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PIANO HEIST
Nico Rhodes & Patrick Courtin

7 pm FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

Lifelong friends and colleagues, Nico & Patrick, shocked and appalled by the realization that piano just isn't cool anymore, set off on a divine quest to redeem the keyboard and reinstate its reputation as the greatest instrument of ALL TIME! Showcasing music through the ages while mixing genres with sheer abandon, this show envelops theatrical wonder, comedy, audience participation, heartfelt stories, a pinch of history, and a world of musical madness.

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AS I SIT DOWN TO WRITE

the last Board Buzz of 2023, the rain is pounding on the roof and we are experiencing yet another atmospheric river, coupled with looming king tides. It will be interesting what tomorrow brings. The weather is always something we can talk about.

I was delighted that someone in our community not only read but engaged with me about last month's Board Buzz. At least someone reads the Board Buzz. This takes me to 'What will be the theme for the preamble for 2024's Buzz?' If anyone has suggestions, let me know, otherwise you might be subject to haunted houses on Vancouver Island.

Forgoing logging facts this month, I present instead a festive touch with some Christmas Trivia. (Steering clear of any potential sensitivities of coarse).

The highest grossing Christmas movie of all time is Home Alone.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert popularized the Christmas tree tradition.

The first Christmas cards sold were in London in 1843.

The best-selling Christmas song is "White

Christmas" by Bing Crosby.

Back to the FBCA, we had a great month in November with the annual Christmas Market, which was a tremendous success, and once again, well attended. Organizers Debby and Jackie have been doing the Christmas Market for several years and it runs like a well-oiled machine. *Big Thanks* to Debby and Jackie!

The Quartetto Gelato concert was wonderful and had good attendance. We look forward to Nico Rhodes & Patrick Courtin and the Piano Heist on January 26, 2024. Thanks to Bill and Alaine French for organizing the concert series.

We have a couple of upcoming events, the Family Holiday party on December 16th and the kids drop-in game night on December 20th.

And finally, despite a setback with an abandoned travel trailer in our parking lot, the community rallied with remarkable resilience and support, reflecting the true spirit of unity. BIG thanks to James Barth from Stop Comox Valley-Strathcona Illegal Dumping for his

Board Buzz

guidance.

The CVRD and the Fanny Bay Salmon Enhancement Society for their financial support, we navigated the removal in time for the Christmas Market.

It is difficult for me as the President of the FBCA not to vent my personal frustration when incidents like this occur. We are an organization that wants to provide services and events for our community. We are VOLUNTEERS who put our hearts and souls into our community. When people disrespect us by dumping their household garbage in our garbage cans or disposing of a useless trailer in our parking lot, it is huge slap in the face! Okay, Rant over. I/we need to get into the Holiday Spirit!

In closing, we bid farewell to 2023, and eagerly anticipate a prosperous and eventful 2024, filled with community engagement and shared accomplishments Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

by Tammy Mercer-Gervais
FBCA President
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Tom & Kalissa Landa



7pm • Saturday, 23 March 2024

Folk-roots power couple **Tom & Kalissa Landa** are best known as lead members of The Paperboys, or their Latin-inspired counterpart Locarno, as well as the BC World Music Collective. The Juno Award-winning duo play a combination of Celtic, Folk, Latin, Mexican, and Roots music, delivered through a wide mix of vocals and music on guitar, fiddle, jarana (*Mexican 8-string guitar*), and banjo.

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LIVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

Fabulous describes our last two presentations at the Hall. Grant Lawrence and Friends was superb, and many described the Quartetto Gelato as the best concert here! Hard for us to say as we have many attachments over the 10-year history of concerts at the fall.

If we had a mission statement it would be "to provide top quality music at a reasonable price to our locale." We are so pleased and proud of the positive feedback we have had from these two shows.

These artists were extremely pleased with our venue as described in Grant's and Colin's comments below.

We had an incredible time in Fanny Bay and won't forget it! It was an absolute pleasure to bring our touring show to the Fanny Bay Community Hall. From the very outset, the organizers and promoters were excellent to work with. Upon arrival, the venue was set up beautifully. Our every need was taken care of with great attention to detail -- even when the fiddle player requested a sheet of plywood to tap dance on. It showed up in a about twenty minutes! The show was sold out and the production provided by the Fanny Bay community organization was excellent. Full expectations met and exceeded. We can't wait to come back.

*Grant Lawrence, author, and broadcaster,
"Grant Lawrence and Friends: an evening of stories and songs."*

In the decades of touring that Quartetto Gelato has done, we have experienced many unique communities, venues, and accommodations. This recent tour introduced us to another unique and memorable concert which was in Fanny Bay B.C. on November 21, 2023. The community centre completely transformed into a beautifully sound treated venue that no longer resembled a basketball court. There was a comfortable raised stage, lighting trees, and a professional crew managing the technical needs. The show sounded and looked great, and the audience was super engaged and involved throughout the show. Additionally, we were treated to a homemade warm chilli and pie that was a nice break from sandwiches or eating out at restaurants. We were also given very comfortable accommodations. Even though we were technically being billeted, we had our own separate spaces that felt like individual suites.

The organizers of the Fanny Bay Concerts have put a lot of thought, time, and money into making sure that we, and other touring groups, enjoy our time at the highest level possible.

Thank you so much for a great time, we can't wait to come back and play again!

Colin Maier -
Quartetto Gelato



Our next concert is
Friday, January 26, 2024, at 7:00pm.

This concert features two accomplished pianists from Nanaimo, acclaimed Canadian musicians, composers and arrangers, Nico Rhodes and Patrick Courton. See cover for details.

We had the opportunity to see the premier of their show at the Port Theatre in Nanaimo. We really enjoyed this humorous history of music from classical piano rapture to bombastic boogie woogie in a show guaranteed to get audience participation. You can expect Beethoven to Billy Joel and Elton John.

We really wish you to step-out and see this well produced show. Tickets will be available December 15th and will make the perfect Christmas gift, birthday gift, and/or treat your self gift.

by Bill and Alaine French
Concert Coordinators

Save these dates for our 2024 concert season!

Tom & Kalissa Landa:

Folk, Latin, Celtic, Roots

- Saturday March 23rd, 2024, 7:00pm
see poster on page 3 for details

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

We look forward to seeing you at the hall.



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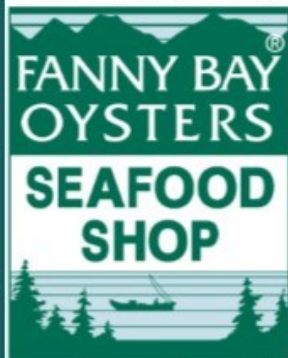
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LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME,
 Our gardens were under a foot or two of snow. Since I am writing this ahead of when you will be reading it, my fingers are crossed that green remains the prevalent colour at ground level! While snow does look pretty drifting down, after a day or two, I have had enough!

The club's annual Christmas party was held at the Seniors (OAP) Hall on Ships Point Road the evening of Thursday, December 7. After the delicious turkey dinner served up by the OAP caterers, the group made merry with the singing of Christmas carols and favourites, accompanied by our local ukulele band. A good time was had by all.

The Baynes Sound Garden Club does not meet in January, but resumes meetings at the Seniors (OAP) Hall on Ships Point Road in Fanny Bay on the first Thursday evening of February through June and then September through November. Guests are always welcome to attend these meetings. The next meeting is on February 1, 2024. For more information on the club, please email bsgardenclub@gmail.com.

In the meantime, happy holidays and all the best in the new year!

by Jackie Dunham

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I As the holiday season approaches, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and warmth, reflecting on the incredible support and dedication everyone has shown to our community throughout the year.

A wide-angle photograph of a farm at night. In the foreground, a white wooden bench sits on a gravel path. The path leads towards a large white barn on the left and a red barn on the right. The barns are decorated with warm yellow lights and colorful string lights. A blue structure is visible in the background. The scene is surrounded by trees, and the overall atmosphere is festive and cozy.

As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate the coming festive season, let us take a moment to reflect on all that is good in the world. Amidst the twinkling lights and festive melodies, let's look for stories of kindness that illuminate the dark corners. Let us show compassion and love and weave that into our lives, not anger, judgement or hate. Christmas is a reminder that, despite challenges, humanity possesses an extraordi-

Looking ahead to the coming year, I am excited about the

possibilities that await us. Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more vibrant community that fosters friendship, support, and a sense of belonging for all.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of community.





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As we all know, salmon come back to their natal streams, and it is believed, even to the spot they were hatched in the stream. Our hatchery stock come straight home when it's their turn, but we tell them to get their own place, we are taking in the neighbours' kids. Which is to say, we want the wild fish of Rosewall to sire the next generation of our fish. That explains why some of our most physical work in spawning season is putting fish back. Our brood channel and fish ladder have been thronged in 2023, one of the best years of the last decade for returns. On five separate days we have had 'sorts' where we have dealt with hundreds of fish, returning the clipped hatchery stock to the creek, saving the wild - they still have their identifying adipose fin, remember - for eventual egg take and fertilization.



Hatchery and wild Coho are held for sorting in a fish ladder channel at the FBSES site. Photo by Shaun Gray

One of the other ways we collect wild fish is seine netting in the creek. We find Coho schooling in deeper spots along the watercourse, letting us do 'sets' on them. Seining uses a net weighted at the bottom with a lead line, floating on plastic balls at the surface. Getting that net into position needs good swimmers in full body dry suits, which let their users stand the five degree Celsius water temperature, manoeuvre the net, and then bring it to shore full of candidates for brood stock.



Spawning Coho salmon in Rosewall Creek are encircled by a seine net during brood take work by Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society in November.

Like anything that can be described simply, it ain't that easy.

Our swimmers this year have been our DFO community advisor Jacob Melville, our contract biologist Dave Clough, and two biologists from Weaver Technical in Courtenay, Katie Shulze and Arin Yeomans-Routledge, about whom more later. They have the advantage of being a lot younger than we are, besides their gifts with underwater net management. Your FBSES member neighbours are in waders around the net, or waiting on shore, to help with the rest of the chores: pulling in the seine, sorting, returning clipped stock to the creek, inserting keepers into water filled tubes, returning nets to carrying buckets, counting, and conveying the fish to our holding area. Like many things we do, it's a lot of work, and fun.

More about Katie and Arin is that they will be the leads in our new small-stream mapping project. Since you live in Fanny Bay, you know about Wilfred Creek and Rosewall and the

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Tsable River, but there is also Apple-Cherry and Bob and Steele and Sandy and Big Bear and others out there, little creeks that are more important than you think to the survival of Coho and Chum. And it's our job at FBSES to take care of them. Caring starts with knowing, and we need to know more about the small streams so we can defend their existence. As our president, Judy Ackinclose, says "Who knows how many fish use these creeks to call home?" Fanny Bay members are now being recruited to assist our two pros' in watercourse mapping: filling in the blanks as to what fish habitat we have and to identify restoration sites to help support our fish" in Arin's words. The more help they get, the farther the money goes, too. And if you'd like to spend a few days being trained in GPS software and learning Sensitive Habitat Inventory Mapping techniques, along with some healthy outdoor exercise, let us know and you too can belong. FBSES, your local gateway to fun in the environment!

by Dave Sands



Mosaic Forest Management supports Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society in its work and rest; a new live-edge slab bench is greeted by, left to right, Doug Barnes, hatchery maintenance manager, Dave Clough, R.P.B., contract biologist, Judy Ackinclose, president, Colin Kozcrman, Mosaic land use forester, and Jens Johansen, fish culturist group leader.

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If you or someone you know is facing temporary housing instability please do not hesitate to reach out!

The Comox Valley Rent Bank would not be possible without the support from local organizations and businesses.
Our rent bank is supported by BC Rent Bank, a project of Vancity Community Foundation funded by the Province of BC.

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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
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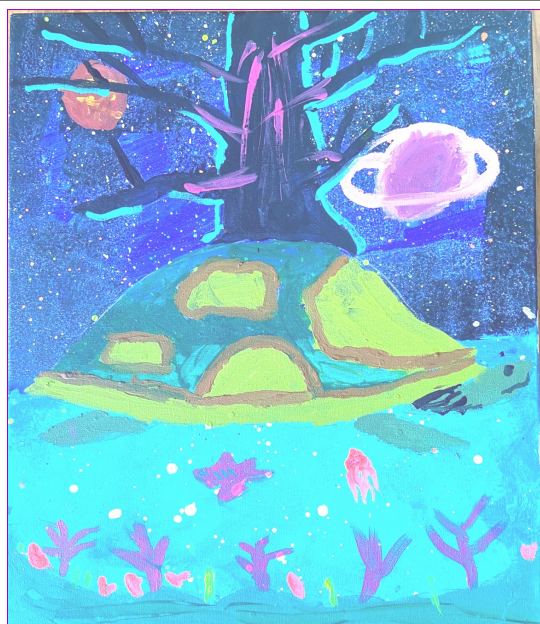
Policy & Procedures	-become familiar with existing FBCA policies, procedures, and information in BC Society Act and Canada Revenue as they apply to FBCA
Health & Safety Liaison	-identify issues and communicate to board executive for follow up.



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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.

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March (April)	Fri March 8th	Friday March 15th
April (May)	Monday Apr 8th	Monday Apr 15th
May (June)	Wed May 8th	Wed May 15th
June (July)	Fri/Sat June 7/8th	Fri/Sat June 14/17th
July (August)	Mon July 8th	Mon July 15th
August (Sept)	Thurs Aug 8th	Thurs Aug 15th
September (Oct)	Sat/Sun Sept 7/8th	Sat/Sun Sept 16th
October (Nov)	Tues Oct 8th	Tues Oct 15th
November (Dec)	Thurs Nov 7th	Friday Nov 15th
December (Jann 2025)	Sat/Sun Dec 7/8th	Sat/Sun Dec 13/16th

THE LITTLE BROWN OAP HALL

at the beginning of Ships Point Road has been a fixture of the Fanny Bay community since the 1970's. For most of us, it has just always been there, snug, and quietly tucked away in the trees with its little totem pole and neat little parking lot all set to welcome the next group of folks that call the hall 'theirs' for a little while.

Our Gigantic Garage Sale is the Best in the Valley, you just never know what you are going to find there. Fishing gear, fine China, vintage clothing, retro furniture, door knobs, electrical do-dads, suitcases, picture frames, kitchen appliances, pipes for plumbing, cameras, garden tools, Christmas decorations, lawn mowers, coffee mugs, wine glasses, towels, pins and needles, the most bizarre and unusual curiosities.

If you're hungry there's the concession stand over by the kitchen door with hotdogs and hamburgers ready to go.

The bake sales with their 'second to none', pies, cakes, loaves, squares, cookies, bread, candies and endless other sugary treats.

The Hall is well known for private parties for birthdays, holiday events, memorials and just plain old get togethers.

The rent has always been kept reasonable for the community and the hall warm and inviting.

Therefore we're so very sad to tell community that these days are coming to an end. This lovely spot that we have leased from the Anglican Church for nearly 50 years will be sold to raise funds to finance another project, apparently for senior housing in Courtenay. We have pled our case with the Anglican Church board of directors, Dr. Brendon Neilson, Executive Director specifically, for keeping the property as is.



However, we have met with a very determined group of businesspeople who want to turn it over for a profit and evict the Fanny Bay Senior Society.

This creates a huge dilemma for this senior's group. We do not really fit into the Fanny Bay Hall due to its large size and how busy it is with so many other community programs. The upstairs area is impossible to utilize because of the stairs for people with mobility problems. The dining room too small to seat everyone for our potlucks, the large hall is just too big.

We have been home base for the Fanny Bay Quilt Group for 25 years and have provided storage space for them to keep bins of fabric, rolls of batting and other equipment at the hall. This collection of supplies is used by the quilters to make 'Comfort Quilts' for a variety

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There is a compound used in the manufacturing of tires that keeps the rubber soft and prevents UV damage. It is also extremely toxic to Coho salmon. (Why only Coho is one of the mysteries). The compound is 6-PPD-Q and researchers have only begun to be aware of it in the last three years.

One could be forgiven for thinking this is a minor problem. Just keep the tires out of the creeks, right? But the reality is that when your mechanic tells you your tire tread is low and you need new tires, it is because the surface of your tires has worn away and the microscopic bits of rubber were washed by the rain into the nearest creek.

BWS is taking part in an Island-wide effort to understand just how pervasive this pollutant is. The organization leading the project is BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) in collaboration with Vancouver Island University. (You can learn more at www.tireweartoxins.com.) We already work with BCCF, studying flow rates at Cook Creek and Wilfred Creek. Now, several of our volunteers have taken the training for 6-PPD-Q sampling.



Last fall we took the first set of these tire toxin samples from Wilfred Creek, just downstream of the bridge on the lower highway. One sample was taken just before a big rain was predicted; another sample was taken during the rain event itself; and the third sample was taken after the rains had mostly subsided. This year we are sampling more creeks, more frequently and at various times as the researchers fine tune how to get the best data. In some parts of the Island, where there are more people and more cars, volunteers are sampling hourly. We look forward to seeing the results once the samples have been analyzed and validated and the final report is released.

BWS is not a fish-centric organization. Our focus is drinking water and things that affect its quality or quantity. However, the effects of 6-PPD-Q are still being studied. It has shown toxicity in mice. Its effects on human health are not yet known. The persistence of this pollutant in the environment and its ability to migrate into groundwater are all questions that have not been answered. We are happy to help with this kind of basic science and we're proud that we have the dedicated volunteers who are willing to head into the creeks in the rainiest of weather.

by Mike Mesford

(OAP REPORT con't'd from page 13)

of vulnerable people in the community who are in need of a special quilt. The Quilters will now be looking to relocate into another suitable venue.

The Lions have met on Monday evenings for years providing them with a gathering place. They will need a new base.

The Garden Club enjoy the use of the hall once a month, it's the perfect size and the price is right!

The bottom line is that when the OAP Hall is gone, *an especially important aspect of this rural community will disappear* leaving a huge void. It directly impacts the nearly 70 Fanny Bay Seniors Society members and indirectly affects hundreds more casual hall users.

Thank you all for writing emails to the Anglican Church to support our cause. We will continue to work to save the hall.

On a happy note, we want to thank the community for attending the Fanny Bay Christmas Market last month, the bake sale and concession in particular. It is a great fund raiser for us and always good to see everyone!

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous 2024!

Happy birthday greetings for December go out to George Boothby and Doreen Smith. January birthdays will be celebrated by Barry Bowen, Dave Edwards, Linda Guernsey, Betty Haddon, Dave Mansbridge, Bruce Mills and Dianne Volrich.

See pictures on page 16. A few of the things our busy Fanny Bay Seniors do for the wider community.

by Fran Mills



*Merry Christmas
and Happy Holidays
from Our House to Yours*



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HELLO, BELOVED FANNY BAY FAMILIES!

As winter brings a gentle chill to our community, let's gather around the virtual hearth and share the heartwarming moments that have unfolded in our cozy Hall.

November's Craft Night was a wonderful reflection on the past as we honored Remembrance Day with poppy art that spoke volumes. December brought a touch of coastal charm with oyster and scallop shell ornaments that twinkled with the creativity of our young artists. Feast your eyes on the shared picture, of the sea of shells



crafted by the hands of our community's kids. Each shell tells a story, a small masterpiece to treasure!

Our Movie Night was a hit, transporting us into the world of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The Hall echoed with the sounds of the ninja fighters in action! For those of us more seasoned attendees, it sure brought back memories of some of our favorite heroes on the big screen. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, making it an evening filled with cinematic magic.

Get ready for some jolly fun on Wednesday, **December 20th**, with our

\$2 Kids Drop-In Night. Let's kick off the holidays and end the year with some of the kids' favorite games - Musical chairs, "Charlie," and a few NEW minute-to-win

-it games. It's bound to be an evening of laughter and festive fun! Remember to mark those new calendars as you turn the page! On **January 3rd** we jump right back into the **Kids Drop-In nights** at the Hall! They will follow the same schedule as this past year, being held on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month. See you there!

A special thanks to those who submitted pieces for Kids Kontribution! This month, I'm overjoyed to share a beautiful painting by the incredibly talented Rya. Keep those fantastic submissions coming! (see page 12)



Entry? Simple - just a heartfelt donation! And don't worry about the little ones going hungry; our Kids Kanteen will be serving up affordable and delightful goodies that will keep the holiday spirits high! Can you guess who will be gracing us with his presence? Picture this - a red suit and a jolly laugh... You guessed it! It's none other than **Santa** himself! We're beyond thrilled about this special visit!

If the holiday spirit has you buzzing with excitement and you're eager to be part of the magic, whether through volunteering or a donation, no matter how big or small, reach out to me at family@fannybaycommunity.com or 204-899-1376. Let's make this holiday party a memory-filled celebration that sparkles with community magic. I cannot wait to share the joy with all of you!

My holiday message to you: As we pause in this season of togetherness, I want to express my deep gratitude for being a part of this extraordinary community. It is not just a place; it's a home filled with warmth, laughter, and the boundless spirit of our kids. I cherish the moments spent with each one of you, getting to know the kiddos and their families. Parents, you should feel incredibly proud of the talented and amazing kids in our community! Take a moment this holiday season to cherish loved ones, reconnect with those you miss, and welcome the New Year with open hearts.

From my family to yours, I send wishes of happiness, love, and joy. Happy Holidays and a fantastic New Year!

by Dominique Hrytsay

Prepare for a dash of enchantment as we invite you to the FBCA's **Family Holiday Party** on Saturday, **December 16th**, from 5-8 pm!



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CHRISTMAS IN THE SUN

Winter is here, bringing short, cold days and seemingly endless rain. Stanley endures our winters, but in less comfortable digs. Squirreled away in his outhouse, he was spending a lot of time on his laptop. It opened up a whole new world for him, and he could see the sun was shining in other parts of the world. There were white beaches and palm trees and cute girl dogs in bikinis. His eyes popped open, and his jaw fell. He had no idea how to get there but he was going! He poked at various travel sites, found a place in Cancun that allows dogs, and made plans to catch a silver bullet to the sun.

He had no idea how long he'd be away, and there were some things about his neighbourhood that he'd miss.

Since it was almost Christmas, he left a few presents here and there.

Number one on his



list was the garbage man. They'd never met, but Stanley felt they had bonded since they both liked garbage a lot. He put his cherished collection of broken china bits in a box at the curb. To the lady who drives the mail car, he left last year's phone book, which he kept for chewing while watching cartoons. His lock-pick kit was left under the rescue truck at the fire hall. At the dog park, Stanley tied a green poop bag to the gate. Inside it was his tennis ball, well chewed but still worth playing catch for some lucky dog.

Having made the rounds of his stomping grounds, Stanley returned to his outhouse and stuffed his backpack with everything he'd need. The past summer had been too hot, and Stanley had acquired sun glasses, a Livingston jungle hat, and sunscreen. He would never have guessed that he'd be spending Christmas on a beach!

We heard a scratch at the back door and opened it to see Stanley wearing Bermuda shorts and sunglasses, and he was excited! His little suitcase was the giveaway. Stanley saluted Roland and held out his paw for a shake. He looked up at me, smiled and gave me a hug. Then he popped his umbrella open and made his way to the main road and his adventure in the sun. Much as we knew we would miss him, we were sure he'd come home to the community and his outhouse in the spring.

A few weeks later, our Facebook page had an odd message. It was a selfie of Stanley, grinning broadly and wearing a Santa hat. Just behind him was a poodle in a polka-dot bikini. In one paw, Stanley was holding a drink with a paper umbrella, and it had a little card that said, "Cheers!"

So, dear readers, in the spirit of the season, we are sharing it with you.

Christmas greetings from us to all of you, and
Cheers! ~ from a sunny Stanley.

by Dianne Volrich

WINTER DAYS IN FANNY BAY

Fall has fallen,
taking the green leaves with it,
Winter has settled into the rainforest
flooding the foreboding skyscape
with gray mist and cloud that silently drift
in from the heights of the Beaufort Range.

The forest replenishes its wet resources,
that will make the trees grow ever taller,
while fern groundcover grows new-green again,
in the peaceful shadows of the old patriarchs.

The rivers flow wild and free once more.
The once patient salmon have dashed upstream
desperate to reach the place of their ancient birth,
knowing they will meet their impending death,
a sacrifice they faithfully make to the cycle of life.

The days are growing shorter.
The nights stretch on from hour to hour.
They bring a sacred quiet to a worried world.
Quiet settles back into the gray and breathes again.
Peace purrs where the urgent sounds of summer
used to howl.

I seem to grow more tired
with the struggles of each passing winter.
My body's voice tells my mind to slow down.
I let my patient soul renew my passion to create.

My heart writes words of compassion
to comfort my mind and soul.

Lawrence J.W. Cooper
Comox Valley Poet Laureate 2019-2021

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Sun Dec 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

6:30 pm

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This pound cake uses the bounty of oranges we have during the holidays. It can even be made using mandarin oranges. For a stunning dessert at Xmas or new year, layer cubes of pound cake with custard, strawberry jello and canned mandarin oranges in fancy glasses. Top with whipped cream. (Feel free to drizzle some sherry on the cake in the trifles).

1/2 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature

1 cup granulated sugar, divided

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

2 TB freshly squeezed orange juice, divided

6 TB buttermilk

grated orange zest from 1 orange

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

Optional Glaze (whisk together).

1 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted

1 1/2 TB freshly squeezed orange juice

Cream butter & sugar. Add in eggs & vanilla.

In a separate bowl whisk together dry ingredients.

In a glass measuring cup mix together wet ingredients. Alternate adding the dry and wet ingredients to the creamed mixture. Pour batter into a parchment lined loaf pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes at 350F.

When cooled drizzle with glaze.

This loaf recipe can be doubled, and freezes well.

*by Marietje 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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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

Family Holiday Party Special Guest - Santa Saturday Dec 16th 5 - 8 pm
 Entry by Donation Music Crafts Games Treats Kids Canteen
Youth - \$2 Drop-in Game Night Wed. Dec 20th 5:30 - 7:30 pm
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Youth - \$2 Drop-in Craft Night Wed. Jan 3rd 2024 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 Early Years Drop-In Play Group Wed. Jan 10th 2024 9:30 - 11:30 am
Youth - \$2 Drop-in Game Night Wed. Jan 17th 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Piano Heist (2 pianists in a Musical comedy) Friday January 26 th 2024 7 pm



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Grace Notes & Acapella Plus
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