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- maps of our area*
- transportation information*
- events in Fanny Bay plus the Comox Valley*
- Community Clubs and service Organization
information with volunteer opportunities*

*To have your Welcome Bag delivered to you, please call
the Fanny Bay Hall and leave a message. (250-335-2832)*

*If you are a resident of Fanny Bay and have a new
neighbour, please call on their behalf or share this
information with them.*

Louise Bradshaw & Eleanor Hope - Coordinators, Welcome to Our Community.

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I think I can safely say that spring has arrived in Fanny Bay! The daffodils have flowered and the tulips are here, and the singing of the birds starts bright and early each day. So far, we have avoided the severe flooding others in the province are experiencing and when I look up towards the mountains, there is still a lot of snow which should benefit us for later in the summer.

Big thanks to those that came out for the Grounds Clean-up Day even if mother nature wasn't exactly on our side, we still got a lot accomplished. While I am on the subject of grounds, we have some of our youth using the field for sports. This is fantastic to see but what is not so fantastic is the amount of dog poop being left on the field. **Come on folks pick up after your dogs**, there are bags and refuse containers right there!! Let's do better Fanny Bay, we have young kids playing on that field.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the contributions of our outgoing Board members: Suzanne Murray, Erna Smith, Angela Hicke, Sherry Harrill, Debby McRae, and Marcia Cronk-Teha. Their hard work, dedication, and service has been invaluable to the success of our community, and we could not have achieved all that we have without their unwavering support. I am grateful for all that you have done, and your offers to continue as volunteers. On behalf of the remaining Board, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

To those who are staying on the Board, Neville Hope, Alaine French, Judy Starr, Susannah Howick, Keir Gervais, and our recently appointed Treasurer Tanya Ackinclose, I want to express my appreciation for your continued commitment and dedication to the

FBCA and our community. Your contributions are vital to our success, and I look forward to working together with you to achieve our goals.

I would also like to thank those that support the Board behind the scenes. Wendy Keating our Flyer Editor, Kathryn Hardy our Webmaster and Nina LeBlanc our bookkeeper, all of whom are staying on in their positions.

As we face new challenges and opportunities in the months ahead, I know that we can rely on the collective strength and wisdom of our Board Members, Volunteers, and the community at large to guide us forward. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on our community and create a better future for all who call it home.

Tammy Mercer-Gervais
FBCA President
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EXCITING NEWS FOR A FALL EVENT!!!

Bowser Seniors Housing Society (BSHS) On-Line Auction November 1st - 9th, 2023

Fundraising to build Lighthouse Villa, an affordable housing complex for our Seniors. Please consider a donation Auction to help us move even closer to our goal

Last year our Spring Auction was a great success, thanks to everyone who donated. of providing amazing housing for our seniors. We are asking early so that you can This year's event will provide another opportunity for you to contribute to the community and promote your business. be creative! We will not need to pick up your items until the Fall, but we will need you to let us know that you are working on

Our Fall Auction will warm us all up for something spectacular for us.

Christmas giving, with a focus on 'garden' items . eg., a wheelbarrow, an offer to weed, or a handmade bench are great Christmas gifts for the gardener.



We will have a section in our Auction for miscellaneous items, too, just in case you have something new and wonderful to gift that is not for the garden.

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S HIPS POINT LAUNCH HOUDINI HAMMOCK

Just off Wente Way, there is a sandy beach, and if you walk along it at low tide, you will find all sorts of interesting things to pick up and for a closer look. Pearly oyster shells or coloured glass could find their way into your pocket. You might find a really flat stone to zip on top of the water and watch how many times you could make it skip. On a walk like this, it's easy to be looking down and not be aware of anyone or anything else on the beach.

As you round the point of the beach, there is an old tree trunk. It was washed up after a storm, now weathered, and waterlogged. I stopped for a moment to lay one of the shells in a crook of a root and heard a peculiar sound. I peeked around the trunk and saw Stanley investigating a rope hammock between two overhanging trees.

He sniffed along the rope and then gave the hammock a tentative push. It swung away from him gently and settled



back down. Another strong push sent it on a bigger swing, back and forth, slowing down and resting quietly again. Stanley had been watching each swing

and becoming sleepy. He checked up, and down the beach, and not seeing anyone, he carefully put one paw up and tried to get into the hammock. It moved away from him, so he took a few steps back, pushed the hammock hard, and on the return swing, he leapt into the rope cradle. Mostly.

Three legs dropped between the ropes, leaving one leg and his tail straight up, like a furry SOS flag. Stanley looked like a ham, strung up for Easter.

He let the hammock slow to a stop while he figured out how to get out of his

predicament. It was all I could do to resist going to his rescue, so I watched from behind the tree trunk.

Stanley managed to lift one foot from between the ropes and fold it under him. He got a hind leg out and tucked under him as well. Now, right side up and with two legs freed, he reached into his camo backpack, took out his Swiss army knife, and got to work cutting himself out of the Houdini trap. Eventually, and with careful slices, he cut the bottom out and dropped to the beach, bottom first.

Stanley was free but not unseen, and I was not alone on the beach. The people who lived at the beach cottage were standing on the deck above the hammock, and a small group of people were also watching from the other end of the beach.

Everyone knows Stanley is a loner and dodges people's contact, so we all watched quietly. That is, until Stanley freed himself, and then a cheer went up!

To Stanley's surprise, a small group of bystanders were clapping and cheering! Before he dashed into the bushes, Stanley faced his audience, gave a deep doggy bow, and was gone.

The rope hammock was destroyed and never replaced by the owners. But if you walk there, bend down, and look down at the little sign below the hammock. It says, 'Stanley was here.'



by Dianne Volrich

LOOK FOR GREEN BANNERS!

Central Island studio tour with the CV Arts studio May 20th - 22nd. Studios are open 10 - 5 all three days:

Fanny Bay artists participating this year: Wendy Adams at Creative Spirit Glass Beads, 365 Ships Point Rd (jewelry), Don Cunningham (painting/fine woodworking) and Madeleine Wood (painting) at Madeleine Wood Studios, 7801 Tozer Rd.

See the CV Arts advertisement on page 12. This year bus tours are being offered.

Your Comox Valley Regional District Director

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SPID WATER MAIN FLUSHING

From May 18-20 you may notice our Water Operator flushing the main water lines and fire hydrants. Water main flushing is performed regularly to ensure continued safe, clean drinking water. The line flushing may cause some cloudiness in the water. With this in mind, you may consider doing laundry at another time. If cloudiness occurs, please run an outside tap until water runs clear.

ARE YOU AN AIR BnB OWNER ON SHIPS POINT?

Fire season is here, and as our area warms up and dries out, SPID asks that owners of Air BnB or holiday guest rentals on Ships Point (*as well as all other SPID residents*) review current Ships Point fire regulations and permitting requirements, in the interest of preventing wildfires in our community. As host/home owner, please ensure guests know that **beach fires are not allowed** anywhere, or at any time of year, on Ships Point. If you provide a wood burning campfire pit or appliance on your property for guest use, it must be inspected and approved for use by the SPID fire chief before use. All wood burning campfires, as well as yard waste burns, require a permit during fire season (from April 15 - Oct. 15). Specific **Fire Pit Permits**, only for campfires, may be issued for a season if conditions and specifications are met. Fire Pit specifications and conditions: 1. Unit must be inspected and authorized by the fire chief prior to use. 2. A non-combustible spark arresting screen, with screen openings not greater than 1/4

inch by 3/8 inch, are to be placed over the fire at all times except when wood is being added. 3. The unit must be installed on a non-combustible surface such as brick or concrete 4. The unit must be a minimum of 10 feet/3 metres from flammable materials such as trees, slash, dry grass, and wooden buildings 5.

A photo of the appliance must be provided to accompany the permit 6. No burning during windy periods 7. Fires must be attended at all times by at least one adult person. 8. A charged hose or water source and a shovel are to be immediately available. Once approved, the fire pit appliance may be used when there is an OPEN BURNING BAN on Ships Point but NOT when the Fire Danger Rating is EXTREME or there is a total burning ban. The Fire Danger Rating is readily available to residents and guests either on the Ships Point welcome sign or at SPID.ca. To apply for a **Fire Pit Permit**, call the SPID office at 250-335-0551 or email spvfd@shaw.ca to request an inspection by the fire chief. For yard waste burning permits, forms are available at the SPID office on Vivian Way or can be download from the website at SPID.ca. Complete a permit and take it to any member of the SPID Fire Department for approval and signature. Always ensure the Venting Index is rated as GOOD before burning.

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Vancouver Island Real Estate Board Market Highlights | April 2023

SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED
Active Listings: 956
Sales: 391
Benchmark Price: \$738,600

Condo Apartment
Active Listings: 304
Sales: 77
Benchmark Price: \$410,000

Row/Townhouse
Active Listings: 246
Sales: 88
Benchmark Price: \$563,600

Source: Vancouver Island Real Estate Board MLS System. Areas represented include Campbell River, Comox Valley, Duncan, Malahat and Area, Nanaimo, Parksville-Qualicum, Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, and various Gulf Island. The single-family detached category does not include acreage or waterfront; patio homes are found under the row/townhouse category

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LIVING WILD Gobbling Up Spring

Every May starts a little phenomenon around here, which begins with just one little pip in an egg! Once that first little break is made, the incubator quickly fills with an abundance of baby turkeys, and the season has begun!

Often people are confused as to why they have never heard of turkey eggs or seen them before. Most farmers have actually never seen a turkey egg, because they are quite rare. The turkeys that you can purchase for holidays in the grocery store have actually been altered to grow large within months, which makes them incapable of reproducing naturally.

These grocery store birds, called Broad Breasted, are shipped to farmers as baby poults, raised for four months until they are ready to harvest. It is actually inhumane in many cases to keep these birds alive over four months, as they will break their legs under their own body weight. Commercial birds are usually raised indoors in very compact conditions.

Heritage turkeys are the only turkeys that can reproduce naturally, and they have a life expectancy of 8-10 years. They are much more resilient than the commercial birds, and are independent foragers that live outdoors year round in all weather conditions. Many people are unaware that heritage birds, unlike the supermarket turkeys that are too heavy, can run up to 40km/h, fly up to 100km/h and fly up to 35 feet into the treetops!



If you have lived in the Fanny Bay or Bowser area for a while, you may have heard of or even seen one of the "wild" turkey flocks in our area. Although turkeys are an introduced species to Vancouver Island similar to our "wild" rabbits, there are some released and wandering flocks. Every spring, the wild or released turkeys divide and small groups often naturally go off to make new flocks or to find other turkeys.

We often get messages of sighting asking if we have some missing birds. In fact, we have had the odd turkey come to join our flock, and sometimes males will be spotted dancing and displaying, trying to persuade our turkey hens to follow them! Turkeys naturally want to have new genetics in their flocks, which increases and maintains fertility.

The heritage turkeys are alive and well on the island, with many people and small farms taking on raising flocks. At one time in the 1990s, there were only an estimated 1500 heritage turkeys left in all of North America. Decades ago, there was a farm in Saanich that raised wild turkeys from West Virginia until 1954, and when the program was discontinued, the turkeys were released. Some remnant populations still exist in many Vancouver Island areas as well as on Saturna Island.

Heritage turkeys take much longer to raise, making the commercial varieties much more appealing to farmers, which resulted in significant loss of populations. Unfortunately, farmers cannot reproduce the commercial broad breasted and must purchase new birds every year.

This knowledge is now being shared more than ever, as we had the last of the birds that are actually able to

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More information on outdoor burning and the Venting Index are available at **SPID.ca**.

SPID FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ACCOLADES

In 2022, a Comox Valley Area Fire Services Review, including improvement district and municipal fire departments, was conducted by a third party consultant team. The resulting Fire Services Review Report was recently released and the Ships Point Improvement District and Fire Department were recog

nised for their success. A quote from the report: "The consultants found the SPID representatives to be engaged and engaging, fully aware of the challenges of maintaining services under the improvement district model, and doing a commendable job of that in challenging circumstances". Congratulations SPID volunteers and thank you for your hard work and commitment to the well-being of our community!

JOIN THE FBCA TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

The Fanny Bay Hall is the heart of our community. It's the place where we gather with family, friends and neighbours to play sports, listen to music, walk the dog, exercise, meet, eat and welcome new folks to the area. In the past year, several long-time volunteers have stepped away, having served our community admirably. It's a familiar happening in the long history of volunteerism at the hall.

The tasks are many to keep our hall not only open but thriving. We need you! Some are of the tasks involve several hours a month, some involve several minutes a month. If you see something in the list below that speaks to you, please speak to us! Call or email [Alaine French at 250-335-3379](mailto:Alaine.French@250-335-3379) or concerts@fannybaycommunity.com

Board of Directors positions needed as of May 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
Health & Safety Liaison	-identify issues and communicate to board executive for follow up.

Support Roles and Tasks needed immediately:

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 (e.g. need to glue face rocks on building exterior)
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
Audio-Visual Technicians	-no experience necessary, training provided; work with AV team at concert events and special presentations
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, Hallowe'en, Xmas)	-perfect for someone who enjoys organizing and planning and has experience with youth and children (criminal record check required) 10 hrs/per event
Grounds Monitor – 1 hr/week	– see FBCA manual for description Appendix 22
Snow removal from sidewalks to hall entrances	Any of these could be part of grounds or building monitor tasks, but not necessarily (outside portable toilet is maintained by contractor)
Salting sidewalks from parking lot to hall entrances	
Outside portable toilet monitor	
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.

***E*VERYONE AT FANNY BAY SALMONID ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY (FBSES)**

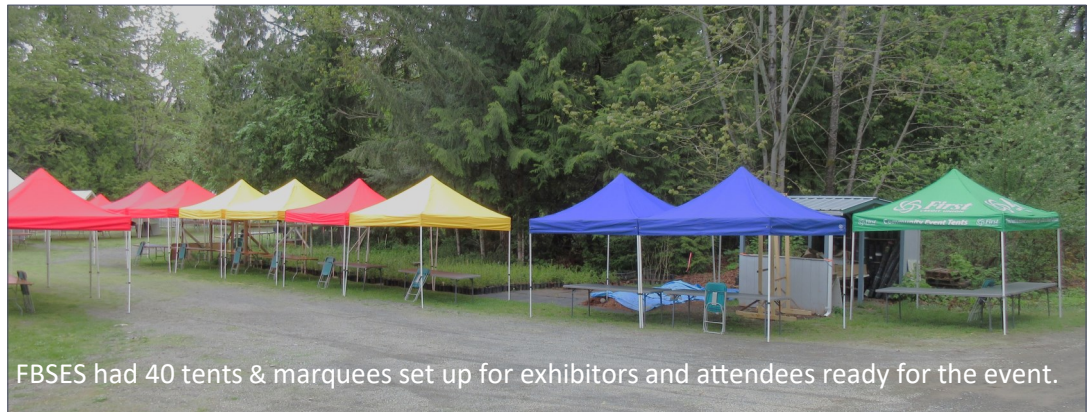
hopes you had a good time at our The River Never Sleeps Festival on the first Sunday of this month, the 7th. You remember that Sunday, the one with the sun, the nice temperatures, and the good time at our site on Berray Road. There were 719 of you, because you all got counted and greeted. This was our 14th River Never Sleeps, and we know you had a fun time because when you were leaving so many of you said so. It is a huge effort for all of us at FBSES, and the people from another 40 groups who staffed their information booths, and it followed weeks of stress about weather and strikes and what-ifs. First Credit Union staffed the concession, in case those folks looked familiar from some other counters, you all loved the Mac's Oysters and ate 50 dozen, and we went through 110 pounds of potatoes for the French fries. Having all of you there made it worthwhile.

There is a rhythm to life at the hatchery that is created by the living things that we raise, tens of thousands of Coho salmon, who are shortly to join their wild compatriots in Rosewall creek. They will hardly get to know each other before they all leave for the Pacific Ocean. Whether they grow up with us in our artificial environment or out there in the real world, Coho salmon smolts have one intention, to find salt water and survive for the next two years. Then to return and spawn.

It is this total dedication that salmon possess that you sense in every one of them. Wild salmon smolts are leaving streams for estuaries now, adapting their kidneys to handle salt water by repeated trips into tides, stopping only in Chef, Cook, Wilfred and Mud Bay, to be counted after an overnight hold in our streambed smolt boxes. Early numbers were low and few and are now climbing; the late, cool spring we have all noticed has kept fish waiting for the right time and temperature. That time is when they feel its right, and the water temperature around seven degrees Celsius; it is happening now on Wilfred Creek.

Our hatchery Coho production for 2023 totals 60,000, averaging 15 grams, (about ½ oz. in Imperial). They will be moved out in the evenings of mid-month after they gain a few more grams.

As May began, FBSES was dealing with attendance restrictions imposed on us by DFO management in reaction to the Public Service Alliance of Canada strike. That meant, us-wise, more work for fewer people. A lot like Covid but without the masks. FBSES is a collection of dedicated and hardworking people who show up in bunches to make things happen and the same ones also show up as individuals to do the same things. So, because fame and recognition are the last thing they are looking for, here is that last thing for Jens, Larry, Shaun, Dean, Lorie, and Lesley, who worked in pairs and alone on hatchery operations, and Doug and Bruce who had things ready for when they were needed.



FBSES had 40 tents & marquees set up for exhibitors and attendees ready for the event.



...and they made good use of them.

Things will be back to normal someday at FBSES, where we always welcome you as a drop-in visitor or as a volunteer. The work is both rewarding and endless, which is why we are always busy and smiling.

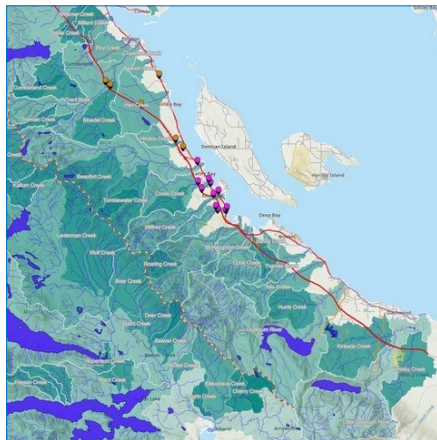
by Dave Sands

THE BEAUFORT WATERSHED STEWARDS (BWS)

I love maps. Maybe even more than I love graphs! I like to see everything at once, from above. I like to see how everything fits together. I like the clean lines between one feature and another rather than the messy vagueness of the real world. I like to measure distances with a ruler and to make marks and draw lines. Obviously, my love of maps stems from the days when they were made of paper.

Computer technology takes maps and turns them into databases. Every point on a computerized map can have information associated with it. These online maps have become rich storehouses of knowledge. Of course, this isn't magic. Someone must compile, curate, upload, and link the data to geographical features.

The process of linking all that data has morphed into an entirely new field: GIS (Geographic Information System) technology. GIS experts can do utterly amazing things with this new technology. The things that BWS volunteers have been able to do with it? Not so much!



BWS has a GIS application installed on one of our computers and we have doggedly tried to make sense of it. But, oh my, the learning curve is steeper than Wilfred Creek above the side-channel hatchery. After stumbling about in the bush, (metaphorically speaking) we began to look for help. Help came in the form of Jake LeBreton. Jake is a student at Vancouver Island University in the Advanced Diploma in GIS Application Programs. He was looking for a project for the practicum portion of his degree program. Our problems lined up well with what he had been studying.

From the beginning, Jake was keen to do more than just sit in front of a screen. After attending one of our training sessions for stream samplers, he joined our North Pod sampling team on their rounds. Several times in fact. (Not surprising. Our North Pod team is famous for their laidback approach to the sampling schedule. They sample the coffee and pastries at Weinberg's as part of their normal route.)

Jake employed a two-prong approach, using knowledge and enthusiasm to attack the monster that is our GIS application. And while this is a beast that is never fully slain, he definitely subdued it.

Looking at the amazing results, (which we have posted to our website, beaufortwater.org) you wouldn't think it was a painful process. But to wrangle the data into our inadequate hosting platform took heroic effort. One workaround involved creating a custom graph for each parameter, at each creek, and then uploading them to the GIS app one by one. Seventy-two in all. Geesh!

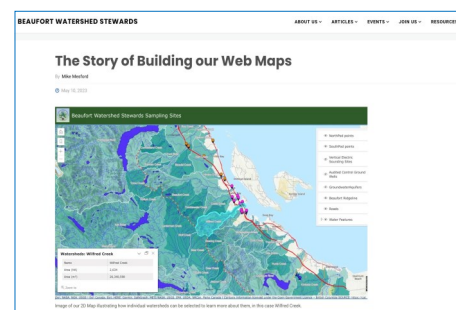
These are fabulous maps even if you can't see the labour that went into making them. They really capture the extent of

the work we've done. We're very proud of them and thankful for Jake's fabulous work and his commitment to the cause.

However, I'm going keep my paper maps and my pencil, divider, and ruler. I'll

leave the fancy GIS programming to the Jakes of the world. It's good to have both, right?!

by Mike Mesford



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MAY IS HERE, FINALLY!

OAP REPORT

Blossoms are popping, and bees are buzzing. It reminds me of Burl Ives and The Big Rock Candy Mountain! You can't help smiling and humming along with that song.

The Fanny Bay Community Hall cleanup was on April 15th, and the yard looks much better. Our concession team provided coffee, cookies, hot dogs, and chips for the hard-working volunteers. Thanks, everyone!

The OAP yard cleanup took place on April 22nd, Earth Day, and we also had an excellent turnout. The work was done by 11:30, so we dined on jumbo hot dogs with all the trimmings! Thanks to everyone who gave up their Saturday morning to help!

April 18th was our Big Dinner Out, held at the Bamboo Gardens in Comox. The buffet dinner was wonderful, and we all went home full and happy! Thanks so much to Barry Bowen and (Mary) for arranging the dinner and dealing with all the details that made the dinner so successful.

Our next general meeting is on **Tuesday, May 9th, at 2 pm**
The Potluck is **Tuesday, May 16th, at 5 pm.**

If you are reading this, and food caught your eye, please come! You do not have to be a member, and there's plenty to share!

The Art Mates are regular renters at the hall, and they join other artists in Comox Valley for the annual Art Tour on May 20th. Drop by the hall to see some exceptional talent. Among several local artists is Bev Powell, will have her beach glass creations on display.

More information at: <https://centralislandartsguide.ca/>

Our Mega Garage Sale is scheduled for August 26th and 27th. We are collecting donations now, so please leave your treasures at the back door of the hall.

For pick-up, please call:

Bruce Mills 2250-335-1337 or

Joan Johnsen 250-335-2333.

Birthday greetings this month go to Aileen Beasley, Diane Curnow, Gary Hargreaves, Joan Johnsen (Whoop Whoop!), Gayle Livingstone, Ann Mansbridge, Rob Payne, and Dick Walters.

There's been a lot to say this month, so I will close with a contact for anything you want to know about the Fanny Bay OAP, at 418 Ships Point Road. Membership is only \$15 per person per year for a year of good times, good food, old friends and new. What a deal!

Contact: Joan Payne 250-335-3389



by Dianne Volrich

(Living Wild Gobblers can't from page 6)

reproduce naturally decrease to critical numbers. It is the last of the turkey "seeds" that help farmers produce their own.

Turkeys begin laying eggs in April, and have a very short season for production, usually stopping completely in August or September. In comparison, chickens will lay most of the year from January or February to October. This also makes it challenging for farmers to maintain natural turkey flocks, as timing is everything! It also makes it so the turkey eggs are not readily available so they are quite uncommon unless you know a turkey farmer!

Our heritage turkeys have a wonderful temperament, natural foraging ability and resilience in our ever changing climate. They love a good hug and the follow us for guided walks, as they really enjoy spending time with people. When they have the ability to fly so fast and high in the treetops, but they still choose to run towards the sound of our voices, I would have to say they are just as happy to be here as we are to have them.

by Angela Hicke Van Isle Wild

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THE GARDEN CLUB LAST MET ON THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

featuring Connie Thompson of Connie's Dahlias in Nanoose Bay as the speaker. This is Connie's 33rd year growing dahlias. She has cut back from 800 tubers to 530 this year. She sells tuber stock every November to all over Canada, and dahlia plants every spring. Three years ago Connie wrote a book to help newer growers, answering so many of their questions - "Connie's Dahlias, A Beginners Guide."

The dahlia is a genus of tuberous plants. Dahlias come in a wide spectrum of colours and their



BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB

flowers range from a few inches across to dinner plate size. Dahlias are perfect for a border garden and make lovely cut flowers.

Connie went over the ins and outs of growing dahlias, from starting to storing, and

digging to deer. Dahlias can be started from bare root tubers now (late spring); thumb size is best. Dahlias can grow 3-1/2 to 5 feet tall, so they should be staked - tall tomato cages work well. Fertilizing depends on your soil; it's best to have a soil test done prior to fertilizing.

Overwintering dahlias has marginal success on Vancouver Island, so it's best to store them. Once the plants have died back or been killed by a hard frost, dig them up, cutting the stalks to a half inch. Wash the tubers, dry them for two hours, then split them. After 24 hours, put them in vermiculite and store in a cool place (the same vermiculite can be used year after year). If you're not fond of surprises, you'll want to label each tuber with its variety or at least size and colour. Did you know you can write on the tubers with a Sharpie or other permanent marker? Genius!

Club members are busy preparing for our annual plant sale, to be held in the Fanny Bay Community Hall on Saturday, May 13, from 9 to 11 am. There's always a great variety of plants - perennials, veggie starts, shrubs, fruits, and more - at great prices!

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. The next meeting is June 1, topic TBA.

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings. For more information, please email

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MAY IS INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION MONTH

Over the past three months our Friends of Fanny Bay volunteers spent a combined 145 hours removing six pickup truckloads of invasive plants and shrubs from two of our parks. Way to go, team!

We were able to remove most of the spurge laurel (Daphne) and English Ivy from the Wente Way and South Baynes parks but will need to go back again in the fall to continue our work and focus on removing periwinkle and lamium (Yellow dead-nettle).

We are taking a break over the summer so that people have time to enjoy their own yards and gardens. While you are outside this summer, please help us out.

Keep an eye out for the following invasive plants from your property:

- Scotch broom/gorse
- English Ivy
- Daphne (spurge laurel)
- Periwinkle (vinca)
- English holly
- Lamium (yellow dead-nettle)

Please be aware that by limiting the spread of invasive plants the native ones have a much better chance of thriving. If you find any of the plants listed, kindly remove them and dispose of them in your regular garbage.

DO NOT PUT THEM IN THE COMPOST BIN. Ultimately, the best choice would be to plant native species and protect the natural ecosystem.

Thank-you from all our team!

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Echoes from Baynes Sound

I hear them rising with the sun on Baynes Sound,
the voices of things past and things yet to come.

They echo through the valleys amplifying as they cross the sea.

They urge me to rise to absorb the first morning light.

Thoughts shift from shades of gray to the colours of the rainbows.

There is a cold damp chill stirring the pregnant air of Spring.

The sea lions agitate and nudge each other to the herring hunt.

They bark dog-like, a sound resembling a fish caught in their throats.

These fat fellows greedily urge each other on to renew the search,
a desperation to store more fat to feed the pups that will follow.

The robins, much gentler, sing a quiet song.

The towhee's tuwee emanates with a sense of elation. The norther flicker labours away with a tap, tap, tap.

The crows, never happy, complain about everything, as the ravens laugh at their absurd habit of chasing eagles.

I am silent, listening mindfully, absorbing the sweet sounds of my adopted world.

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Fanny Bay artists participating this year: Wendy Adams at Creative Spirit Glass Beads, 365 Ships Point Rd (jewelry), Don Cunningham (painting/fine woodworking) and Madeleine Wood (painting) at Madeleine Wood Studios, 7801 Tozer Rd.

See the CV Arts advertisement on page 12. This year bus tours are being offered.



COAST KITCHEN ZUCCHINI

Zucchini is in its peak season in May & June. This summer squash's skin and seeds are edible & it can be eaten cooked or raw. Trim off the ends, then slice and bbq, bake into muffins or loaf, even spiralize into noodles to replace pasta in salads or spaghetti. Sliced it can be layered in lasagna, or grated and fried into zucchini patties. Zucchini sticks in the air fryer is also a delicious side dish. And if you are feeling adventurous, stuff the zucchini blossoms with a herbed ricotta cheese mixture, then coat in flour, egg and crumbs respectively, deep-fry and enjoy!

The best Zucchini Loaf ever

1 1/2 cups of grated zucchini (skin on)

1 cup white sugar

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup applesauce

1/3 cup oil

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

Combine above ingredients in a large bowl.

1 1/2 cups flour

1/2 tsp EACH baking powder, baking soda, salt & cinnamon.

Whisk above ingredients together in a smaller bowl. Then incorporate the dry mixture into the wet mixture with a rubber spatula until there are no more flour streaks. Pour batter into a greased or parchment lined large loaf pan.

Bake at 350F for 50-55 minutes until browned and a cake tester comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes, then on a wire rack. serve with butter and/or cream cheese.



by Marietjie Coast

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- (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, activities, and events to benefit all age groups in the community with focus on the arts, culture, education, health, and recreation

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LIVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

One of our concert patrons wrote, "With the Beauforts as backdrop and fronted by the Salish Sea lies the small community hall of Fanny Bay. This treasure is the venue for Fanny Bay Concerts where audience and musicians hold space for the music gods to confer. Who knew harps could sizzle with rock and the Dan Bau could play jazz! Even the salmon applaud." With gratitude and excitement for next season, Lesley.

For our last show of the season, the Huu Bac Quintet was a perfect exclamation mark! Huu Bac is charismatic and relaxed and developed a conversation with the audience. Their music was complex and other worldly. One can see why Cirque de Soleil has used Huu Bac's music for their presentations.

We are proud of the varied season and different genres that we were able to present this year and the exceptional musicians that played here. The audiences were exposed to interesting musical experiences, including comedy and folk

music. Victoria Baroque showcased instruments of the 18th Century and demonstrated the workings of the Harpsicord. Janelle Nadeau provided detailed information about the harp and played it in unique and varied ways. John Reischman discussed the Mandolin and demonstrated its magic with Appalachian style music. Huu Bac's explanations and virtuosity of the Dan Bau (Vietnamese monochord) the Erhu (Chinese fiddle) and the Quena (Andean flute) captured the audience's interest.

Thank you to our amazing team of concert volunteers. You are the beat and rhythm that make our concerts successful. Lastly, we thank our faithful concert patrons for supporting music live at the Fanny Bay Hall.

We are gearing up for our next season starting on September 24th with *The Fretless*.

See you in September
 by Bill and Alaine French
 Concert Coordinators

