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# THIS YEAR, THE PRELUDE THEME

to the Board Buzz has been about logging in BC. As I was preparing for the monthly Buzz I was listening to the pounding of rain on my roof and thinking, 'Geez a couple of months ago I would have been rejoicing at that sound.' Which made me think of the wildfires we had this past summer. So, I did a little digging and came up with this fact.

**Before 1900, fires burned an average of 500,000 hectares (1.2 million acres) of forest per year. Currently, due to fire control efforts, fires burn an average of 30,000 hectares (74,000 acres) of forest per year. Logging currently occurs on about 190,000 hectares (470,000 acres) per year. The net result is an overall decrease in area disturbed, which has allowed many forests to survive to older ages.**

Overall, things have been ticking away nicely for the Board as we wind down towards the end of the year. We had a sold-out Grant Lawrence and Friends concert - huge thanks to Bill & Alaine French for organizing the concert series.

Next concert is **November 21<sup>st</sup>** featuring Quartetto Gelato, tickets at all the usual places.

We had a wonderful kids Halloween dance party organized by Dominique Hrytsay and her committee of parents. Dominique is also organizing twice monthly craft and game nights for the kids. Check the Fanny Bay Hall Facebook page or website for dates and details.

We are also pleased to announce the return of Early Years Play Group drop-in program. This is free for ages 0-5 and will be every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Cher Kuss for her exceptional efforts in coordinating the highly successful Flu Clinic. We would also like to express our appreciation to IDA Bowser Pharmacy for generously providing a pharmacist for this vital community event. Cher and her committee initiated a donation box for the Flooring Project during the clinic. The generosity of our community overwhelmed us. We want to extend our sincere thanks to all those who

contributed

to the

Flooring Project Fund.

The Fat Oyster Reading series held its second successful reading this year. It thrills us to see the return of this local favourite to our community hall and we look forward to more events in the future.

And finally, I could not end this month's Buzz without acknowledging one of the true gems in our community. Suzanne Murray celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in October. Not only is she our Aerobics instructor, but she has also been a past president of the FBCA and was an active board member for many years. She has been a board member of SPID, and she is the official keeper of the wheelbarrow as you come into Ships Point. If you don't know Suzanne yet, she is the bubbly lady you will often see walking an enormous Wolf Hound named Finn. Have a good month everyone!

*by Tammy Mercer-Gervais*  
FBCA President



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# Fanny Bay Christmas Market

Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, Nov. 19, 10 am - 3 pm

Fanny Bay Community Hall, 7793 Island Highway South

Free Admission

A Variety of Artisans, Crafters, and Vendors

Quilting Display & Sale

Concession by the Fanny Bay Seniors (OAP)

OAP Raffle and Bake Sale (Bake sale Saturday only)

Note: Whatever Public Health Orders are in effect on Market Day will be followed.



## IN MY LIFE

There are places I'll remember  
All my life, though some have changed  
Some forever, not for better  
Some have gone and some remain  
All these places had their moments  
With lovers and friends, I still can recall  
Some are dead, and some are living  
In my life, I've loved them all

But of all these friends and lovers  
There is no one compares with you  
And these memories lose their meaning  
When I think of love as something new

Though I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before  
I know I'll often stop and think about them  
In my life, I love you more

Though I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before  
I know I'll often stop and think about them  
In my life, I love you more

written by Paul McCartney John Lennon

## **F**ANNY BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, November 18th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and  
Sunday, November 19th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fanny Bay Hall,  
7793 Island Hwy S.

We look forward to welcoming you to the annual  
Christmas Market at the Fanny Bay Community Hall on  
Nov. 18th -19th.

The Fanny Bay Quilters will be there with their quilt  
display and sale, along with about 30 other vendors dis-  
playing their wares! Many of the regulars will be back,  
along with some new vendors, selling everything from  
seashell art to hot sauce! Lots of great gifts for everyone  
on your Christmas list!

We are excited to have the OAP concession and raffle  
again this year and don't forget the popular OAP bake  
sale (Saturday only) - the tasty irresistible goodies sell  
out quickly!

The Fanny Bay Christmas Market is a long-standing  
community tradition that raises funds for the FBCA.  
You'll be able to purchase your 2024 membership at the  
market. The FBCA table will also be selling copies of  
"Shingles and Shells, a History of Fanny Bay" by Arv Ol-  
son, 2nd edition.

Mark your calendars for November 18 and 19 - we'll  
be delighted to see you there!



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# **I**N OCTOBER, THE SHIPS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (SPVFD)

held their annual Fire Prevention Week open house event at the fire hall on Vivian Way. The annual event is a great way to meet and learn about your local firefighters, first responders,



and the volunteers who run the Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association. The open house was well attended by SPID residents of all ages including some up-and-coming potential trainees! SPID firefighters also did their annual neighbourhood walk-about, offering reminders to install smoke detectors and to change batteries annually.

## **SPID/Area A Dog Owners:**

2024 dog licence sales opened November 1<sup>st</sup>. In order to ensure that your dog's annual licence is properly registered and linked to the Comox Valley Regional



District database, please purchase your licences directly from the CVRD at **770 Harmston Avenue in Courtenay Tel: 250-334-6000**, or from the BCSPCA Comox Valley & District Branch at **1668 Ryan Road East in Courtenay Tel: 250-339-7722**. SPID is no longer able to provide licensing services due to administrative barriers.

## **Volunteer Position Available:**

The SPVFA (Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association) is in need of a secretary/administrator. Please send your interest and inquiries to [spvfirefightersassociation@gmail.com](mailto:spvfirefightersassociation@gmail.com).

## **Yard Waste Burning and the Ventilation Index:**

Effective October 15, the Fire Danger Rating dropped to LOW and backyard burning restrictions were lifted on Ships Point. While permits are not required at this time, for those who choose to burn yard waste, local and provincial regulations must be followed. A critical factor for protecting air quality



SPID REPORT

SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

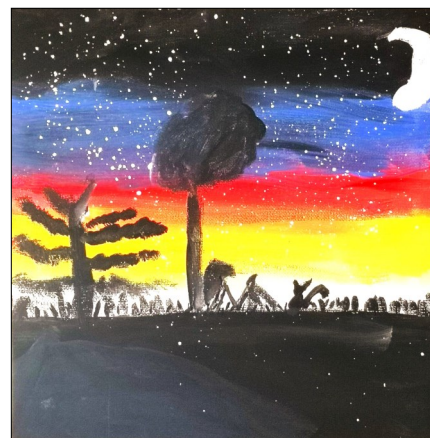


Taken at the SPVFD Fire Prevention

during open burning is the province's Ventilation Index. The Ventilation Index forecasts local weather patterns that indicate whether smoke will disperse or remain trapped at ground level. BC restricts outdoor burning when the index is POOR

(0-33) or FAIR (34-54) which would risk a fine from the BC Conservation Officer Service. Please check the Ventilation Index and burn yard waste ONLY when the forecast is GOOD (55-100). The Ventilation Index is updated daily at [SPID.ca](http://SPID.ca) or toll-free at **1-888-281-2992**.

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# AS SURELY AS OCTOBER BRINGS US

Thanksgiving and Halloween, it brings colourful leaves and returning salmon. That's why we at Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society spend a lot of time preparing, and then even more making those plans work. Over the last two weeks of October, 12 volunteers a day gathered at our hatchery site on Berray Road for a celebration of hatchery fish production that guarantees some lucky angler a salmon he can keep. If it fits the other regulations, too, of course. Clipping the adipose fin of all our annual Coho production is one of the things required of us as a hatchery group and it is no small task.



Guest clippers in action with FBSES members.

From left, Bryna Williams,

Mosaic Forest Management indigenous partnerships intern, Jens Johansen, Barry Seeley, Shaun Gray, Alex Vallee, Mosaic assistant forester, Colin Koszman, Mosaic land use forester.

Not in picture; Finn Keim, James Fong, Janet Haigh, Judy Ackincklose.

Photo by Larry Kimura



Streamwalker Adam Vojnic enters Rosewall Creek with underwater camera

Besides the six clippers who line the sides of the table, there are movers, flippers and counters. The flipper dispenses the fish from a holding tank to individual bowls via a net on the end of a longish pole - the flip puts the fish out of the net into the bowls, movers schlep the buckets of fish to the tank, counters click on every single clipped fish. As the crew, locals and "guests", settle into a routine efficient morning, conversation tends to decline to repeated "fish please" calls as bowls of groggy fish get trimmed. Slowed down to handling speed by a simple an-aesthetic, they get dipped out, snipped, and dropped into a channel to another fish tank at a rate that adds up to an *average 6,380 a day*. That kind of rate is necessary to wind up with 44,702 keepers and it meant everyone got the scheduled Friday off.

Co-incidentally with clipping, the first Coho brood stock showed up in our Rosewall Creek, one of the 600 on the east

coast of the Island. Our contract fish counter, Adam Vojnic of Comox, was out there to log them in. Adam's numbers, and those of dozens of other streamwalkers, all get collated by DFO into Escapement Bulletins. Ours is for the Strait of Georgia, from Comox to Sooke. Fish by numbers, species, water bodies, collection or count methods, reports on abundance, peaks of runs; it's all there (get yours via Google, of course).

One of his findings, of 3900 Chum spawners in Wilfred Creek, is the kind of news that keeps salmon enhancement thrilling. He found 1200 Coho in Rosewall, just in time for Halloween. Our fish ladder and brood pen have been made ready for them and now we've begun our group effort on the batch of eggs that will be next October's clipping targets. Trays are already full at Wilfred Creek where the team of Kyle Milburn, Rob Wile and Helmuth Geiger began a new year at that hatchery with the Chum egg take.



Chum salmon brood capture at counting fence on Wilfred Creek by Rob Wile, Helmuth Geiger and Kyle Milburn

And back at Rosewall, there are 5,000 donated silviculture plugs from Mosaic Forest Management just waiting for us. We need a forecast dry weekend and some of the dedicated membership that makes FBSES what it is to 'pot up' for our tree donations that go all over Vancouver Island.

It is something you can be part of with only the effort you need to show up on a Wednesday *or* Saturday morning at 8425 Berray Road. Consider yourself invited for coffee, cookies and as much exercise as you want.



Spawning Coho in Rosewall Creek

*by Dave Sands*



## LIVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

We were all treated to a very entertaining sold-out show, 'Grant Lawrence & Friends: an evening of stories and songs.' at the concert last month. There was excellent musicianship, great storytelling, humour, slideshow, and geography that we could all relate to. Kudos to the performers for giving us this most enjoyable evening.

We are very excited to be presenting **Quartetto Gelato** on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7pm**. Founded in 1989, they have released six albums and have numerous awards to their credit. The quartet have played sold-out houses around the world and deserve to have Fanny Bay on that list of sold-out shows!

The Los Angeles Times wrote, "light programming, like comedy is serious business, Quartetto Gelato had the stuff. Dry humor and occasional clowning are part of the quartet's arsenal, yet first, it meets the requisite virtues of skilled music-making. It's pleasure-giving is consistent."

Have you ever asked yourself what you would bring if you were stranded on a deserted island? Canadian astronaut Rober Thirsk chose Quartetto Gelato for his listening pleasure in outer space. The group was honoured to have been his 'deserted island pick' on such an inspiring journey.

This quartet hails from Hamilton, Ont.

The members are: Colin Maier- oboe, vocals, musical saw, Konstantin Popovic-violin, vocals, Matti Pulkki -accordion and Kirk Starkey- cello.

Quartetto Gelato's music is inspiring and soul-reaching. For more reviews and music previews we encourage you to search [quartettoigelato.ca](http://quartettoigelato.ca) and then buy your tickets to this concert! See the poster in this edition of the flyer for details. **\$30 advance cash, \$33 online/at the door.**

*by Bill and Alaine French*  
Concert Coordinators

### Save these dates for our 2024 concert season!

**Piano Heist:** Two talented pianists in a musical comedy - Friday January 26th, 2024, 7:00pm

**Tom & Kalissa Landa:** Folk, Latin, Celtic, Roots - Saturday March 23rd, 2024, 7:00pm

**Spring Sings II - Choir Concert: Grace Notes & Acapella Plus** - Sunday Matinee April 7th, 2024 2:30 pm

**Sophie Lukacs:** Singer and songwriter playing the resonant sound of the Kora, a 21-string harp-lute from Mali. Friday April 19th, 2024, 7:00pm

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# NOVEMBER, THE 11TH MONTH OF THE YEAR

has 30 days and marks the beginning of the winter season for most folks, even if the winter solstice doesn't occur until late December.

In ancient times few people found November pleasant. The Anglo-Saxons called it 'Wind monath', because it was the time when the cold winds began to blow, but they also called it 'Blod monath', because it was the time when cattle were slaughtered for winter food.

The poet T.S. Elliot called it "Sombre November". Sir Walter Scott, in his long poem Marmion, wrote in 1808: "November's sky is chill and drear, November's leaf is red and sear (withered)"

In more modern times people have made this month, named for the ninth (novem) month in the early Roman calendar, into a social time of community suppers, feasts of thanksgiving, and general elections. Also time to get your flu & COVID shots!

Speaking of socializing and community events, **The Fanny Bay Christmas Market Days, November 18th 10-4pm & 19th 10-3pm** are fast approaching! Our volunteers are all getting ready to offer you Home Baked Goods, Raffle Tickets and Concession Goodies for both of these days and look forward to seeing everyone who comes by to have lunch and to shop. The coffee and scones will be hot and ready first thing each morning, come and get them!

Potluck will be **November 21st**, don't miss it. Kathryn and Lee Hardy, Ritchie Parkin and Doreen Smith are convening so you will soon be getting a call from them. If you're interested in attending these potlucks and are not yet a member, please contact Joan Payne at 250-335-3389. Membership is \$15 a year. Joan P. will be collecting 2024 dues at the next potluck so please remember to bring your wallet.

## OAP REPORT

We collect garage sale items year round so if you have something that you're ready to part with, please call Bruce Mills at 250-335-1337 for further information.

Christmas Party time at the OAP will be **December 12th starting at 4pm**. Potluck appetizers are on the menu and this year's 'organizer Elves' will provide entertainment and activities to make this a jolly event. Mark your calendars!

November birthday greetings, Scorpios and Sagitarians, go out to Walt Johnsen, Shelley Smith, Deb Harris, Norma Shelley, Pat Edwards and Ann Trussler. December birthday wishes, Sagittarians and Capricorns, go to George Boothby and Doreen Smith. Happy Birthday to everyone else out there celebrating another great year!

On a sad note, we have lost another of our dear members. Edith Walters passed away November 4th while residing in the Trillium Hospice facility in Parksville. We will miss our much loved friend.

*by Fran Mills*



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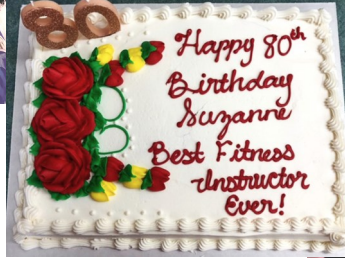
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**F**ANNY BAY AEROBICS celebrated Suzanne's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in style! A special song, cake, stories and most of all, much love for our amazing Suzanne.



#### SUZANNE'S FAVOURITE THINGS

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on Finn  
Bright coloured flowers at the base of our hill,  
Walking and talking without any pings,  
These are a few of Suzanne's favourite things!

Looks quite amazing at the young age of 80,  
Must be the veggies and cups of her green tea,  
Aerobics and dog walks, throughout the years  
Kept her pain free and no shedding of tears!

**When the joints ache,  
When the knees creak,  
When you're out of breath,  
You simply remember her positive technique,  
The secret to your good health!**

Moving and stretching and finally the roar  
A sound you simply can't afford to ignore,  
A hot bath, an Advil, then early to bed  
Getting healthy, the pounds soon to be shed!

We're in our leggings with extra support,  
Just when you think you can't,  
here is her retort,  
With her heavenly voice she'll state,  
"You are the best!"  
Puff out your chest, you feel quite impressed!

**When the joints ache, ...**

Suzanne is simply the best of the best,  
Our favourite person, we're all quite impressed,  
She gives of herself every minute of the day,  
Mondays and Thursdays are our favourite days!

Happy Birthday to Suzanne, our dear friend,  
Hope teaching of aerobics will never end,  
You've made our lives healthier and happier too,  
Thanks for all that you've done and continue to do!!

**When the joints ache, ...**



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## 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.

### 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, procedures, and information in BC Society Act and Canada Revenue as they apply to FBCA
Health & Safety Liaison	-identify issues and communicate to board executive for follow up.



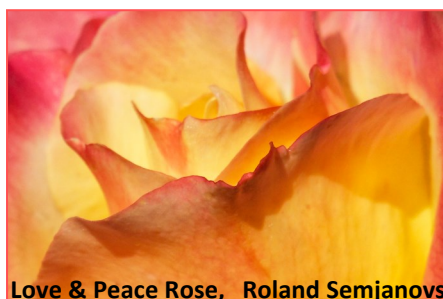
### Support Roles and Tasks needed immediately:

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)
Audio-Visual Technicians	-no experience necessary, training provided; work with AV team at concert events and special presentations
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
Scanning photos from the archives	-a volunteer to work with our archivist-we are looking for a volunteer with a scanner to scan photos to digital copies. Work to be done at own home. An opportunity to look at our history.
Removing snow 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 . Hopefully the snow is a rare occurrence.
Event volunteer worker bees	Assist with event set up and take down(chairs and tables) and parking, grounds cleanup, weeding- Usually 2 hour shifts.
Summer Market 2024	Volunteer(s) to organize the summer market for 2024. The previous organizers have a marvellous binder with all the info required for a successful market.

## BAYNES SOUND GARDEN CLUB

No less than 31 members turned up for the garden club's November meeting at the Seniors (OAP) Hall on Ships Point Road in Fanny Bay.

I am guessing it wasn't the annual elections that drew such a large crowd, but rather our annual slideshow. Members submitted their favourite garden photos of the year ahead of time, which were put together by Roger and shown via a projector for all to enjoy. The slideshow, as always, was interesting and varied, from Janet's practical photos of the construction of her waist-high garden beds to Roland's gorgeous rose close-up, with many wonderful flower, garden, and insect shots in between.



Love & Peace Rose, Roland Semjanovs

We have a new slate of officers for next year. Thank you to Karen, Juanita, Kathy, Jo-Anne, Tessa, and Liz for stepping up to the plate. A huge thank you to the retiring team of Marion, Jackie, Janet, and Debby for their commitment to the club for the past few years.

December features the annual member Christmas party, then we have

January off before getting back to regular meetings on February 1, 2024.

Guests are always welcome to attend regular meetings, which start at 7 pm on the first Thursday of February through June, and September through November. For more information, please email [bsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bsgardenclub@gmail.com).

*by Jackie Dunham*



# Upcoming Events for KIDS

\$2

**Drop-In &  
Craft Night**  
Wednesday, Dec 6th  
5:30 to 7:30pm

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**Drop-In &  
Game Night**  
Wednesday, Dec 20th  
5:30 to 7:30pm

**FAMILY  
MOVIE NIGHT!**  
Friday, Dec 1st  
Watch FB for info!

**FAMILY HOLIDAY  
PARTY!**  
Saturday, Dec 16th  
Watch FB for  
info!

at the **Fanny Bay Hall**

Info: Dominique 204-899-1376 or  
family@fannybaycommunity.com

## KIDS KONTRIBUTION

Indie Charleton Age 6 years



Santa Claus is coming to town  
Gather round  
He's making a list  
An' checkin' it twice  
He's gonna find out who's  
naughty and nice



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to town  
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you're sleeping  
He knows when  
you're awake

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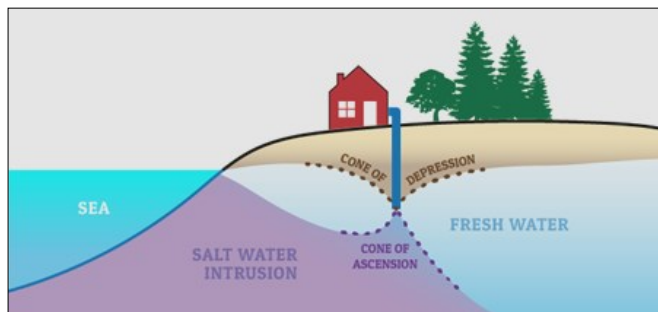
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## BEAUFORT WATERSHED STEWARDS (BWS)

There are many ways to measure things. As discussed last month, you can measure the height of water with a pressure gauge. You can also measure salinity with an electric current.

Living so close to the ocean, we worry about saltwater seeping into wells. Indeed, we have data that shows well levels rising and falling slightly, in sync with the tides. It is easy to imagine such wells increasing in salinity.



<http://www.lummi-island.com/waterwatchers/seawater-intrusion-3>

Salinity is not easily measured outside of the lab. But salinity is closely related to Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and TDS is directly related to conductivity, the ability of a substance to pass a current. So, we take monthly samples from most of the wells in our groundwater monitoring program. A small handheld instrument measures the conductivity of each sample and, over time, gives us an idea of whether or not conductivity, and therefore salinity, is increasing.

Conductivity is one of the parameters we measure in our stream sampling program. In different creeks we see between 16 and 340  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . This range represents normal seasonal variation. But in this context – surface water - conductivity tells us nothing about saltwater incursion. The conductivity of ground water, on the other hand, is the main parameter for assessing saltwater incursion. In the wells we monitor, conductivity varies between 50 and 200  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  with no obvious seasonal patterns. The Province considers well water with levels above 1000  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  to be affected by saltwater incursion. None of our wells, no matter how close to the ocean, gets anywhere near this level. More importantly, we've seen no rising trends. Conductivity doesn't seem to be increasing in any of our monitored wells.



Mike Mesford doing a reading at a well

The opposite of conductivity is resistivity. One of our big projects has been working with University of Victoria students in the

Earth and Ocean Sciences Department to map local aquifers. Using a technique called Vertical Electrical Sounding, the resistivity of geological layers is measured.

(See <https://beaufortwater.org/index.php/2023/03/03/mapping-beaufort-groundwater-with-geophysics/> for more information.)

This work has allowed us, in a few small areas, to show where the saltwater/freshwater boundary actually lies. Our plans include monitoring these areas for changes in the boundary's location.

Rising sea levels and changing rainfall patterns have the potential to throw a salty wrench in things, but for the moment, our studies show no reason for concern. You can thank electricity - both conductivity and resistivity - for helping us bring you this welcome news.

*by Mike Mesford*



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## HELLO, FANTASTIC FANNY BAY FAMILIES!

As the autumn leaves gracefully fall and we welcome November with open arms, I'm thrilled to fill you in on the whirlwind of wonderful happenings within our community!

First and foremost, let's talk about our Spooktacular success! The Kids Halloween Dance Party was an absolute BLAST! We had a whopping 121 attendees, adorned in amazing costumes that truly lit up the night. A massive shoutout and gratitude to our incredible community, who showered us with donations - candy, decorations, supplies, pumpkins, and even monetary support from the generous hearts of Fanny Bay and the Lion's Club. Another enormous thank you goes out to our fantastic volunteers! From the creative minds of the Kids Planning Committee to the awesome decorating crew, our cheerful front door greeters, the kitchen magicians, and the spirited pirates who joined the fun – your efforts made this party unforgettable!

On the note of gratitude, a special thank you to Roxanne from the Fanny Bay Inn for an extraordinary \$1,500 donation to our Kids Programs at the Hall! We're overjoyed and excited about the possibilities this donation opens up. More fantastic

experiences and opportunities are on the horizon for our families, all thanks to this wonderful gesture.

Exciting news for our littlest community members! A drop-in session tailored for kiddos aged 0-5 and their caregivers has kicked off! Held every Wednesday morning at the hall, it's a fantastic opportunity for our little explorers to learn, play, and make new friends. For more details, check out the poster on page 13.

Our creative young artists have truly outdone themselves! I'm delighted to share some beautiful pieces with you in our Kids Kontributions section on pages 6 and 13. The talent in our community knows no bounds! A gentle reminder to our all our budding artists: keep those submissions coming! Your creations bring so much joy and inspiration to us all. Send submissions to [family@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:family@fannybaycommunity.com)

With November already in full swing and December peeking around the corner, keep your eyes glued to our Facebook page! We have some fantastic events lined up that you won't want to miss. From festive gatherings to community celebrations, there's something for everyone on the horizon.

Clear your calendars for the evening of Friday, December 1st, as the Fanny Bay Hall transforms into a theater for our Family Movie Night! Grab your favorite blankets, wear your comfiest pajamas, enjoy some popcorn, and immerse yourselves in the enchanting world of cinema. Stay tuned for more details - the movie choice, showtime, and all the exciting extras will be revealed soon! It's bound to be an evening of fun for the whole family right here in our wonderful community!

But wait, there's more! Hold onto your Santa hats because a merry extravaganza is coming your way! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 16th** - it's our Family Holiday Party, and you're all invited to join in the festive cheer! Imagine twinkling lights, jolly laughter, and the warmth of community. We're decking the halls of our beloved hall, preparing for a bit of holiday magic. From delightful treats to joyful carols, there's something for everyone. Stay tuned for more updates and exciting details as we prepare to celebrate the holiday season together. It's bound to be an event full of joy, togetherness, and holiday spirit. Get ready to make wonderful memories with your fellow community members and embrace the enchantment of the season!

As always, your support, creativity, and enthusiasm fuel the heart of our community. Feel free to reach out if you have ideas, suggestions, or just want to say hello. Together, let's make this winter a time of warmth, togetherness, and endless adventures!

Warmest wishes,

*by Dominique Hrytsay*



**SOUTH COMOX VALLEY**

# EARLY YEARS PLAY GROUP

**DROP-IN PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS AT THE FANNY BAY COMMUNITY HALL**

**STARTS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH COME AND PLAY!**

**Every Wednesday**  
**9:30am-11:30am**  
(Nov. 8 - Dec. 20th)  
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## THE STANLEY STORIES CHARGE OF THE TURKEY BRIGADE

It was garbage day, and Stanley was on a mission to find some really good stuff. The owner of one house had set up a roadside stand and stocked it with an ever-changing variety of items. Since everyone likes a bargain, this place was becoming very popular. At the stand there was a table with a collection of freebies on it. Stanley was too short to reach it, so he stood on his hind legs, reached up and groped around for anything. What he got was a string of mini lights. He put it on the ground and used one claw to switch the battery pack on. The string came to life with bright twinkling lights and Stanley was thrilled!

He wasn't aware of the wild turkey standing on the road behind him. Behind the turkey was his harem of 6 sketchy-looking ladies. The light string fascinated him, and he began to gobble, flinging his wattle back and forth over his beak. The ladies followed suit and it quickly became apparent to Stanley that he and his string of flashy wiggling worms were the target. Stanley and the alpha turkey locked eyes while both decided on the next move.



The owner's garden was the fastest escape route. This bountiful place, carefully tended, is her pride and joy, so what happened next was utter chaos. While Stanley and the turkey were in freeze frame, one idiot at the back of the flock yelled "Charge!" and they did! All 7 turkeys bolted, wattles flinging, feathers flying, and they charged toward the string of worms. Stanley grabbed the string in his mouth, turned tail and ran!

Well, he ran through the roses, and he ran through the dahlias, and he trashed the herb garden and crushed the tomatoes. He ran so fast that the turkeys nearly caught him, but he spied an open gate, and he threw the light string in. The turkeys charged into the garden and Stanley slammed the gate behind them. Then he reached under the gate, grabbed the string, and yanked it out.

The gardener had been working in the raspberry garden and stood up when she heard the racket, and yelled "Oh, great, turkeys! Oh great!" The turkeys turned around and saw her standing with a large turkey roaster filled with garden stuff on her hip, and in her other hand was a pair of scissors and a length of string. The alpha turkey sized it up and promptly fainted. The harem followed suit and the gardener stood there, wondering what to do with 7 apparently dead turkeys in her raspberry patch.

Stanley was free, but his heart was still pounding! He ran through the corn stalks, and he ran through the fencing, and he ran, and he ran until he got back home. By then, Stanley was puffed out of breath and the batteries were out of juice. He bought



the light string to our back door, scratched several times, and waited for these humans to get the message. We opened the door, puzzled at the lights on the step, then realized that Stanley wanted batteries for his free prize. We swapped out the old ones for two new ones and watched while Stanley flicked the switch on, and the bright sparkling lights came back to life.

His eyes lit up as brightly as they did! He barked happily, grabbed his lights, and scampered down the garden. That night, his outhouse was lit up with the string of Christmas lights and they became a permanent decoration. But once in a while Stanley would be there at the back door and we'd replace the batteries and be rewarded with his biggest and best smile - the one that lights us up too!

*by Dianne Volrich*

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Next month The Flyer will carry the last adventure of Stanley.. the free spirit of Fanny Bay. Our readers have enjoyed this 'story corner' in our newsletter.

Dianne hopes to return to these pages after a few months break. Thank you for all the smiles. Who ever heard of a dog with a pocket!

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# THE BAYNES SOUND LIONS

would like to thank all the communities along our Wheelbarrow Push for their wonderful donations for the Comox Valley Child Development Association. Local business's gave generous cash donations: Baynes Sound Oysters, Bowser Legion 211, Buckley Bay Petro-Can, Fanny Bay Trading Co., Fanny Bay Inn, First Credit Union, Just Like Mom's Bakery, Macs Oysters, UB Diving, UB Market.

Several businesses supported the walkers with food! Muffins and coffee got us well underway at the FBI. Just Like Mom's provided coffee and muffins and Union Bay Market served a wonderful soup and sandwich lunch. It all contributed to our wheelbarrow walk.

On November 5th we headed out on our walk (*neither cold nor wind nor rain...!*) By the end of the Annual Wheelbarrow Walk we had triumphed in being able to donate a whopping **\$11,262.00** to the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Telethon.

It makes us so proud that we have such a giving community and again, we appreciate all donations that came in!

We would also like to announce the winners of the raffle. Tickets have been sold for the last couple months.

## Congratulations!

1st Place - Trip on the Uchuck for two people - Larry McDonald

2nd Place- \$200 PetroCan gas card - Cindy Xavier

3rd Place - \$100 BC Ferries Experience Card - Carol Hunter

*by Shellie Smyrichinsky*



## BAYNES SOUND LIONS

We are once again gathering names for our Christmas Hamper Program. We are looking for families in Fanny Bay, Union Bay, Denman and Hornby Islands that may need a little boost during the Holiday Season.

All information is held in the strictness of Confidence.

Please email [crazymom63@hotmail.com](mailto:crazymom63@hotmail.com) to get y ourse If or some one y ou know, i n need, on the list. Please i nclude Name, Addres s, Phone number, Email a ddres s and number of family members i n the household and if they are a dults or children.



**Deadline for submission is Dec 10th**



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Sun Nov 19 GREY CUP PARTY, POT LUCK SUNDAY

Sun Nov 26 Pre Christmas Open Market

Tues Nov 28 General Meeting 7pm - Elections

Sat Dec 2 Giant Meat Draw 4:30pm

Sun Dec 10 Breakfast with Santa -  
Holiday Pageant 10 - 4 pm

Sun Dec 31 New Years Dinner &amp; Dance 6pm

**Ongoing Events**

Ladies Pool - Wednesday ..... 4:00 pm

Cribbage - Wednesday ..... 4:00 pm

Men's Pool - Thursday ..... 6:00 pm

Darts - Thursday ..... 6:30pm

**Meat Draws Friday -5pm, Saturday - 4:30pm****Members, Guests, Prospective members welcome****Know Your Limit****Play Within It 19+**Facebook: [Events-at-the-Bowser-Legion-br211-99556487/](https://www.facebook.com/Events-at-the-Bowser-Legion-br211-99556487/)**COAST KITCHEN****Date Balls A South African Sweet**

With the festive season approaching, this delicious treat utilizes some dried fruit and pantry items. It is an easy and economical item to add to your seasonal baking.



- 125g or 1/2 cup of butter
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 250g of dates, chopped (I slice each date in 4 - you can also use scissors!)
  - 1 egg, well beaten
  - 1 package of Maria biscuits crumbled NOT crushed
- (At the import aisle of the grocery store or even in the dollar store)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Coconut for rolling them in

In a large pot on the stove, melt the butter and sugar together until smooth. Stir in the dates. Remove from heat and cool, this also helps the dates soften. Add in the egg and vanilla, stirring well, and then the cookies. Start with 3/4 package, adding in more until you get a consistency that will let you form balls.

Do this with your hands or a mini scoop. Make them any size you like, I like little ones, made by about a TB measuring spoon. Now roll them in the coconut, place on a cookie sheet and chill. They get a nice crunch to them.

*by Marietjie Coast*



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- (a) To maintain and manage a community hall, grounds, and outdoor amenities, for use by the residents of Fanny Bay and surrounding areas.
- (b) To provide and support programs, activities, and events to benefit all age groups in the community with focus on the arts, culture, education, health, and recreation

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Baynes Sound Garden Club - OAP Hall	Thursday .....	7 pm first week
Baynes Sound Lions - OAP Hall	Monday .....	7pm third week
Early Years Play Group ages 0-5 years	Wednesday .....	9:30am - 11:30am weekly
FBCA Board Meeting - Fanny Bay Hall	Thursday .....	7pm fourth week
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Yoga with Jane - Fanny Bay Main Hall-	Tuesdays .....	7:00 pm - 8:30pm
Youth Drop-In	Wednesdays 1st & 3rd each month	5:30 pm -7:30 pm

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Youth - \$2 Drop-in & Craft Night	Wed. Nov 15th 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Fanny Bay Christmas Market <i>Free Admission</i>	Sat. Nov. 18th 10 am - 4 pm Sun. Nov. 19th 10 am - 3 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Quartetto Gelato Classical Crossover Canadian Quartet)	Tue. Nov 21st 7 pm \$30 Advance \$33 at door & online	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Pageant	Sunday Dec. 10th 10 - 4 pm	Bowser Legion 211
Piano Heist (2 pianists in a Musical comedy)	Fri. January 26 th 2024 7 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
		
Tom & Kalissa Landa (Folk Latin Celtic Roots)	Sat. March 23 rd 2024 7 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall