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**L**ITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT LOGGING IN BC  
*"When the first Europeans arrived on the Pacific Northwest Coast in the 18th century they encountered a magnificent rain forest, the result of favourable soil conditions and moisture laden ocean winds. For centuries, the Indians of the region had used western red cedar in the construction of houses, canoes, and a range of other items. British sailors, including Captain James Cook, also recognized the value of timber. History records that Cook's men cut logs for masts and spars on Vancouver Island in 1778. Ten years later, fur trader John Meares took a load of furs and spars to China, a delivery that marked the first European timber trading venture."*

Now back to Fanny Bay and the FBCA.

There are lots of good news items to report in this month's Board Buzz.

Thank you to everyone who attended our May 11, 2023 Annual General Meeting. It was nice to see some familiar faces and some fresh faces. The Board held an 'after party' at outgoing Board member Sherry (and Ian) Harrill's lovely home. We ate FBI pizza and reminisced about some of our accomplishments over the last few years. We celebrated outgoing Directors with cards of thanks and flower bouquets donated by volunteer Crystal Evans-Andersson and her home-based business, Breadblooms ([www.breadblooms.com](http://www.breadblooms.com)) Thanks Crystal!

As the FBCA President, it feels surreal (and a little bit scary) to go from a Board of 13 to a Board of 8 when we have so much to do. Not to be deterred, I/ we will continue to ask for volunteers to join the Board and volunteers to get the work done. We have a building to repair and a floor to replace and many other items to tick off the list.

As I write this, I am preparing to join a zoom meeting tomorrow with the CVRD to hear more about 'warming and cooling centers'. We (the FBCA) have been asked to take part in providing this service to our community. This is just one of many examples of what goes on behind the scenes of the FBCA. We volunteer our time and sometimes our expertise to support the community and the FBCA. We will report out more about this and other initiatives in the future.

I would like to welcome our newest incoming Director, Dominique Hrytsay to the Board. Dominique has expressed an interest in being the new Family Liaison Director, yippee! We have been searching for that special someone that has a keen interest in working with our youth and their parents and bringing events and activities to the FBCA. Big thanks to Dominique for stepping into this role. If you have some ideas of what you'd like to see for children and youth at the community hall, please reach out to Dominique at [director1@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:director1@fannybaycommunity.com)

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**Happy Canada Day**  
**Saturday July 1st**



Tyson here is looking for a helper to keep the water jug at the Dog Park full. If you use the park and can keep an eye on the water, call Wendy 250-792-4373

(Board Buzz cont'd from pg 2)

On the good news front, we are super happy to report that the Fat Oyster Reading Series (FORS) will resume in the coming months. Look for good poetry, good prose, laughter and possibly a youth event. We are excited to welcome back this exciting series.

I have more good news. We recently learned that the FBCA was successful in obtaining a Community Services Recovery Fund grant. This grant will allow us to build a better website and booking system for the hall. Big thanks to Buildings & Grounds Director, Keir Gervais, for writing and doing the research for this grant. We will report out more information in the coming months.

Finally, the last bit of good news. We are planning a Volunteer Appreciation Event on **Saturday, September 9, 2023. Please mark this date on your calendars.** There will be a lunch, entertainment, door prizes and more! This is a totally FREE event for anyone who has ever volunteered for the FBCB. Watch for updates on the Fanny Bay Community website, Fanny Bay Flyer, and the Fanny Bay Hall Facebook page. It has been several years since we have celebrated and acknowledged our many volunteers. We are putting together a spectacular event. You will not want to miss it! Mark your calendars for **Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

In closing, as I write this, we have forest fires in close proximity to us. A provincial fire band has been implemented which includes campfire bands. Let's all be safe and adhere to the regulations.

Take care,

*by Tammy Mercer-Gervais*  
FBCA President  
[president@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:president@fannybaycommunity.com)

**THIS YEAR OUR ANNUAL FRESH FOOD DRIVE** for the Comox Valley Food bank will take place once again each Wednesday morning from 9 - 11 at the Hall - July 19th through August 23rd. This will be the sixth year of the food drive and over that time we have donated over **2,400 pounds** of fresh produce.

Your fruit and vegetable donations have helped to improve the health and well being of our community and the broader Comox Valley community. The Deputy Executive Director of the Food Bank told me recently that fresh local produce is gone 'within seconds'. As a result of how well received fresh local produce is at the Food Bank, they have recently partnered with a local farm to plant their very own squash.

To make it easier for collecting of donations I am also trying out a text and pickup service this year on Tuesday evenings between 5 - 7 PM. Starting on July 18th you can text me at **403 919 7320** with your address and I will stop by to pick up any fresh produce you may have for our weekly donation.

Thank you to all of our "regulars" who stop by on Wednesday mornings. I look forward to meeting more of our generous community in July and August.

Thanking all of you in advance!

*by Carolyn Blank*



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Watering Activities	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Watering Times	Anytime	Between 7 pm and 10 am for a maximum of 3 hours	 Further voluntary restrictions on top of stage 2 	<b>Sprinkling Ban:</b> Lawn watering <b>NOT PERMITTED</b>
Hand-watering, drip irrigation, micro irrigation	Anytime	Anytime		Between 7 pm and 10 am for a maximum of 3 hours
Washing vehicles, boats and houses (siding)	Anytime	Anytime		<b>NOT PERMITTED</b>
Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs	Anytime	Anytime		<b>NOT PERMITTED</b>
Pressure washing walkways, driveways, siding	Anytime	Anytime		Only prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco or sealant
Vegetable gardens, fruit trees and newly planted lawns are exempt from all restrictions, even Stage 4				


- Hand watering should be done using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shutoff device
- Micro-irrigation and drip-irrigation consist of water delivered to the root zone of a plant, and use less than 20 gallons per house at less than 25 PSI
- Washing vehicles, boats and houses (siding) should be done using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shutoff device.

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## TOTAL FIRE BAN IN EFFECT

On Thursday June 8th, a **total fire ban** was put in effect across the Coastal Fire Centre.

In addition to fire prohibitions, the Coastal Fire Centre has issued a list of restricted activities and equipment including: fireworks, sky lanterns, burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description, binary exploding targets, air curtain burners, chimineas, tiki and similar kinds of torches. On Ships Point, all fire permits are cancelled until further notice, including seasonal Fire Pit Permits. The Ships Point welcome sign and website, [SPID.ca](http://SPID.ca), will be kept up to



SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## SPID REPORT

date as the season progresses.

**WATER CONSERVATION GUIDELINES:** Ships Point residents rely on underground aquifers for their supply of fresh water.

We share this resource with each other, our neighbours in the Fanny Bay area and some local industrial users. As a provincial water licensee, SPID has a responsibility to protect the water supply and to ensure SPID households have a continuous supply of clean and healthy water. Water supplies can be impacted by drought. In order to manage this risk, SPID has

implemented several water saving recommendations depending on the drought level. The current water conservation level is posted on the Ships Point welcome sign at the entrance to the Point.

(See Graphic on previous page) Water Conservation Stages 2 and 3 are largely voluntary. You can help conserve water used inside your home and in your yards and gardens. For a list of great water conservation ideas that we can all put into action in our daily life, visit [SPID.ca](http://SPID.ca) and look under the Water Department tab for "Water Conservation Tips". Please monitor the Ships Point welcome sign or website for changes to the Water Conservation Stage.



### Are you a member yet?

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## Little Shop of Floras

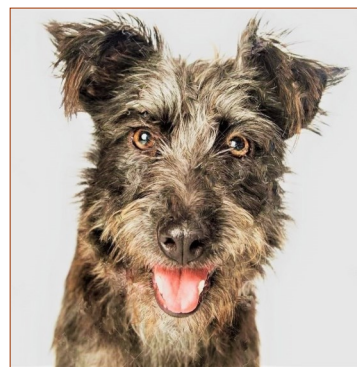


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## SHIPS POINT LAUNCH FINE DINING ON OYSTERS

Stanley was hankering for oysters. But the ones on the beach were salty, and he'd have to strain sand through his teeth. So, he decided to get some from the best place in Fanny Bay, Mac's Oysters. He'd have to practice his begging routine and had a few sure-fire strategies.



His first approach was to sit at the kitchen door and hold out a tin can. So, he practised his happy and bright face and let his tongue hang out. This usually worked.

Stanley filled his backpack with the items necessary for fine dining. A large lemon and his Swiss army knife, and a purloined dinner napkin from the Fanny Bay Inn to keep his ruff clean.

Stanley waited until the store closed, then parked at the shop's back door. He waited for an employee to come out with a black rack loaded with shells to dump on the ever-growing pile.

Stanley leaned into the walkway, held out his can and adopted technique #1. The man barely looked at him, walked back into the shop, closing the door behind him.

The door opened again, and another black basket went to the shell pile. But this time, the man did look at Stanley, now engaged in pose #2. This was his adorable dog with big puppy eyes. He tipped his head a little, smiled and let his tongue hang out, letting a drool slide down. The oyster guy chuckled but kept on moving. The clean-up job was nearly finished, and Stanley was getting anxious. Once the door was closed and locked, he could be out of luck, so he put pose #3 in action.

The door opened again, and Stanley was ready. He went into a fake attack pose and growled at the rubber boots. To his surprise, this got him something! The man dropped a coin in the can and laughed. Stanley dropped the coin out of the can and pushed it to the man with his paw, trying very hard to keep calm and not rip the toes off the boots.

The man appeared to enjoy the exchange, so Stanley initiated a spontaneous pose #4. He sat straight up, looked at the man directly in the eyes and worked his mouth around a long and near perfect ... Meoww!

It worked! The man laughed, took Stanley's can and came back with it filled with oyster meat scraps. Stanley quickly licked and polished the man's boots and dashed into the bushes with his can of primo-quality oysters.

Next, he got his Swiss army knife and the lemon out of his backpack, cut it in half and squeezed it between two paws till the juice ran down over the sides of the can.

Then he tied his dinner napkin around his neck and tucked it into the can with the fork-things on the knife.





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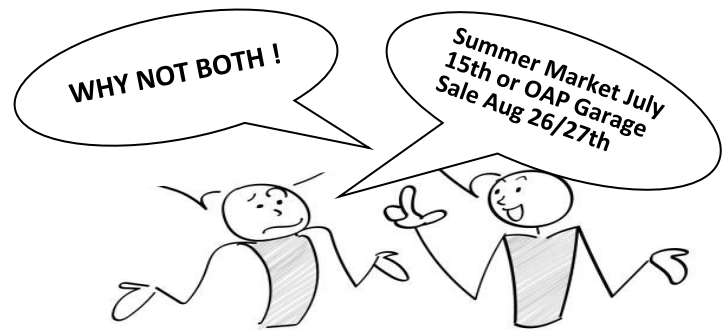


**Happy Canada Day,  
Saturday July 1st**

Good table manners lasted a nanosecond, and then, delicious with the anticipation of the world's finest oysters, he chugged the whole can down. Ooohhh! They were the best oysters he'd ever had!

He drained the last of the juice from the can, lay back, took off the bib, burped loudly, dabbed the corners of his mouth, and had a late afternoon nap, dreaming of oyster heaven.

*by Dianne Volrich*



## 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 or [concerts@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto: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 FBCA
Health & Safety Liaison	-identify issues and communicate to board executive for follow up.

### Support Roles and Tasks needed immediatel

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	Filling 1 gallon water jug in Dog Park (can use vehicle)
Event volunteer worker bees	Assist with venue set-up and takedown (chairs and tables) and parking, grounds cleanup, weeding- usually 2 hour shifts.

## EARLY IN THE EVENING

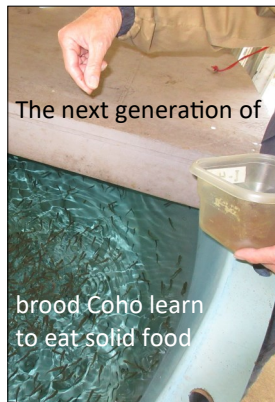
On a Sunday in late May, Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society volunteers Jens Johansen and Barry Seeley met at our Berray Road hatchery to send the last 25,000 of our 2021 brood stock Coho smolts out into the world under the cover of darkness. Lifting the fine mesh grate out of the end of our Raceway G released the fish into a 60-metre (200 foot)



The last smolt of 2023 leaves home with a little encouragement from Barry Seeley

pipeline that empties into the fish ladder that connects us, and our fish, to Rosewall Creek. Within a few minutes, nearly all were gone. A few stragglers got broomed on their way—maybe they suspected that daily feedings were all over—and that wrapped up their first year of life with us. All are on their own now, their clipped adipose fin marking them as hatchery fish, and ‘keepers’ after they attain their 30 centimetre legal length (in our Area 14) but they go with our best wishes and we turn to raising next year’s releases. Eight tanks at the hatchery now feature teaming schools of tiny alevins being hand fed by pinches of fish food as finely ground as cinnamon. The lucky and strong survivors of this year’s total of 60,000 Coho will be back in Rosewall in the fall of 2024.

Our smolt box season has now ended. It is part of our action-packed spring here; there is incubation, celebration and graduation - raising this year’s brood from eggs to alevins to ponded fry, our River Never Sleeps Festival, and the smolt release we just told you about. Smolt boxes are our numeration; census taking in four creeks for the two months when the wild fish leave for salt water. They are one more responsibility for your dedicated neighbours in FBSES. The fences are a temporary diversion of the creek’s swimmers into large plywood holding boxes for an overnight stay and a morning count by daily visitors from the beginning of April to the end of May.



The next generation of brood Coho learn to eat solid food

If you still have broom blooming in your lawn, acreage or boulevard, FBSES volunteer and tree nursery manager John Phillips would like to remind you that now is when you cut it off at ground level with your sharp tools and dispose of it safely. He has done that for all of the yellow menace on our site for this year and is looking at other plantings to take their place. Oregon grape and red current are recommended. Scotch broom is Vancouver Islands’ least loved visitor - your in-laws do not count - and needs to go away.

You may recall being asked here for donations of one-gallon size plastic plant pots. We use them in our plant nursery, where we pot on silviculture plugs - cedar, fir, grand fir,

pine, other, for donation to other Vancouver Island enhancement groups. And we’d like to acknowledge some recent donations.

FBSES volunteers Valerie Hadley picked up 337 pots from Ken-Dor Garden Centre of Qualicum Beach and Dave Sands, 221 from Rhubarb Designs of Ganges, Salt Spring Island. They’ll soon be holding some of the contents of the 45 boxes, of 240 separate trees each, recently donated by Mosaic Forest Manage-

ment. So, yes, we have need, and room, for many more, thank you for asking and donating.

by

Dave Sands



John Todd & Valerie Hadley unload Ken-Dor Garden Centre donation of 337 one-gallon pots

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## LIVING WILD THE BUZZ ON BUMBLE BEES

As honey bee keepers and farmers deeply concerned for our natural environment, we are often approached by people who are so grateful for our attempts at saving the bees. Interestingly enough, ALL honey bees have actually originated from Europe and Asia, and they compete with our natural pollinators for survival.

This is not to say that honey bees are completely bad for our environment, as 75% of our food in North America, and one third of food globally, requires pollination. However it does bring to attention that our natural pollinators need help more than ever before, as they are important for the survival of our native flowering plants and agricultural crops. These include our native bumble bees.

Ideally, bumble bees nest in a previously existing, dry, dark hole in the ground like an empty rabbit or mouse nest. Unfortunately, they don't always have the best choice when picking a new home. It is the queen's responsibility to find a place to settle, as she spends the early spring trying to find undisturbed holes in the ground. They can actually wind up in some very unique places.

Usually around May- August we get several requests for removal of feral bees from someone's porch, garage or even attic wall! These bees are 99.9% of the time one of our native bumblebee species that has decided to nest in what they chose to be a great place to raise their young, but usually is quite inconvenient for people!

Not only can they get in the way and be annoying, female bumble bee queens and workers can sting multiple times. They are much less likely to sting than hornets or yellow

jackets as they are generally very peaceful and not aggressive, but if they feel threatened, they will let you know many times over. The male bumble bees do not sting, but the multiple stings from the females make up for it!

Although bumble bees can be irritating when they have chosen a spot on your property to nest, they will only be there for the season. If relocated, the bees have a low survival rate so it is much better to just leave them undisturbed, and then they will leave on their own in the fall. They will not cause damage to your home like many other insects.

Although rare, once they move out, if you seal off any entrances and clean up the area that they were nesting into make it less desirable, they will definitely not return the following year.

Bumble bees are one of our most important natural pollinators as they are able to fly in cooler temperatures and in less light than many other bees. Visiting up to 10-18 flowers per minute, bumble bees are the first bees out in early spring and the last out in the fall. They can detect atmospheric electric fields on flowers, and are capable of monitoring the patterns which tells the bumble bee if a flower has been recently pollinated by another bee. Bees also watch the shapes, colours such

as blues and purples and markings on flowers to select which ones to pollinate, and they leave a scent after a flower has been pollinated to tell others. They see in ultraviolet light, which makes them attracted to various hues.

Bumble bees are watching and monitoring so much, that they actually have five eyes!

*(Living Wild Bumble Bees con't on page 10)*



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## WELCOME SUMMER!

## OAP REPORT

(Living Wild Bumble Bees can't from page 9)

The summer solstice occurs at the moment the earths tilt toward the sun is at a maximum. This gives us the longest day of the year, some 16 hours of sunlight! In 2023, the first day of summer is Wednesday, June 21st. It is also known as midsummer, and it will arrive in the Northern Hemisphere at exactly 7:57 am our time. Another trip around the sun!

We are sending a huge thank you out to the Union Bay Community Hall for giving us their roadside bulletin board sign to eventually replace our current one. Keep an eye open for the grand unveiling!

This month's report is going to be about our upcoming summer activities. Top of the list is our Potluck Supper which is a monthly event held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, **June 20th** this month. If you would like to participate in one of our delicious potluck dinners, contact one of our members and you will find yourself invited to dine with us! The food is always first class and abundant! You will not be sorry!

Next up and back by popular demand this summer is the FBCA Summer Market Day on **July 15th**, 10-3pm. The Fanny Bay Seniors will once again be providing Hotdogs and Drinks at the concession. This popular outdoor market features dozens of vendors eager to chat and help you choose something special from their many treasures. Parking is free!

Number 3 on the summer list is our annual OAP Picnic. This year our theme is 'CHRISTMAS IN JULY'! Our plans for a December Christmas party were cancelled due to conflicts with scheduling so we decided to put up the tree, hang some tinsel and roll out our Santa for the afternoon of **July 18th** this summer. Again, if you are interested in joining the party, contact one of our members and you will be invited as a guest!

We are beginning to find wonderful things neatly stashed on our doorstep for the Annual Gigantic Garage Sale, which is on the calendar for **Saturday and Sunday, August 26th and 27th** this year. We are also busy picking up from folks who don't have a way of transporting their treasures to us. Just call Bruce 250-335-1337 or Joan 250-335-2333 and they will arrange for someone to pick up from your home.

This Garage Sale is a huge effort on the part of our members and an essential fund raiser to keep the little Hall maintained and functioning and to pay the rent, insurance, and upkeep. This in turn provides a place for our local seniors to gather for potlucks, picnics, meetings, and a variety of other events. We have had amazing community support over the years, and we sincerely appreciate that backing. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS! That pretty much winds down our summer public events. Enjoy the sunshine!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all our dads, granddads, uncles, stepdads, and all those other amazing father figures!

We have only one Gemini member celebrating his birthday this June! A very Happy Birthday goes out to Bruce Lindquist!

*by Fran Mills*

Two main large eyes and three smaller eyes that are close together on the top of their heads which give bumble bees various perspectives.

Their wings move faster than the eye can see - literally. Researchers in Mexico were able to use a combination of cameras, lasers and virtual stereo systems to find that their wings actually beat 200 times in only one second.

The bumble bee is one of the most fascinating creatures, but unfortunately as with many species, habitat loss is one of the main threats to native bees.

Conservation of at risk species can often be a daunting task for many, but everyone can help with the saving of bumble bees, and other native pollinators by planting wildflowers in gardens, hanging baskets and plant pots.

Next time you see a bumble bee, be kind and remember - *that is where your food comes from.*

*by Angela Hicke* Van Isle Wild



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Ours is a hard-working bunch. At the same time, we like to have a good laugh. In that regard Pam Lengyel is probably the quintessential BWS board member. Pam works as hard as anyone and she is never lacking for comments, jokes or stories that make us laugh. A lot! And, oh, those stories!

As a young woman of nineteen, Pam booked passage on a freighter bound for Cape Town, South Africa. At the end of her trip, the day before she was to board a plane to return to Canada, she took a bus to a big game park. She was turned away from entering the park as she didn't have a car.

Apparently, you can't just stroll around a big game park. Something to do with hungry lions and ornery elephants. Disappointed, she began walking back towards town, hoping to hitch a ride. It didn't occur to her that she was walking through the same terrain populated by those same lions and elephants but just outside the park boundaries. The animals, of course,

were not aware of park boundaries. According to Pam, she didn't see any wildlife before she was able to catch a ride. But happily, for us, she wasn't mauled or eaten.

She must have found the ocean voyage appealing because she ended up spending nine years in the Canadian Coast Guard as a Navigation Officer. One can imagine her entertaining the crew on the bridge with her insightful wisecracks and travelogue tales.

After leaving the Coast Guard, Pam studied horticulture (a rather abrupt change of course, career-wise) and eventually ended up in Fanny Bay. Since moving here, she has been involved in just about every possible activity in our small community. She has worked with the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society, the Roy Creek Hatchery, and the Fat Oyster book series. Pam helped create, and helps maintain, the Spirit Grove Garden at the Hall. She works the door at almost every Hall event. She regularly monitors for European Green Crabs (an invasive species) in our little bay. But most importantly, for us, is her impressive and vital work with BWS. She is the BWS treasurer and helped us navigate the crazy amount of bureaucracy needed to achieve charitable status. She has been instrumental in developing our five-year plan, another step towards financial responsibility. Pam runs the South Pod stream sampling program (6 streams from the Tsable River to Mud Bay Creek),



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## Simple Things Sometimes Make Me Cry

I have tried to climb the career ladder with some success  
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to carve out a place in the world of writers and poets.

I have played the game of demanding to be heard  
amidst the cacophony of the chaos.

I am an old man now but it is still not too late  
to sit on an old log and watch the world go by.  
Sometimes simple things open the flood gates  
and let me cry.

I watch the mother dear stand on her hind legs  
and reach out her tongue to tip the birdfeeder  
let the sweet grains roll into her mouth,  
and realize even dear can think and scheme.

I notice the alpha hummingbird scouting for rivals  
chasing them away from the sweet waters of the feeder  
reminding me that sharing is better than hording.

I observe a pair of raccoons wrestle in the pond I built  
knocking over the carefully laid rocks and plants,  
and I am awed at how animals take time to play.

I watch the two pairs of ravens dance in the gale winds  
moving in unison through the storm as they fly  
and I marvel at how even the birds dance.

Simple things sometimes break my heart  
knowing how much life I have wasted  
pursuing things that will never matter when I die.  
But I know that it is never too late  
to play and dance, to look and feel,  
be a part of all that is with an open heart,  
smile, and take time to cry.

*Lawrence J.W. Cooper*  
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she is second-in-command of the Refundables Program, the major BWS revenue stream, and she is a valued member of too many committees to count. Some say that without her, BWS wouldn't exist. It is certainly true to say that without Pam we would be a much lesser organization.

As if all that weren't enough, she's a constant source of entertainment!

*by Mike Mesford*

## THE BAYNES SOUND LIONS

are almost done the fiscal year. One more meeting before Summer Hiatus. We are pleased to announce that we have so far distributed over \$13000 TO the community. Because we cover Denman and Hornby Island as well as Union Bay and Fanny Bay we are pleased to support all 4 community Centres and the OAP, We have aided families in need at Christmas as well as giving support to a few family tragedies. We support Fanny Bay Salmonid, Wheels for Wellness. Therapeutic riding society, Comox Valley Child Development Centre. Easter Seal causes such as camps. We have given several bursaries and given aid anywhere it is needed.

If you have a need medical or otherwise we are pleased to help. We have a hearing foundation and dog guide training centre. Contact any Lion member in the Community. We meet the 3rd Monday of the month.

(LIONS Report con't on page 14)



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## THE GARDEN CLUB MOST RECENTLY MET ON

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Thursday, June 1st. Instead of having a speaker and presentation, club members had a lively discussion of favourite garden tools, including dibbers and special shovels, kneeling/sitting benches and knee pads, and a hori-hori knife. The star of this discussion was Kathy with her discourse on the usefulness of her favourite tools - her hands. An open forum for garden related questions followed, with most being along the lines of "Why is my xxx doing yyy?"

Regular meetings are now on hold until **September 7th**, when the topic will be growing ferns. Meanwhile, the club will get together later in June for a tour of three members' gardens, followed by a potluck social.

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 club also holds an annual plant sale, and occasionally organizes tours for members, such as the recent tours of two private gardens in the Comox Valley, as well as a private tour of Milner Gardens near Qualicum Beach.

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings. For more information, please email [bsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bsgardenclub@gmail.com)



*by Jackie Dunham*

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**BOWSER SENIORS HOUSING SOCIETY** RAFFLE 2 tkts \$5

(LIONS Report con't from page 13)

We are in the midst of obtaining gifts for a raffle. It will proceed our Annual wheelbarrow push for the CDC.

The Lions are a very active group and hold a meat draw every Saturday afternoon at the Fanny Bay Inn 4:30 to 7:30. We operate with 100% volunteers where we are proud to say that 100% of all money raised stays in the Community. New members always welcome .



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**COAST KITCHEN PEACHES**



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My favourite way of using a surplus of Okanagan peaches is baking this delicious cake. Serve it with brunch, or as an after dinner treat with ice cream or whipped cream. Delicious with coffee on an afternoon break, why not make 2 and drop one off for a friend as a gift. (I love buying pretty dishes at garage sales to bake items in and include as part of the gift).

Whisk Dry Ingredients Together

**1 1/2 cup** flour **1 tsp** baking powder  
**1/2 tsp** baking soda **1/2 tsp** salt  
**1 pinch** nutmeg - freshly grated preferred

**1/2 cup** room temp butter  
**3/4 cups** packed brown sugar **2 eggs** **1 tsp** vanilla extract  
**2/3 cups** sour cream

In a large bowl, beat together the butter & brown sugar. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time; beat in vanilla. Stir in sour cream until smooth. Stir in flour mixture - scrape into greased 9-inch (2.5 L) springform pan.

Arrange peach slices (**4** peaches [peeling optional], pitted and cut in 6 pieces each) over top of batter. Bake at 350F for 50 min. Let cool on wire rack.

Remove springform, dust with **1TB** icing sugar, and serve slices to everyone who has followed the delicious smell into your kitchen!

*by Marietjie Coast*

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Tues. June 27th GENERAL MEETING 7 p.m.

**What's On**

Men's Pool -	Thursday	.....	6:00 pm
Darts -	Thursday	.....	6:30pm
Bocce Ball -	Friday	.....	2:00pm
Guitar Lessons -	Friday	.....	3:30pm
Drop-In Pool -	Sunday	.....	1pm
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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, 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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Baynes Sound Garden Club - OAP Hall	Thursday .....	7 pm first week
Baynes Sound Lions - OAP Hall	Monday .....	7 pm third week
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Creative Dancers - OAP Hall	Sat. 9:15 - 10 am ages 3- 4 yrs	10:15-11 ages 5-7, Noon -1 ages 8-11
FBCA Board Meeting - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday .....	7 pm fourth week
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