stanley was really into it and unaware of someone standing behind him. Lester's canvas, paints and favorite brush were destroyed now and there was no one else to blame.

Stanley looked cautiously behind him, drooped his tail, and waited for the lashing. Instead, Lester crossed his arms, studied the canvas, and gave his nod of approval.

The painting was truly a masterpiece, and the spinoffs were endless. T-shirts, mugs, screensavers, and cards.

So, folks, here it is, the first and only creation by Stanley. Kindly tolerated by the real artist, who still uses the brush.

*by Dianne Volrich*



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## LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO SOMETHING FUN

How about a day of education, immersion in ecology and environmentalism, serious discussion about survival and enhancement and volunteer efforts to make our world better, or lots of visiting with interesting people, burgers, BBQ oysters, live music, and French fries. How about both?

Our *The River Never Sleeps Festival* is the trick we pull off the first Sunday in May most years not ending in 20 or 21, and it's the one all of us at Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society will do this coming Sunday May 1st at our site on Ber-ray Road. We will open at 10 am and go to 3 pm and it will be great.

Starting with no charge to get in and lots of free stuff for kids after that, we think we are going to be irresistible. Just like when we were all teenagers, only smoother and better behaved. We collect everything we and dozens of other great groups like us do, into one place, on one day, and lay it all out for you to sample. To keep the smorgasbord analogy going, we also have family friendly food - burgers and dogs and fries, not to forget Mac's Oysters - at family friendly prices and the lineups aren't that long. Especially compared to what we've been through.

Smolt boxes. They are the plywood things sitting in Cook, Mud Bay and Chef creeks this year that get daily visits for two months while your FBSES neighbours count the variety of swimming life that gets held overnight. It is a slice of stream life in the spring with frogs and salamanders, fish as varied as sculpins, trout and Coho salmon fry, bugs small and largish some with handle-with-care' size claws - and occasionally, something like a weasel, mink, or otter. These creatures get enumerated for the sake of science, producing numbers and spreadsheets we pass on to department of Fisheries and Oceans researchers who assure us they appreciate it all and use it for everyone's benefit. These numbers fluctuate - big word way to say *vary* - from year to year but looking at them lets us say our streams are still home to lots of life, especially of salmon. At FBSES, we are in the center of an area of 21 streams. These are as small as Bob Creek, and as big as the Tsable River. All need cherishing and some need more attention than they get.



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by Dave Sands



# Black Cat



**Free Movie**  
at Fanny Bay Hall  
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**Saturday, 14 May**  
**7:30 pm**



Think our chairs are too hard? Feel free to bring your own comfy deck chair!

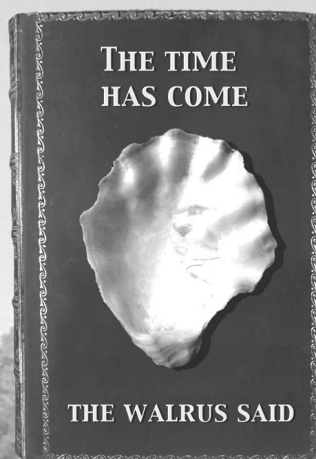
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## DANIEL ARBOUR, OUR AREA A DIRECTOR

volunteered his time recently to host some Spring Break Soccer Camps at the Fanny Bay Community Hall. At one point he had upwards of 16 children participating and everyone had a blast!

Not only did they do drills to enhance skill levels but they played some friendly games to keep the kids engaged and laughing. It was a fantastic fun filled 3 days for the children in Fanny Bay. Organized by a couple of the local parents and Daniel Arbour, they are looking forward to doing it again soon. A big thanks to Jaime Shepherd, Chrystal Evans-Andersson, Justin Arbour and Daniel Arbour for making this possible for our Fanny Bay Community



Larder



Rhona McAdam

Time Out of Time



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If I'd Known



Kelly Madden

## All Spankin' New Books!

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## WE'RE ROLLING OUT THE WELCOME WAGON AGAIN!

The Hall is once again open for concerts, poetry readings, hydrological information, plant sales, stream, river, and salmon appreciation.

Our Flyer, which has only been 16 pages for a few years has grown to 20 for the last two issues. There is so much to inform our community about. So much to celebrate.

The past two years could certainly add some interesting chapters to the History of Fanny Bay book, Shingles and Shells.

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flexibility and commitment and later recruited for her exceptional policy writing skills, Erna Smith. I think it is understood that none of us ever envisioned this committee being together this long or doing all the work we have throughout this pandemic. **Big thanks to all of them for keeping us all safe!**

While we all look forward to brighter and longer days, and perhaps some sense of normalcy, the FBCA still requires everyone's support. We have the main floor in the Hall that needs replacing; we must upgrade our heating and ventilation systems, there are plenty of expenses and work ahead of us.

**Most urgently, we need a volunteer for the Treasurer position.** The Treasurer plays a vital role in the success of the Association and its almost impossible to run the Board without this position being filled. If you are interested in volunteering for this or any Director position, speak to any Board member for further information.

Enjoy the sunshine and we will see you all at our

**AGM – Thursday April 28th @ 5:30 pm.**

*by Tammy Mercer-Gervais*

FBCA President [president@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:president@fannybaycommunity.com)

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Fridays & Saturdays Menu on the web site

Ladies Pie Sale - April 9<sup>th</sup> 11 am at the Legion

Plant Sale - **Mother's Day**, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

Ladies Spring Fling Sun. May 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:30 pm

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General Meeting May 26<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

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|             |               |      |    |
|-------------|---------------|------|----|
| Ladies Pool | Wednesday ... | 4.00 | pm |
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| Crib | Wednesday ... | 6.30 | pm |
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| Men's Pool | Thursday ..... | 6.00 | pm |
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The FBCA Board of Directors will promote a safe, respectful place for the community to gather.

**The purposes of the Association are:**

(a) To maintain and manage a community hall, grounds, and outdoor amenities, for use by the residents of Fanny Bay and surrounding areas.

(b) To provide and support programs, events, activities, and communications to benefit the community as a whole.

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| Caregiver Support Group - OAP Hall     | Wednesday .....                | 10 am first week                  |
| FBCA Board Meeting - Fanny Bay Hall    | Thursday ...starting Feb 24/22 | 7 pm fourth week                  |
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| FBWW - Fire Hall, Cougar Smith Rd      | Meetings as required .....     | fannybaywaterworks@gmail.com      |
| OAP General Meeting                    | Tuesday .....                  | 2 pm second week                  |
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| Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall            | Saturday .....                 | 10 am - 12 pm                     |
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| Ships Point Improvement Dist.          | Wednesday.....                 | time varies, second week of month |

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|   |                                 |                                |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Harvesting in Watersheds, BWS   | Thursday April 21st, 7- 9pm     | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |
| Celebrate Your Community  | Sunday April 24th, 1 - 3 pm     | Fanny Bay Community Hall -Free |
| Fanny Bay Comm Assoc 2022 AGM   | Thursday April 28th, 5:30 pm    | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |
| Sweet Alibi - Concert Series  | Saturday April 30th, 7pm        | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |
| River Never Sleeps FBSES  | Sunday May 1st, 10 -3pm         | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |
| Baynes Sound Garden Club Plant Sale   | Saturday May 7th, morning start | Hatchery, 8425 Berray Rd.      |
| Fat Oyster Reading Series   | Thursday May 12th, 7 pm         | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |
| Black Cat Movies - The Defiant Ones   | Saturday, May 14th, 7:30pm      | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |
| Red Dirt Skinkers - Concert Series  | Sunday May 15th, 7pm            | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |
| John McLachlan Trio <i>with</i> Concert<br>Marc Atkinson, Scott White <i>Series</i> | Friday June 3rd, 7pm            | Fanny Bay Community Hall       |