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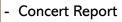
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first sawmill in BC at Victoria in 1847. It built other mills at Nanaimo and Alberni. In 1865. See poster on Hastings Sawmill opened on Burrard Inlet in page 3 for more details. Vancouver and was given timber rights too much of the surrounding area.

Spring. The FBCA has a few activities and mentioned previously, several current events on the horizon. The annual Grounds Board members are not seeking re-election Clean-up is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – for the coming year. We NEED new commu-Noon. Many hands make light work. Please nity members to step up and join the Board consider joining your community and so that we can continue to provide activispiffing up the Hall and grounds. There will ties, events and services for your communibe food and beverages for the volunteers ty. Easter, Christmas, Halloween, concerts, donated generously by the OAP. See you all movies, markets, (the list goes on and on), there!

esting presentation by Dianne Volrich and and grumble that there 'isn't this' and Roland Semjanovs on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and 'there isn't that' but things can't happen this time the topic is The Wild World of Cer- without someone stepping up to organize. emonies - there are many ceremonies in Get involved if you want activities and the two-hour presentation. Some shocking, events in your community. No volunteers and some beautiful ways that celebrate equal no events, it's just that simple. coming of age, birth death and everything in between. Admission is by donation.

two wonderful choirs will entertain us. donation of hiring a contractor to clean the Celebration Singers Choir and The Village eaves trough's and downspouts at the Hall. Voices of Qualicum. This is an afternoon This is a big job and not one that many volevent, Sunday April 23rd at 2:30pm. Tickets unteers want to tackle. And, thanks again to are \$20 and can be purchased online at Dieter Broemer for coming to the rescue fannybayhall.ticket.ca or at the door.

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we welcome Huu Hall. Bac Quintet. This is their only concert on

NEW

DAY

**Baynes** 

Sound

Lions

Meat

**FBI on** 

are usual outlets. \$30 \$33 in advance. online or at the door. Board Buzz

I invite you to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thurs-Hello again! Here we go heading into day, May 11th, at 5:30 pm at the Hall. As don't just happen. We need people to vol-We are excited to have another inter- unteer and get involved. It's easy to sit back

Before I close off for this month; A big thanks to members of our community who Next up is Spring Sings in Fanny Bay - have asked to remain anonymous for the one more time for an electrical issue at the

That is it for now. Enjoy the Spring. Vancouver Island this tour! Tickets See you at our AGM, on Thursday, May at all the 11th at 5:30 p.m.

> Tammy Mercer-Gervais FBCA President president@fannybaycommunity.com





ONLY PERFORMANCE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND THIS TOUR!

# Sunday, 7 May 2023 7pm Huu Bac Quintet



Huu Bac captivates audiences with his signature blend of the sounds of Asian music with western jazz.

TICKETS AVAILABLE In Person Advance: \$30 Cash Weinberg's Good Food, Buckley Bay Laughing Oyster Books, Courtenay Salish Sea Market, Bowser

Online & At Door: \$33 fannybayhall.tickit.ca

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#### *WHIPS POINT LAUNCH* **HULA HOOP** Whether we want to admit to it or not, garbage garbage day, you might have day is a high point in our sleepy community. It's nearly im- spotted Stanley playing with possible to avert your eyes as you drive by a big box of stuff. the hula hoop. You might even For humans, it's interesting, but for the mutt named Stanley, have tried to take a picture of it's irresistible. Food wrappers for anything, lunch bags, bent him, but by then, Stanley and tomato cages, the coffee grounds he's learned to avoid, old hoop were a blur. He hooped runners (which are actually great for chewing), and you his way along the road and

name it! He stopped at a blue box and took out a jar. It had eventually stopped at a drivea slightly acid aftertaste.

Experience has taught Stanley to wait until the late risers back. Then, on garbage day, the same tricycle and wagon pedaling, in search of a breath freshener. mysteriously disappear for the morning, and it's become book, and it will get back to the owner eventually.

Stanley was pedaling along Baynes Drive when he spotted a big circle-shaped something propped up against the split rail fence. It was a skinny tube with a shiny blue ribbon wrapped around it. Stanley approached it cautiously and sniffed all the way around it. He guessed it was a hula hoop, but why would someone leave it out on garbage day? Maybe the person got tired of it or didn't have a middle to spin it on.

Stanley grabbed the hoop in his teeth and pulled it to the middle of the road. He stepped into the circle, grabbed it on either side, and then attempted to spin it around his own hips. But the hoop kept hitting the road and threatened to run away on its own.

Determined, Stanley clamped the hoop in his teeth and ran a few steps with it. The hula hoop touched the ground behind him and then flung upright and



down in front of him. Stanley jumped through it and had no choice but to keep jumping as the top came down in front of him. This was working well, and it was fun! Stanley ran a little faster and jumped a little higher each time the sparkly hoop came around.

If you had been out looking for treasures on



perfectly good pickles in it. Stanley unscrewed the cap, way, where he let the hoop clatter down at the side of the drank the contents, and chomped the crunchy pickles. It left road. Stanley was good and dizzy by then and threw up the pickles at the same time.

After a while, his equilibrium and tummy settled down, have put their garbage out. It saves time having to double and he zigzagged his way back to the tricycle and kept on

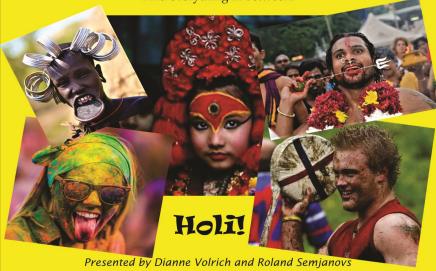
So, to the person that put the pickle jar in the blue recycle acceptable. It may not be returned, and that's ok too. Some- box, Tsk tsk! It goes in the regular garbage. Unless, of body will call the owner or post it on the community's Face- course, you want to polish off the contents yourself and put the hula hoop on your own hips.

by Dianne Volrich

## **The Wild World** of Ceremonies

An eve-popping look at curious and often bizarre ceremonies and practices around the world. In Nepal, Kumari is a living goddess whose feet never touch the ground. She's four years old.

Thaipussam worshippers endure body piercings that never draw blood. In Ethiopia wooden lip discs are seen as beautiful. The bigger the better! In England, Cheese Rolling down Cooper's Hill is brutal. Around the world, colored chalk, flour, tomatoes and tumeric fly! There are many ceremonies in this two hour presentation - some shocking, and some beautiful ways that celebrate coming of age, birth, death. And everything in between.



Tuesday, April 18. 7 PM Admission by Donation Fanny Bay Community Hall Proceeds to the Hall Floor fund 7793 Island Highway



in Fanny B

The Celebration Singers Choir Director: Denise Marquette Accompanist: Sean Mooney The Village Voices of Qualicum Director: Patricia Plumley Accompanist: Andrea Lahmer

### Admission \$20

Tickets available Online at fannybayhall.tickit.ca Or through choir members or at the door

# Sunday, 23 April

## 2:30 pm

at the

# **Fanny Bay Hall**

7793 Island Hwy South

Enjoy tea, coffee

& desserts by donation

For more info about the choirs visit www.celebrationsingers.ca & www.thevillagevoices.ca

**PVFA CHIPPING EVENT, SAVE THE DATE!** The Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association Spring chipping event will be held over the weekend of May 13-14. Registration is not required. Start collecting your fallen branches to be

chipped at the roadside: - Clean brush only, branches I/2 inch BURN PERMITS NOW REQUIRED: Permits are required for make this event a success. If you would like to help, please where or at anytime on Ships Point. Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association is used to re occurs, please run an outside tap



SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

place outdated equipment, provide training for fire fighters and first responders, and for emergency preparedness.

to 4 inches in diameter, no smaller or larger, foliage does not yard waste burning AND for campfires in non commercial or need to be removed - NO BLACKBERRIES, NO RAKED MATERI- homemade fire pits. To obtain a burning permit, download AL (to avoid stones injuring crews or damaging machinery) - and complete a form and take it to a member of the SPID Fire Stack material parallel to the street, butt ends facing the Department for approval and signature. Before burning, same direction. Chips will be hauled away. If you wish to keep please ensure the Venting Index is rated GOOD. Forms and your chips, contact the SPID office in person or at ship- Venting Index information are available on the SPID website spt1@shaw.ca. Community volunteers are needed to help at spid.ca. Please note that beach fires are NOT allowed any-

leave your name at the SPID office. For insurance reasons, WATER MAIN FLUSHING: From May 18-20 you may notice volunteers must be officially signed in before the event. Resi- our Water Operator flushing the main water lines and fire dents CANNOT help at the roadside. Donations are appreciat- hydrants. Water main flushing is performed regularly to ened and can be made at any time leading up to the event. sure continued safe, clean drinking water. The line flushing ETransfer is available as a payment method to **spvfire**- may cause some cloudiness in the water. With this in mind, fightersassociation@gmail.com. All money received by the you may consider doing laundry at another time. If cloudiness

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SPID REPORT

# **BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB** invites you to our Spring in Fanny Bay PLANT SALE Saturday, May 13th 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Fanny Bay Community Hall 7793 Island Highway South, Fanny Bay, BC ~ FREE ADMISSION ~ Locally grown perennials, annuals, shrubs, veggie starts, and more! PAYMENT ACCEPTED~ CASH, CREDIT, or DEBIT ~ Master Gardepers After the sale, remaining on site to answer plants will be sold at a your gardening questions! location on Bates Drive May 14-19 or until all are gone. Watch for signs! bsgcplantsale@gmail.com



#### Little Shop of Floras Now Open !!



A market stand of girl things. ~ Curios and Collectibles ~ Always open!

7726 Vivian Way. Ships Point, Fanny Bay



#### NVASIVE PLANTS: WHAT SHOULD I GROW INSTEAD?

We have had a busy month pulling invasive English ivy, periwinkle, and spurge laurel (Daphne) from two of our local parks. Thanks very much to everyone who participated in our work crews. It was amazing how much a few people can accomplish in each session.



As spring makes its' gradual appearance, you may have noticed that some of these evil intrusive plants are growing in your yard. How do you get rid of them and what should you plant instead?

Unfortunately, hand-pulling is still the best way to remove invasives. Make sure you get the roots so they don't grow back. If you have Daphne (poisonous) or Scotch broom grow-



ing on your property and don't feel comfortable removing it yourself, contact us on Facebook we can arrange to help you out. DO NOT COMPOST invasive plants. Instead, place them in plastic bags and dispose in your regular garbage.

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD GROW INSTEAD:

**Native plants:** Consider planting native plants that are well-suited to your region and have a lower likelihood of becoming invasive. Native plants are often better adapted to local soil and climate conditions and can provide important habitat for local wildlife. Some examples of native groundcovers include creeping phlox, wild ginger, creeping thyme, sedum, and foamflower (Tiarella trifoliata). Native bushes include Oregon grape, salal, Nootka rose, dogwood, huckleberry and oceanspray.

**Non-invasive vines:** If you like the look of ivy, consider planting a non-invasive vine instead. Options include climbing hydrangea, Virginia creeper, clematis, and orange honeysuckle (western trumpet vine Lonicera ciliosa).

**Non-invasive ornamental plants:** There are many beautiful ornamental plants that are not invasive and can provide similar aesthetic benefits. Some examples include ferns, Russian sage, astilbes, heucheras, asters, lupin, and black-eyed Susan.

**Edible plants:** If you're looking for a functional alternative, consider planting edible plants such as fruit trees, berry bushes, or vegetable gardens. These can provide food for you and your family while also contributing to a more sustainable and diverse landscape.

**Mulch:** If you don't want to plant anything new, consider using a natural mulch like wood chips or straw to cover the ground instead. Help's to suppress the growth of weeds and keep your garden looking neat and tidy. Ultimately, the best alternative to these invasive plants will depend on your specific needs and growing conditions. Consult with a local garden center (Streamside Native Plants are very helpful) or horticulturist for more specific recommendations based on your location and preferences.

This list of plants is not inclusive. There are many more invasive plants you should be aware of and make a point of removing from your gardens. Learn more: beplantwise.ca View their 'Grow Me Instead' guide.

Facebook: Friends of Fanny Bay Parks (events and work crew dates/times) ARK YOUR CALENDARS FANNY BAY WATERWORKS AGM at the Fanny Bay Firehall, 7512 Cougar Smith Road, 7 pm Thursday, April 27th. Agenda to include Financial Statements and Auditor's Report -2022 Budget -2023. One Trustee Position open for a Three Year Term. Nominations can be made at the meeting. FANNY BAY WATERWORKS CUSTOMERS WELCOME

#### T HE FANNY BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

would like to thank all the groups who participated in the *Celebrate Your Communiity* event on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
A special Thank-You to the donors of the door prizes Fanny Bay Oysters, Weinberg's Good Food,

Bread and Blooms, and Fanny Bay Trading Co. Your Generosity Is Appreciated

#### HE COMOX VALLEY HOSPICE SOCIETY (CVHS)

We're celebrating 40 Years of caring for those at the end of life from a life-limiting illness and supporting their loved ones.

Trained CVHS volunteers provide a listening ear and a compassionate presence in the hospital, at the Aitken Community Hospice and in people's homes.

Counsellors on staff provide palliative, anticipatory grief and bereavement support. A wide variety of programs and groups support are available and include such things as Self Care Clinics, Caregivers Support Circle, Walking Groups, Advance Care Planning and more.

To learn more about Comox Valley Hospice Society programs and services, or to make a donation to help continue this important community service for the another 40 years, please visit **comoxhospice.com** 



The busy sounds on Baynes Sound,	They usher in a moment of peace
echoes of another time but the same place,	the musical lilt of the robin,
owned by the creatures who have dwelt here forever adding their voices to the cacophony of the chaos	the multitalented loon singing her morning mournful song
	the horned owl giving her final hoooot
the loonie loon's absurd laugh,	before departing the night.
the <i>tap-tap-tap</i> of the northern flickers,	Not to be outdone
the <i>baaaarking</i> of the sea lions, the senseless <i>chagagatter</i> of the crows	Baynes Sound sends out its soft percussion booms.
	The flat-bottomed oyster-boats
and man adds to the helter-skelter of sounds	dare to shshshsh
donating to the chaos the <i>whiiiiine</i> of the chainsaws,	an accompaniment to natures softer nature. They chug slowly along to their waiting flats
the angry <i>growwwl</i> of the weed-eaters,	to lower their precious cargo
the heavy breaththththing of the	into the rising tides,
leaf-blowers,	little filters eliminating man's and nature's waste.
ne monotonous <i>murrrrrmurrrrr</i> of the electric lawnmowers.	I sit here on my deck contemplating life's lies
But the early morning sounds are much more special.	and realize that there is an element of
They hummmm in time and tune with the first light of dawn.	truth in every lie. Lawrence J.W. Coope
and the second	Comox Valley Poet Laurea

#### OIN THE FBCA TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

The Fanny Bay Hall is the heart of our community. It's bours to play sports, listen to music, walk the dog, exercise, hours a month, some involve several minutes a month. meet, eat and welcome new folks to the area. In the past If you see something in the list below that speaks to you, year, several long-time volunteers have stepped away, having please speak to us! served our community admirably. It's a familiar happening in the long history of volunteerism at the hall.

#### Board of Directors positions needed as of AGM:

Vice-President
Two to four Directors with a portfolio from the list below

Policy & Procedures - become familiar with existing FBCA policies and procedures and information in BC Society Act and Canada Revenue Act as they apply to FBCA Health & Safety Liaison -identify issues and communicate to board executive for follow up.

The tasks are many to keep our hall not only open: but the place where we gather with family, friends and neigh- thriving. We need you! Some are of the tasks involve several

> Call Alaine French at 250-335-3379 or email concerts@fannybaycommunity.com.

Events Coordinator - recruit Event Organizers for specific events; liaise with Event Organizers and board; may involve writing articles for the Flyer about events and the need for volunteers for events.

Grants Researcher – 1-2 hrs/month	- regularly monitor various government websites (all levels)
	for potential grants; potential to assist in grant writing
Grant writing – time varies	- work with board liaison to write grants
Building Handyperson – 1 hr/week	– various tasks (e.g. changing light bulbs) and small repairs
9034 9404001	(e.g. need to glue face rocks on building exterior)
Grounds Monitor – 1 hr/week	- see FBCA manual for description Appendix 22
Merchandise & Sales Monitor – 1 hr/month	– monitor inventory and assist in sales (e.g. Shingles & Shells
	books, t-shirts,)
Youth & Children Events (Youth Night, Easter,	-perfect for someone who enjoys organizing and planning and
Hallowe'en, Xmas)	has experience with youth and children (criminal record check
	required) 10 hrs/per event
Audio-Visual Technicians	-no experience necessary, training provided; work with AV
	team at concert events and special presentations
Snow removal from sidewalks to hall entrances	Any of these could be part of grounds or building monitor
Salting sidewalks from parking lot to hall entrances	tasks, but not necessarily
Outside portable toilet monitor	( outside portable toilet is maintained by contractor)
Generator monitor	
Event volunteer worker bees	Assist with venue set-up and takedown (chairs and tables) and
	parking, grounds cleanup, weeding- usually 2 hour shifts.
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#### Support Roles and Tasks needed immediately:

April 2023 - May 2023

#### **IVING WILD Getting -The Gardening Groove On!** are in a flurry of excitement surrounded by seeds and plant pour over your plants as a natural plant food! starts, ready for the planting to begin! Amidst the inclement weather, here are some fun and innovative ideas and projects is Epsom salts. Salt is made of magnesium and it can help with that can contribute to a successful garden and helping to keep seed germination nutrient absorption and chlorophyll producpests away.

I found myself surrounded by seeds a couple of weeks ago, wanting to take a trek out into the world guite yet, I made my own with some paper towel and toilet paper tubes. I cut them

filled them with potting mix.

Each little cardboard "pot" was used to plant the last of my seeds. As the seedlings grow, the entire tube and plant can be put into the ground and they will naturally decompose while not disturb-



ing the root system during transplant. Then the tubes will be port the plants on their own. Amazing!

look, and your plants will be virtually weed-free this season. yard with beautiful flowers!

Speaking of weeds, they are not all useless and they can actually be beneficial for creating a strong concoction of nutri- you get started on the right foot this year. It's a slower start ents for our gardens. Simply cut the weeds out of an area, than some years, but hopefully that allows us to be more premaking sure they are NOT in seed. Put all the weeds in a buck- pared and ready for it when it happens. As the saying goes, et and fill/cover with water. Let the mixture soak for several April showers bring May flowers! hours and then strain the weeds out. Use the water that has

Still a chilly start to the Spring, but all of us gardeners absorbed all of the vitamins and minerals from the weeds and

Another natural fertilizer that your plants will thank you for tion. About once per month, mix a ratio of 2 tsp salt with one gallon of water, and then spray it onto your plants. Your vegbut I had used every last starter pot on hand! Without gies will love you for this, and it will double as a slug deterrent as they hate salt!

If you are starting to move some seedlings out into the garto about 1 ½ - 2" tall, placed them all onto a solid tray and den and want to protect them from rabbits and deer munching on the young leaves, a really clever trick is to put bamboo (or plastic if that's all you have) forks standing up in your garden around the delicate plants.

> Simply stick the handles into the ground and leave the 'fork' tops standing proud. These mini 'scarecrows' will scare small animals, but the key is to move them around every couple of days as those little rabbits, squirrels and mice are pretty smart and when things don't move they know it's a trick!

Did you know that roses love to grow in raw potatoes?! It completely gone and the roots will be strong enough to sup- sounds strange but it actually works and it's a fun spring project for kids. If you get a bouquet of roses wait until they are If you have specialty plants that you want protected from wilting, or just get some cuttings from a rose bush. Poke one weeds, start collecting newspaper and cardboard! I line the hole in each potato, and then insert the end of a rose stem bottoms of my delicate plants with several layers of newspa- into each hole. Bury the potato and the bottom of the rose per, and older more established plants with thick cardboard. into a select location of your yard and watch rose bushes start A fine layer of soil or mulch on top leaves a beautiful finished to grow! Plant as many rose potatoes as you want and fill your

All of these little known garden ideas will hopefully help

Angela Hicke - Van Isle Wild



#### REETINGS!

Our General Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> was followed by decorated in green for St. Patrick's Day, and we were entertained by Glen Coffin on the guitar. He led us in some Irish songs. President Joan Johnston and hubby Walter cut a rug! Here's a much-loved perk. If you come to the door with That evening we discovered that there is some Irish in all of us. Well done everyone for a very enjoyable evening!

OAP executive meeting April 10 at 1pm. General Meeting is on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. On April 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having 'dinner out' at the Bamboo Inn, at 2040 Comox Ave. Tickets are \$20. To reserve, contact Lee Hardy asap at 250-702-0564.

OAP Hall Clean-Up will be on SATURDAY, April 22nd, 9am - 12. Please come, as many hands make light work. Coffee and baking afterwards is always a good incentive.

New to Fanny Bay is the 'Welcome to our Community' program. If you're new here, please contact Eleanor Hope or Louise Bradshaw at Fanny Bay Hall 250-335 -2832. More details are included in this edition of the Fanny Bay Flyer.

Birthday wishes this month go to Ernie Anderson, Marg Anderson, Louise Bradshaw, Jean Challand, Lee Hardy, Roland Semjanovs, Erna Smith, Ron Vermeulen and Gerald Wiens. A happy day to all of you from all of us!

The Fanny Bay Seniors Hall, OAP 127, is a busy place with 68 members. There are more than a few groups that use it regularly: Art Mates, Comox Valley Caregivers Support Group, Baybillie Singing Group, Baynes Sound Lions, and Baynes Sound Garden Club, Fanny Bay Quilters, all rent space. Casual renters for groups up to 60 people can be accommodated. A fully equipped 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.

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 our regular potluck dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Hall was is another main fundraiser for Fanny Bay Seniors. Contact Joan Payne at 250-335-3389 for more information.

Membership has many rewards. \$15 per person per year.

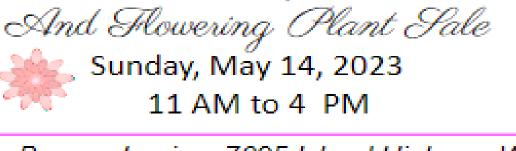


flowers or a cake, I think you'll find this amusing. They're lovely and thank-you, but leave them at the door. Right now, it's snoozing I'm choosing!

by Dianne Volrich



All About Mothers Celebration and Open Market



### Bowser Legion, 7095 Island Highway W. For Information Call 250-884-0500

### **NEW** COMMUNITY Entertainment Arts & Science Program FUN and Enrichment for CHILDREN and FAMILIES!



**LET'S DANCE!** Come one! come all! - singles, couples, groups, teams - join your community under the stars to enjoy the warmer weather, dance, sing, laugh with family, schoolmates, friends you know and some you haven't met yet, to the beat of live music! Don't know how to dance - no worries - instructors will be on hand!





Youth Dance for a Cause: Fundraiser for Veterans Service Dogs (grades 4-7) - June 17 6-9 PM!

TIKTOK Teen Dance for a Cause: Wounded Warriors (grade 8 - high school) July 8th 7-10 PM

Community Dance at the Music Festival and Open Market - Battle of the Band - August 13, 5-9 PM



LET'S SPOTLIGHT OUR COMMUNITY'S TALENTS! Roaring '20's Murder Mystery Dinner - September 17th - 6-9 PM





**Community Talent Show** - Saturday, September 30 Categories - Children <12 yrs, Middle/HS 12 -18 yrs, Young Adult 18-25, Adult >25

Community Science Fair - Fri/Sat. October 20-21, all categories of science, entries by children, youth adults and families



Art Gallery and Exhibit spotlighting Vancouver Island art, Saturday November 18



LET'S START NEW FAMILY HOLIDAY TRADITIONS! All Community Holiday Pageant - spotlighting holiday celebrations around the world, live dramatic performance of original radio show style play, "Hunting For The Holidays, children's choir, games, treats, contests, prizes, fun-filled stockings for all, and visit from Santa!

Hosted by Bowser Legion, BR 211, 7095 Island Highway West, Bowser Call for more information 250-884-0500 All are welcome!

#### HE BEAUFORT WATERSHED STEWARDS (BWS)

The forecast called for sun but there was a drizzle of school's main hallway. The kids rain on the windshield as we drove the short distance to Mud tracked the water temperature in Bay Creek. We hoped to do a transect - that is, measure the the tank and watched for changes stream flow - before the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement to the eggs over the course of the folks installed their smolt trap. The smolt trap, appropriately winter. In the spring, the kids took enough, catches smolts, or baby fish, so they can be counted the newly hatched fry to Rosewall as they head out to sea. The problem for BWS is that the Creek. It was an exciting event for smolt trap raises the water level. Since we use the level as an indicator of how much water is flowing, anything that artificially raises the water level confuses our data. So, we try to get a transect just before and just after the smolt trap goes in and then we adjust the numbers accordingly.

We start by recording the stage, the hydrological term for water level. Then we string a measuring tape across the creek brown trout darted out from under a log and, in a flash, goband begin taking readings at regular intervals perpendicular bled up half of the little fish. A fun day ended with a hard lesto the flow. While we are doing our prep work, the sun breaks through the drizzle and, even though we're in the trees, stray sunbeams find us through the leaves. They carry some psychological warmth even if no real heat. The woods are full of robins, flitting from tree to tree, arguing over territory with their complex melodies. Our sophisticated instrument, the FlowTracker II, does all the thinking so we settle into a routine, enjoying the morning and swapping stories.

My transecting partner, Paul Anders, is a former teacher. His school used to incubate salmon eggs in a large tank in the

#### IVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

Loor March 24<sup>th</sup> concert featuring John Reischman and available at the door. Of course the Jaybirds was our first sold out show since before the pan- there will be desserts and refreshments demic. It is great to see folks returning. People loved the mu- available by donation. sicianship and the toe tapping music. John Reischman is a brilliant mandolinist. It was a truly unique band sound from presented this season. Our final concert, the Huu Bac Quintet this acclaimed and long enduring group.

from Courtenay and The Village Voices of Qualicum will be performing a Matinee on Sunday, April 23rd at 2:30 pm at Vietnamese descent moved to Canada with his family at age the Fanny Bay Hall. The two choirs wanted to sing in a venue between their home bases to share the joy of choral music. We are delighted that The Fanny Bay Community Hall is their chosen location. If you are not familiar with these choirs, both choirs started approximately 30 years ago. They are mixed community choirs with soprano, alto, tenor, and bass guished himself as a finalist for the Montreal Arts Council singers. Each choir will be singing with approximately 40 singers, with their own accompanists and musical directors. They will be performing separately. Their musical selections will put Montreal jazz scene, Huu Bac charms his audience through on page 5 for details.

community. Tickets are \$20. They are available online at fan- in this issue of the flyer has the ticket outlet locations. \$30 in nybayhall.tickit.ca. You can also get them directly from us person, \$33 online. by contacting us at concerts@fannybaycommunity.com /250-335-3379 or from choir members. There may be tickets can be found on YouTube.



the kids, carrying their "pets" to the creek in buckets. They poked them, talked to them, and named them as they released them into pools along the creek bank. The kids watched as the fish skittered about, cautiously exploring their new, more expansive home.

Then thwack! Imagine the children's horror as a huge son. Nature can be a merciless tutor!

Our transect is finished and we begin packing up. Nature is



kind today and has nothing to teach us except that it feels good to be in the creek, in the dappled sunlight, after a long winter.

by Mike Mestord



We are very pleased with the concert lineup that we have on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, jazz with an Asian influence, adds Spring Sings in Fanny Bay: The Celebration Singers Choir to the varied and talented performers we have experienced.

> Huu Bac, born in Vietnam from parents of Chinese/ two. He studied jazz guitar at Montreal's McGill University before focusing on the dan bar (Vietnamese monochord). From 2009-2015, he collaborated with Cirque du Soleil in recording for the shows 'Totum' and Toruk' and for artistic director Robert Lepage's 'Canotgraphie'. In 2010 Huu distin-Diversity Award.

Backed by a solid team of prominent musicians from the the spring into your step and warm your heart. See the poster the beauty and intensity of his musical pieces. This concert will truly be a world-class performance, the only one on Van-We hope you will come for this special performance in our couver Island on this tour. Get your tickets early! The poster

Samples of Huu Bac's music

by Bill and Alaine French **Concert Coordinators** 

#### HE GARDEN CLUB LAST MET ON APRIL 6th

The feature speaker for the evening was our very own Lots of treasures and surprises at great Jane Kerr. This very talented club member is not only a Master Gardener, but has also held the positions of director of the Come on out and fill your trunk! Calgary and Comox Valley Horticultural Societies. She is curmentor for interns at Vancouver Island University.

ins and outs of container planting. She discussed various considerations and requirements for planting in containers such as the eye of the viewer when designing a container planting, more information, please email bsgardenclub@gmail.com drainage and air exchange, seasonal changes, colour, soil and fertilizer needs, and plant choices.

Club members are busy preparing for our annual plant sale, to be held in the Fanny Bay Community Hall on Saturday, May 13th, from 9 to 11 am. This famous and fabulous community event is our major fundraiser for the year and features plants that our members have seeded, divided, or potted up, as the case may be. There's always a great variety of plants - perennials, veggie starts, shrubs, fruits, and more.

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prices! We also have a couple of vendors joining in the fun.

The Baynes Sound Garden Club meets at the Seniors (OAP) rently a director for the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Hall on Ships Point Road in Fanny Bay on the first Thursday Association as well as their North Island District Planner and a evening of February through until June and then September through November. The next meeting is May 4, when Connie Jane kept the group entertained as she led us through the Thompson from Nanoose Bay will tell us all there is to know about growing dahlias

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings. For





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#### VEN IF YOU LIVE UNDER A BRIDGE

with carpets and lights like the IKEA troll, you've proba- you have questions, they have bly given a party once or twice. Vacuumed those carpets, turned answers. You can usually count on a up the lights, filled the fridge, pulled the battery out of the card, a brochure or if you want a smoke detector so you could cook up a storm or a stir fry, put sticker on your Passport Book a dab of Chanel or Old Spice where it would do the most good from each tent. Our environmental emphasis party and you're invited: see poster on page nine.

people you need to not worry about whether it's going to ing at River Never Sleeps and they'd love to see you. rain, because all that worry ain't going to stop the rain - into Rosewall Creek and let them go.

nately for everyone, FBSES has not just a single arranger, we of the day, likely around 2:30, we will do a mass release from whose New Year's message to us all was "River Never Sleeps is finish for each year's batch of hatchery Coho. Other fish stuff May 7 this year and the sign-up sheet is over there!" is our uniquely different fish painting tent where children,

you'll be happy to know Bruce is doing them again in '23, and carcasses magically combine to produce take-it-home, one-of-Phil, Anne and Larry will be dishing out the smolts. Bruce and a-kind, art. Shaun will be doing the burgers and Doug will be expediting The process everything. Ron and Randy will do parking and Karin and Hilla- and the rery will be at the entrance booth to hand out the goody bags. sults really

The River Never Sleeps Passport will be back so that every- need to be one can get their books full of stickers to show they really did seen to be visit and listen to all the exhibitors. There will be gift baskets believed, as prizes, one for kids, one for adults for full Passports. There and only at will be about 40 exhibitors. Many of these folks would not River Never miss River and are eager to be back when they get here on Sleeps. Sunday morning. Old friendships are renewed while everyone gets their tables set up, finds a free coffee, and gets ready to talk about their passionate interests with all of you. New this year - BC Native Bees, British Columbia Conservation Foundation and The Pacific Salmon Strategic Initiative who have big plans to tell you about.

We open the gates at the bridge, about 10 am, the people who make it all worthwhile - that's you, Flyer readers - pour in. Groups of one to dozens show up and the fun really starts. There is no admission charge and family friendly pricing on all food is a tradition we all love. Parking is always on the roadside of Berray Road and at the Natural Glacial Waters plant lot, courtesy of them, because they're great neighbors. Wheelchair permit holders will find space inside our site after approval from parking controllers on the bridge.

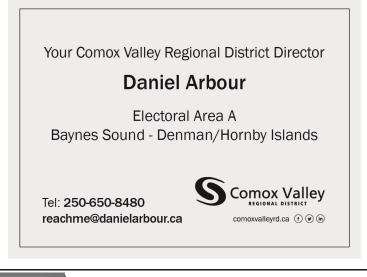
All our exhibitors are here to tell you about what they do that they're crazy about, nobody is selling you anything, and if



... it was a busy time. That's where we are right now at FBSES at *River* is broad; it covers the waterfront. The forest, the on Berray Road: getting the place ready for company. It's our trees the birds, wildlife, and the Island. Groups will be from near and far. Our age range is equally spacious - there are a When you hold a big outdoor garden party for 600-odd lot of bright young people who know their stuff demonstrat-

Let's start with the kids. Everyone's favourite event is the stead, we remind ourselves and everyone else that we're Ca- parade to the creek with a bucket containing a bright new Conadians and we're okay, and you don't have to shovel it. Also, ho salmon smolt that every kid, and a lot of their parents, can we have lots of marguees and big tents and besides, it won't do as many times as they want. Volunteers will fill an ice rain. We have Porta-Potties, fire trucks, St. John Ambulance, cream bucket with water and a fish. Each child will walk, not roulette wheels set up to teach ecology, and a bathtub-size run, with it to the edge of Rosewall Creek where another voltank of year-old Coho pre-smolts who can't wait for little kids unteer will give him or her the help, they need to pour it into to come along with an ice cream bucket and carry them down the water and watch it disappear into its new life. We always have a lifeguard standing downstream and so far, our record All of this doesn't happen without a lot of arranging. Fortu- is perfect; only fish have gone into the creek. Towards the end have lots of them thanks to our president, Judy Ackinclose, a raceway of all the fish that didn't get a bucket ride - it's a big If you enjoyed your oysters from the barbecue last year, poster paints, brushes, large sheets of paper and mature Coho





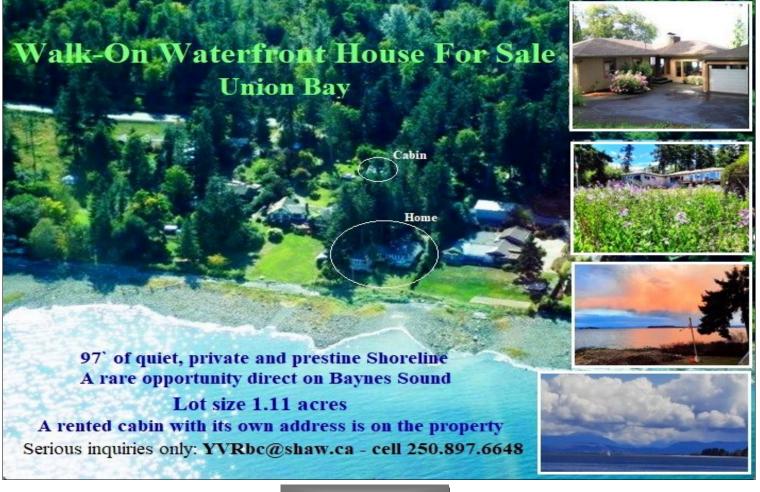
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where as well as at River Never Sleeps. It's important to and helps you become something new. That's what hap-Moms and Dads, and it is to us that our fast food is not only pened for our member Valerie Hadley of Qualicum Bay, who fast and all cooked-on site and in front of you, but that it is brought her mother to a couple of our River Never Sleeps affordable. This year we are adding ice cream cones back Festivals and enjoyed her visits so much she joined us here at with six flavours, we will have French Fries done on site again, FBSES. She now helps everyone else find their magic. It could and we have our couldn't-be-more-local delicacy, Mac's Oys- happen to you too. And at this year's Festival we'll be reters, done to order. A must - burgers with and without membering a familiar face no longer here to help us and encheese, with all the expected condiments available, and of joy every minute of his days doing it. Frank Lines of Courtecourse hot dogs. All this food can be enjoyed in our expanded nay, previously of Fanny Bay, had been a dedicated FBSES seating area in front of live music. The Ryder Bachman Band member for twenty years. He was one of the team that was a hit in 2022 and we've brought him back for the day. makes River happen and would have been on the oyster bar-Our River Never Sleeps Festival salmonid enhancement logo becue crew. His death March 7th has saddened us all. The T's come in gray, black and white, various sizes and one price: show will go on, the river will run, the salmon will return, and \$10 each. Top yourself off with an FBSES ball cap for another Frank's memory will be part of it all for us. The River Never tenner.

River Never Sleeps Festival started in 2008 - 14 years ago. - you do not want to miss it!

There will also be face painting available so that every There's a good chance you've attended previously. You've got child can show off his or her inner tiger or princess or super- your own favourite things to see and do and you can expect hero. And, under another convenient tent, so no one gets to see them again and some new things that will add to your sunburned, every kid's favourite wildlife, bugs, will be availa- day. River is always a casual and relaxed environment that ble in quantity, in their natural environment, water and mud, lets you stay in the shade, sit and chow down or talk fish or and all for close contemplation and handling, under the guid- birds or trees or recycling or enhancement or water or someance of our enthusiastic and educational contract biologist, thing you may never have thought of before this opportunity. David Clough, who annually entrances children with the mys- There's always a chance a door opens for you to something teries of things that live in the creeks that aren't just fish. you hadn't previously considered. Then, some of the magic Kids and food go together everywhere, but hardly any- that the River Never Sleeps Festival creates rubs off on you Sleeps Festival is **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** 10 - 3pm

by Dave Sands



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COLT is organized by the Victoria Hospice Society involving communities throughout Vancouver Island, each raising money to support hospice care in their own community.

Each of the Cyclepaths riders has a personal fundraising goal, as well as a collective goal of raising \$60K+.

Check out their Facebook page to find out what fundraising events are going on Comox Valley Hospice or visit the team page to donate

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until it clears and, if possible, avoid running your washing machine.

SPID ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The AGM will be held on Thursday April 20, 2023 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. SPID is currently seeking volunteer trustees. If you are a Ships Point resident looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community, please consider volunteering as a trustee. No experience is required, and the Board is a welcoming and supportive group to work with. Nomination forms are available at the SPID office on Vivian Way and on the website at SPID.ca under General Info, Board of Trustees. As well, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

#### 🔻 OAST KITCHEN **RHUBARB MUFFIN**

Rhubarb comes into season in late March to early April and sticks around until the beginning of June. The pretty stalks can be preserved by washing, chopping and freezing, or canning it into jams, chutneys or pie filling.



These muffins are a delicious way

to enjoy this tart vegetable. Use the most red stems for a tender muffin, the bigger pieces are perfect for stewing or pies. Just a reminder: roots and leaves are poisonous!

So keep children and pets away.

#### Ingredients

1/4 cup of melted butter	1/2 cup buttermilk
1 egg 1 tsp vanilla 1 cup flour	3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp Each baking soda,	baking powder & salt
1 cup finely chopped rhubarb	1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Topping 1 TB brown sugar 1/2 tsp cinnamon

Mix together the butter, buttermilk, egg & vanilla. In another bowl whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, soda & salt. Add the nuts & rhubarb to the dry ingredients. Toss to coat with flour. Add the wet ingredients to the dry, stir until just mixed.

Fill greased muffin liners in a muffin baking tray. Mix the topping ingredients and *sprinkle* over the top. Bake at 375F (or convect at 350F) for 20-25 minutes. They are done when they bounce back after touching.

by Marietjie Coast



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