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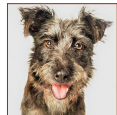






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WE HAVE LOTS OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS GOING ON AT THE HALL

Board Buzz

2023 is off to a great start. Last year, I began each of "The Board Buzz" articles with a quote from our local book "Shingles & Shells". The year before, it was the monthly stone and flower. This year, I am going with the logging theme. Little known facts about the logging industry in BC. So, here it goes.

"Commercial logging in British Columbia dates back to the 1820s when timber was predominantly used for masts on ships. By the 1860s, export production increased with the establishment of many sawmills on the southern end of Vancouver Island and the Burrard Inlet."

Back to Fanny Bay and the FBCA. Thank you to those in the community that attended our Special Membership Meeting mid January. It was great to see a large turnout and hear some of your ideas about what you'd like to see in and around the Hall. It was clear, at least from those in attendance, that many want the FBCA to continue and thrive. I'd like to extend my thanks to Alaine French for leading the discussion and Su-sannah Howick for acting as a scribe. We really appreciate the community input.

We had 12 new member sign-ups and 7 people signed up to volunteer because of this meeting. This is very exciting. On that topic, we have a small subcommittee working on identifying tasks we (FBCA) need volunteers to do for us. Everything from starting up our generator once a month, to shoveling the sidewalk when it snows. If everyone pitches in and does a little, then it doesn't weigh us all down. There will be more information in future Flyers. As part of the discussion at the meeting, it was felt we needed a more personal hands on approach to meeting new folks in the community. Louise Bradshaw a long-time member and former Board member, stepped forward and offered to be our 'Community Welcome Coordinator'. Thank-you Louise. There will be more information and other exciting developments in the future. Stay tuned.

On **February 16th**, we started a new event called *Armchair Travel*. First adventure was lead by local travelers and photographers, Bruce and Deb Paterson, who took us on a *Journey to the Bottom of the World*. Entrance is by donation to the Fanny Bay Hall.

Looking forward to the weeks ahead, this is what we have planned. As part of our concert series, *Janelle Nadeau* February 25th, 7 pm. See Poster on our cover page. Mark your calendars for 'Bust your Stash Sale' March 11th, 10 am - 2 pm. This is an opportunity to sell your excess art & craft supplies and maybe buy some more. Table rentals are only \$10.00. Vendor inquiries: fannybaymarket@gmail.com Next up is 'Celebrate your Community' March 19th,. More details coming soon.

Our upcoming AGM is scheduled for **May 11th, 5:30 pm**. Please circle this date on your calendar. We have several Board members who will not be seeking re-election.

Many have served for years and feel it is time for new blood to join the ranks in our community's changing demographic. Others want to travel and enjoy their retirement - and so they should. We will be looking for people to join the FBCA in the future, so I am planting the seed now. Please give it some thought.

In conclusion, sadly, we have learned of the passing of one of our former Board members and Flyer Editor, Paul Welch. Paul was a very private, compassionate soul who cherished moments with those close to him. The FBCA extends condolences to his wife Ingrid, the Deputy Fire Chief of the Ships Point Fire Volunteer Fire Department. He is survived by his wife Ingrid, daughter Cassandra, and sister Pat.

I wish you all a great month ahead and with longer days and hopefully more sunshine, where we can enjoy our gardens, our community *Tammy Mercer-Gervais* FBCA President



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MEMBERS LAST MET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

The feature speaker for the evening was our favourite bug expert, Bonnie Zand, who lives right here in Fanny Bay!

Bonnie's topic was "Gardening for bees: supporting BC's diverse native bees." Bonnie is the project lead for the Vancouver Island Pests, Pollinators And Beneficials Project (VIPPB) which monitors and gathers data on BC's pests and beneficial insects in order to build a knowledge baseline. There are more than 450 different bee species in BC and they are incredibly diverse in size, appearance and lifestyle, and all are vitally important for pollination of both food crops and wild plants.

As always, Bonnie's presentation was fascinating. She led us through the many types of bees, from the big bumblebees we'll be seeing any day now as spring approaches, to tiny carpenter bees which are black with a blue or green cast and look like small ants or flies at first glance. We also learned about generalist bees (they get their pollen from any species of plant) and specialist bees (you guessed it - they get pollen from a single group of plant species). We also heard tales of "single mom" bees, lazy male bees, and solitary and social bees, as well as a myriad of other tidbits about bees too numerous to list here!

And how are BC's bees doing? Well, about 35% of BC's bee species have a vulnerable or worse status and the rest are unknown, hence the need for the VIPPB project. Bonnie's advice to us was "Go forth and advocate for the bees!" She suggested creating habitat in our yards, i.e. nesting habitat (leave the leaves and logs), year round blooms, avoiding pesticides in our gardens, and purchasing organic food whenever possible.

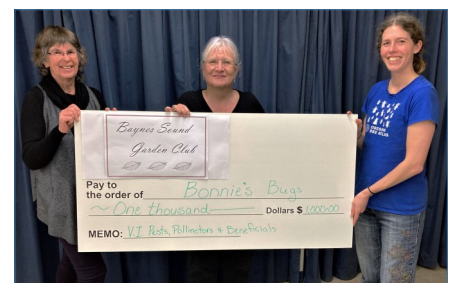
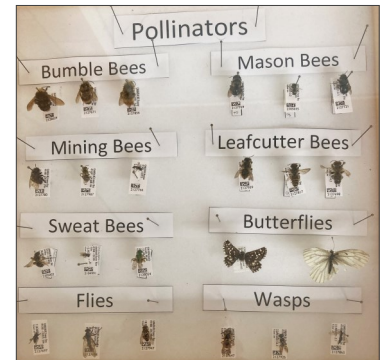
At the conclusion of her talk, Bonnie was presented with a donation to the very worthwhile VIPPB project (see photo). For more information about the project and to sign up for their newsletter, visit

<https://mailchi.mp/vifarmmonitoring/welcome-to-vippb>.

Anyone wishing to support the project financially can email Bonnie at bonniesbugsipt@gmail.com. Donations are gratefully accepted!

We meet at the Seniors (OAP) Hall on Ships Point Rd on the first Thursday evening of the month, February through June, then September through November. The next meeting is **March 2nd** and the topic is fruit trees presented by two growers from Denman Island. Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings. For more information, please email: bsgardenclub@gmail.com.

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by Jackie Dunham



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FANNY BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
will be held at
5:30 pm on Thursday, 11 May 2023
in, or on the grounds of,
the Fanny Bay Community Hall
dependent upon the weather.**

Details to follow in the next Flyer and will be posted on the FBCA website (fannybaycommunity.com) by March.

NOTE: *Persons considering standing for election to the FBCA Board of Directors can download the Expression of Interest form from our website, along with other documents related to this important volunteer commitment.*



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HELP REMOVE EVIL PLANTS FROM OUR PARKS

Hi, I'm Kathryn. Many of you may not know me because my husband, Lee, and I moved full-time to Fanny Bay just when the COVID-19 lockdowns went into effect. We live at the south end of Baynes Drive and our property backs on to a hidden gem called Baynes Park. But this little park is in big trouble because it is overrun with English Ivy. In fact, it is so thick with ivy that you can't even access the park.

How did these plants get here and why is it important to remove them? An invasive or alien species is an introduced species that becomes overpopulated and harms its new environment. Invasive species adversely affect habitats and bioregions, causing ecological, environmental, and economic damage.

Invasive plants are distributed in many ways: by people, birds, wind, and rodents. In a recent correspondence with Daniel May, Senior Parks Technician at the Comox Valley Regional District, he said: "Baynes Park definitely has a high density of invasives for the size of the park. I have been in there in the past and it is clear that, historically, most if not all of the invasives were introduced to the forest by garden clippings being dumped over the fence from private residences."

Many people think invasive plants are weeds such as dandelions and bindweed but most prolific invasive plants started out in our gardens or as houseplants. In a recent walk in Baynes Park I counted at least six introduced species including Daphne (spurge laurel), common periwinkle, and English holly. The Daphne is especially a concern because, like Scotch broom, it has very deep roots and is extremely difficult to remove once the plant has established itself.

Other parks in Fanny Bay have similar problems with invasive species. I want to do something about this, and I could really use your help. With teams of volunteers we can remove as many of

these plants as possible over the next month. The plan is to concentrate on two parks - Baynes Park and the beachside park off Wente Way - and complete the work before spring growth begins.

These two are just the start. Together we can help Fanny Bay parks retain their natural ecosystems. Even if you can only spare an hour or two, every little bit will help.

More information and work party locations/times will be posted on the Facebook Fanny Bay Community Bulletin Board. Or email me at: eliminateinvasives@outlook.com

Learn about the invasive species in our region: bcinvasives.ca

(INVASIVES- cont'd on page 9)

by Kathryn Hardy

FANNY BAY IS BEING INVADED!

No, not by aliens but by invasive plants. These invaders are encroaching on the native plants in our parks. Looking for volunteers to help remove them.



When: February 21st - March 16th

Tuesdays: 10:30 am - Noon

Thursdays: 1:30 - 3:00 pm

No need to commit to every date; just come when you have time. It's a great way to get some exercise and help clean out English Ivy and other invasives from our beautiful parks.

More information and work party locations/times will be posted on Facebook

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S SHIPS POINT LAUNCH CUPPA JOE

Stanley is an early riser and on the prowl first thing in the morning. When folks on Ships Point get up, most have a different, yet predictable routine. That means coffee! With so many pots brewing on the point, it's hard to smell anything else until after breakfast. Wonderful smells like compost boxes, low tide, and garbage cans are barely sniffable.

In the three years Stanley has lived in Ships Point he's sampled just about everything a dog could eat. Favorites and fair game are a pie cooling on a back porch, link sausages on the run, any kind of beach-run seafood, birthday cake with gobs of icing, and handouts.

But on this early morning, the smell of coffee seemed irresistible and he thought he'd give it a try. Now, as everyone knows, Stanley is a loner and will only ask for help if he's really stuck. His one fear in life is being domesticated. A collar and leash would be the very worst thing that could happen, so he will not go into anyone's house.

The only way for him to get a cup of coffee was to ask for it, and that meant knocking on a back door and run if necessary. Stanley trusts us, and we are respectful of his privacy.

We feel very honored when he watches a movie with us from the safety of the picnic table or allows us to put food in his cooler.

Per usual, Roland had morning coffee brewing and the heavenly aroma of fresh ground coffee wafted its way to Stanley's outhouse.

We heard the scratch at the kitchen door and knew who we'd find there. Stanley held out his yellow Tweety Bird mug and gave us his best smile. We looked at each other and shrugged. Coffee is not good for dogs, but Stanley's stomach seems to be made of cast iron, so we gave it a shot. Roland took the mug, put it on the picnic table and poured a little of the black coffee in it, and said "Wait, boy". Then he poured a generous amount of milk into it and said "Ok, try it now".

Stanley took a little sip, then another, and polished off the last of the coffee in one gulp. He held out his empty mug and begged for another. "Ok," said Roland and filled it again with half and half, sort of a doggy latte, and said, "That's it now." Stanley downed it, licked his chops, and sat for a moment to savor his first taste of coffee. His eyes became pinwheels, his floppy ears stood straight up and he raced to his outhouse and ran around it three times at top speed. Then he disappeared into the bush for what seemed like a very long time, emerged, slinked into his outhouse, and stayed there for most of the day. We think he slept off his first cuppa joe, and for some reason, we think it was his last.

However, it did seem that we should mark the event somehow, so Roland created a specialty coffee.

It's 2 parts espresso, 2 parts sweetened condensed milk, and a double shot of brandy. A cup of that will make your hair stand on end! Followed by a long and blissful nap. We call it the 'Floppa Cuppa'



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In this photo alone, you can see examples of three invasive species.



English ivy has overgrown the west entrance to Baynes Park making it inaccessible.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

The matinee concert on January 28th featuring Victoria Baroque was excellent and really appreciated by the audience. The musicians described the workings of their instruments of the period.

The opportunity to see the inner workings of the harpsichord at the end of the concert was enlightening. They discussed the lives of 18th century composers Bach, Handel, Haydn, Telemann. We left the concert with a deeper understanding of baroque music.

We were rewarded to have the artists comment on how well we treated them. They complimented the size and acoustics of the hall, explaining it is perfect for baroque music. Amy, the cello player, said she would really like an opportunity to record in the Hall!

We thank our team of concert volunteers for their work in ensuring the success of concert day.

On **Saturday, February 25th** at 7:00 we host the incomparable harpist, Janelle Nadeau. Entwining her repertoire of classical, Celtic, and contemporary tunes with velvety vocals and storytelling, she is a musician that shouldn't be missed. Janelle, along with her freelance work, is the harpist with the Vancouver Opera and the Turning Point Ensemble. We are extremely happy to welcome her this month.

On **Friday, March 24th**, we shift gears and feature John Reichman and the Jaybirds. With John, a powerful mandolinist and composer at its helm, these musicians fashion a stylish take on bluegrass that seamlessly blends original songs and instruments with Appalachian old-time music for a truly unique band sound. With 7 acclaimed albums and 2 Juno nominations, we are proud to have these artists play here.

The posters for each concert show the ticket prices and ticket outlets.

*by Bill
and Alain French*
Concert Coordinators

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BAYNES SOUND LIONS!

We would like to congratulate our raffle basket winners Laura Agnew and Ali Mowbray, we hope you've enjoyed your winnings.

During Our Wheelbarrow Push for the Comox Valley Child Development Association last November, we called for donations to a fundraising basket. The basket quickly filled with wonderful gifts, certificates, items and services.

We would like to thank all those who supported this cause and purchased tickets. A special Thank-you to the contributions from local businesses and artisans.

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What a great community we have here, again *Thanks*. Join us Sundays at the Fanny Bay Inn for meat draws and we are always looking for new members!

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by Apple



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Normalcy has returned. Thank goodness the "Covid Crazy 2021/22" real estate market has decisively ended. Welcome back to a rational market following extreme numbers of offers and mortgage borrowing rates that were under 2%. This shift back to a normal performing real estate market is sustainable and was needed.

As sales have moderated, active listings have been trending upward and we expect the MLS® average price to remain relatively stable in the region going forward, with an average price of \$768,500 in 2022 and \$750,000 in 2023 on Vancouver Island. BCREA

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COAST KITCHEN GRANOLA

After the hustle and bustle of holiday cooking and baking, January is a time to slow down and rejuvenate. I turn to my pantry for dried fruits and nuts to make Granola. I love to eat this crunchy treat for breakfast or a snack. It is great on yogurt, cereal, smoothie bowls, in muffins. A favourite way to enjoy it is to sprinkle in a few chocolate chips and eat it as trail mix.

As the seasons change, so does my granola. In the winter months I prefer dried cranberries, figs, and dates. A summer granola can be filled with dried berries, mangoes and apricots.

Changing the spice blends can further enhance granola. Try apple pie spice, pumpkin pie spice, chai spice or gingerbread spice. Personalizing granola to your own taste is the best part of making it yourself.



In a large bowl, combine:

1/2 cup of ground almonds
1/2 cup roughly chopped almonds
3/4 cup cashews
1 1/2 cups rolled oats
1 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup pumpkin seeds
1/4 cup sunflower seeds
1/2 cup of coconut
2 tsp. cinnamon

In a smaller bowl, combine:

1/3 cup maple syrup (or honey or agave)
1/3 cup melted coconut oil (or preferred fat)
2 tsp. vanilla

Add the liquid ingredients to the dry, and stir well. Turn out on a large, lined baking sheet. Bake for 20 min. at 275F, rotate pan and bake for 20 min. more until golden.

Let cool on a wire rack and break into pieces. If adding chocolate, sprinkle it over the cooling granola. (Pictured with white chocolate chips).

by Marietjie Coast

HELLO FANNY BAY SENIORS!

OAP REPORT

The flurry of Christmas and snow is over and we're into a fresh 2023 and new beginnings. Days are longer and we're seeing the sun peek through again.

On January 10th we had a general meeting, followed by a potluck dinner on January 17th. It was a full Ukrainian-style buffet, complete with traditional cabbage rolls and perogies which were generously provided by Ron and Linda Vermeulen. Thank you for the dinner and the reminder of how fortunate we are to live in a free country.

Covid is still making us cautious, but it would be wonderful to see more faces at meetings. Even behind the mask, we can tell that you're smiling!

The publish date for the Fanny Bay Flyer is the 15th of the month. That means Valentine's Day was yesterday and hopefully there was a little love in your life or good memories from another time.

Upcoming meetings are:

February 13th, 1 pm Executive Meeting

February 14th, 2 pm General meeting & Valentine's Day.

February 21st, 5 pm Potluck dinner.

Birthday greetings for January and February go to – Barry Bowen, and Dave Edwards. Betty Haddon, Carla Hope, Leona Keim, Dave Mansbridge, Bruce Mills, Dianne Volrich, Glen Coffin, Karen Hutchings, Elaine Ivancic, Maggie McPherson, Debbie McRae, Mike Robson, Prue Robson, Mike Smith, Linda Tournemille, and Edith Walters.

This isn't a birthday cake - it's a bonfire! Flaming good wishes to all!

The Fanny Bay Seniors Hall is a busy place. There are more than a few groups that use it regularly. Currently, Fanny Bay Quilters, Art Mates, Baybillie Singing Group, Comox Valley Caregivers Support Group, Baynes Sound Lions, and Baynes Sound Garden Club rent space. Casual renters for groups of up to 60 people can be accommodated, and a full kitchen is available for rental. This attracts seminars, workshops, family parties, receptions, Christmas parties, memorials, and birthday parties.


Contact Fran or Bruce Mills at 250-335-1337.

Officially, we are known as Fanny Bay Seniors, OAP 127. We are a very active group of around 68 members. We support local seniors with social events like monthly potlucks, summer picnics, Christmas parties, 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.



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

by Dianne Volrich



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or Just Not Sure

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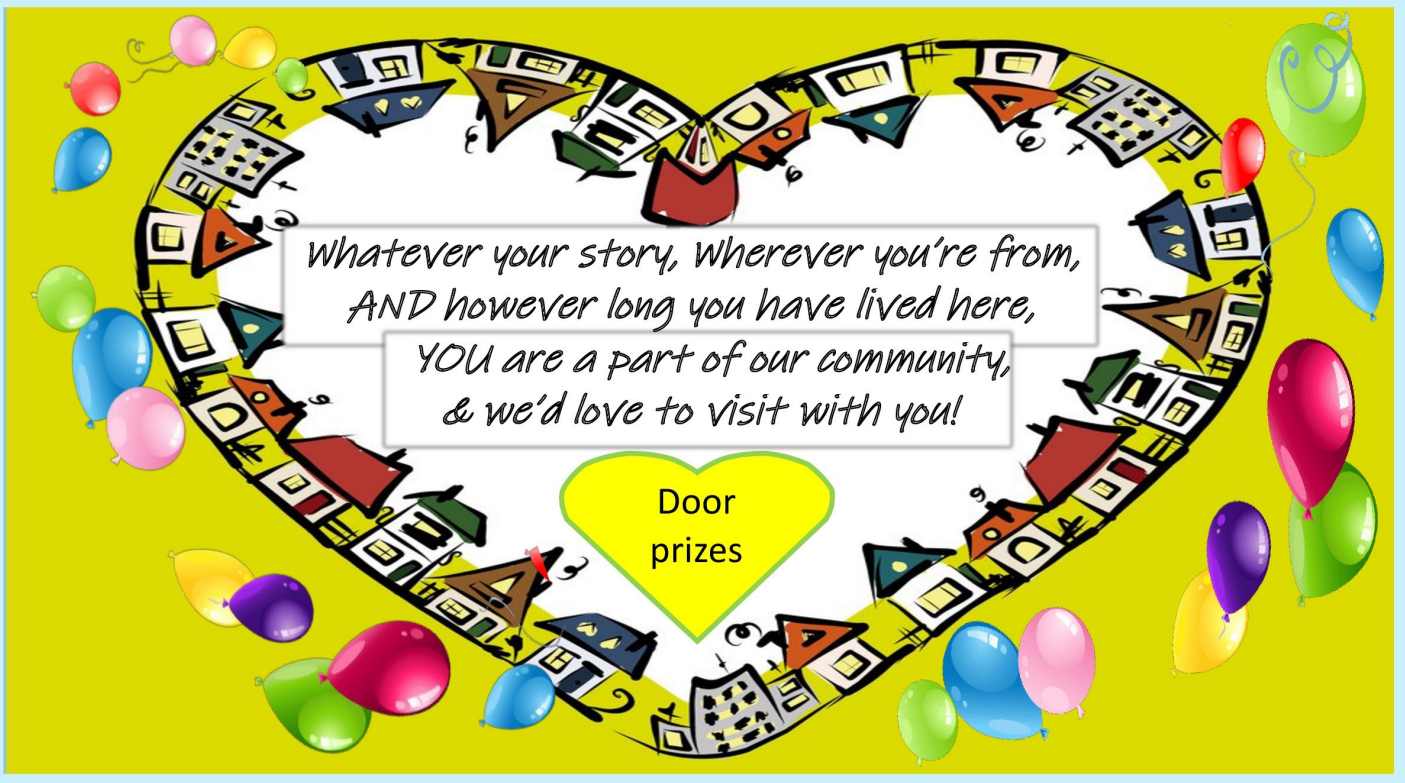
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Sunday, March 19th 1 — 3 pm



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JANUARY 14th FAMILY FUNDRAISER at the Bowser Branch Legion #211

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This was a fantastic fundraiser event and open market to help the local Flegel Family, who have lost their business and home in a devastating fire in December.

Even though we were able to raise thousands of dollars for the family, we are not done yet!

TREE OF THE YEAR 2023 NOMINATIONS

Comox Valley Nature Tree of the Year event will be open for tree nominations from Jan 15th to March 15, 2023. Do you know of a tree that deserves special recognition? Are you keen to help raise awareness in the benefits of trees and their protection? Nominate a tree and share its story. The Tour and Vote phase will follow from April - June. For more information and the online nomination form, see the Comox Valley Nature website under the About and Activities tab.

"From the very beginning of the world, the other species were a lifeboat for the people. Now we must be theirs."

Robin Wall Kimmerer

URL: <https://comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca/>

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CELEBRATE YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Come meet your first responders at the 'Celebrate Your Community' event to be held Sun Mar 19 from 1-3 pm at the Fanny Bay Community Centre. The SPID Fire Department will be there with trucks and displays, ready to answer any questions you might have.

SPID 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM will be held on Thursday April 20 at 7:00 pm at the Fanny Bay Community Hall. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for voter registration and provisions for social distancing will be made. Masks, although not mandatory, are recommended. SPID is looking for volunteers. If you are looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community, please consider volunteering (no experience is required). The SPID Board of Trustees is a group of 7 elected individuals, your neighbours, from diverse backgrounds who meet monthly to



SPID REPORT

SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

oversee the operations of the volunteer fire department and water system. We work together on local issues, focused on doing what is best for the Ships Point community. Nomination forms for the trustee

position are available at the SPID office or on our website under General Info/Board of Trustees. As well, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Annual General Meeting.

PARCEL TAX AND WATER TOLLS:

The 2023 SPID parcel tax and water tolls invoices were mailed out at the end of January. Please keep an eye on the mail so you don't miss yours. If you do not receive your invoice, please contact the SPID office at shipspt1@shaw.ca. Payments are due at the office by March 31, 2023, in the form of cheque (postdated OK), money order, certified cheque, bank draft and e-transfer. To send an e-transfer: 1. Add SPID as a recipient to your bank/credit union account 2. Email payment to admin@spid.ca. (SPID is set up for automatic deposit so a password is not required) 3. In the message box, enter your Roll #, Invoice #, or street address. Payments received after March 31st will incur 15% late fees.

2023 DOG LICENCES AVAILABLE: 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. Licence fees are as follows: spayed or neutered pets: \$10, not spayed or neutered: \$25. Licences are valid from January 1st until December 31st each year. Area A dog licences are available 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 www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/doglicence.



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the woodpecker pounding a rotting tree,
the wind whispering softly in the cedars

I am arriving to a familiar place
yet one I have never seen before.
It births in me the fresh feeling
that I have finally found a home,

where my mind blissfully, boldly,
charts out brave new patterns,
my softened heart silently sighs
and my soul drifts with the tides
into the eternity of the present.

Yes, I can feel I am getting ever closer
to that point of perfect perception,
where I can sense the motion of time
in a timeless place,
and feel the full expanse of my soul
in infinite space.

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

LOCAL WRITER LAUNCHES NEW BOOK

Fat Oyster Reading Series (FORS)

Please join local Fanny Bay writer Judy LeBlanc as she launches her second book and first novel. She'll be joined by two other Caitlin Press writers for an evening of prose and poetry at the Fanny Bay Hall on Friday, March 17th at 7:00pm.

The Broken Heart of Winter by **Judy LeBlanc** spans three timelines and is informed by the Acadian expulsion. "This spare, poetical novel" says Caroline Adderson, "brings to life the Grand Dérangement - the Expulsion of the Acadians - in richly-detailed, evocative prose." Bill Gaston says, "With her eye for detail and ear for voice, in this most Canadian of sagas, Judy LeBlanc brings the present and the past vividly to life." A few years ago, Judy launched her collection of short stories, *The Promise of Water* at the hall. Her work has also

been published in numerous Canadian literary magazines as well as in the anthology *Don't Tell*.

Andrea Routley is the 2023 Haig-Brown Writer-in-Residence. The title story of her recent collection of linked novellas, *This Unlikely Soil*, was shortlisted for the Malahat Review Novella Prize. CBC describes the book as follows: "The dense West Coast landscape echoes the isolation experienced by these queer characters and the inscrutability of others in their lives. While characters often embody painful histories and cringe-worthy decision-making skills, the stories are full of humour and love." Her debut collection, *Jane and the Whales* was a finalist for the Lambda Literary



Award in 2014. Her work has appeared in several literary magazines.

Susan Braley, from Victoria, will be reading from her debut collection of poetry, *Tilling the Darkness*. Arleen Paré describes the collection as one that reveals "the everyday and the extraordinary of farming life: its misfits, its sadness's, brutalities, disappointments, and joys."

Cornelia Hoogland says that Braley "unearths a fierce, feminist voice as she wrests standing-ground for farm women and their stories." Susan's poetry has appeared in Best Canadian Poetry 2023, in anthologies such as *Walk Myself Home* and *Poems from Planet Earth*, as well as in numerous literary journals.

These three featured writers bring a rich montage of voices and interests to the evening.

Their work is representative of the diverse range of local history, non-fiction, memoir, fiction and poetry from BC authors published by Caitlin Press. For more information and to order or pre-order any of these books go to their website. <https://caitlinpress.com/>

You can also order books through www.laughingoysterbooks.com/ Books will be for sale at the event. Doors open at 6:30 pm, event is by donation.

(See poster on page 5)

**Comox Valley
Nature**

**TREE
OF THE
YEAR**






**NOMINATE
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2023**

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The Tree of the Year event is dedicated to the late Cathy Storey

THE BEAUFORT WATERSHED STEWARDS (BWS)

Most of us have a box or two of old photos tucked away somewhere. We may dig through them now and then but mostly they just sit in their boxes. Or maybe we have the modern equivalent: a hard drive full of digital photos that are just as forgotten and much less accessible.

The data that water stewardship groups collect is much like the latter - tucked away on a hard drive waiting for someone to look at it. This is not to say it has no value. Quite the contrary. In terms of data, more is better for measuring change and providing meaningful analysis.

But what if BWS data were available to the wider world? What if researchers at the provincial level or even the global level could access our data? The story of our local creeks could be part of a wider trend and our data could help add weight to the findings. Or, alternatively, maybe our creeks are unique in some way. This could point to areas of new research to figure out why.

BWS has been searching for a home for our data that would make it more accessible to the wider world. Our criteria included a secure, stable website that would display the data and allow researchers to download datasets. Further, the site must adhere to open data standards. This means the data can be used by anyone, without restrictions or costs. We recently found a site that meets our requirements. We are now in the process of formatting and uploading our precious data. The website is called DataStream and it is run by the Gordon Foundation, "a charitable organization dedicated to protecting Canada's water and empowering Canada's North". The DataStream platform is billed as "open access and built with communities, policymakers and researchers in mind." Their mission is to "promote knowledge sharing and advance collaborative water stewardship". While we are sold on DataStream, we aren't the only ones. The federal government, several provincial governments, including BC, and many stewardship groups, large and small, are using DataStream for publishing environmental data.

The data on DataStream is available to anyone with an internet connection. You can see our first batch of data for yourself.

Go to the story "BWS Stream Data Has Gone National" on our website, beaufortwater.org.

Having a central repository for our data is convenient. Having a secure repository is comforting. And having a repository that is designed from the ground up as a tool for research and decision making is satisfying indeed.

When family comes for a visit and we are feeling nostalgic, we may still dig out that box of old photos. But if our family wants to do some research around the dissolved oxygen levels or specific conductivity in our local streams, we can now point them to DataStream.

by Mike Mesford




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ARE YOU NEW TO FANNY BAY

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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, yoga, garden club, seniors group, markets, pickleball, first rate concerts and more.

Maybe your interests lie with environmental concerns; groups such as the Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS) are always looking for volunteers. Or perhaps you'd like to join a service group or volunteer with one of the two fire departments in the area. Well, they'll all be represented at the Hall on March 19th, waiting to answer your questions!

The Fanny Bay Community Association will be selling the treasured Shingles and Shells, A History of Fanny Bay book.

Memberships available. And did I mention DOOR PRIZES! Don't miss this great opportunity to mingle with old and new neighbours as you discover the many programs and groups in the area.

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WHEN FANNY BAY SALMONID ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

completed their work at Hart-Washer Creek in November of 2019 they had planted 300 trees and shrubs on a machine-made berm that protects Union Bay's baseball diamond from the creek, and vice versa. They also wrote a report and filled paperwork and receipts to show where their money was spent from a grant to FBSES by the Pacific Salmon Foundation for the project for \$6150. And when we recently - May of 2022 - held our River Never Sleeps Festival on site on Berray Road with an attendance of 650 it was with the help of a \$2000 grant from PSF. These are just the latest two examples of a long-standing relationship between us.

The Pacific Salmon Foundation was created to be a funding agency for groups like ours who do the groundwork that makes the difference, short and long term, in the survival of the salmon. Other funding for projects comes from places not directly created for the survival of the environment, but like all of us, certainly affected by it. BC's Ministry of Transportation has policy guidelines that specify "no net loss" of habitat from their projects, and over the years, FBSES and MOT have worked together in restoring salmon streams affected by roads. This goes back to 1997, when Inland Island Highway construction washouts destroyed Cook Creek spawning beds and most recently the restoration of the McNaughton Creek culvert failure that cut Highway 19A for two months in 2019. Another example helps make the point, our Wilfred Creek Hatchery.

It started small, and by accident was built on private land - stuff happens—that belonged to what is now Mosaic Forest Management. Who are major supporters of us and our work there and continue to be, most recently with a \$5000 grant. Hatcheries like Wilfred could be a dictionary example of the term 'high maintenance' and the forthcoming project we have for it will be supported by Mosaic for their own good reasons as well as ours. For all of us, it's because of the need to restore, enhance and encourage the salmon resource that we all value.

Donations and grants are earned not only by detailed applications for worthwhile projects that can be justified and show results, they're also supported by our efforts before, during and after. Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society volunteers spend hours in fun stuff like working in creek beds with shovels and even more time in meetings and on the phone.

Unpaid volunteer time on the ground is valued at \$15 an hour by granting agencies (\$25/hour for paperwork/ administration,) who are getting a good return for their investments, as they should.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans provides the legal, scientific, and permitting foundations of all volunteer salmonid enhancement groups. In our case also the site for the Rosewall Hatchery, and essentials like water and power as well as security and technical support with a small annual grant.

(Not to mention that they also make the rules.) Mowi Canada West are better known as the fish farm company and they are neighbors who have passed gear and equipment they no longer need on to us; most recently new incubation trays and racks where each year's salmon eggs start their growth.

This is a good place to tell you that Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society is a Canada Revenue Agency registered charity and can give you a tax receipt for any donation to us. We've also had donations from the Bowser Canadian Legion Branch #211, First Credit Union, Baynes Sound Lions, and the 50-50 draw at the Fanny Bay Inn.

We get helped by local business all the time and recently, got a donation of large rocks from Rosewall Pit and window screen replacements by Island Style Glass.

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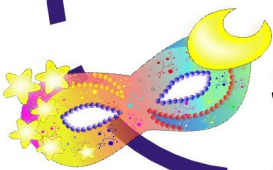
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On behalf of the Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS)
Mike Mesford receives half
of a \$900 pot.

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(FBSES con't from page 20)

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All the above doesn't really sound very humble or unas-
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by Dave Sands

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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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Classes, Clubs & Meetings

Aerobics, Low Impact Suzanne FB Hall	Monday & Thursday	9 am - 10 am
Baynes Sound Garden Club - OAP Hall	Thursday	7 pm first week
Baynes Sound Lions - OAP Hall	Monday	7 pm third week
Caregiver Support Group - OAP Hall	Wednesday	10 am first week
Creative Dancers - OAP Hall	Sat. ages 3-11 3 classes 9 - 1pm	Wed. adults 6 - 7pm
FBCA Board Meeting - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday	7 pm fourth week
FBSES - Rosewall Ck Hatchery Berray Rd	Wednesday & Saturday ..	9 am - 12 noon
FBWW - Fire Hall, Cougar Smith Rd	Meetings as required	fannybaywaterworks@gmail.com
OAP General Meeting	Tuesday	2 pm second week
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Monday	10 am - 12 pm, 3 pm - 5 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Tuesday	1 pm - 4 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Wednesday	10 am - 12 Noon, 3 pm - 5 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday	5 pm - 8 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Friday	10 am - 1 pm, 2 pm - 4 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Saturday	10 am - 12 pm
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Sunday	10 am - 1 pm
Ships Point Improvement Dist.	Wednesday.....	time varies, second week of month
Yoga with Annette - Hall Studio	Tuesdays.....	9:30 - 10:30, Chair Yoga 11am -noon
Yoga with Jane - Fanny Bay Main Hall	Tuesdays.....	7:00 pm - 8:30
Youth Night - Fanny Bay Hall	Friday.... Unless booked for rental	7:00 pm - 8 pm

Coming Attractions

Invasive Species Removal		See page 8 for information
Connect and Play	Saturday March 3rd 10 - 12 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Connect Play and Learn	Saturday March 11th 10 - 12 pm	Union Bay Community Hall
Bust Your Stash	Saturday March 11th 10 - 2 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Mardi Gras	Saturday, March 11th 10 - 3 pm	Royal Canadian Legion, Bowser
Tree of the Year, CV Nature	photo deadline Wed. March 15th	
Fat Oyster Reading	Friday March 17th 6:00 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Celebrate Your Community	Sunday March 19th 10 - 3 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
<i>Live Music Concert Series -</i>		
Janelle Nadeau	Saturday, February 25th 7:00 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
John Reischman and the Jaybirds	Friday March 24th 7:00 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Huu Bac Quintet Jazz	Sunday, May 7th 7:00 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
FBCA AGM	Sunday, May 11th, 5:30 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall