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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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# HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN FANNY BAY

I hope you all had a wonderful festive season and a positive start in 2024. A friendly reminder it is time to purchase or renew your FBCA membership. Contact Sherry Harrill at [memberships@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:memberships@fannybaycommunity.com)

I have chosen Vancouver Island and the supernatural as a theme for this year's Board Buzz. I did not receive any better suggestions, so I ran with the idea. As a reference, I am using Vancouver Island author Shanon Sinn's book "The haunting of Vancouver Island" *supernatural encounters with the other side*.

**The Lady Who Walks on Water, a captivating Vancouver Island ghost story rooted in Port Alberni for over 80 years, features an attractive Indigenous woman clad in colonial attire. Unlike typical Indigenous ghost narratives, this tale challenges stereotypes. Witnesses report sightings along the Paper Mill Dam Park, a scenic spot near the Orange Bridge en route to Tofino. Her apparition is seen on paths, shores, and even walking atop water. Rare in BC ghost lore, she asks, "Have you seen my baby?" This tale, known to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents, gained recent attention, suggesting it's not a fabricated tourist attraction. (Page 203)**

And now back to Fanny Bay. We're thrilled to kick off the New Year with a bustling schedule at the Hall, filled with fantastic activities such as Early Years Playgroup, Fitness Training, Kids Drop-In, Yoga, Pickleball, and more.

A special shout-out to our dedicated volunteers, Gerald Hall, Neville Hope, and Ron Vermeulen, for installing new acoustic panels in the stage area. Their hard work paid off just in time for the sold-out Piano Heist Concert on January 26th. Well done, gentlemen! This upgrade has been a long-awaited dream, opening doors for a variety of entertainers to come to our Hall.

Exciting news on the horizon – we're about to secure a new commercial refrigerator! Thanks to a Community Enrichment

Grant from the Comox Valley Community Foundation and the funds we've raised; we'll soon have this much-needed piece of equipment. Kudos to Debby McRae for spearheading this effort.

A quick heads-up on parking changes – please avoid parking south of the main doors near the dumpster and propane cage. This area is now a 10-minute loading zone. We've also designated a spot near the kitchen entrance for kitchen renters. Signage to be installed soon. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

At January's Board meeting, we decided to use funds generously donated by the FBI to enhance our Kids Drop-in nights. Nets for volleyball, volleyballs, and supplies for crafts and drinks are on the shopping list, all thanks to Dominique's efforts. We also discussed the generous donation of \$3,000 from the Ships Point Improvement District. We decided to direct the funds to the Flooring project.

On a sad note, our Treasurer and Buildings & Grounds Directors won't be seeking re-election in 2024. Judy Starr is willing to stay on as a Director but needs an assistant for the Rentals portfolio. If you're interested, we'd love to have you. We are always looking for new Board members and we have several vacancies.

Speaking of volunteering, we continue to need more helping hands to keep the Fanny Bay Community Hall thriving. Every bit counts, and if we all chip in a little, we can achieve so much more together. The community is already in danger of losing the OAP and their space; we don't want the Fanny Bay Hall to be closed because of a shortage of volunteers. The Board has already had to turn down community initiatives because of a lack of resources. We've heard your wishes for more events, and we share those sentiments. Let's make it happen – if you can spare some time, enthusiasm, and expertise, please reach out to

Alaine French 250-335-3379 or email [concerts@fannybaycommunity.com](mailto:concerts@fannybaycommunity.com)

On a happier note, mark your calendars for two upcoming events to be featured at the Hall. First up is a Frauds and Scams prevention seminar with Constable Gary O'Brien from the Nanaimo RCMP detachment. The seminar is a joint venture with the OAP and will take place at **2pm on March 12th**. Entrance is by donation. Next up on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm** a concert with Tom & Kalissa Landa. This award-winning duo genre hop from Folk to Latin (Mexican), to Celtic to singer-songwriter and Roots music. Tickets are available at all the usual places.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic year ahead at the Fanny Bay Community Hall!

*by Tammy Mercer-Gervais*  
FBCA President  
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# Fat Oyster Reading Series

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**Anita Anand**  
A Convergence of Solitudes

GG Winner

**Joan Thomas**  
Wild Hope

And  
Joan + Anita at  
\*not just Poetry Hornby Island  
1765 Solan's Road  
Fri. Feb. 23 5-7pm  
Joan's workshop:  
Digging for the Story  
Feb 24, 11:15-3pm

Doors open 6:30, Admission By Donation  
**Fanny Bay Hall, 7793 Island Highway**

Fat Oyster gratefully acknowledges we live and walk on the unceded and traditional territory of the Qualicum First Nation  
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# FAT OYSTER WELCOMES AWARD-WINNING WRITERS FROM ACROSS CANADA

**Thursday, February 22nd, 7:00pm**, at the Fanny Bay Hall. The Fat Oyster Reading Series (FORS) is honored to feature Governor General Award-winning author **Joan Thomas**. The Winnipeg-based novelist will be reading from her fifth book, *Wild Hope*, a contemporary story about love, food, art, and ambition in a swiftly changing world.

Her previous novel, *Five Wives*, based on an ill-fated missionary endeavour in Ecuador in 1956, won the Governor General's Award for Fiction in 2019. Joan's earlier work was nominated for the Giller Prize, the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, and the Margaret Laurence Award, and won a Commonwealth Prize for Best First Book, to name a few.

Montral author **Anita Anand** will be reading from her lppy Gold Metal-winning book, *Convergence of Solitudes*, a story of identity, connection and forgiveness that shares the lives of two families across Partition of India, Operation Babylift in Vietnam, and two referendums in Quebec. The recipient of numerous awards, Anand both writes original work and translates books into English.

Leading off the evening and just in time for herring season,

local writer **Dave Flawse** will be sharing, 1979, a true story about the year gold swam in BC waters- when herring gillnetters walked down local docks with \$100,000 in plastic bags, and how it all came crashing down.

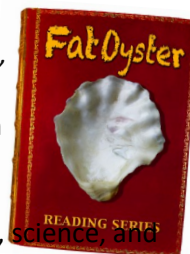
Flawse writes at the intersection of history, local interest for a selection of BC magazines. He is regularly published in the *BC Review* for analysis of Canadian literature and is the publisher of [VancouverIslandHistory.com](http://VancouverIslandHistory.com).

**Thursday, Feb 22nd** at the Fanny Bay Community Hall, 7793 Island Hwy S. Doors at 6:30pm. Begins at **7:00pm**. By donation.

## Poetry Hornby Island:

Friday, Feb 23rd, Joan Thomas, and Anita Anand will be reading again at New Horizons, 1765 Sollans Road, Hornby Island. Begins at 5:00pm.

Saturday Feb 24th, Joan Thomas hosts workshop digging for the story, where participants investigate how imagination and memory feed into the stories they write. Same location. 11:15am-3:00pm. Cost \$50. Space limited.



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## WORKSHOP

# Frauds and Scams Targeting Seniors



**Tuesday,  
March 12  
2:00 PM**

Did you know that fraud is the number one crime against older Canadians? Join RCMP Cst. Gary O'Brien for his informative and entertaining workshop on what con artists are up to these days and how they're using the latest technologies to target their victims. You'll also learn tips on how to recognize these frauds and how to avoid them.

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More information coming soon:  
[fannybaycommunity.com](http://fannybaycommunity.com)

## LIVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

*This article is being written prior to our sold-out show, 'Piano Heist' on January 26th.* We really enjoyed seeing the debut of this show in Nanaimo. We are sure this musical comedy will be well received by our audience. Nico and Patrick are superb musicians!

Piano Heist will be the first concert to perform on our newly improved big stage. This acoustical upgrade was designed by the knowledgeable Ron Vermeulen. This project has taken place over the last couple of weeks and was produced and directed by Neville Hope and Ron. Additional set construction and labour by Dave and Bev Racicot. Painting performed by Cathy Whitten. Our carpenter and best boy was Gerald Hall. Lighting design and installation by Dieter Broemer. Material advice was provided by Doug Barnes. Watch for these nominees at our awards ceremony! Thank you for a job well done.

Our next concert, on **Saturday March 23rd**, features power couple **Tom and Kalissa Landa** who have been making critically acclaimed music as lead members of the Paperboys for over 30 years. They are Juno Award winning artists and two-time winners of the West Coast Music Awards. Tom and Kalissa are veterans of an estimated 4300 shows since the band's 1992 formation. They reinvent their show every time they step on stage. They agree on the opening song there is no set list. The song

finishes, the crowd reacts, Landa reads the room, and the

journey begins. This performance promises to be another amazing concert. We hope to see you there. Please see the poster on the cover for more details.

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

#### **Tom & Kalissa Landa:**

Folk, Latin, Celtic, Roots

- Saturday March 23rd, 2024, 7:00pm

see poster on cover 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

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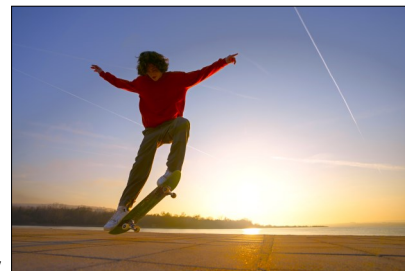




## FEBRUARY 29TH, A DAY THAT ONLY APPEARS ON THE CALENDAR EVERY FOUR YEARS

This makes 2024 a leap year.

Here's why we do this. The Earth takes 365.24219 days to travel around the sun. That extra .24 days may seem small, but since calendars only have 365 days. That means that every year we get just a little knocked off the timing of the seasons, by about 6 hours every year. So to prevent Halloween from happening in say the middle of winter, we add a leap day every four years. This allows farmers to set regular days for sowing the fields and harvesting the crops.



It helps everyone else have regular seasons and for those born on a leap year, many just celebrate it every year on Feb. 28th or March 1st.

We have Julius Caesar and his Julian calendar to thank for the leap day starting in 45 BC. But even with the addition of leap years, the calendar still isn't perfectly aligned with the Earth's orbit around the sun.

In 1582, people began to notice that the calendar was off by 10 days. That's when Pope Gregory the 13th established the Gregorian calendar and deleted three leap days every 400 years.

That's why there was no leap day in 1700, 1800, and 1900, but there was one in 2000 and there won't be one in 2100.

Leap year people are called Leapings or Leapers! There's a Leap year cocktail! Gin, vermouth and Grand Marnier, something to look forward to once every 4 years!

There's a tradition that says it's ok for women to propose to a man on the 29th of February. Ok ladies, time to pop the question?

The bottom line is that you have a whole extra day this year to do whatever you would like to do to make it a memorable 2024.

The fate of the OAP hall and property is still in limbo. Our executive have met for special meetings to discuss the direction we should take. We appreciate all of the encouragement and support from the community and are determined to keep the Fanny Bay Seniors Society functioning.

February potluck is on **Tuesday the 20th**, the first one this year. Prue & Mike Robson and Mary & Barry Bowen are convening so you will be hearing from them asking what you plan to bring. Hope to see you all there.

Happy birthday greetings go out to Glen Coffin, Karen Hutchings, Elaine Ivancic, Maggie McPherson, Debbie McRae, Mike Robson, Prue Robson, Mike Smith and Linda Tour-nemille.

March birthdays will be celebrated by Maureen Dearden, Dave Derhak, Ritchie Parkin, Linda Vermeulen and Annette Wertman.

*by Fran Mills*

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### Single family homes - January 2024

The year-end housing market wound down on a slow note; however, not unusual for the Christmas market. Many potential buyers were opting to wait until early spring, hoping the interest rates would come down.

It is a great time to list as our inventory remains low. If you are considering Selling this year, call me for your complimentary home evaluation!

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## MAY 5<sup>th</sup> IS THE FIRST SUNDAY

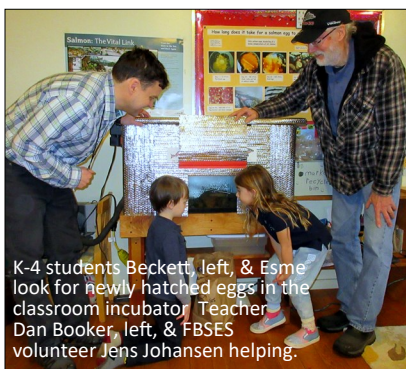
of that month this year and it is also Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society's *The River Never Sleeps Festival* day. It's the time our brood stock for the year go out into the world. Many of them get carried by kids and grownups in our bucket brigade, and the rest go out through our fish ladder under the eyes of the crowd as the big finish of the days' events. The child will watch "his" or "her" fish disappear into the stream, and the fish will start the real-life portion of its existence, striving to survive and return to spawn. The Coho release, with all its meaning, is the centrepiece of our big day, but we surround it with lots of other excitement, like burgers and ice cream and oysters on the barbie, and 40 tents full of exhibitors happy to see you and tell you about their passion for what they do. There were just over 700 of you here last year, and it will start with **free admission** as always at **10 am**.

*The River Never Sleeps* is one of the fun times of the year for all of us, and if you've considered being part of salmon enhancement, joining us now will put you in a good place for your share of the complements we all receive over the event. We're here for the salmon and we enjoy ourselves doing it, and just showing up is all it takes to get started.

When Doug Barnes, our facilities manager, ordered more topsoil for our tree nursery, he learned that Vancouver Island Enterprises, at the Comox Airport, would be delivering it for no charge, because "the boss wanted it that way, he is a big supporter of salmon enhancement." Thanks to everyone who helps us help salmon.

Right now, at FBSES we have 60,000 Chum salmon eggs rapidly developing into the alevin stage - that's hatching - and 80,347 viable eyed Coho salmon eggs growing, and 44,702 year-old clipped Coho fry rapidly becoming pre-smolt stage fish. And another 43,050 Chum and 2,140 Coho eggs at Wilfred Creek Hatchery. But we really want you to know about two tiny sets of our eggs now sitting snugly in the bottom of incubators in classrooms in Bowser and at Beachcombers Academy on Station Road in Fanny Bay under the watchful eyes of the students. At the Academy, 100 eggs now glow in the kindergarten room in one of the customized aquariums that are supplied by the 'Stream to Sea' program.

And at Bowser Elementary, a set of 200 eggs are under the care of the Grade 4-5 split class and teacher Chloe Kupserschmidt and the experienced guidance of Robert Seline, the retired principal of the school, who returns to assist the



K-4 students Beckett, left, & Esme look for newly hatched eggs in the classroom incubator. Teacher Dan Booker, left, & FBSES volunteer Jens Johansen helping.

process. DFO supplies schools with equipment (the incubators), teacher resources, and technical assistance. Eggs come from local hatcheries, like us, and educational co-ordinators visit schools, like Sarah Wolfe of Port Alberni, who has 31 tanks in schools in

the Parksville-Comox Valley area.

Raising salmon in elementary schools has been happening off and on for at least thirty years, which is why it may seem familiar, especially to everyone who had kids or grandchildren, (or was one). In 2017, the whole program nearly died of Ottawa decision making, and was retained, redesigned, and improved, (which was apparently the idea all along of course,) only after a grassroots and national news uproar. Then came Covid and school closures, and only in 2022 was FBSES able to send out eggs again. The classroom incubators have coolers to control egg development, (salmon need cool water, classes learn) and that temperature is tracked daily by the students, who get to practise arithmetic as well as patience until the numbers add up and they see their eggs emerging and growing into fry. Those fry will come back to Rosewall Creek with their young caretakers and teachers and be released just before spring break and we'll be there to help.

*by Dave Sands*



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on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, good food, fellowship and a sing-a-long with some of our talented musicians.

We meet most first Thursdays of the month at the OAP Hall. Our next meetings are **Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

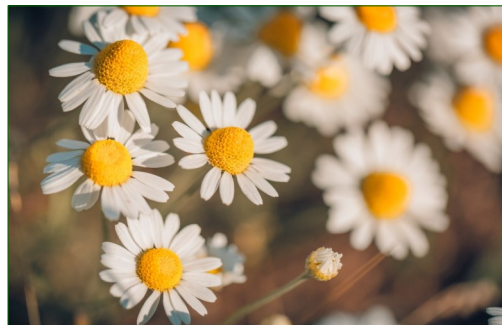
and **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. We will be having guest speakers at both meetings. Streamside Native Plants will be presenting at our Feb 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. On March 7<sup>th</sup> we have Glen Jamieson presenting on Rhododendrons.

Door prizes, a parlour show, tea, coffee and snacks are provided. Membership is \$20 each, \$30 per family, per year.

Come to our next meeting and see what we are all about.

All are welcome.

*by Kathy Alexander*



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of urban life  
and settled on the shores  
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As I stare mindfully  
at the distant mountains,  
reality is better  
than I ever imagined it could be.  
My love and I now share the life  
of our dreams.

We daily rediscover life  
as it was meant to be  
in our cedar cabin by the Salish Sea.

*Lawrence J.W. Cooper*

Comox Valley Poet Laureate 2019-2021



# 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
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.

Your Comox Valley Regional District Director

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### DEADLINES & PUBLISHING DATES FOR 2024 FANNY BAY FLYER

#### CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

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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



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ON SHIPS POINT:

**"Most initial disaster relief is provided not by formal emergency and relief organizations, but by residents of the impact area and surrounding communities."**

**('Common Misconceptions about Disasters' by Erik Auf der Heide)**

Last summer's wildfires, drought, and extreme heat have many of us thinking, with some urgency, about our households' and our community's emergency preparedness. Ships Point does not have a dedicated Neighbourhood Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan in place. Last year, B.C. passed new Emergency and Disaster Management legislation and the Comox Valley Emergency Management Service launched an updated Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) and Guide. There are now multiple local resources available to B.C. communities for developing a dedicated neighbourhood emergency preparedness plan. (For further information: [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/services/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/services/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness).) Though outside of SPID's provincial government mandate to provide quality water and fire protection services, we welcome the opportunity to act as liaison for Ships Point residents who wish to volunteer to develop an emergency preparedness plan. One of the first steps to developing a neighbourhood plan is to have a meeting to discuss the unique conditions of our community. (For example, here on Ships Point, we live on a peninsula with one exit road for vehicles.) The idea is that the first meeting



SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## SPID REPORT

would lead to a leadership team and a basic plan and then follow-up community meetings would lead to a detailed

plan. Will you be the host of that first Ships

Point meeting? Maybe you and your neighbour? You and your family? If you are interested in being a part of this important initiative, please contact the SPID office and we will facilitate the initial meeting.

### PARCEL TAX AND WATER TOLLS:

The 2024 SPID parcel tax and water tolls invoices were mailed out at the end of January. If you haven't received your invoice, please contact the SPID office at [shipspt1@shaw.ca](mailto:shipspt1@shaw.ca). Payments are due at the office by March 31, 2024, in the form of cheque (postdated OK), money order, certified cheque, bank draft and e-transfer. To send an e-transfer: 1. Add SPID as a recipient to your bank/credit union account 2. Email payment to [admin@spid.ca](mailto:admin@spid.ca). (SPID is set up for automatic deposit so a password is not required) 3. In the message box, enter your Roll #, Invoice #, or street address. Payments received after March 31st will incur 15% late fees. Utility Payment: SPID is listed as a Utility Payee with B.C. credit unions and Canada Western Bank. For those of you with an account at one of these institutions, you can pay using your account's Bill Payment option. The payee is Ships Point Improvement District and the account number is your 3 digit roll number prefaced by the word 'roll' (i.e. ROLLXXX or rollxxx).



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It is hard to believe that this will be our eighth year of existence as an organization. One more Annual General Meeting is in the books. This year's was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Here are some highlights from our President's Report:

## Five-year plan:

This comprehensive document was completely and tabled in early summer 2023. It gives this organization a huge grounding in its decisions on funding projects, documenting activity, visions, and continuity planning moving forward. It has already made the crafting of the 2024 budget a smoother process. It is to be updated annually by the executive to include a full 5-year period. Congratulations to all the folks hard work, true vision, and collaboration in taking this maturing step as non-profit society.

Our next step is to form a "Strategic Planning Subcommittee." This team will work to form a BWS Scientific Advisory Group as a first step.

## Sampling:

This entire program expanded in 2023. The Ground Water sampling program increased by five new sensors. The Stream sampling program renamed the North and South Pods to the Royston and Fanny Bay Pod respectfully - primarily due to the planned start of the Bowser Pod in 2024. The expansion of our sampling is moving into the Nanaimo Regional District in the first months of new year. Thanks to Sharon, and Manfred for being the new pod leaders for this area. Also, thanks to Pam to doing all the groundwork for this this exciting new frontier in another Regional District.

**THE VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY,** Bowser Legion Branch #211, and Sea & Summit Bookshop are proud to present 'Sea to Sea', a free, special literary event featuring a tripartite of exceptional Canadian authors: **Anita Anand** (QC), **Bernice Friesen** (SK) and **Kim June Johnson** (BC).

The writers will read their own selected material and join with the audience for a Q&A session followed by a book signing. Their works will be available for purchase by Sea & Summit Bookshop. The Legion will offer refreshments and snacks. Sea to Sea runs from 1:30-4pm, and attendees are welcome to drop in at any time.

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## Projects:

A significant achievement this year was BWS's first real science paper, "Evaluating the Use of Electrical Resistivity Sounding to Characterize Aquifers in the Beaufort Watershed, B.C." It was published by the BC Government in their "Water Science Series – December 2022 edition". A huge congratulations to Mark Lake getting this done, working together with UVic. In addition, Mark and his co-author Mike Wei presented this paper to the Canadian chapter of the International Association of Hydrogeologists at their annual conference in Vancouver in November 2023.

The Tsable River Cumulative Effects (CE) GIS Assessment Project was completed in 2023. This project was funded partly by the CVRD grant and enabled BWS to hire a GIS tech to perform all the hard analysis. The final report was written in Dec 2023 and is published on the BWS website for public review. The overall findings were that the Tsable River watershed has a HIGH risk of being negatively impacted by industrial forest harvesting development – this is significant. The report's findings were presented to the CVRD and all interested parties in Jan 2024.

## Communications, Community Outreach and Advocacy:

These activities have increased in volunteer hours from last year and many thanks to Lynne for all her time keeping the BWS website first class and leading the many groups of volunteers per event.

Event promotion was busy, for BWS hosted tents and one walk at the following events Fanny Bay Celebrate your Community, The River Never Sleeps, Earth Day Waterloo Walk, CVCP Family Watershed Day, and Ecole Puntledge Salmon Day.

## Partnerships:

In 2023 BWS successfully sponsored a GIS practicum student with VIU – Jake LeBron. For three months Jake worked to assemble a multitude of data, maps, and images to create online interactive maps of the Beaufort Watersheds. He did a great job in setting up our live GIS interactive map on our website for the first time. This project was a test in working with VIU and sponsoring a student. This was lot of work for Mark as the BWS contact and project supervisor, but well worth it – thanks to Mark!! As a result, BWS has developed a new partnership with VIU and as a result has applied for a GIS student again for the spring semester of 2024. Projects have been lined up for that timeframe and should produce more valuable products.

*by Mike Mesford*

## HELLO FANTASTIC FANNY BAY FAMILIES!

Can you believe it? January slipped through our fingers faster than the melting snow, and here we are, already half-way through February. As we eagerly await the arrival of sunny days, let's embrace the promise of spring that's just around the corner!

Come join in on the fun! Our Kids Drop-Ins at the hall are a regular feature every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Be ready for alternating game nights and craft nights, each bursting with fun and creativity! Entry remains a budget-friendly \$2, and the time is set from 5:30 to 7:30pm. But wait, there's more - introducing the Kid Kanteen!

Kids can now treat themselves to snacks for pocket change.

BIG news! I am thrilled to announce the upcoming addition of a net and volleyballs to our activities closet! Last year's interest in volleyball was remarkable, so we're stepping up our game to grow that love. If you or someone you know is passionate about volleyball and eager to share your skills with the kids of our community, please get in touch. Let's serve up some fun together!

On that note, if you have a unique skill or talent you'd like to share with our youth, don't hesitate to reach out. Our community is brimming with eager and intelligent kids hungry to learn, and your expertise could ignite their passion and creativity in unexpected ways.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for announcements of special events coming up! Movie nights, art events, rummage sales - there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on the fun - follow us for the latest updates!

Let's make February and March months of exploration, growth, and joyous connections. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or just want to say hello, I'm here to listen!

Here's to embracing the magic of spring and creating unforgettable memories together.

Warmest  
wishes

*by Dominique Hrytsay*

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SUNDAY Feb 11th SUPERBOWL

Lounge opens 1 pm, Game - 3pm

MONDAY Feb 12th LADIES VS GENTS POOL 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Feb 14th VALENTINES DAY

Tea &amp; Luncheon 1pm

SATURDAY Feb 24th

February Birthday Cake Celebration for Members

SUNDAY Feb 25th General Meeting 2 p.m.

THURSDAY Feb 29th WOUNDED WARRIORS

Branch 211 visit 10 am Coffee &amp; snacks

**Ongoing Events**

Games Night - Monday ..... 5:00pm

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

Crib - Wednesday ..... 4:00pm

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

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

**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**

FOR VALENTINES DAY THIS YEAR,

why not whip up this decadent brownie. It's best served warm with vanilla ice cream and whipped cream. (Drizzle of chocolate sauce optional). My husband and I shared one at a restaurant on our first date so it's always a special dessert at our house.

**WHITE CHOCOLATE BROWNIE**

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 9 x 9 square pan.

8 ounces of white chocolate (approx 1 cup)

1/2 cup butter

2 eggs

1 TB vanilla extract

1/3 cup white sugar

1 1/4 cup white flour

1/2 tsp fine sea salt

1 cup dark chocolate chunks

OR

1 bar of dark chocolate coarsest chopped

Melt the white chocolate and butter together in the microwave or double boiler. Cool slightly.

Whisk eggs until foamy. Add in vanilla, sugar & salt. Slowly pour the chocolate mixture into the egg mixture, whisking constantly. Now fold in the flour, then the dark chocolate.

Pour into baking pan, baking approx. 25 minutes. Cool slightly on wire rack before cutting & serving.



Top with ice-cream whipped cream, and your Valentine will be yours forever!

*by Marietjie Coast*

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Suzanne Murray ..... 335-2533

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### The purposes of the Association are:

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

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



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## CLASSES, CLUBS & MEETINGS

Aerobics, Low Impact Suzanne FB Hall	Monday & Thursday .....	9am - 10 am
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
FBSES - Rosewall Ck Hatchery Berray Rd	Wednesday & Saturday ....	9 am - 12 noon
FBWW - Fire Hall, Cougar Smith Rd	Meetings as required .....	fannybaywaterworks@gmail.com
OAP General Meeting	Tuesday .....	2 pm second week
Pickleball - Fanny Bay Hall	Positions on teams, Waitlisted	250-335-2832 to add your name
Ships Point Improvement Dist.	Wednesday .....	time varies, second week of month
Yoga with Annette - Hall Studio	Tuesdays .... drop in \$10 .....	9:30-10:30 & Chair Yoga 11am
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

Early Years Drop-In Play Group	EVERY Wed. 9:30 - 11:30 am	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Youth - \$2 Drop-in Game Night	Wed. Feb 21st 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Youth - \$2 Drop-in Craft Night	Wed. March 6th 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Fat Oyster Reading Series	Thurs. Feb. 22nd by donation 7pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Sea to Sea Literary Event (see pg X)	Sat. Feb 24th 1:30 - 4pm	Bowser Legion #211
Workshop -Frauds & Scams Targeting Seniors	Tues. March 12th 2:00 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Tom & Kalissa Landa (Folk Latin Celtic Roots)	Saturday March 23rd 2024 7 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Spring Sings II - Choir Concert: Grace Notes & Acapella Plus	Sunday <i>MATINEE</i> April 7th 2024 2:30 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Sophie Lucas	Friday April 19th 2024 7 pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall