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Fanny Bay Christmas Market

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, Nov. 20, 10 am - 3 pm

Fanny Bay Community Hall, 7793 Island Highway South

Free Admission

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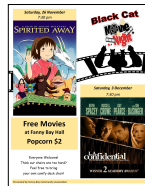
Concession by the Fanny Bay Seniors (OAP)

OAP Raffle and Bake Sale (Bake sale Saturday only)

Please note: Whatever Pubic Health Orders are in effect on Market Day will be followed.

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CHAPTER 22, SHINGLES & SHELLS:

A History of Fanny Bay.

"Fanny Bay district's first firefighters were organized in 1971 by

residents of Ships Point. While Len Morrey, Bill Armstrong and Roger LeBlanc lacked start-up funding, they had a wealth of Ingenuity and energy."

I cannot believe that 2022 is ending and soon we will start a New Year. It has been a roller coaster of a ride for all the FBCA volunteers that have worked tirelessly the last couple of years to keep the Hall open and offer activities and events. A special thanks to our dedicated Board members who have dug deep, kept a positive attitude and despite the many challenges, never gave up. We have resumed all activities at the hall and even added a few. We are still hoping to raise enough funds to put down a new floor, hopefully in 2023. Thank-you to the Fanny Bay community for your continued generous support!

In the last month, we had a concert that was well attended by approximately 70 people. Big thanks to Bill and Alaine French for working so hard to bring the concert series to us here in Fanny Bay. More thanks to all those that work behind the scenes to make the series such a success. From the sound team to the pie cutters, you are all so wonderful. Next concert 'Victoria Baroque' is scheduled for Saturday January 28, 2023 @ 2:00 pm.

Thank-you to Marcia Cronk-Teha for organizing a very successful Halloween event at the hall. Big thanks to the Fanny Bay Fire Department for a spectacular bonfire,

Thank you to Dianne Volrich and Roland Semjanovs for their interesting slide show and talk about Franklin & the Northwest Passage. All proceeds from the presentation went towards the Fanny Bay Community Hall Flooring project.

We are so fortunate to have Cher Kuss, who organized the Flu Clinic and collected donations for the Hall.

(BOARD BUZZ - cont'd on page 3)

Board Buzz

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As the year draws to a close, we still have the Christmas Market to look forward to, November 19 & 20th. That is also a good time to renew your FBCA 2023 membership. If you can't come to the market, you can re-new by sending an e-transfer to memberships@fannybaycommunity.com. \$20 for a family, \$10 for an individual membership.

I have mentioned in previous months and once again we are pleading for a volunteer for the Treasurer position for the FBCA Board. The Treasurer position is VITAL to keep the association functioning. If anyone in the community has an interest in finances and would like to contribute to our community, please contact any member of the Board.

Finally, I want to convey my warmest holiday wishes to each of you. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas,



a relaxing and joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2023.

FANNY BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET - THIS WEEKEND!

We're crossing our fingers and toes and so far it looks good for the Fanny Bay Christmas Market to return to its traditional form this year with no public health restrictions!

We'll be opening the doors on Saturday, November 19th, at 10 a.m. and running until 4 p.m. and then again on Sunday, the 20th, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

We are happy to welcome back the Seniors' (OAP) concession and raffle this year and, of course, what would the market be without the OAP bake sale? Plan to go early for the best selection. Remember the bake sale is on Saturday only!

With the concession once again taking up residence in the kitchen and dining room, the Fanny Bay Quilters will move their always lovely quilt display and sale back to the stage again this year. As for the rest of the hall, about thirty vendors selling a wide variety of goods and products are sure to get you off on the right foot when it comes to your Christmas lists. While you're at the market, stop by and say hello to volunteers from the Fanny Bay Community Association at the FBCA table. While you're there, you can also buy or renew an FBCA membership and buy a copy of "Shingles and Shells" (a history of Fanny Bay).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Fanny Bay's long-standing November tradition. Don't miss it! Be sure to come on out this weekend - **Saturday November 19th and Sunday November 20th!**



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These are some of the questions that are being answered in the latest version of Nature Without Borders, a document produced by the Comox Valley Conservation Partnership (CVCP), which is administered by the Comox Valley Land Trust. The last iteration of the plan was published in 2013.

"A lot has changed since 2013," says Executive Director of Comox Valley Land Trust, Tim Ennis. "For example, climate change is way more prominent now in the minds of policymakers—and in the mind of the average person. We realized that there was significant potential to update the document and the plan in a way that reflected these more modern priorities."

Learn how First Credit Union is supporting the Comox Valley Land Trust's Nature Without Borders project & other community initiatives at firstcu.ca/blog



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LIVING WILD

Shards of crisp white light filter through the blinds as I write. The full moon has risen, and it is making its presence known. I remember years of working in care homes and hospitals as a care aide when everyone was very aware of when the full moon was looming. It was always when the “crazy” things happened, patients were restless and every shift was just a little longer than usual, despite being the same length of time. Bizarre events always happened during a full moon, most of them unexplained – just ask anyone working in healthcare!

Myths of the full moon date back as far as civilization. There are countless urban legends on the crazy events that happen when the Moon is full, including a drastic increase in arson, crime, traffic accidents and emergency room visits. Even animal hospitals are said to be busier, and on the days surrounding a full moon it was discovered that canines are 28 per cent more inclined to have emergency veterinary care.

Folklore blames “lunacy” as many believed that madness and epilepsy were diseases directly caused from the moon. Psychiatric patients have been recorded worldwide as being much more active during the full moon. Others have even blamed the moon for an increase of medical conditions such as women going into labor, sleepwalking and epileptic seizures. Human instinct is to find patterns and explanation in strange phenomenon, and although there have been some strange occurrences noted in direct relation with the full moon, most research and science has resulted in no evidence of direct correlation.

One of the truly amazing and scientifically proven effects of the patterns of the moon and gravity are our ocean tides rising and retracting from high to low. Although the sun also affects the tides, it is not as significant. “When Earth, moon, and sun align – which occurs during new and full moons – the sun’s gravitational pull lines up with that of the moon, making these effects stronger,” according to Andrea Alfamo on TechTimes. This results in our extreme high and low tides, and king tides.

When the moon moves a complete 180 degrees from its New Moon position, the sun, Earth, and moon align and the moon’s surface is the closest it can be to being completely illuminated by the sun, which results in a Full Moon. Once every 29.5 days this moon cycle occurs, so on the rare occasion we get two full moons in one calendar month. A “Blue Moon” is the second full moon of the month, and they only happen about every 2.5 years, which is why we have the phrase “once in a blue moon.”

The full moon of each month has a name, which is based on the season, historical and First Nation’s observances of nature.

January is the Wolf Moon, named after the howling of hungry wolves voicing the midwinter scarcity of food.

February is the Snow Moon due to the month’s usual heavy snowfalls.

March is the Worm Moon, as it celebrates the emergence of earthworms.

April has traditionally been referred to as the Pink Moon, not because of its colour but in observance of one of the first North American blooms of an eastern wildflower named Creeping Phlox or Moss Phlox, also called “moss pink.”

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May is the Flower Moon, appropriately named after the abundance of flowers that grow and bloom in May.

June is the Strawberry Moon, a name derived from the Algonquin Native American tribe of Eastern Canada and the Northeastern US, in reference to the season for strawberry harvesting.

July is the Full Buck Moon as it is the time of year when buck deer push their new antlers out of their foreheads, coated in soft fur.

August was named by North American fishing tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the Sturgeon were in great supply at this time of year.

September is called the Harvest Moon, which is the Full Moon closest to the Fall Equinox. In one out of every three years, the Harvest Moon occurs in October, in which case the September Full Moon is called the Corn Moon, to celebrate the annual corn harvest.

October is the Full Hunter's Moon, named by First Nations for providing excellent light for hunting.

(Living Wild Full Moons can't on page 18)

Weigh In On Waste

Help Us Shape A Better Future For Solid Waste

The path forward for garbage and recycling in our community is laid out in the Solid Waste Management Plan. We need your input and involvement as we develop a long-term vision for how we manage solid waste. Producing less garbage is the goal. Now tell us how you think we should get there!

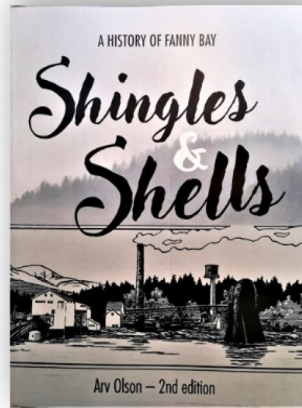
How to Weigh In?

- Complete our [survey](#) before Dec 5, 2022 and enter to win a \$100 gift card.

- Apply to [join](#) our Advisory Committee, by Dec 9, 2022.



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Shingles & Shells A HISTORY OF FANNY BAY

Looking for a spectacular gift that is truly local and from the heart? Shingles & Shells is an interesting and detailed compilation of the history of Fanny Bay, written by Arv Olson in 2004. Proceeds from the sales of these books go to the FBCA!

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. 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) to arrange pick up of your copy

PERSPECTIVE IS IMPORTANT

Sometimes it is good to take a step back and get a wider view. The view from our cozy cabin in Vik, Iceland isn't much different than from my Fanny Bay home at four on a rainy afternoon. Except it's noon here and the sun won't get any higher in the sky all day. And it will be dark by five.

The music festival that drew me and a couple of friends to Iceland is finished now. Highlights were Francis of Delirium, the Daughters of Reykjavik, and the organist at Hallgrímskirkja playing Daft Punk on a magnificent pipe organ. Now we are seeing a bit of the country. Vik lies about 200 km southeast of Reykjavik. It's a village the size of Fanny Bay. Jon, our host, is happy to talk about local water sources. (Once you become a watershed steward you tend to have these conversations wherever you go!)

Jon has run this small farm in Vik for twenty years and grew up just down the road. He and his family have always used the water from a small reservoir fed by a local stream. The water is clean and pure and not filtered or treated in any way. However, when they opened their bed-and-breakfast, they decided it would be wise to have a deeper water source for folks whose gut flora might not be comfortable with the local microbiota. A drilled well of 35 metres now serves the household. The water in the reservoir is dedicated to the sheep and ponies.

The source of Jon's water, both the reservoir and the well, is obvious: he lives in the shadow of the Myrdals Glacier. The connection between groundwater (the well) and surface water (the stream that feeds the reservoir) is clear and this source is rock-solid reliable. At least for the next few decades. On the other side of the world, in our little corner, there is no glacier to fill our Fanny Bay aquifers. We depend on rainwater and snow melt to replenish our wells. The connection between groundwater and surface water is more variable: sometimes water from a stream may seep out and replenish groundwater. Other times the flow may be reversed with groundwater helping to maintain stream volumes.

Long, dry summers are causing creeks and rivers to shrink. This summer much of B.C. was at the highest drought level classification – Level 5. This means “adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are almost certain” and that “conservation and local water restrictions and regulatory action (are) likely.”

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/Environment/air-land-water/water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/drought-information>)

When I left for Iceland, salmon were swimming back and forth at the mouths of creeks waiting for fall rains to



swell the streams to a spawnable level. Yet there were no restrictions placed on commercial water use. Commercial users were encouraged, but not required, to reduce consumption. There is no easy way to know whether the bottling plant on Berray Road or the commercial hatchery on White Duck reduced their consumption, or if they had, if it made a difference. This would seem to be an important area of research.

This is one problem when stepping back for a wider perspective: you often end up adding to your project list!



by Mike Mesford



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The Baynes Sound Lions are pleased to report on this years terrific outcome for our wheelbarrow push fundraiser. Thank you to the **Let's Get Active 2 Group** for accepting our challenge, contributing to our huge success and supporting us on the long walk from Fanny Bay to Courtenay. To Roxanne O'Brien and the **Fanny Bay Inn** for the generous cash donation & the wonderful muffins & coffee - they warmed us well on a chilly morning !



To the **Union Bay Market** for their wonderful soup & sandwiches they gave us for much needed stamina for the rest of our trek.



Baynes Sound Lions Club tallied the results of their
Walk for The Kids Fundraiser and
drumroll....
\$11,161.00 is the grand total!

Thank-you to all who supported this amazing initiative!
That would be ***YOU***
our generous communities that support us year after year !



SPID ANNUAL PARCEL TAX AND WATER TOLLS

Ships Point residents will receive invoices in the mail by the end of January 2023. Payments will be due at the office by **March 31, 2023**.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

If you will be away January-March, please contact the SPID office at shipspoint1@shaw.ca, before you travel, to make payment arrangements and avoid incurring interest and penalties. Payment methods available are e-Transfer, money order, bank draft, or cheque (may be post-dated March 31, 2023).

2023 Area A Dog Licenses Available:

Dog licensing using tags makes it easy to identify dogs and reconnect lost pets with their owners. Residents of the Comox Valley Regional District are required to license dogs over 6 months of age on an annual basis. Owners of unlicensed dogs may be subject to fines. As Area A residents, we are fortunate to be able to obtain dog licenses locally at the SPID office, 7729 Vivian Way. Office hours are Tues-Fri, 1-5pm, tel. **250-335-0551**.

License fees are as follows:

Spayed or Neutered pets: \$10,
not spayed or neutered: \$25.
Licences are valid from January
1st until December 31st of
each year.



Further information on dog licensing is available at
<https://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/services/bylaws-by-law-compliance/dog-licensing>.

Your Comox Valley Regional District Director

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SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

SPID REPORT

Backyard Burning Allowed

Venting Index:

Effective November 1, 2022,
Yard Waste burning
restrictions were lifted on Ships

Point. For those who choose to burn yard waste, local and provincial regulations must be followed. A critical factor for protecting air quality during open burning is the province's Venting Index. The Venting Index forecasts local weather patterns that indicate whether smoke will disperse or remain trapped at ground level. BC restricts outdoor burning when the index is **POOR (0-33)** or **FAIR** (would and risk a fine from the BC Conservation Officer Service). Please check the Venting Index and **burn yard waste only when the forecast is GOOD (55-100)**.

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March/April	Wed., March 8th	Wed., March 15th
April/May	Fri., April 7th	Fri., Apr. 14th
May/June	Mon., May 8th	Mon., May 15th
June/July	Thurs., June 8th	Thurs., June 15th
July/August	Sat., July 8th	Fri., July 14th
August/Sept	Tues., August 8th	Tues., August 15th
Sept/Oct	Fri., Sept. 8th	Fri., Sept 15th
Oct/Nov	Tues., Oct 10th due to Thanksgiving	Tues., Oct 17th
Nov/Dec	Wed., Nov 8th	Wed., Nov 15th
Dec 2023/Jan 2024	Thurs., Dec 7th	Thurs., Dec 14th

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE FLYER?

Many of you may have been confused when your March Flyer showed up in your mailbox two weeks early. And then this went on all year!

Due to personal circumstances in December 2021, it became clear I would not be able to work on a Flyer. The looming January 22nd deadline was too close.

I made the decision to delay the first Flyer of 2022 by two weeks and changed our publishing dates. Instead of a Flyer that comes out at the beginning of the month (to the end of the month) I changed it to mid-month to mid-month. 'Straddling' two months if you would.

The board thought it would be best to 'name' the Flyer for the second month of the time frame. But this caused confusion for folks sending submissions to the Flyer. I would have to explain, "We call it the June Flyer but it comes out May 15th. 'July' issue prints June 15th."

In 2023 I will show both names of the months the Flyer is straddling. See the above schedule if you are contributing to the Flyer.

I would like to thank Sally McLachlan, new to Fanny Bay from Tahsis. She contacted the FBCA and voiced her desire to *volunteer*. Her computer skills were a perfect match for my much needed, long searched for, editorial assistant.

by Wendy Keating
Editor



Updated Fees

January 1, 2023

Tipping Fee Changes

Starting January 1st, 2023, solid waste tipping fees at the Comox Valley and Campbell River Waste Management Centres will be increasing to keep up with operational requirements and improved enforcement for contaminated loads. These updates also hope to create positive change in diverting unneeded waste from landfills.

Did you know?

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LIVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

Our first two presentations this season were excellent shows. We particularly enjoyed the Raine Hamilton String Trio and received lots of positive feedback.

The Raine concert also featured the unveiling of our beautiful stage backdrop. It was created from community resident, Sandy Henry's painting, 'The Jazz Group' which was photographed by Roland Semjanovs. This project was all possible because of a generous donation from Eleanor and Neville Hope to cover the costs.

You must come to a concert to see this work of art.



by Bill and Alaine French
Concert Coordinators

CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE 2023

Saturday January 28,

2023 2:00 pm MATINEE

Victoria Baroque: Baroque and Classical work in varied combinations of instruments.

Saturday February 25,

2023 7:00 pm

Janelle Nadeau, harpist, playing the 3 C's: classical, contemporary, Celtic.

Friday March 24,

2023 7:00 pm

John Reischman and the Jaybirds, a blend of bluegrass, old time and acoustic roots music, award winning mandolin player.

Sunday May 7,

2023 7:00 pm

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Black Cat Movie Night



Saturday, 3 December
7:30 pm



SHIPS POINT LAUNCH THE SLEEPING BAG

In Ships Point winter had settled in and nights got much colder. Most nights Stanley could find a place to sleep in a camper or motorhome if the door is unlocked. His all-time favorite spot was Roy's blue truck, but when Roy moved he took the truck with him, and the assurance of a warm bed was gone. Stanley resorted to sleeping in his locker/outhouse, but as the weather became colder he shivered most of the night and we worried for him.

We decided to fix up his home, and this had to be done when Stanley was out and about on his usual runs around the point. Makes sense. How would you feel to come home from a day out and find someone re-designing your carport with a shag rug, a lava lamp and other tasteless furnishings?

The outhouse was virtually a teardown and needed to be much bigger. Picture a wooden pallet. Two of those made a great floor, insulated beneath with chunks of packing foam and covered with a foam pad and the remnant of a shag rug. Ok, it was our valued sherpa rug, but it was going to a good cause. The old weathered boards on the outhouse were saved, and new, more sturdy walls and roof went up, again with the foam blocks sandwiched between the solid outside boards. The weathered ones went back on the inside, just the way Stanley was used to. We all know that monkeys don't like changes in their cages!

Stanley's new abode was finally finished. Considering how much time he'd be spending there, we brought in a few absolute necessities. The child size sleeping bag came with a heating pad and a long extension cord which ran to the back of the house. We added a 'bark on/bark off' reading lamp and an adapter for his cell phone and laptop. It was pre-programmed to one site only, the Fanny Bay Community Bulletin page.

For this one time, we simply had to bring Stanley into the house to teach him how to work the thing. He memo-

rized the start button, and how tap just one claw to basically move around the site. As Ships Point is his home base, it's important to know the goings-on in the community.

On the first night in his new home he managed to find the Fanny Bay Flyer and Ships Launch. There was his own name - Stanley!! Over the months he read each story over and over, and we could hear him hit the wall with his foot and howl with laughter at this own adventures!

When it's bedtime for Stanley we'd hear his double bark and the light would go off. This winter, snug in his electric sleeping bag, he is a safe, warm and happy mutt.

All is well and it's our time to turn in. So I, in my curlers and Roland in his cap down for a long winter's nap.

Merr-r-y Christmas to all and a warm hug to Stanley!



by Dianne Volrich



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MY DREAM

I have a dream where my grandchildren
meet from time to time in the old forest,
and quietly get down on their knees
and thank the spirit of the holy places
for preserving these last havens for their souls.

I have a dream of pure clean water
bubbling over moss and rock
so pure that we drop to our knees
and sip its sweet life-giving freshness.

I have a dream where the forest gladly
provides homes for all the species
that have been nursed back from extinction,
so eyes can see, ears can hear, skin can feel,
and the neurons of the brain can jump for joy.

I have a dream where pilgrims
walk gently on these sacred forest paths,
and breathe in the clean pure oxygen
given generously by the remaining giants,
who spread their leaves in the heavens,
and create a canopy of green and gold.

I have a dream where all mankind
makes a yearly pilgrimage to the forest
to understand the meaning of life
and renew their holy vow to stop and listen
and refresh their pledges to protect life.

Lawrence J.W. Cooper
Comox Valley Poet Laureate
2019-2021

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The long term forecast for real estate values in Central Vancouver Island remains stable

The signals of change that were appearing in previous market updates have started to appear as facts in the latest Vancouver Island real estate market statistics. In the most simple terms, Housing Supply is up, Housing Demand is down. The reduction in demand is stemming from rapidly increasing mortgage rates, and a lack of affordability after 3 years of unsustainable appreciation. However, the downward trend on pricing is not expected to continue, as the Vancouver Island forecast is to maintain a housing shortage indefinitely. All experts agree that the supply constraint will only be corrected if and when government can increase the speed with which housing permits are approved.



LEST WE FORGET

This November let's all take a moment to pay our respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

I am encouraging both buyers and sellers to be patient with the market. Buyers should not feel pressured to make a purchase as prices are no longer rising, however, prices are not expected to drop dramatically. If an exceptional opportunity presents itself, act. Sellers looking to sell and buy into the same market should strongly consider the next 18 months to make their move. The balanced conditions we currently reside in will not last very long.

I look forward to working with you in this market.
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SANTA AND HIS ELVES ARE BUSY

at the north pole right now, and all of us at Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society's workshops on Berray Road are too. December usually has a full schedule and ours at FBSES is fuller this year—but we were waiting for rain. With more excitement than a lot of people, but if we were normal like you, we might not be so big on salmon enhancement. Right now, we are deep into our salmon egg-take activities for our next brood year. We are juggling schedules and looking at days for our brood clipping, and we are doing all the things this place needs done every day anyway. We have been very good this year, Santa, and we certainly belong on the Nice list. Even if we did want it to rain more than you. When the rain finally came, we could exhale, and stop worrying about the falls' water shortage and busted pumps. We could finally start filling our big raceways with Rosewall Creek water.



Some of the first spawners of 2022 holding below a weir in Rosewall Creek.

They will hold the 75,000 Coho smolts we have raised this year after we have adipose-fin-clipped every one of the little darlings. Clipping is a group effort at FBSES, with no elf left behind and the snipping of little scissors the soundtrack for great accomplishments and vast consumption of coffee and doughnuts. Every hatchery fish needs clipping to mark it as a keeper when it gets caught - if it gets caught, of course - with some of that new fishing gear you got instead of the sweater and socks you wanted.

But clipping had to wait for brood take, which can't happen without the streams being full, which takes us back to the rain that we have been so boring about. It also depends on fish showing up in those newly filled streams, and our first wild ones came by the hatchery October 28, 2022. Yes, fish the next day after the first big rain. They were waiting too. The whole process of being ready to do brood take and doing it is a big deal for all of us, not to mention being an immense amount of work. It involves a lot of co-ordination and co-operation and other big words like rain, gear, signs, and notes. It's the hinge our entire year rests on, so here we are, working away while you're at Costco.

While we're pretty sure we are doing good work, salmon enhancement is a world of numbers. Every fish we raise gets counted multiple times while its with us and weighed and watched. Once it's out in the wild, we lose track and can only

count survivors. This count is technically called escapement because they're the ones who got away and are back again. Their numbers are important enough to us that we will be spending some of our own money on more and better counting, something that used to be important to our betters, and isn't anymore. "Stock assessment" to give it its scientific name is a 'being there' adventure in stream walks, swimming with fish sometimes, logging miles and pictures, and knowing what's happening. And of course, we'll tell you about it when we know.

We end by saying goodbye to a friend of FBSES and salmon, who was one of our favourite people in the time we knew him. Harley Gaetz had a long career in management at the DFO Robertson Creek and Nitinat hatcheries and a 20-year friendship with our president Judy Ackinclose, and 30 years of mentorship of v.p. Peter McCully. Harley was delighted to share his expertise with us at FBSES, where he became a welcome visitor. He has left us with memorable advice; "Let the fish tell you what they need" sums up his approach. Pay attention to those silent voices from the water and they will reward you with growth and health and success. Our relationships with each other and the natural world do not end with

our lives;
our contributions live on.



Harley Gaetz, center, in his element; with people and fish, sharing a lifetime of learning with Lesley Jones, left, and Jens Johansen, right, in the FBSES building during Covid precautions.

by Dave Sands

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TOP OF THE OAP LIST THIS MONTH

was the potluck dinner on October 18th. 'Potluck' is a little understated as it was more of a banquet, with everyone bringing their best to share. This was followed by the general meeting on Nov. 8th.

The Fanny Bay Seniors Christmas dinner will be held on December 13th at 4pm. and members will be contacted. Mark your calendars for a wonderful appy party and another fun time with friends.

Join us for our regular monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm. Coffee and goodies follow as does our usual light entertainment! There will be no meeting in December. The next general meeting is on January 10th at 2pm and potluck dinner on Thursday, January 19th.

If you've ever wondered about the history of the hall here is an interesting fact. At one point, the building was an Anglican church, and it even had a bell tower. The bell was originally a ship's bell and may have come from a merchant barque, trading on the coast of B.C. in the 1800s. It is now



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housed at the Cumberland Museum. Who knew? That, and much more can be found in our local history book, *Shingles and Shells*, where you can read the full history of Fanny Bay. Similar to the old Eaton's

catalog, at \$35 per book, it is a big value and much of it will be familiar to seniors here and in Union Bay. It will be available at the upcoming Christmas Market, or you can contact Angela Hicke at vp@fannybaycommunity.com to obtain a copy. It's also carried by the Laughing Oyster Bookshop in Courtenay, the Salish Sea Market Gallery in Bowser and the Fanny Bay Inn.

The annual Fanny Bay Christmas Market will be happening at Fanny Bay Community Hall, on November 19th & 20th.

The OAP will be there with our Bake Sale, Concession, and Raffle. Raffle tickets for some very big prizes will be available from OAP members. Look for posters and information on the Fanny Bay Community Bulletin Board in the Fanny Bay Flyer.

Birthday greetings this month go to Ann Hewitt, Lynn Williams, and George Boothby. Christmas greetings go out to all! May it be a season of joy, wonderful memories, and more to make with family and friends. Alone? We are here, wanting to meet you and include you in our friendly senior circle. Just call or show up for a meeting or a potluck dinner. You will be welcome!

Officially, we are known as Fanny Bay Seniors, OAP 127. We are a very active group of around 60 members. We support local seniors with social events like monthly potlucks, a summer picnic, a Christmas party, and fundraising events.

Our highlight is the gigantic garage sale, raffle and bake sale in late summer. The annual Christmas Craft Fair, held at Fanny Bay Hall is another main fundraiser for Fanny Bay Seniors.

Contact Joan Payne at 250-335-3389 for more information. Membership is \$15.00 per person, per year.

by Dianne Volrich



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VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR FBCA FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

- The FBCA has been offered a partnership in a fund raising project of refundable containers which are collected in Bowser.
- A volunteer coordinator is needed to spearhead this initiative.
- Monies raised would be used towards FBCA operating costs.
- Our participation would be every 4th month and require a weekly work party for that month
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- **Contact:** Debby McRae for more details at volunteers@fannybaycommunity.com

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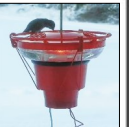
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FANNY BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET IS COMING

Saturday November 19th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 20th 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fanny Bay Hall, 7793 Is Hwy.

We look forward to welcoming you to the annual Christmas Market at the Fanny Bay Community Hall in November.

We are excited to have the OAP concession and raffle included again this year and don't forget the popular OAP bake sale (Saturday only) - the tasty irresistible goodies sell out fast!

The Fanny Bay Quilters will be there with their quilt display and sale, along with about 30 other vendors displaying their wares! Many of the regulars will be back, along with some new vendors, selling everything from fine art to mustard! Lots of good gifts for everyone on your Christmas list!

The Fanny Bay Christmas Market is a long-standing community tradition that raises funds for the Fanny Bay Community Association. You'll be able to purchase your 2023 membership at the market. The FBCA table will also be selling copies of "Shingles and Shells, a History of Fanny Bay" by Arv Olson, 2nd edition.

Mark your calendar for November 19th and 20th and be sure to attend the popular Christmas Market.

IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS

I came to the November 3rd garden club meeting feeling a little blue about the wet and cold weather of late, it's safe to say they all left in much better spirits! Why, you ask? Well, the November garden club meeting always features a slideshow of members' photos of their colourful sunny pictures from the summer just past. From zinnias and roses to backyard harvests to an eclectic garden fence, the images produced

BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB



oohs and aahs from the group as well as lots of chuckles. Thank you to Roger for setting it all up for us.

It was also election night and the same crew is back in for another year by acclamation. The next meeting is our annual Christmas party (club members and their guests only). In the new year, the executive meets in January to plan for the year. Regular club meetings resume in February, when we look forward to welcoming back members and guests for another slate of great speakers and activities.

The Baynes Sound Garden Club meets at the Seniors (OAP) Hall on Ships Point Road in Fanny Bay on the first Thursday evening of February through until June and then September through November. Guests are always welcome to attend these meetings.

For more information on the club, email:

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by Jackie Dunham



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(Living Wild Full Moons con't from page 5)

November is the Beaver Moon named after the beavers that at this time of year are starting to take shelter after collecting their food stores for the winter. This moon, which was on November 7th, 2022, was also the Blood Moon as it was a total Lunar Eclipse. This happens when the Full Moon passes through the Earth's shadow and becomes Blood Red. The next total Lunar Eclipse will not take place until March 15, 2025, but there will be two partial Lunar Eclipses in each of 2023 and 2024.

And finally, as we settle into winter, and the last days of 2022, on December 7th we will see our next full moon which is known as the Cold Moon. This Mohawk name was given to the **December Full Moon** in observance of the frigid temperatures of this month. The arrival of the Cold Moon signifies when things have reached their coldest and darkest hours of the year, and that it will only get better and brighter from this point forward. It is a time of reflection, on the past, present, and future which is very fitting as we approach the New Year of 2023.

Although science does not support the timing of the Full Moon as being the cause of many unexplained and strange occurrences, there is definitely a scientific pattern of how the moon directly affects our tides and gravitational pull throughout the year. Throughout history, dating back to Indigenous cultures, each Full Moon is celebrated and recognized

for the patterns found in nature at that time.

As we head into a dark and cold December, know that the Cold Moon will rise and every day thereafter will be brighter and warmer, regardless of the crazy unexplained things happening during a Full Moon!



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Fanny Bay Christmas Market <i>THIS WEEKEND!</i>		Saturday November 19th 10 - 4pm Sunday November 20th 10 - 3pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall Fanny Bay Community Hall
Black Cat Movie Night, Spirited Away Black Cat Movie Night, L.A. Confidential		Saturday November 26th 7:30 pm Sunday December 3rd 7:30 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall Fanny Bay Community Hall
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