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Sophie Lukacs

2024 Nominee

Canadian Folk Music Awards

Hailing from Montreal by way of Budapest, Sophie plays a kora—a 21-stringed harp-lute from the African nation of Mali. Her debut 2023 album has been nominated for a Global Roots Album of the Year at the 2024 CFMA.

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WELCOME TO EARLY SPRING ON VANCOUVER IS. One day it's sunny and one day it's snowing!

This year I am prefacing the Board Buzz with a little supernatural twist. I am referencing Vancouver Island author Shanon Sinn's book "The haunting of Vancouver Island" supernatural encounters with the other side.

"The Qualicum Heritage Inn has long been reported to be haunted. Robert Belyk found the stories so compelling that he opened Ghost, True Tales of Eerie Encounters with over ten pages of the inn's haunted past. Creepy Canada also featured the inn during the third episode of season one. Additionally, previous inn guests have left tales of paranormal encounters on various hotel travel review sites, while former staff members have made public statements regarding their own personal experiences online and to print sources."

And we are back to Fanny Bay – whereas I write this, the herring spawn is about to start in our area. For those of us lucky enough to live this close to the ocean, there are few phenomena that rival the awe-inspiring spectacle of the herring spawn. It is also the time of year of planning and doing. The FBCA has lots of things going on. A concert with **Tom & Kalissa Landa March 23rd**, **Spring Sings April 7th** and our **annual Spring Clean-up scheduled for April 13th**. As well, our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for May 16th**.

As we gear up for our AGM, we're reaching out to our community for support. We believe in the power of teamwork, and as the saying goes, 'Many hands make light work'. In the spirit of collaboration, we are actively seeking volunteers to take on crucial roles as Board Members and fill various other positions.

In particular, we are looking for dedicated individuals to

step into key positions, such as

Treasurer, Buildings & Grounds Director, and Vice-President. Your involvement can truly make a difference, and we encourage you to consider joining us.

Now, let's shift gears to a couple of community announcements. For those who may not be aware, our local OAP #127 is facing a challenging situation as the building they lease is up for sale. We understand the disappointment this brings to the community. To keep everyone informed, we've decided to post updates on the status of OAP #127 on our FBCA website, recognizing that not all members use social media platforms like Facebook.

On a more positive note, we are excited to announce the commencement of the long-awaited floor replacement project at the hall. Following a committee meeting earlier this month, we are pleased to report that we have secured sufficient funds through various grants and generous donations to complete this project. Your support has played a crucial role in making this possible. Stay tuned for further updates on the progress of the floor replacement project in future editions of the Flyer.

In closing, big thank you to volunteers Dave and Bev Racicot, Cathy Witten, Dieter Broemer and Doug Barns for their contributions in the upgrades to the stage area.

Happy Spring
Everyone.

by Tammy Mercer-Gervais
FBCA President
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JOIN THE SPID BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Recently, I had the opportunity to talk with some of the SPID Board of Trustees about the work they do in our community. When asked what they valued most about their experiences, the responses were compelling. "I find it rewarding to collaborate with the other trustees on issues that have such a direct impact on us all." "I'm proud of the work we have done together, especially the new water system. Planning and execution of that project was a big challenge and we succeeded while maintaining a balanced budget." "The trustees are competent and work well together. I enjoy our meetings. I think the board is successful and progressive. We get things done and there is always room for humour and connection." "As an improvement district, we have control over our own water and fire departments and the budgets for both. I'm proud to be a part of managing that." Nomination forms are available at the SPID office on Vivian Way and on the website at SPID.ca under General Info, Board of Trustees. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM.



SPID REPORT

SHIPS POINT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

SPVFA CHIPPING EVENT, SAVE THE DATE!

The Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association Spring chipping event will be held on the weekend of **May 4th**. Registration is not required. Start collecting

your fallen branches to be chipped at the roadside: - Clean brush only, branches 1/2 inch to 4 inches in diameter, no smaller or larger, foliage does not need to be removed - NO BLACKBERRIES, NO RAKED MATERIAL (to avoid stones injuring crews or damaging machinery) - Stack material parallel to the street, butt ends facing the same direction. Chips will be hauled away. If you wish to keep your chips, contact the SPID office in person or at shipspt1@shaw.ca. Community volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. If you would like to help, please leave your name at the SPID office. For insurance reasons, volunteers must be officially signed in before the event. Residents CANNOT help at the roadside. Donations are appreciated and can be made at any time leading up to the event. E-Transfer is available as a payment method to spvfirefightersassociation@gmail.com.

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OAP is generously providing FREE Hot Dogs
and beverages to Willing Helpers

What needs doing?

Raking up winter debris, windfall
Cleaning Hall Siding Weed Pulling
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The Fanny Bay Community Association thanks everyone who comes out to help at events. Without you we wouldn't be here. Enquire about a membership.

Serving Our Community since 1930

LIVE MUSIC AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

It has been a difficult time for performing artists. After waiting for audiences to rebound after Covid, they were affected by inflation. We have all seen prices rise. Services that travelling artists rely upon like hotels, car rentals and restaurant meals all saw big increases. People's ability to pay for entertainment is reduced, and we get that, so it can be a juggling act to make a concert work.

Our last sold-out show 'Piano Heist' was a great support to our efforts as were 'Quartetto Gelato' and 'Grant Lawrence & Friends' before that. We had full audiences and many of our advanced tickets were purchased which really helps in our planning. It also tells us, 'We like what you are doing, and we are committed to attend.'

We are excited to present our next concert

'Tom & Kalissa Landa' on Saturday March 23rd.

They are a Juno Award winning veteran power couple who have been making critically acclaimed music for over 30 years as lead members of 'The Paperboys & Locarno'. Tom and Kalissa will add material written during the pandemic lockdown to their repertoire. This performance promises to be another amazing concert of Folk, Latin, Celtic and Roots music. These musicians are not to be missed. See you there.

Our April concerts present **Spring Sings II on April 7th** (see page 3) and on **April 17th, Sophie Lukacs** (see cover). Spring

Sings II features two area choirs, Grace Notes and A Cappella Plus. Popular wherever they appear, these two widely acclaimed Vancouver Island choirs are offshoots of the Celebration Singers Community Choir from Comox Valley and Village Voices from Qualicum Beach. They will perform a joyful blend of music from sacred to secular, classical to modern, and rock and roll to popular. Something for everyone. The choirs enjoyed their experience of singing together in the Fanny Bay Hall last year and requested the opportunity to perform again this year. We are delighted to have them back.

We feel our Sophie Lukacs concert will be an undiscovered gem much like the 'Huu Bac Quintet' last year which was very well received by our audience. Sophie is Hungarian born and a Montreal based artist, who grew up studying the violin and western classical music. A chance trip to Burkina Faso in her early twenties completely changed her musical direction. She discovered the kora, a 21 stringed harp-lute and she studied it for over 10 years including seven years in Bamako Mali.

Sophie has developed her own style and composes her own music on the kora. She released her LP 'Bamako' in 2023, written and recorded mostly in Mali. This album is nominated in the Global Roots Album of the Year category at the 2024 Canadian Folk Music Awards. Praised in Songlines Journal as a 'splendid debut album - rich and lyrical' playing.

We look forward to your continued support of Live Music at the Fanny Bay Community Hall.

by Bill and Alaine French
Concert Coordinators

Live at
Fanny Bay Hall

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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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PLEASE HELP SAVE THE OAP HALL

You are going to find my OAP flyer report oddly familiar this time around. I submitted this one in December when we were given the news from the Anglican Church Diocese in Victoria about their plan to sell The OAP Hall at 418 Ships Point Road. We have since then asked the CVRD to purchase the property. It seems appropriate to send it out again to remind everyone just how important this little hall is to this community now that the FOR-SALE sign is up.

The Little Brown OAP Hall has been a fixture of the Fanny Bay community since the '70's. For most of us, it's 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 annual Gigantic Garage Sale is the best in the valley, you just never know what you're going to find there. Fishing gear, fine China, vintage clothing, retro furniture, doorknobs, 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. All proceeds from this sale are used to keep the hall maintained and functioning. During the sale, if you're hungry there's the concession stand over with hotdogs and hamburgers ready to go. The bake sales are second to none featuring pies, cakes, loaves, squares, cookies, bread, candies, and endless other sugary treats.

The OAP 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 are incredibly sad to tell community that these days could be coming to an end. The OAP has leased this lovely spot from the Anglican Church and completely

funded and maintained it for nearly 50 years. **OAP REPORT** Now it is to be sold to raise funds to finance a project of theirs; development of a property in Victoria and upgrading their cathedral. We have pled our case with the Anglican Church board of directors, Dr. Brendon Neilson, Executive Director in particular, for keeping the property as is. However, we have met with a very determined group of businessmen who want to turn it over for a profit and evict the Fanny Bay Senior Society OAP #127.

This creates a huge dilemma for this senior's group about where to relocate. We really don't fit into the busy Fanny Bay Hall due to its large size and how many other community programs held there. The upstairs area is impossible to utilize because of the challenge of stairs for people with mobility problems. The dining room too small to seat everyone for our potlucks, the large hall is too big. The OAP has always been our 'Goldilocks' location.

Our Hall is home base for the Fanny Bay Quilt Group. For twenty-five years we 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 of vulnerable people in the community and elsewhere who are in need of a special quilt, close to 330 quilts so far, and counting. The Quilters will now be looking to relocate into another venue, but where?

The Art Mates meet on Wednesday afternoons to share their knowledge and techniques with each other and enjoy the company of other talented painters. They are a small group and again they would have a difficult time to relocate.

The Baynes Sound Lions Club International have met there on Monday evenings for years providing them with a gathering place to plan their many charitable programs. Being a Lion means 'knowing that kindness matters. They will need a new base, but where?

The Baynes Sound Garden Club enjoys

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***I* N LIKE A LION, HOPEFULLY OUT LIKE A LAMB,**

we trust that the rest of March will bring some more spring-like weather to our gardening community. Already the days are lengthening and avid gardeners are chomping at the bit in the hopes of getting out in their yards to begin spring clean-up of the beds and start planting early cool weather crops. However, it's been impossible to poke in broad beans when the ground is frozen! Oh well, there's always the chance to start seeds indoors under grow lights or in a sunny window, so we'd better get at it.

The BSGC March 7th meeting featured Glen Jamieson speaking on arthropods – the good, bad and beautiful. We learned more about these fascinating creatures than (maybe) we really wanted to know. Black widow spiders in our area, really? Our next meeting on April 4th will see Alan Chomica as our speaker. Alan is a passionate gardener, soilsmith, and enthusiastic experimenter. We never promised you a rose garden, but our May meeting speakers will be Roland and Diane Volrich, experienced growers of these beautiful and aromatic plants, so perhaps you will be inspired to add some to your own gardens. Hilary Brockway, one of our wonderful speaker

co-ordinators, is also looking to arrange some garden tours for our members later in the year, so stay tuned for more information. Just another reason to join our club - membership is only \$20 per year single, \$30 family, and we have a lot of fun socializing and learning from our speakers and fellow members. You are welcome to come to a meeting as a guest to find out what we're all about. We can be reached at bsgardenclub@gmail.com.

Finally, I would be remiss in not noting the date of our spring



plant sale, our main fundraising event, so mark your calendars for **Saturday May 11th**, where we will be at the Fanny Bay Hall selling our usual wide variety of plants at very reasonable prices.

By Marion Woloschuk

Past President, BSGC

MLA Report: BC Budget 2024

B.C. is a great place to live and people want to put down roots and raise a family here. We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in Canada, and we're a leader in growing jobs and wages for working people. While we are an economic leader, people are facing big challenges – high interest rates, inflation, and a slower global economy.

Some say we should respond to these challenges by leaving people to fend for themselves and making deep cuts in the name of reducing the deficit. **But people can't afford that.**

If there's anything the last few years have taught us, it's that going it alone doesn't work. The choices we've made in our new budget will support people through tough times.

By working together, we can keep building on B.C.'s strong foundation so people can build a good life here for themselves and their families.



Action on Housing

Increasing the threshold for the First Time Home Buyers program.

New B.C. home flipping tax to take further action on speculation that drives up home prices.

Increasing the threshold of the Newly Built Home Exemption to \$1.1M – to incentivize more new home building.

\$950 million invested into BC Builds – a new program to leverage underused land, faster development, low-interest construction financing and grants to increase housing options for middle-income people and families.

Helping people with everyday costs

Increases to the BC Climate Action Tax Credit and the BC Family Benefit.

New BC Electricity Affordability Credit.

Doubling the exemption threshold of the Employer Health Tax, from \$500k to \$1 million.

Improving Health Care in B.C.

Budget 2024 provides more than \$2 billion in funding to support people's access to the full range of health services, including primary and acute care, long-term care, assisted living, home care, and mental-health and substance-use care, and recruitment and retention of health-care professionals.

Capital investments of \$13 billion over the next three years will support construction of more long-term care, acute care and cancer care facilities.

To view all of the budget highlights and details please visit www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca
If you require assistance with a provincial matter please reach out to my office by email Josie.Osborne.mla@leg.bc.ca or by phone 250.720.4515



Fanny Bay Community Association

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON THE FBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submit this form to secretary@fannybaycommunity.com no later than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting

NOTE: Submission of this form does not guarantee a position on the FBCA Board of Directors. All expressions of interest are subject to review by our current Board of Directors. Acceptance of your expression of interest by the Board is considered your nomination, but you must be elected by the membership at the AGM for a one-year term. Current Directors are also required to stand for election each year at the AGM.

As a Director of the FBCA, you will be required to:

- meet all the criteria outlined in Part 5 of the BC Societies Act,
- meet all the criteria outlined in Part 5 of the FBCA Bylaws,
- sign our Director's Code of Conduct, and
- submit a recent Criminal Record Check.

The FBCA Board is a working board. As such, all Directors are required to assist with the day-to-day operations of the Association by:

- Supporting the constitution, bylaws, and mission of the FBCA,
- Attending Board and relevant committee meetings,
- Participating in informed discussion on FBCA operations and governance,
- Accommodating different points of view to promote community collaboration, and
- Volunteering relevant services as time permits.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

EXPERIENCE

1. What strengths would you bring to the FBCA Board of Directors? What interests you about serving on the Board?
2. Outline any volunteer experience, personal skills, or community projects you have worked on that you feel are relevant to the FBCA.
3. Please provide the contact information of a person (not a relative) who supports your expression of interest.
4. If you are not chosen as a Board nominee this year, would you consider volunteering with one of our Directors on ongoing projects or day-to-day operations?
☐ No, thanks
☐ Yes, specifically with tasks regarding _____

NOTE: All applicants will receive confirmation of the decision of the Board of Directors prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Mark Your Calendars!

FANNYBAY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



**the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
FANNY BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
will be held at
5:30 pm on Thursday, 16 May 2024
in
the Fanny Bay Community Hall**

Details to follow in the next Flyer and posted on the FBCA website (fannybaycommunity.com) in April.

NOTE: *Persons considering standing for election to the FBCA Board of Directors can download the Expression of Interest form from our website, along with other documents related to this important volunteer commitment.*

MARCH IS THE MONTH

people keep telling you to wait five minutes for different weather. Not better weather, just different. So, between rainstorms, snow warnings and “boy, its warm for March” sunshine, there’s time for us to make progress on the multiple projects, ongoing efforts, and future plans we have here at Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society.

In our incubation department, stacked trays full of eggs soaking up accumulated temperature units toward hatching as alevins get careful observation until the day the judgement call is made that they are ready for ponding. Then trays are poured into ponding nets, wooden frames floating in our large incubation room tanks, which are transition places for fry to leave behind within days for the wild blue yonder of the 2.43 x .91 meter (8 foot by 3 foot) tanks.

Coming soon is **The River Never Sleeps Festival, Sunday May 5th** this year, which is one big day of excitement for all of us and you, preceded by many days of preparation, planning and perspiration, because we are true believers in all three, plus alliteration. The smooth delivery of the event is the result of years of practice, and you are the ones we want to be here for the performance. Mark your calendar, enter it in your phone’s memory, book it off, save the day, plan to be with us.

Our small stream mapping project

has hit a few snags and none of them were natural, as in from nature, or on the job, but everyday human problems, like flu, a bad back, and a broken arm. No names needed, and it was just one per person, but Randy, Rosemary and Katie will be back at it when they’re feeling better. Katie Shulze, junior biologist with Weaver Technical of Courtenay, FBSES’ contractors, has been working with two of our members who are the backup positions on her stream work.

Randy Lousier on the job



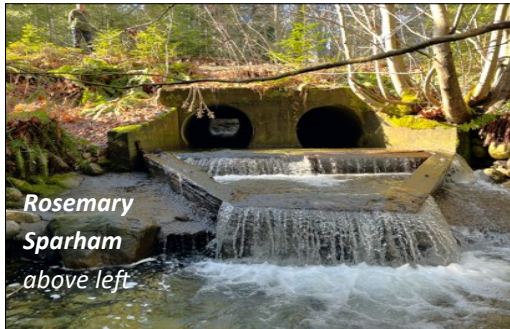
Rosemary Sparham is a safety person, and Randy Lousier is doing in-stream notetaking and support. “Ground-truthing” as it is known, is the job of going out and finding if the geography fits the maps, and it often needs some adjustments, done today with GPS readings direct to a tablet. Our members are there because Katie has the expertise to do the job, but not alone. Volunteer assistance stretches our budget,

a big part of which is our own money, and a grant from the Pacific Salmon Foundation.

Randy says he “quite enjoyed” his day in the creek, taking notes on paper to supplement the electronic stuff on essentials like wetlands, stream channel widths, tributaries, and ditches. Rosemary did her observing from the roads, watching Katie’s locations via a GPS tracker on her, and measuring culverts, in a role called safety support. She says it’s a “really good experience,” and both are waiting for better health and the next stream on the list.

And we need to say goodbye to another long time and faithful friend of salmon and FBSES, Ross Radford, who was a long time neighbour and friend of many in Fanny Bay. Ross spent 10 years as a director and manager at the Society. His death at Glacier View in December 2023 was peaceful. Neighbour and friend of many in Fanny Bay.

by Dave Sands



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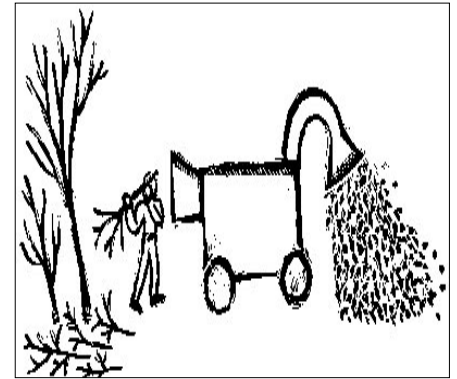
All money received by the Ships Point Volunteer Firefighters Association is used to replace outdated equipment, provide training for fire fighters and first responders, and for emergency preparedness.

Please be mindful that this is a volunteer event. It is NOT intended to provide chipping services when large trees are taken down. Volunteers from the community provide these chipping services to Ships Point homes with the goal of reducing fire load and nuisance smoke from yard waste burning. Reasonable piles of fallen and trimmed tree limbs and brush will be accepted.

Please contact

**Bill Trussler at
403-880-5619**

if you are in doubt about the amount of chipping you wish to have done. Your cooperation is appreciated!



PARCEL TAX AND WATER TOLLS

REMINDER:

The 2024 SPID parcel tax and water tolls invoices were mailed out at the end of January and are due at the office by **March 31st, 2024**. If you haven't received your invoice, please contact the SPID office at shipspt1@shaw.ca. Payments can be made in the form of cheque (postdated is 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 shipspt1@shaw.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 # prefaced by the word 'roll' (i.e. ROLLXXX or rollxxx) SPID.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM will be held on **Thursday April 2nd, 2024, at 7:00 pm** at the Fanny Bay Community Hall. Come participate in trustee elections and hear what your Board of Directors and Fire Department have been up to this past year. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for voter registration.



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YOUR LIGHTHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PHARMACY

(OAP REPORT con't'd from page 6)

the use of the hall once a month, it's the perfect size, the price is right! Where will they go?

Casual renters for birthday parties, small memorial gatherings, fabric sales, quilters retreats, potluck dinners, seminars, educational programs, Easter egg painting, training sessions etc, will have to look outside of the community to find a suitable venue with an affordable rate, but where?

The bottom line is that if the OAP Hall is gone, a particularly important aspect of this rural community will disappear leaving a void which is impossible to fill. It directly impacts the over 70 Fanny Bay Seniors Society members and indirectly affects many hundreds more casual hall users.

Thank you all for writing emails to the Anglican Church in an attempt to support our cause. We will continue to work to save the hall. Please continue to draft emails to the church, directed to Brendon Neilson

bneilson@bc.anglican.ca.

Perhaps they will become more like our 'Lions'.

We have asked The CVRD to purchase the property in order to keep ownership where it belongs, in the possession of the community and lease it back to the Fanny Bay Senior Society. Please email them as well with your support. Our Regional District Representative Daniel Arbour has been extremely supportive of our campaign to save our hall.

Contact Daniel at 250-650-8480

www.danielarbour.ca. Other CVRD members to contact are: James Warren jwarren@comoxvalleyrd.ca, Edwin Grieve egrieve@comoxvalleyrd.ca, Richard Hardy rhardy@comoxvalleyrd.ca.

We have started a **Go Fund Me** campaign as well. Please check Facebook for access to the site and if you can contribute even a small amount of money it will get us closer to our goal of \$47,000. This amount will cover the assessed value of the structures on the property making it strictly the land that the CVRD would be asked to purchase if they choose to do so. **PLEASE HELP SAVE THE OAP HALL!**

Now back to the fun stuff!

We will be combining our **AGM** and our March Potluck this month. Please note the change on your calendar, **MARCH 19th at 12 Noon**. Be ready for a very quick meeting that will include election of executive members. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Directors positions are open for re-election and or nominations. As soon as the election is done, we will have our *potluck banquet* set out to enjoy.

Happy March birthday greetings go out to Ritchie Parkin, Annette Wertman, Maureen Dearden, Linda Vermeulen and Dave Derhak.

April will find Ron Vermeulen, Jean Challand, Erna Smith, Lee Hardy, Gerald Wiens, Louise Bradshaw, Roland Semjanovs and Marg Anderson blowing out birthday candles too! We wish all of you many more years of health, wealth, and happiness! Everyone else in the community celebrating birthdays, we wish you all the best as well!



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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

Treasurer (this position requires knowledge of/experience with financial statements and spreadsheets)

Two to four directors with a portfolio from the list below:

Buildings and Grounds	-arrange for and supervise building repairs and grounds maintenance as needed, super-
Policy & Procedures	- become familiar with existing FBCA policies and procedures and information in BC
Health & Safety Liaison	-identify issues and communicate to board executive for follow up.

The tasks are many to keep our hall not only open but thriving. We thank the community members who have stepped forward to volunteer their time and taken on tasks on our list. This month there are new opportunities along with some roles that still need to be filled. We need you!

Some of the tasks involve several hours a month, some involve several minutes a month. If you see something in the list below that speaks to you, please speak to us! Call or email Alaine French at 250-335-3379 or

concerts@fannybaycommunity.com.



Support Roles and Tasks needed immediately:

Assistant to Rental Agent	-assist with rentals inquiries and rental procedures -training provided
Building Handyperson – 1 hr/week -this role has been on the list for awhile and we really need someone to help with these tasks.	- 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.

Mark Your Calendars!
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THURSDAY April 18th 7PM

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HELLO WONDERFUL FAMILIES OF FANNY BAY!

Can you feel it? Spring is just around the corner, bringing with it the promise of new growth and beautiful weather. We're bursting with excitement for all the fun activities lined up for March and April!

Don't forget, our Kids Drop-In Nights with the all-new Kid Kanteen continue to be a highlight **every 1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month. Entry is a piggybank-friendly \$2, and treats from the Kid Kanteen are available for just pocket change. On the first Wednesday, join us for Craft Night, where we'll explore a variety of fun and all-ages crafts. Then, on the third Wednesday, it's Game Night, filled with board games and gym activities. Plus, be sure to test out our new volleyball equipment and share your ideas for future drop-in fun!

For years, our community has had a visit from a sneaky little trickster on **March 17th**. Each morning, our milk turns green, the charms from Lucky Charms vanish, and crumbs lead from the pantry. We suspected a house hippo (if you know, you know), but the footprints never matched up. One year, my girls set a trap to see what it really was. Although they didn't catch anything, the evidence was clear! The gold coin bait was gone and tiny footprints were left in its place. We had a visit from leprechauns! Every year we wonder if this will be the year that we catch them and invite them for tea and biscuits! What about you? Have you ever had tea with a leprechaun?

I want to wish you all a very happy Spring Break! Enjoy some fun family time, wherever you may be! Here's a spring break joke to bring a smile:

Why was the math book sad during springtime? Because it had too many problems to "solve" and couldn't "spring" into action! 😊

With warmer weather comes the anticipation of a special visitor – the Easter Bunny! Join us at the Fanny Bay Hall on **Saturday, March 30th**, for an Eggstra special Easter egg hunt! Come down at 11am sharp for some family fun and tasty treats, including a \$1 BBQ! Keep an eye on our social media for more details.

Spring cleaning season is upon us! Clear out those closets and book a table (or two) for our community garage sale at the Fanny Bay Hall this **April**. It's the perfect opportunity to downsize your belongings and just maybe find something extra special for yourself! Contact me or watch social media for details!

Let's make March and April months to remember, filled with laughter, learning, growth, and cherished memories. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or just want to say hello, I'm here to listen! Here's to a spring filled with joy and adventure.

Warmest wishes

by Dominique Hrytsay



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Eight years ago, we were all a little worried. The Fanny Bay Inn was changing ownership. The FBI is a local institution with a far-flung reputation. When we were still living in Seattle, we would tell people that we were moving to a tiny community called Fanny Bay on Vancouver Island. It was amazing the number of people who said, "isn't that where that cool pub is?" Mainland golfers on their way to a weekend at Crowne Isle would stop in for a meal. Bikers, both bicycle and motorcycle, would plan their island touring around a stop at the FBI. So, a new owner was worrisome. Would they change the vibe? Would it still be a community hangout?



As we now know, we needn't have worried. Indeed, Roxanne, the new owner, breathed new life into the historic pub. After a few years of slow decline prior to her arrival, she made it a warm, fun place to go again, not just a place to eat. Amazingly, she kept it going through the un-

knowns of COVID. She hung on while the old highway was shut down for the summer and tourist traffic plummeted.

She cooked when she couldn't find a cook and washed dishes when she couldn't find a dishwasher. And she always found time to come out of the kitchen and exchange friendly insults with the regulars. Roxanne herself was the biggest attraction.

There are plenty of other reasons, besides Roxanne's personality, that the FBI has been the place to go in Fanny Bay. Music Jams, Trivia Night, Karaoke, and, of course, the Toonie Draw. All the local non-profits have benefited from Roxanne's Toonie Draw. BWS has been fortunate to have been chosen three times. And I must say, it's quite entertaining to be sitting at a table, nursing a beer with a fellow BWS member when Roxanne comes over and starts plunking down hundred-dollar bills with all the panache of a Vegas card dealer. People sneak surreptitious peeks. Some stare outright. I can only imagine what stories they concoct to explain this showy transfer of bills. But for BWS, no matter the style of delivery, it's a huge boost to our budget and is greatly appreciated.

So now, eight years later, we're worrying about the FBI again. Roxanne is leaving. She assures us the pub will be in good hands and the new owner will fit right in. Maybe that's true, but it won't be the same without Roxanne. We wish her the best in retirement, she's certainly earned it! And hopefully she'll stop in when she's in town and join us for a beer in her old community with its famous pub.

by Mike Mesford



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scrap-fish from flying web
before I'm blown onto
some ragged shore.

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almost level,
needling into cheeks.
Eyebrow runoff drips
down my nose
and every so often
as boat yards back along the net
a curler bursts over the stern
full into my face, down
and inside my rain gear.
That's when I crack
and threaten to cut the lousy net
right in two,
to go in
and find a spot to anchor up.

So how many miserable times
have I thought of all of you,
lying out there asleep,
Taking it just so easy
while I've pulled in
the last of the net,
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Sun April 21 Dinner & Rock Trivia with Doctors of Rock & Roll

Bar opens @ 5 Prime Rib Dinner @ 6 pm Advance Tx \$42

Sat April 27th Members Birthday Cake Celebration

Sunday April 28th General Meeting 2 pm

Ongoing Events

Games Night - Wednesday 5:00pm

Ladies Pool - Wednesday 4:00pm

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Men's Pool - Thursday 6:00 pm

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1 kg carrots, washed well and chopped
 1/2 cup of melted butter
 1 cup white sugar
 1/4 cup of flour
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 heaped tsp baking powder
 1 tsp vanilla
 3 eggs, whisked

Boil carrots in water until soft. Drain, then mash carrots. (I use my stand mixer for this). Add in the rest of the ingredients, mixing well. Pour into a greased casserole dish, bake at 350F for about 45 min - 1 hour, until the middle is firm. This also presents well in individual "mini" cocottes.

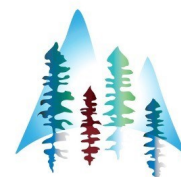
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The FBCA Board of Directors will promote a safe, respectful place for the community to gather.

The purposes of the Association are:

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

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

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Baynes Sound Garden Club - OAP Hall	Thursday	7pm 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
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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 Craft Night	1st Wednesday of each Month	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Youth - \$2 Drop-in Game Night	3rd Wednesday of each Month	Fanny Bay Community Hall
CELTIC CAOS- St Patrick's Day Party	Live Music Sun., March 17th 2 - 4 pm	Bowser Legion #211
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Spirituality - Religion - Secularity	May 19th 1-3 pm by Donation to LCSS	240 Lions Way, Qualicum Bay
SPID AGM	Thursday, April 2nd 7pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall-
GROUND'S CLEAN UP	Saturday, April 13th 9 am to Noon	Fanny Bay Community Hall
Fanny Bay Waterworks AGM	Thursday, April 18th 7pm	Fanny Bay Fire Hall
Sophie Lukacs	Friday, April 19th 7pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
RIVER NEVER SLEEPS FESTIVAL Free Admission	Sun., May 5th 2024 10 am	8425 Berray Rd, Fanny Bay
Baynes Sound Garden Club Spring PLANT Sale	Sat., May 11th 9am - 12pm	Fanny Bay Community Hall
FBCA AGM	Thursday, May 16th 5:30pm 2024	Fanny Bay Community Hall