The FANNY BAY Flyer

A Complete Link To Your Community Services

FREE monthly distribution to 685 Fanny Bay homes from Mystery Beach to Mud Bay by the

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Be Kind Be Calm Stay Safe

Fanny Bay Community Association

WASH YOUR HANDS with soap & water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.

SOCIAL DISTANCING - KEEP YOURSELF AT TWO METRES,

or Leash Length if you own a dog! No hugs or handshaking.

GATHERING WITH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Keep in mind that the more space you have and the less time you spend with others, the safer you will be.

ALLOWED ACTIVITIES

These activities are **not** considered a Social Gathering: Going for a walk.

You must make sure a walk does not turn into a group of people meeting outside Parents carpooling kids to and from school

Grandparents providing child care

Public pools and public skating rinks, when not associated with an event, are allowed to continue to operate with a COVID-19 Safety Plan

An Order of the Provincial Health Officer

bans social gatherings at your residence or community events now til February 5th, 2021 at midnight *and could be extended*.

Masks are required in all indoor public settings (our Hall) and all retail stores

MASK ENFORCEMENT You are subject to a \$230 fine IF you:

Do not wear a mask in an indoor public setting, unless you are exempt Refuse to comply with the direction of an enforcement officer, including the direction to leave the space Engage in abusive or belligerent behaviour

WASH YOUR HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK frequently.

Try as we might, we probably touched our mask when we shouldn't. Have you been in more than one store lately?

WEAR A MEDICAL MASK, N 95, or MULTI LAYERED HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK when out in ANY

retail store or crowded public places when social distancing is not possible.

Board Buzz "... over the years, people have been Fanny Bay's greatest commodity. Good, endearing people. Hardworking, honest, hard-living people. Neighbourly people who know how to endure, how to rough it out." Arv Olson, "Shingles & Shells" 2004

🔍 O VERY TRUE!!

While our Community Hall is not open because of COVID-19 public health orders, and usual communal gather- Charitable Gaming Society, Community Gaming Grant, ings are cancelled, the evidence from social media and local Regional District Grant-in-aid, and Creative BC Grant, we are grapevines show that you are all doing your best to stay ac- remaining afloat financially, and look forward to continuing to tive and healthy, and to keep in touch with friends and neigh- serve our membership into the future. However, the Hall clobours. The FBCA Board of Directors is doing likewise. We sure does affect how we operate, so our usual membership yearn to be able to mingle with friends and cohorts, but con- drive, which normally starts in December, will be done in a far tinue to hold our monthly Board, Executive, and Restart Com- different but COVID-safe manner. Details will be outlined in mittee meetings electronically. We are doing our best to keep the Flyer (see page 7) as they develop. Our hope is that with a abreast of how changes to Provincial and Comox Valley COVID combination of vaccinations and everyone doing their best to regulations affect the re-opening of our Community Hall. At flatten the COVID curve, we will be able to offer outdoor ac-

tions received from local residents, SPID, Baynes Sound Lions, ue to endure through this pandemic, with smiles and waves and Union Bay Credit Union; funds raised via the Summer to those you see as you are out and about in the community. Markets and Studio Tour; and monies from the Comox Valley Times may once again be rough, but we are in this together Community Foundation Community Enrichment Grant, Valley and will persevere.



Fanny Bay Community Association has been approved to pick up 12 Litres of sanitizer from Canadian Tire.

This generous gift is made possible by Canadian Tire Courtenay in partnership with CVCF and helps our budget. We offer our heartfelt thanks to manager Bert Heeringa of Canadian Tire Courtenay.



this point we do not expect that to happen any time soon. tivities and events when the weather warms and dries up . . . With 2020 membership fees alongside the generous dona- but that remains to be seen. In the meantime, please contin-FBCA BOARD

HANK-YOU

As of December 31, 2020 I am no longer the contractor who looks after the beautiful little parks on Ships Point, including the toilet and the doggie bag dispensers.

I can't believe I did it for 11 years! I want to thank all of you for keeping the parks clean and picking up after your dogs. I loved all the conversations we had. Meeting you and your dogs was a great pleasure. Stay safe.

Suzanne Murray



ORONAVIRUS QUESTION & ANSWER

Q: How long after you get a vaccine is it possible to Q: experience side effects?

occasionally takes up to two to three hours after vaccination, doses to be fully effective. experts say.

vaccination are almost always due to another cause such as a virus between shots, according to Gerald Evans, an infectious reaction to food or medication," Dr. Karina Top, professor of disease specialist at Kingston Health Sciences Centre. pediatrics at Dalhousie University, told Global News.

the new Pfizer vaccine, is local pain at the place of the injec-Montreal.

"About three to 10 per cent of the population may have other common after-effects such as fatigue (more frequent swelling, chills, vomiting, diarrhea and joint pain."

Most of these occur shortly after the vaccination or up to 24 hours later and then resolve within a day or two, Top explained.

"Some very rare adverse events that have been associated with vaccines in time but not necessarily proven to be caused by the vaccine can occur a few weeks after the vaccination."

Will I still be protected against coronavirus after the first vaccine shot?

An allergic reaction to a vaccine can start within minutes, but Pfizer and Moderna's coronavirus vaccines both require two

While some protection is offered after the first dose, pre-"Allergic reactions that develop more than four hours after cautions still needed to be taken to guard against the corona-

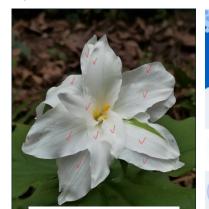
For the Pfizer vaccine, protection against symptomatic in-The most common side effect for all vaccines, including fection after one dose is approximately 85 per cent, according to data from their clinical trial. For Moderna, protection tion, said Levon Abrahamyan, a virologist at the University of against lab-confirmed COVID-19 infections was 69.5 per cent after one dose.

"These are both reassuring results," Evans says. "However, because they are not one hundred per cent event) and less-common symptoms: fever of different levels, (100 %) and we do not know if either vaccine provides immunity from transmission, [anyone] who [has] received the vaccine as one dose or two, should continue

to use measures to prevent transmission,

i.e. masks, physical distancing, handwashing, etc."





Count The Petals on this One amazing Trillium This protected flower will be out on the trails soon. See pg 16



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S HIPS POINT LAUNCH February Dog Dream

February. Yet another wet, windy and frigid evening. Roland and I were in the den and heard the noise in the carport. There is an old upright piano in a corner and something was banging on the keys. We opened the door to a wet and shivering Stanley, too weak to climb the steps. Roland scooped the dog up and said "Come boy,



come inside" and carried him downstairs to the basement. There is a stack of grey felt blankets leftover from the last move. I made a nest for him to lay in and covered him with several more blankets. Roland went upstairs for a bowl of the soup he was making for dinner while I towelled Stanley off. I held his head while Roland gently fed him one spoonful after another. Then he let out an exhausted but satisfied sigh and fell asleep. Stanley's cell phone and ear buds were wet and slid out of his back pocket so Roland took them upstairs to dry and recharge the phone.

When a dog is sleeping they often make erratic movements, woof or whimper and the feet may jerk as if running. Stanley was dreaming now but this seemed different, almost happy. I was curious so I stepped into his dream and this is what I saw. Somewhere on the highway a portion of the road had washed out and traffic was down to one lane and backed up. Rain was pelting down and crews were working hard repair it. With so many workers and lights on the site no one paid any attention to the unusual flagman at the far end of the line. But I recognized him right away. Stanley was wearing a full Hi-Vis suit including the rain hat and big boots but his brown furry paws holding the stop sign were the give-away.

Despite the dismal situation, people driving slowly by would often smile and wave and Stanley would tip his head and nod back. Up, down, wave, smile, up, down, wave, smile. Stanley was struck with the rhythm and this is what happened next. From his back pocket he pulled out his cellphone, plugged in the earbuds and searched for some good dance music. A little unsure at first he tried something easy – the dog trot, but quickly left that behind as he found a station playing music with a beat. A big truck slowly moved through and Stanley matched the pace with the Michael Jackson moon dance. The truck driver rolled the window down and howled. So did Stanley. A car full of laughing teenagers were entertained with Hip hop. Break it down! His hips got going, his tail escaped his jacket and before long he was adding his own moves. 'Can't touch this!' When he couldn't see who was in the next car they got the Stanley Robot. And there was more laughter! They'd take pics of the dancing flagman and some passed bills through the window. Too many pictures could spell trouble for Stanley so he slipped out of his gear, stuffed the bills in his backpack and escaped.

Once home he shook off the rain and fluffed up his fur with a blow dryer. He heated up a bowl of soup and settled in front of his cellphone to watch the posts on Fanny Bay Community Facebook. Several people had filmed the mystery flagman going through his dance routines and there were lots of excited comments. Who is this guy?

I was amused with Stanley's imaginative dream but now stepped out of it and went back upstairs to finish the laundry. I decided his backpack could use a spin in the dryer. When the timer bell went off I fished it out of the dryer, folded the stack of bills and put them back in his bag.

Dear reader, you know this story is true. It's as true as the three dollar bills I put back into his pack. Break it down! by Dianne Volrich

Sunday Worship Service at 11a.m.

FMI call Dave Davidson at 250-335-2317

PARCEL TAX AND WATER TOLLS

The 2021 annual SPID parcel tax and water tolls invoices will be mailed out at the end of January. Please keep an eye

on the mail so you don't miss yours. If you do not receive your invoice, please contact the SPID office at shipspt1@shaw.ca.

Payments are due at the office by March 31, 2021 in the form of cheque, money order, or bank draft. Cheques post dated March 31 are accepted. Due to restrictions and banking costs, SPID is unable to accept E-Transfers.

Area A 2021 Dog Licenses

All Comox Valley Regional District residents are required to license their dogs annually. For those who haven't yet purchased their 2021 dog licenses, they are available at the SPID

office, 7729V ivian Way, Phone: 250-335-0551. Office Hours are Tues-Fri, 1-5pm.

Fees: spayed/neutered pets \$10; not spayed/neutered; \$20.

Daniel Arbour

Electoral Area A

SPID Website

SPID has a new and improved website. Check it out at http://www.spid.ca. You may notice a fantastic aerial photo of Ships Point on the homepage. This was submitted by a young local photographer and Transport Canada licensed UAV pilot, Cailean Lambert-Morphet.

Thank you Cailean for your contribution to the new website and to our community!

Tel: 250-650-8480

reachme@danielarbour.ca



SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Donations

Hearty thanks go out to some wonderful local organizations for their generous

donations to the Ships Point Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. The Baynes Sound Lions Club, in spite of barriers to fundraising due to COVID-19, donated\$1000. The Fanny Bay Inn donated \$1500 and an equipment donation valued at \$1000 came from the Fanny Bay Community Association. These funds will go a long way to purchasing training materials and equipment for the Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department.

Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department Service Awards

At a small COVID safe awards ceremony, 5 and 10 year service pins were recently awarded to 5 of our firefighters. Congratulations and thank you Ship's Point Volunteer Firefighters for your commitment to training and the invaluable service you provide!





HE CLOVER EXPERIMENT

Warning: The following contains graphic descriptions Your discretion is advised.

pandemic. I was looking for a "Goldilocks" idea; something that would be a good thing for the community, affordable, sion was made to try the mini-clover.

not too big or too small, sustainable, and preferably not affected by Murphy's Law (anything that can go wrong, will.) I was inspired by Suzanne Murray's garden installation at the entrance to Ships Point, and looked around for a small area that could use some horticultural remediation. The SPID office grounds appeared to fit the bill, having suffered years of neglect, trampling, weed



infestation and other environmental abuse.

Armed with sketch paper, tape measures, and assorted materials was produced, and the SPID Board gave approval to things. my proposal for beautifying the office grounds.

be low maintenance, suffer people and animal traffic, and but we got it done. Thank you to everyone involved. still look good. Grass did not fit the bill, but clover did! I was intrigued by a new variety of micro-clover, Trifolia repens var.



Pipolina, that promised to be traffic resistant, to choke out weeds, was drought tolerant, didn't need fertilizer, didn't attract chafer beetle larva, was green all year, and was environmentally beneficial. Clover is a legume, like peanuts, beans, peas, and takes nitrogen out of the air and fixes it in the soil on the plant roots, by a symbiotic relationship with Rhizobium bacteria, thus needing no fertilizer.

Mini-clover grows to a maximum height of three inches of scientific trivia and may not be suitable for all audiences. and while it does not need mowing, regular cutting will actually increase the density of the plant. It also has deeper roots One day last spring, in a fit of COVID-angst induced clarity, than grasses, and can better withstand the long droughts of I realized I was going to need a project to get through the summer. Out of concern for our tiny aquifer and the amount of water and chemicals used to keep lawns green, the deci-

> Magoon and I completed the preparation stage well before the autumn rains started, and then we waited until the weather forecast predicted several days of light rain in September to sow the seed. Our timing was fortuitous, and within three days the seed had sprouted root hairs and in two weeks little baby clover plants were thriving. I was as proud of them as a grandma with her grandchildren, and checked on its progress several times a week, watering when necessary, until they were of a size to take care of themselves. An unforeseen karmic gift is that the local rabbit population loves the clover, and keeps it well trimmed - no mowing required. Stop by the SPID office to see the results, keeping in mind that it does require some more time before we can play on it.

In the spring we will be adding some flower beds and posgarden tools, Magoon (that's Gaelic for my husband) and I sibly a local artisan-crafted bike rack, and are looking for did a reconnaissance of the site and came up with a plan. someone to build a new window box for flowers, and a bench Scale drawings were drafted up, a list of materials required under the tree would be nice. It would be interesting to see if (compost, landscaping ties, nails, stepping stones, and of local artists or school children had any ideas for a mural on course the lawn seed!) and a rough estimate of the cost of the office walls. As a community we can accomplish great

Many people gave generously of their time and knowledge I was looking for a lawn replacement that would look nice, to complete this project, which had a few bumps in the road,

Now, what will I do until we are all vaccinated?

by Heather McLean



ROWN THE COMOX VALLEY'S TREE OF THE YEAR!

its fourth year, will once again throw the spotlight on contenders for the CVN 2021 'Tree of the Year' title.

The Tree of The Year contest invites residents to nominate importance, unique story, cultural significance or a role they them.

The goal of the CVN contest is to foster a strong connection with nature, raise awareness of cherished local trees and site. raise interest in the value and protection of trees rooted within the Comox Valley Regional District boundaries.

"Easily overlooked and often undervalued, trees deserve their moment in the spotlight," says CVN Director Karen Cummins. "This contest is simply a fun and inclusive way for people to identify and highlight individual trees in the Comox can be summed up by their motto: "to know nature, and keep Valley that hold significant interest, cultural importance, it worth knowing". CVN always welcomes new members. If strong heritage value or natural beauty."

"This is an exciting opportunity to demonstrate your appreciation of trees," notes Cummins, "and the value in keeping those of special note alive and well."

Nomination details and an entry form for CVN Tree of the Year can be found at cvnature.ca/treeoftheyear/. Nominations are open now and will run until April 1, 2021.

Later this year, residents will be invited to tour the trees

EMBERSHIP RENEWALS DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

In a 'normal' time we would have seen most of you at one or more of the fun events that we all used to enjoy in the 'good old days' at the Hall. So, with normalcy out the window, what are the plans for renewals you might ask? If you wish to do an E-transfer and don't mind when you get your tax deductible receipt then feel free to contact me at memberships@fannybaycommunity.com. For everyone else, I hope to be able to announce some in-person sessions (Covid safe) in the March Flyer (fingers crossed!) For anyone new to Fanny Bay and all the wonderful activities and events that WILL take place once again at our beloved Community Hall, you might ask - why would I consider purchasing a membership?

Membership fees are an important part of the funding that supports the multiple activities held at our Hall and of course, operating and maintenance costs never cease. However, it is the membership **numbers** that indicate high levels of community interest and involvement when applying for funding. (we have a dedicated and gifted grant application writing team on our Board) So with that in mind I hope that

we will be able to connect in the near future to keep those numbers high! Family Membership \$20 Single \$10

Debby McRae **FBCA Membership** Director

The Comox Valley Nature's (CVN) annual contest, now in and choose their favourite tree from the nominees by voting online at the CVN website from April 16 to June 1. The process is simple - the tree with the most votes wins.

Previous contests have unearthed some remarkable trees trees they love in the Comox Valley. Submissions may be and their stories. Demonstrating the strong ties and affection significant because of their natural beauty, ecological their communities have towards them, a large Douglas-fir on Tsolum River was the inaugural 2018 winner and 2019 saw a play in the lives of the people and community that surrounds stunning Garry oak on Vanier Road win top honours and a graceful yellow cedar in Royston took the 2020 crown. Their inspiring stories and pictures can be viewed on the CVN web-

> The 2021 title winner for Tree of the Year will be announced on June 10. In addition to putting the best Comox Valley trees on the map, the contest offers a prize to the individual putting forth the winning nomination.

> Comox Valley Nature is a non-profit society whose purpose you are interested in joining, visit the online membership registration page at cvnature.ca/membership/.



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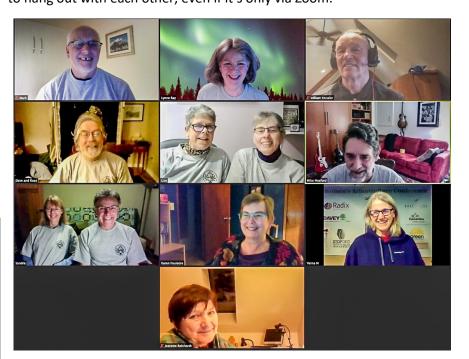


Union Bay

Serving our members, our communities.

ATERSHED STEWARDSHIP SOUNDS EXCITING, I KNOW.

Everyone yearns for the exotic lifestyle of a citizen scientist: tromping through the bush like children, operating complex instruments, and making graphs! But like everything in life, stewardship has its downside: meetings. We at BWS are extremely fortunate in that regard. While meetings are the least fun thing we do they are really not that bad. We actually enjoy our meetings as a chance to hang out with each other, even if it's only via Zoom.



On January 21st BWS had its second Annual General Membership meeting. There was no real suspense. All of the officers stood for reelection, unopposed, and all were reelected by acclimation. This surely is a sign that we are all still excited about what we're doing. Indeed, we are all looking forward to 2021 as our best year ever. But it wasn't easy getting here, as Roger Chayer, our President details in his annual report:

The year 2020 has been an unprecedented year which has seen our group adapt to circumstances that still seem to change daily. This year what needs to be recognized is the effort, the ingenuity, the attitude, and most of all the heart and dedication that the Board members and volunteers have put forward. My report is an outline of what was accomplished in the past year. Our Core Activities, even in the face of the adversity that the year posed, amazingly, but not surprisingly, surpassed the goals proposed in 2019.

The stream monitoring program achieved another successful year of gathering data for the Government of BC Surface Water Monitoring database and has increased the scope to include more frequent monitoring and more creeks. Volunteers with the well water level monitoring program worked on upgrading the monitoring equipment and sustaining the capacity to monitor water wells in Fanny Bay. Stream flow measurement was but a seed of an idea last year and has now flowered into its own program.

A key activity that was thought to be far on the horizon, the mapping of our aquifer, has started to take shape in a short time frame. This is an ex-

EVERY DROP COUT

N OCTOBER'S FLYER WE TOLD YOU

"This years' spawners will be met by an extended fish ladder that will improve the return to the hatchery for us and the fish. "Now it's time for us to tell you how well that went, because you need some good news. If your treasured copy of that Flyer has slipped away from under your pillow, a brief recap would be that our

old (1970's) fish ladder needed help to collect spawners from entirely reasonable and logical approach to all the nonsense Rosewall Creek. A talented crew led by Barry Seeley built and out there about hatcheries harming wild fish. This is an objecinstalled an eight-foot-long extension with improved weirs tive, non-partisan endorsement from your neighborhood evil and a lower entrance. The real benefits of a longer and lower volunteer hatchery worker. ladder are in collecting fish at lower water levels for a longer time and Barry's idea turned out fine. There were complications-it would not be a salmon enhancement story without complications-involving our old friend Covid-19, which nearly shut us down again and restricted attendance to minimums. So, we were both smart and lucky in that the new ladder worked like we hoped, even if our spawners showed up in an intensive 11 day stretch, despite all that planning about efficient and well-spaced brood collection. You take what you get and say thank you when you work with Mother Nature, and we now have 92,328 little round Coho eggs growing like mad in our incubation trays, shortly to become alevins, their next step to becoming the smolts we will release in May of 2022. Those eggs are the product of 49 females and 48 males who made everything possible by first jumping into our new, longer fish ladder. In other good news, we lost only two spawners to Bacterial Kidney Disease this year, yet another win.

You probably know that the "Island Fisherman" magazine is a fine source of information for your efforts out on the water. With stories like "Fall Coho Fishing for Dummies" it doesn't put on airs, and it has ads for stuff that would help even me catch fish. And we are happy to tell you that they admire us, too. Island Fisherman has organized a fantastic resource for enhancement called "Sons (and Sisters) of Salmon" that has raised a ton of money to give to volunteer groups who shine with virtue and have big plans. Of course this includes Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society, which has won \$4500 for its next River Never Sleeps Festival. We couldn't do one last year, but, fingers crossed, and hurry up with that vaccine, we want to do one this May, and Island Fisherman will help make it bigger and better than ever. Two other volunteer enhancement outfits, Oyster River and Alberni Valley also won, and for the record, they finished first and second. You can read all about it in the January issue and on their website:

https://islandfishermanmagazine.com/inaugural-sons-ofsalmon-hatchery-challenge-winners

"Backlash" actually has a couple of definitions; its not just how your reel looks after your first cast. The other meaning



FBSES REPORT

has a lot to do with reaction, such as to unjustified, wrong, braindead criticism of the hatchery fish that wonderful, fairminded people like us at FBSES spend so much of our precious time on. You won't be surprised to know there's a website,

https://hatchery-wild-coexist.com that has an

Enjoy



Judy Ackinclose, left, holds the Hatchery Challenge award plaque and Dave Sands, right, the \$4500 cheque from the Island Fisherman magazine.

Photo by Jens Johansen

by Dave Sands



(BWS continued from page 8)

citing new activity that will incorporate all of our current activities and more.

Forestry industry activities have ongoing impact on our watershed. As a way to keep us aware and educated regarding these activities, a Forestry Sub-Committee was formed. This sub-committee has taken the lead on working with the K'ómox First Nation.

With pandemic restrictions,

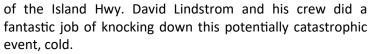
strategic alliance building has been a challenge this year but we continue to be involved with the Comox Valley Conservation Partnership. Their monthly meetings are attended by one of our Board members.

This year a dedicated Communication Director was appointed to review the communication strategy. The website has seen a fantastic facelift with a sophisticated modern look full of content, resources and a donation option. The informative monthly articles continue in the Fanny Bay Flyer as well as on our FaceBook page.

The financial report will show that in 2020 the organization saw a phenomenal growth in the bottom line. BWS is supported by many individuals who have donated time, monies and expertise purely because they believe in the cause and want to see the organization

HIMEY FIRE

The FBF Department should get a loud shout out for their quick and professional response to the chimney fire in the 8000 block



My deepest gratitude goes out to this crew. It is wonderful to know that we have such caring volunteers protecting everyone in Fanny Bay.

Thanks again for your service in our community and I wish the FBF Department a Happy Healthy New Year.



succeed. And for that reason, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to those who have donated, whether it be by way of fundraising activities, contribution in kind or as a sponsor for specific activities or items. I would like to thank the following for their support:

- The Comox Valley Regional District for their Grant-in-Aid, Twoonie Draw,
- Lighthouse Feed and Garden
- Our Fundraising Committee that is tirelessly looking for ways to raise money.
- Our volunteers; this year we tracked the volunteer hours with a tabulation that came to 1062 hours.

At our last Board meeting I asked the Board members to reflect on the year and pass on to me what the highlight was for them. Here is what they had to say:

- "How much BSW has grown up/matured since I first joined."
- "How mature BWS has become."
- "The collegiality and great synergy among members and the motivation to get things done!"
- "We now have a fully functioning Discharge Station measuring stream flow on Mud Bay Creek."
- "The effort that the Board members and volunteers have put forth for the betterment of their community"

 "Working with all the people!" In conclusion, 2020 saw the Beaufort Watershed Stewards grow from an infancy stage to full fledged adolescence. It is the commitment, perseverance, imagination and camaraderie of this group of volunteers that makes this organization the success it is today.



ND JUST LIKE THAT

The Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations are over. For most of us it was a very quiet time although some of us we were lucky enough to be able to Face Time etc. with friends and family.

Now we look forward to 2021 and hope that we can return to some of our normal activities in spring/summer.

Our take out Christmas dinner was a huge success and we had lots of compliments which made it all worthwhile.

This month we asked our President Joan Johnsen what she has been doing to keep occupied during all the Covid-19 restrictions. She continues with her quilting which kept her busy over Christmas making special gifts for friends and family. Joan is also a member of the committee for the re-opening of our com-



munity and OAP halls along with the regulations for compliance to all COVID-19 related rules.



Like the rest of us, Joan was not able to travel to the Mainland for the usual family Christmas so she and Walt went all out decorating their home for the holidays. You may have seen the lights and reindeer on their front lawn. Linda T. was their guest for a wonderful Christmas dinner.

Happy February Birthday to: Karen Hutchings, Edith Walters, Linda Tournemille, Mike Robson, Prue Robson.

Please note:

This is a VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY FOR EDITH. WE WISH HER THE VERY HAPPIEST OF DAYS and YEARS AHEAD!!

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL!!



by Linda Tournemille

UR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK

the community for all the help and support to bring our pig Mojo home from his epic adventure around the hood.

Thanks for being good about us creeping around in the dark with headlamps on your property on New Year's Eve. Thanks for letting him make a nest under your porch over night. Thanks for calling or showing up at our place to tell us about a sighting. Thanks for checking his crate at the Hall to see if he'd ventured in and thanks for trying to get him off the highway!

Also, we really couldn't have finally caught him without Sean who was a huge help! Mojo is now happily penned in at our farm, playing ball and eating bananas and Cheerios! Thanks so very much.

The Moon Family



IVING WILD

What if I told you that earthworms were devastating damage.

Over 10,000 years ago, the Ice Age covered the land masses of North America and killed off most of its native species the soil, accelerate the movement of water through the soil. of earthworms. The first European settlers of the 1600s And so in a certain way that's good, and it stimulates infiltrabrought hitch-hiking European earthworms in their imported tion of water into the soil, but it also stimulates leeching of plants. Trade and economy brought other species throughout water through the soil profile and into the groundwater. So there is a diverse population of Asian and European earth- lems in gardens or in agricultural systems because earthworms throughout North America.

Forests in North America had adapted to growing strong through the system."

without the aid of earthworms, and are naturally very aerated. The layers of slowing decomposing leaves on the forest floors not only fed the trees, but protected their roots from erosion and disease. In fact, with the influx of the new varieties of earthworms, many of the healthy forest floors are now decimated, as the worms devour the leaves, which in turn releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and robs the soil of beneficial carbons.



which previously had generously thick layers of organic pro- soil. So are these worms bad too? tection and food, are now littered with bald patches from smaller plants, insects and reptiles on the forest floor.

Peter Groffman, Senior Scientist at the Institute of Ecosysless humus than forests without earthworms because it's almost like tilling the soil. You're mixing the organic matter, matter in the surface soil".

Several scientists with funding from the National Science Foundation have been studying forest soils in the northeastern US, and it was discovered that where patches of bare forfrom Asia and Europe colonizing the soil.

While Groffman agrees that worms can be of benefit to forests all over North America? Sounds outrageous, right?! compacted soils through aeration, he continued to say "Some We have all come to know worms as being extremely benefi- of my colleagues have been involved in earthworms in agricial in our gardens by aerating and fertilizing the soil, but cultural systems, and manipulated levels of earthworms to there are some varieties of earthworms causing irreparable see was there an improvement in the environmental performance of those systems. And they were unable to find any."

"And in fact earthworms, you know, by making holes in the years in imported soil, mulch and fishing bait, and now sometimes we might find actually more water-quality probworms are accelerating the way water and nutrients move

> It is important to note, that there are over 5000 species of earthworms globally. Only an estimated 16% of Asian and European species are damaging, as reported by Scientific American. Even more interesting, it is just recently that researchers have discovered that the ice age didn't abolish all of the original species of earthworms.

> Research has proven that ice did not cover Vancouver Is. or Haida Gwaii, leaving some species of naturally occurring earthworms in these specific areas. Researchers have termed these native earthworms 'ancient earthworms" (Marshall and Fender 1998). Unfortunately, most of the natural species left are not often seen, and it is the larger, more aggressive Asian and European species that have taken over.

Increasingly popular is vermiculture and the use of worm Several birch, red oak, poplar and maple hardwood forests castings manure is one of the best ways to add nutrients to

Red Wigglers, Eisenia Fetida are originally from Europe and earthworms munching down. This has limited the survival of are bred because they are an aggressive and quickly reproforest seedlings and negatively impacted the biodiversity of ducing worm that assists with decomposing organic material. They are commonly used in composts as they adapt well to warm environments, and they feed on the organic matter, tem Studies in Millbrook, New York stated "what we've seen bringing it to the surface of the soil, and leaving castings and in these forests that are invaded by earthworms, they have organic material behind. Gardeners harvest that material which will greatly improve soil fertility.

According to an article published by the Great Lakes Worm you're stimulating the microorganisms that are degrading the Watch, "Fishing bait should be discarded in water, not on organic matter. And so we found that in the forests invaded land and worm castings from compost bins should be frozen by earthworms, they were losing 25 percent of the organic before being used in gardens". This will ensure that invasive earthworms are not released into unnatural environments, and through freezing castings for one week, any worms and their eggs will be killed.

In a controlled environment, earthworms can have great est floor were found, it was symbiotic of invasive earthworms uses, but letting them go wild may have repercussions on our natural environment.

by Angela Hicke - Van Isle Wild

ANNY BAY NATURALLY

beds, splashing in the birdbath, flitting through the vines on cover and then dashing after it, or perched up high in a tree sudden, absolute stillness. The cause of this abrupt cessation down to capture it. However, the tree-top method can be of frenzied activity? A small hawk had settled in a nearby tree, sending all the birds scurrying for cover.

I have not yet positively identified this occasional intruder, but have narrowed it down to two species - Cooper's hawk and sharp-shinned hawk. These hawks are notoriously difficult to tell apart as they have similar colouring, size, and shape. Juveniles of both species have brown backs and brown stripes on their chests during the first year of life. This colouring later changes to a blue-gray back and orange barring on the chest. The sharp-shinned is about the size of a blue jay, and the Cooper's is about the size of a crow, but the female of each species is larger than the male, so the male of one is



with the female of another, making identification even more challenging. square for the one of these ed, and

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near a bird feeder is more likely to be a Cooper's hawk.

family Accipitridae). Accipiters prey primarily on birds, and your feeders back up. hunt during the day. They commonly use two methods of

Juncos, chickadees, towhees, jays, varied thrushes, hunting - hiding in a bushy tree or cruising along the edge of and others, pecking at the feeder, scratching in the flower shrubbery, watching for a prospective victim to move out of the trellis, dashing and diving against the sky. Then, all of a with the intent of surprising something by diving straight dangerous - in a study of more than 300 Cooper's hawk skeletons, 23% showed old healed-over fractures in the bones of the chest! Despite this occupational hazard, the old-



The est recorded Cooper's hawk was a male banded in California shape of the tail - in 1986 and found some twenty years later in Washington.

The nutritional content of accipiters' menu choices is not sharp-shinned and always healthy either - small birds that feed on insects rounded for the sprayed with pesticides retain tiny concentrations of chemi-Cooper's - is diffi- cals and pass them on to the hawks who prey on them. Becult to assess as it cause they are larger and live longer, hawks build up signifiis hard to get a cantly more insecticide residues than do their prey, and this prolonged look at can have adverse effects on reproduction.

I am of two minds when it comes to accipiters and backhawks. The sharp- yard bids. I love my small feathered friends but one has to shinned's head is accept that the hawk is only doing what comes naturally quite small, round- when he catches one for lunch! When I see one in my yard, I even- usually run outside and flap my arms wildly until the hawk toned, while the Cooper's head rises up taller from its body, flies away, resigned to the fact that in the end nature will with a blockier domed appearance, and it has lighter feathers take its course. I am somewhat consoled by the studies indion the nape of its neck than on the top of its head. In flight, cating that having bird feeders doesn't greatly increase a both species look much the same, however the sharp- bird's chances of becoming dinner for an accipiter; these shinned, with its small head, looks unbalanced when flying, hawks find most of their meals elsewhere. But if a hawk while the Cooper's hawk, with its larger head, looks more starts hunting in your yard on a regular basis, causing you no proportional. The range of both includes Vancouver Island, so end of stress over the welfare of your little avian community, that's of no help either, however sharp-shinned hawks are take down the feeder for a couple of days, preferably during less likely to frequent populated areas, so a small hawk seen a stretch of mild weather when the birds will be more able to compensate for the loss of such an easy feed source. With No matter what the species, these small to medium-sized the subsequent absence of easy pickings, the hawk will soon hawks are known as accipiters (a genus of birds of prey in the move on and your birdie friends will return when you put

by Jackie Dunham

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THE FANNY BAY INN HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK supporting many local non-profit organizations from the weekly **TWOONIE DRAW.** Beaufort Watershed Stewards President Roger Chayer received the current donation.

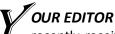
You too can support our local groups and charities. Drop in anytime and register for your own personal number. Pay a Twoonie once a week to enter your number in the weekly draw. All 'paid for' numbers become valid for the weekly



draw held at 6pm on Thursdays. The winner receives half the pot while the balance is given to a local charity.

We can all help owner Roxanne with this generous and unique endeavour which benefits our entire community while also keeping our fingers crossed that our number will come up!



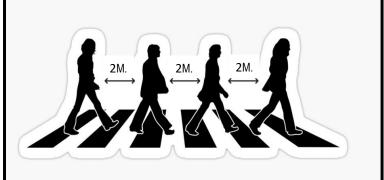


recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for the many volunteer projects, big and small performed for the FBCA, from Tammy Mercer-Gervais, FBCA President and Anne Trussler, FBCA Vice-President. A memorial calendar in 2010, emptying outdoor trash cans, 2017 Heritage Day and raffle, and the surprisingly - the longest serving Flyer Editor.

I no longer serve on the Board but have always helped at Concerts and whenever called upon to lend a hand.

Soon our doors will be open again and neighbours new and old will get to participate in FANNYBAY the variety of activities normally offered.
Certificate of Appreciation This certificate is awarded to
WENDY KEATING
In recognition of many years of service to the Farny Bay Community Association (FBCA) as a Director, Editor of <i>The Farny Bay Fiyer</i> , and a volunteer who steps in whenever the need arises. Whether it is taking on othen thankless takis such as pickating up sticks and stones ahead of a law mower, emptying outdoor trans and heading to the Hall at moment's notice to let a Client in or assisting behind the scenes and taking photos of a myriad of community events, or jumping full in on fundations such as the R50x5 2010 Community Calendar, it has always been done without farking but with great care. As the Editor of the <i>Fiyer</i> , not care but twice over the years, you have done what is usually done by a team, yet always meet deadlines and produce an awesome product that keeps our community connected and informed. As of this cide, you now heat weey from your role as a team of the site of the scenes of the scenes of the California takes, we are pleased that you cortaining role as Editor of the <i>Fiyer</i> makes you and <i>x-officio methore</i> the FBCA Board, reporting as necessary and providing input whenever you feel the need.
Thank you, Wendy, for all you have done and continue to do for our community. <u>Stormanne Marcel 20</u> <u>Signature</u> <u>John 12 Dec 20</u> <u>John Date</u>







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Ships Point Improvement Dist. Youth Group - Fanny Bay Hall	Wednesday Friday	time varies, second week 7 - 8 pm when hall available

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28		K	flowers stacked and blooming from one stalk. There are 12 petals. When viewed on–line you might see the red check marks on each petal.			

Wendy Keating

