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A colorful flyer for Youth Drop-In Nights. The title 'Youth Drop-In Nights' is written in a large, black, cursive font. To the left of the title are two ping-pong paddles (one pink, one purple) and to the right is an orange basketball. Below the title, the dates 'Wednesday, July 19th' and 'Wednesday, August 9th' are written in red, followed by the time '5:30-7:30pm' in black. To the left of the time are two crossed hockey sticks (one blue, one yellow) and to the right is a red and white striped popcorn bucket. Below the time, the text 'Free Entry! Free Play! Free Popcorn!' is written in purple. At the bottom, the location 'Fanny Bay Hall 7793 Island Hwy S' and contact info 'info: Dominique @ 204-899-1376' are written in orange. At the very bottom is a row of six diverse cartoon children holding hands.

Youth Drop-In Nights

Wednesday, July 19th
Wednesday, August 9th
5:30-7:30pm

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LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT LOGGING IN BC

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Now to Fanny Bay and the FBCA. Summer is generally a slower time for the Board and with that in mind, we decided not to have a monthly Board meeting in August. This will allow everyone to enjoy some summer fun. Pickleball continues and moves outside. Aerobics takes the summer off. The summer market at the time of writing this is right around the corner, and organizers Debby and Jackie have everything organized and ready to go. Rentals increase

in the summer months, and I am happy to report we are back to pre-pandemic activity at the Hall. We welcome back the Ocean Wave Square Dancers who will enjoy a weekend of camping and dancing at the hall later this month.

Big thanks to Mainroad North Island Contracting for grading our parking lot. One day we would like to see a paved parking lot, but until we can raise the dollars, we must contend with the gravel lot and unfortunately the potholes that develop. Having it graded professionally is a tremendous help.

Thank you to the members of the community that have stepped up and contacted Alaine to do some of the volunteer jobs on the list. It is nice to see the list getting smaller. Remember, many hands make light work!

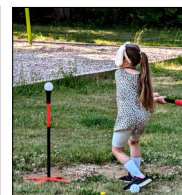
As mentioned in previous Flyer,

Dominique Hrytsay is our new Family Liaison Director, and she has organized a couple of summer drop-in Free Play Nights. Come join the fun July 19th 5:30 – 7:30 and August 9th 5:30 – 7:30. Contact Dominique at Director1@fannybaycommunity.com for more information.

One last mention, the FBCA wishes Mike Smith a happy retirement as Fire Chief of the Fanny Bay Volunteer Fire department. Mike and the entire department have always been strong supporters at our events, and we wish Mike and his wife Erna some well-deserved time off.

Enjoy your summer!

by Tammy Mercer-Gervais
FBCA President



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HELLO THERE FANNY BAY, UNION BAY, AND BOWSER COMMUNITIES!

I'm thrilled to introduce myself as Dominique Hrytsay, your new Family Liaison for the Fanny Bay Community Association. I'm here to bring you exciting youth activities and make sure families have an amazing time in our wonderful community.

Let me give you a little background about myself. I've been actively involved as either a Volunteer, Director, or President with various not-for-profit organizations for over 15 years.

During that time, I've organized and hosted countless youth and family events in my communities. What makes it even more fun, is that my own two children love to participate in the planning and organizing too. So, you can rest assured that our activities will be youth-approved!

I couldn't be more excited to kick-start youth activities at the Fanny Bay Hall again. And let me tell you, the support from our community's families has been incredible. It warms my heart to see such enthusiasm right from the start!

Now, mark your calendars because there are two fantastic youth drop-in nights coming up. The first one will be on **Wednesday, July 19th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**. Entry is completely free! It's all about free play, free popcorn, and free fun! Oh, and don't worry if you can't make it to the first one. We've got you covered with a second drop-in night on **Wednesday, August 9th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**.

But that's not all! Starting in September, always from 5:30 to 7:30, we'll have two drop-in nights per month on the first

and third Wednesday.

One of the nights will be all about free play, where our youth can let their imaginations run wild. The other night will be a learning/crafting/more structured activity to keep things interesting!

And hey, keep an eye out for special events scattered throughout the year. We have some surprises in store for you that you won't want to miss!

I'm dedicated to keeping families up to date with all the exciting happenings in our community. You can catch updates and announcements in each edition of the Fanny Bay Flyer and on our Community Facebook pages.

If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please feel free to get in touch with me at family@fannybaycommunity.com.

Let's make Fanny Bay the go-to place for youth fun and family adventures. Together, we'll create unforgettable memories and strengthen our community spirit. Stay tuned for more excitement coming your way!

With enthusiasm,

by Dominique Hrytsay
Family Liaison Director
Fanny Bay Community Association



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SHIPS POINT LAUNCH

Summer temperatures were up, and the fire ban and water restrictions were in effect. It was all people were talking about, and Stanley was worried. That night, after it had cooled down, he was sitting outside our window, watching a movie on the big screen T.V. It was a cowboy movie, and Stanley really liked cowboy movies! There were men in bright-coloured costumes, with feathers in their hair, and they looked like wild birds. Stanley laughed, but the longer he watched, the more impressed he became. The tom-toms and rattles made him feel primal. After what seemed like a lot of dancing, rain poured down, and all the cowboys were excited and jumped up and down and cheered. Stanley thought, "I can do that! I can bring rain and people will love me, and I will be really important and maybe somebody will give me a badge or a birthday cake!"

He knew how to do a rain dance but did not have all the noisy stuff, so he went shopping. At the beach, he emptied his backpack and filled it with oyster shells. He borrowed a flag from a clothesline and tied it around his forehead. Then he hunted for feathers and stuck as many big ones in the band as possible. He looked at his reflection in a tidal pool and saw a magnificent Rain Warrior!

He decided to do his rain dance at the top of Tozer Rd. That way, the torrents of water would wash down to the bus shelter and out into the bay. It was the middle of the day, and the sun was hot and the heat almost unbearable. If you ever wondered where the expression 'hot dog' came from - this is it!

Stanley walked slowly up the hill, dragging his backpack, and stood in the middle of the road. He started his dance, slowly at first, rattling his oyster shell backpack, moving in a circle, nodding his feather head up and down. Then he danced faster, stomping, yipping, kicking up the dust in the dry road.

He was on fire! No, he was not! It was raining hard, and he could hear people yelling. Exhilarated, Stanley danced harder, and more cold water pummeled him. Suddenly, it stopped. Why? Stanley stood in the middle of the mud puddle he had created and waited for applause. It didn't work out that way.

The two families living at the top of the hill were alarmed at the sight of an out-of-control and maybe rabid dog. Two garden hoses at full blast successfully brought the wild dance to a stop. Once the water, mud, and confusion cleared, it became obvious that the feathered thing was Stanley and that he was only trying to help. Everyone agreed that he deserved something special for his effort.

With grateful thanks, Stanley was given a double cherry popsicle, a pat on the head, and the instructions to Go Cool Off in The Bay!!

RAIN DANCE



by Dianne Volrich

THE COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

(CVRD) recently completed a fire service review. One of the findings of the review was to explore implementing a consolidated service area and to integrate two or more fire departments to serve the southern section of the region.

Due to the close proximity of the Fanny Bay Fire Department and Union Bay Fire Rescue combined with the pending retirement of the current Fanny Bay Fire Department Fire Chief, an opportunity was presented to integrate the two fire protection service areas. Starting on July 1, 2023 Union Bay Fire Rescue Chief will be responsible for managing the operations of both facilities.

"Serving members of each department have been actively involved in the process and with this adjustment there will

be an improved level of professional service provided to residents by having a larger membership response for incidents as well as access to available equipment," explains Chief Ham of the Union Bay Fire Rescue. "Our teams are excited to work together and continue to offer top level service to our communities."

Residents of Fanny Bay and Union Bay can contact the Chief Ham at firechief@unionbayfirerescue.ca or by calling the **Union Bay Firehall at 250-335-2345**. Residents who live within Fanny Bay can now visit <https://unionbayfirerescue.ca/> for information and updates for their 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 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 FBCA
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
Snow removal from sidewalks to hall entrances Salting sidewalks from parking lot to hall entrances	-could be part of grounds or building monitor task, but not necessarily
Event volunteer worker bees	Assist with event set up and take down(chairs and tables) and parking, grounds cleanup, weeding- Usually 2 hour shifts.
Dog Park water jug monitor	Filling 1 gallon water jug in Dog Park (can use vehicle)

GROWING THINGS IS A GOOD WAY

to stay focussed. For us at Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society, who raise fast-growing, fast-moving fish, and not-so-fast trees, it is a hands-on present and future. Computers get involved, but first its hands. Tools and gloves and nets and buckets and pots, and water and dirt, all handled by dedicated volunteers. We have been busy lately. In the tree nursery, our all-hands-on deck event is the 'pot party' when donated silviculture plugs meet volunteers and mulch and potting soil and one-gallon pots.

It is your basic garden production line: grab pot, fill with soil, drop in tree plug, add more soil around plug, press firmly to set in place, fit into wheelbarrow for transfer to rows, repeat. They did this 1500 times. The crew were John Phillips, Skyeanne Jenkins, Tom Trainor, Lesley Jones, James Fong, Peter Spodzieja, John Todd and Randy Lousier.

While our fish grow through the summer, their water supply will not. Thanks to a bucket brigade moving them, they are now all swim in our two large raceways, with room to grow until the rains start again. Our constant five hundred litres per minute of eight degree well water will be blended with one hundred lpm of Rosewall Creek water through summer to keep them comfortable at 11 degrees and give them room to grow to an average five or six grams each. Moving fish has all the challenge and repetition of potting trees, plus nets and buckets. Raceway F with 25, 232 and G with 23,540 now hold our 2023 brood year. Fish movers included Doug Barnes, Larry Kimura, Dean Robinson, Shaun Gray, Tom Trainor, and Jens Johansen.

Our smolt box migration counting efforts tell us how well our habitat streams are doing in their vital job of being home and source for all wild salmon. There will not be a test, but here is a brief review: Coho hatch from eggs laid in streams, rear for a year there, go to sea for two, and return to spawn in the stream at the end of their three-year life span. Every stream has its own distinctive Coho. (DNA tests have shown many of our fish are identical, likely a result of straying and historical human interference.) Each salmon is specialized for its creek and seriously dependant on it, and stream health is determined by its water supply, which is affected by climate as well as humans.

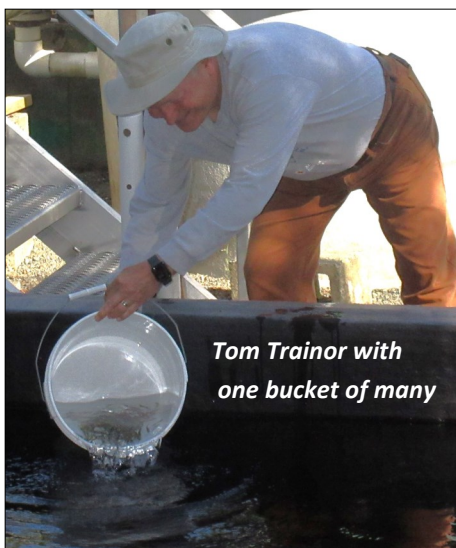
This year, water and attempts to control it by beavers created constant problems for us. On Cook and Chef creeks, daily log entries

show boxes washed out, water blocked by beavers, opened, blocked again, low water, no water. For Randy Lousier, team leader, the mission was "finding a way to work with the beavers" and the result was "the beavers won." Smolt traps (fine mesh wire cages with one-way entrances) supplanted the boxes, and the count continued. Fish want moving water, beavers want still ponds, and FBS volunteers are in the middle. This year, 363 Coho left Cook, and 1264, Chef. In 2020 753 Cook smolts migrated, and enough came back to create this year's run in 2022. On Wilfred Creek, 2345 smolts escaped, and on Mud Bay creek, 1161. There are 600 smalls streams on the east coast of the island, and Coho want to spawn in all of them. In our four creeks, years of counts have shown how many can and will if we give them a chance and some help. That is what we are here for. You are welcome to visit, Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 8425 Berray Road, and meet the fish and the trees and your neighbours, the FBSES volunteers.

by Dave Sands



James Fong prepares another batch of



Tom Trainor with one bucket of many

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BEAUFORT WATERSHED STEWARDS (BWS)

I am always amazed that so few well owners know the level of the water in their wells. But then, I am a data-driven sort of guy. If I were on a private well, I would have a sensor that sent real-time data to my phone. But that's me. There is no need for that kind of cutting-edge technology. There are a few well owners who put a tape measure down the well now and again and keep a notebook with the data. That works. But these folks are outliers. Most well owners simply depend on the historical abundance of water in our area.

But the historical availability of water is proving to be an unreliable indicator. Ships Point Improvement District (SPID) has three community wells that have been fabulous producers over the years. This year, even the SPID wells have shown the stress of an unprecedented drought.

BWS monitors a number of wells in the Fanny Bay area (and beyond). The objective is to create a 3D map of groundwater over time. As a side benefit, we can plot the data for each well over the course of the year. This can be useful for the well owner if it is a well they depend on for domestic water. This year, the gradual downward curves that we see every summer have started sooner and are already much lower than in past years. In some cases, wells are as much as 45 centimetres lower than this time last year. This is good data to have, but scary.

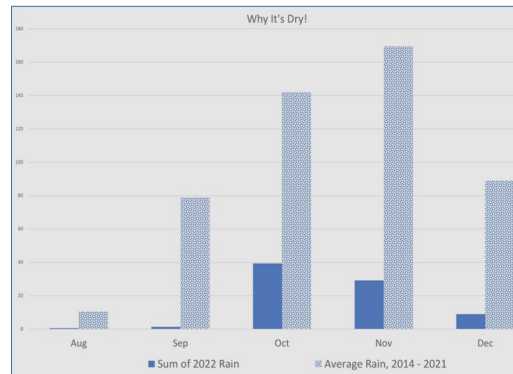
Data cannot protect us from the effects of drought, but it provides a call to action. It tells us that we must prepare. Lately, it has been telling us that we must change long established water consumption habits. We need to use less water. In a drought, the water table is going to drop no matter what, but we can try to slow that decline.

Even with stringent conservation methods, some folks' wells are going to run dry. If we have the data and listen to the data, we can better prepare. Maybe just stash a few carboys of water for a brief shortage. Or longer term, install a cistern. Or maybe a rain catchment system.

These are things individuals can do to prepare. But we need to approach the problem as a community. The water table does not respect property lines or political boundaries. It would be great to have a regional drought response plan. This is a big part of why BWS gathers flow data for local creeks and groundwater data up and down the eastern side of the Beaufort Range. Historical data would be a big part of any mitigation strategy.

As the effects of climate change are accelerating, this feels more and more urgent. We find ourselves saying, over and over again,

"we should have started this work ten years earlier."



Of course, it is too late to have started earlier. But, please, go have a peek at your well.

by
Mike Mesford

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THIS SUMMER WILL BE A MEMORABLE ONE

One because of the extreme drought and alarmingly hot temperatures. Conservation of water must be a priority and prevention of any kind of fire is critical.

Sadly, this summer will also be remembered for the loss of two of our very dear Fanny Bay Seniors, Carla Hope and Leona Keim.

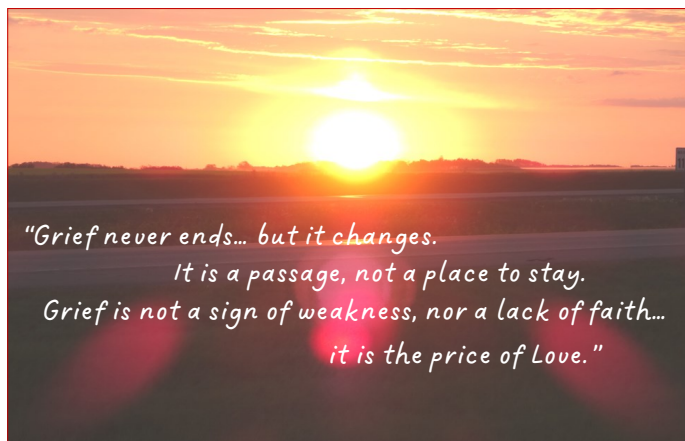
Both ladies were active members of the OAP and always volunteered for baking for functions, convening potlucks, hall decorating, event planning, yard cleanup and anything fun that came along too.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of these lovely friends and will miss them greatly.

May they rest in peace.

My report last month listed all of our summer activities so if you're curious about the OAP activities please refer to the last issue of the Flyer.

Birthdays for July and August are numerous! For July we wish Dan Beasley, Bob Challand, Finn Keim, Barbara McDowell, Joan Payne and Bill Trussler a very happy birthday! In August we predict Birthday cakes for Jeanette Eyre, Kathryn Hardy, Clayton Hutchings, Curt Johnson, Roy Shields and Gaylia Wiens. Happy Birthday to all of you and to anyone out in the community celebrating theirs!



MAKE YOUR YARD DROUGHT RESISTANT

Fanny Bay is experiencing an unprecedented low level of water in our wells due to a significant reduction in rainfall over the past couple of years. To reduce the depletion in our water aquifers here are some tips to help make your property more drought resistant and conserve water:

- Brown is the new green; there's no need to water your lawn. It will go brown over the summer and turn green again when the rains arrive in the fall.
- Better yet, replace water-hungry lawns and ornamental gardens with a mix of drought tolerant perennial plants and native species. Or plant a vegetable garden and fruit trees to grow your own food. A densely planted garden bed will retain more water than shallow-rooted grasses will.
- Run a drip water system (on a timer) to irrigate your garden and use it sparingly. Affordable drip hoses and timers are available at local hardware stores.
- Collect gray water from your house in buckets (from rinsing veggies, dog water bowls, waiting for your shower water to get warm, etc.) and use it to water your trees, container plants, etc.
- Use mulch in your garden beds to help retain water moisture and nutrients in the soil and reduce water use.
- Plant more trees. Areas with even partial shade require less water than ones in full sun.
- Use hardscape elements that allow water to penetrate the ground to store water for your plants and to help refill aquifers.



Let's all do our part. If we plant wisely and use our water sparingly, we can maintain a healthy ecosystem for years to come. *By Kathryn Hardy, Friends of Fanny Bay Parks*

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SHIPS POINT WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS CONTINUE

as drought conditions escalate across Vancouver Island. On July 3rd, the SPID board of directors sent the following message out to the residents of Ships Point Improvement District:

"The three community wells that supply our drinking water are experiencing unprecedented stress. A winter with below average rainfall and a very dry spring have created severe drought conditions. In addition, one of our three wells has



SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

treatment. We are working as quickly as possible to install new filters and a UV system. The water level in one of the remaining two wells is at times dropping low enough to trigger an alarm. We have never seen this before. At present rates of water consumption, this well could shut down due to lack of water. The short-term answer is to reduce our consumption. All Ships Point residents share these wells. They are our only

source of water. There are about 290 water connections on Ships Point. Currently, consumption is as high as it's ever been. We are all eager to maintain our landscaping and gardens, but we especially need to reduce the amount of outside water we each use. Do not use a sprinkler. Please hand water. If you have a drip irrigation system, consider reducing the frequency and amount of time it's on. Any type of pressure washing is not allowed. Avoid washing decks, vehicles, boats, driveways, and house siding. You can get more information at SPID.ca including consumption rates and well levels (see Water Department/Water Operator Reports). If we all do our part to reduce our water consumption, we should have water until the rains return."

In the week following circulation of this news, we experienced a hotter than usual stretch of weather. Despite the heat, SPID's water consumption data showed a small reduction in water use. Typically, extra watering during hot weather results in a spike in consumption but your efforts made a difference. Please continue to conserve.

At the time of publishing, SPID was at Water Conservation Stage 3. The chart in this article (see page 4) shows Conservation Guidelines for Stages 1 through 4. Please monitor the welcome sign at the entrance to Ships Point, or SPID.ca, for changes to conservation levels.

By sharing the responsibility to limit our unnecessary water use, we will get through this together.



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I want to visit every country that is on the map and all those
who have disappeared with the fickleness of time.

I want to sail the seven seas and get lost in the
vast expanse of place and time.

I want to dance with the chaos
until we sway together in harmony.

I want to barge into the place where dreams live
and demand they bow to my wishes.

I want my books to be read by a million people
and hear the harsh criticism of those who will never see
what I see and feel what I feel

and laugh

and the praise of those who see what I see
and feel what I feel and love what I write
and smile.

But is that really what I want?

Or do I just want to enjoy what I already have?

I love getting up before the sun appears above
Denman Island and watch life evolve in the reflections off the
Salish Sea.

I live to sift the dirt with my bare hands
and prepare my gardens for the new life they will bring.

I love to sit on Qualicum Bay Beach
and look out across the wide expanse of sea
to the white capped mountains beyond.

I love to walk my favorite forest paths
and stop to rest my arms around my favorite giants
and thank them for sharing their forest with me.

I love to seek out the young fry
hiding in the roots and rocks of the creek beds
and smile at their courage to beat the odds
and make it to the wide-open seas.

My dreams?

I will still dream them because that is who I am.

My books?

I will still write them because that is what I do.

But I will let be what will be and live,
just live, and enjoy every damn minute of it.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE, Fanny Bay Community Hall, Sunday, July 16th, 1:30pm

Carolina (Carla) Joanna Maria Hope,
January 1, 1943 - June 16, 2023. Carla passed
away at home with family by her side after a
long and courageous battle with pancreatic
Cancer. She was born in Rotterdam, Holland
during the Nazi occupation of WW II. The
family emigrated to the White Rock, BC area
in 1954 and Carla lived and worked in the
area for most of her life.



In 2003 she fell in love with Fanny Bay and moved here to live
out her life. She loved her home and gave lots of her energy to
keeping it "just so". Carla was a proud member of both the Fanny
Bay Seniors and the Fanny Bay Community Association. She could
always be counted on to lend a hand or a smile to anyone who
needed it. She was hardworking, generous, kind, funny, active and
a good friend.

The family thanks Dr. Lissa Benson, Dr. Madeleine Smit, CV Hos-
pice Society, Red Cross, Home Support, N. Island Hospital – Courte-
nay, Cancer Care and Medical Daycare staff for all the loving, kind,
and respectful care of our dear Carla. You all gave so much, thank
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THE GARDEN CLUB HELD ITS ANNUAL

club garden tour on Thursday, June 29. Three members opened their gardens, beginning with Dianne and Roland on Vivian Way at 4 pm.

"Silverlea," as Dianne and Roland call their home and grounds, features a sculpted half acre garden with fruit trees and roses of all kinds. A cellist was on hand to provide lovely live music as the guests wandered about.

Next up was Debby McRae's garden on Cougar Smith Road. The garden is Debby's sanctuary and consists of gorgeous trees, shrubs, flowers, and veggies in various beds and planted areas. Debby chooses mostly deer resistant and drought tolerant plants. The beauty of her garden comes through 22 years of hard work!

Last, but not least, was the garden of Mike and Erna Smith, located on Island Highway South. Their yard is on a portion of the site of the former Fanny Bay sawmill, so has a base of sand and gravel. The gardens are spread out over an acre and have been built using the "lasagna" method of layering compostables over time. Even after 15 years, Erna still finds metal artifacts such as bolts, hooks, dozens of nails, and hordes of mill ends as she gardens.

Last summer, Erna neglected her gardens entirely to concentrate on building a new 200 foot long deer fence along the side of the property bordering a neglected blackberry and wild rose glade. Using recycled weathered boards from the former mill pay office, which was dismantled by hand by Mike after their house was built in 2008/09, she has crafted an art fence celebrating her love of birds, cats, and bright colours. A dozen clematis add living interest to complete the fence.

A potluck social completed the evening at Mike and Erna's with about thirty people in attendance.

Garden club activities and meetings are on hold until September 7th, when regular meetings resume at the Seniors (OAP) Hall on Ships Point Road in Fanny Bay.. The topic will be growing ferns.



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

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by Jackie Dunham



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Benchmark Price: \$759,900

Condo Apartment
Active Listings: 319
Sales: 111
Benchmark Price: \$395,000

Row/Townhouse
Active Listings: 274
Sales: 101
Benchmark Price: \$558,600

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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COAST KITCHEN CHERRIES



One of the best things of the hot summer days of August is cherries. They are available everywhere and is the perfect anytime snack.

If you find yourself with a surplus, try making clafoutis. It is easy to make and very impressive! Serve it for brunch, or as a dessert with whipped cream. It can be made with frozen cherries as well, so be sure to pit and freeze any that may be getting too ripe too fast.

Preheat your oven to 350F - the longer the better for this recipe.

In a blender, **combine:**

- 1 1/4 cups of milk
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp almond extract (optional)
- 1/2 cup of flour
- pinch of salt

Blend until mixture is frothy.

Butter a 9x9" or 10x7" baking dish (such as a pie pan or a cast iron skillet). Scatter the cherries over the bottom*. You will need **3 cups of pitted cherries** - if frozen, thaw & pat dry.

Pour batter evenly over the top. Bake for approx. 45 minutes - if it's browning too fast tent with foil. It should have a slight jiggly texture.

Cool on wire rack - the puffiness will deflate a bit, but don't worry this is normal. When cool, dust with icing sugar.

***Optional:** Add 2 TB slivered almonds in with the cherries

Feel free to get creative and try this with other stone fruits such as apricots and nectarines. Wash and dry them well, then remove the pits and slice in to wedges. In the picture above I used my home canned cherries.

by Marietjie Coast

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The FBCA Board of Directors will promote a safe, respectful place for the community to gather.

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

The FBCA gratefully acknowledges the support of the Province of BC through a Community Gaming Grant which enables the delivery of low cost programs & activities.

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The FBCA has a Welcome bag for you with coupons, lists of businesses and services, maps, schedules, local events, and community organizations. Please call the Hall phone (250)335-2832 and leave a message to have your *Welcome Bag* delivered to you, with a smile.

Do you have a new neighbour? Please call us on their behalf or share this information with them.

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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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Ships Point Improvement Dist.	Wednesday.....	time varies, second week of month
Yoga with Annette - Hall Studio	Tuesdays.....	9:30-10:30 & Chair Yoga 11am-noon
Yoga with Jane - Fanny Bay Main Hall	Tuesdays.....	7:00 pm - 8:30pm
Youth Night - Fanny Bay Hall	Friday.... Unless booked for rental	7:00 pm - 8 pm

In accordance with the BC Wildfire Act and provincial fire regulations, the CVRD fire departments have enacted their **HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES BYLAW** effective **Friday July 7th, 2023 at 12:00pm PT**. It applies to all properties within the CVRD's Fire Protection Areas within the Comox Valley. The ban does not apply to the City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, and Village of Cumberland.

"Our spring has already been very hot and dry, which makes it even more important to protect our community, property and beautiful landscapes around us," explains Bruce Green, Regional Rural Fire Chief / Fire Chief, Oyster River Fire Rescue.

"Within all areas of the Comox Valley including Hornby and Denman Islands, all high-risk fire activities are now banned until further notice. This ban expands on the existing campfire ban along with the smoking ban, which applies within all CVRD regional parks."

This ban includes all high-risk activities that can produce a spark and is done in a combustible area such as on or near the forest floor or grassy area.

The CVRD bylaws and the Wildfire Act define "high risk activities" as:

- Mechanical brushing (example: industrial scale brushing)
- Disk trenching (example: mechanical preparation of logged site)

- Preparation or use of explosives (example: blasting)
- Using fire or spark-producing tools, including cutting tools (example: cutting torches, metal grinders)
- Using or preparing fireworks or pyrotechnics (example: fireworks display)
- Grinding, including rail grinding (example: angle grinder)
- Mechanical land clearing (example: excavator or skidder logging or digging out stumps)
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