

# The First Edition

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The Organizations of the Island periodically require the printing of newsletters to let you know what is going on. The time is here to consolidate these newsletters, together with other news of the Island, contributions from individuals in the form of letters, views, stories, poetry and advertisements, into one monthly production. The Organizations have agreed to foot the bill for their pages, plus the cost of mailing to each household. The selling of ads at very slightly above cost of materials will allow a page or two for individuals to air their views. The objective is to change misinformation to information, apathy to activity in community affairs, and to improve communications between the Organizations and the people they serve.

This first issue will give an idea of the planned publication. A very limited circulation and voluntary labour restrict the printing process to the form you see here, for the moment with, perhaps, in the summer months, an issue or two in tabloid form printed in town and sold to visitors to pay for itself. The minimum number of copies a professional printer will contract for is 5,000 at a cost of \$200 for four pages and, unless I get an overwhelming urge to open a fish and chip shop to use up the balance, the old Gestetner method will have to suffice for our nearly 250 mail box holders and will be free of charge.

M.T.

## Winter Works

Hornby Island Ratepayers' is currently involved in seeking a winter works grant for improving the facilities at the Fire Hall and building a new and more effective incinerator at the Recycling Depot. Leakages of information through those who seem to know what the Government is likely to approve suggest that we're going to be out of luck yet again. Apparently, funds are being cut back severely and we're not in an area where the need for assistance is paramount. We shall have to manage with volunteers and, somehow, the high standard of recycling achieved will have to be locally maintained.



## Recycling

During the summer we were heavily dumped on by a great many mindless types who were either too stupid or too bloody minded to put their trash in the designated places. It made a lot of work and difficulties at a time when the amount was large and burning was not advisable or permissible. But, unhappily, we have still a number of resident people who are not co-operating. They chuck their unsorted stuff almost anywhere, even amongst the carefully separated accumulations in well marked locations. We appeal to those people to make a renewed effort to support some very simple rules as to where they ditch their trash. It's asking very little of them...after all, the Community is saving tens of thousands of dollars in taxes for everyone by being considerate and giving only a few minutes a month to falling in with everyone else and co-operating. So far, we've trucked about 30 tons of reusable waste off this Island, quite apart from the immense tonnage of stuff that has been distributed through the "Free Store".

Consolidated (updated) amendments of Hornby Island Bylaws available at the Post Office. New Island Maps also available. \$2.00 each.

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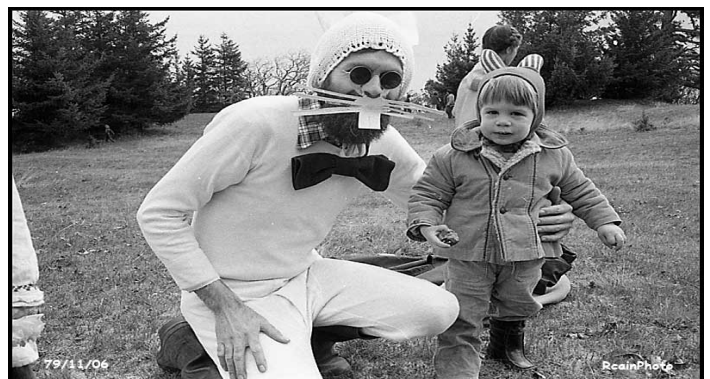
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**for the DECEMBER JANUARY**  
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# Editorial

Welcome to the 40th Anniversary Collector's Edition. It's a fat issue crammed with history and I hope it remains in your outhouse for at least two months. It was not easy deciding what to include and what not to include in this anniversary issue. [No room for WTF.] There is so much history and I encourage one and all to visit the Archives and check out the *First Edition's* from year's ago. A blast from the past (my hair is still standing up from spending two hours there the other day).

40 years ago, Chris Haney and Scott Abbott invented Trivial Pursuit; the Montreal Canadiens won their 22nd (fourth consecutive) Stanley Cup, defeating the New York Rangers 4 games to 1; and Sony released the Walkman, for a mere \$200.

Women, you were wearing polyester, flared trousers and platform shoes. Men, you were seen in v-neck velour shirts, turtlenecks – sideburns and chest hair were the norm.

You might have been reading: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams, *Tales of the Unexpected* by Roald Dahl, *Life Before Man* by Margaret Atwood, or *Gaia: A New Look at Life on Earth* by James E. Lovelock. Listening to the radio, you learned how to survive with Gloria Gaynor; what a fool believes from the Doobie Brothers; where to escape and drink pina colodas with Rupert Holmes and how to ring Anita Ward's bell.

The styles and tastes may have changed (well, not really), but the concerns on our Island continue to recur as you will read in this anniversary issue. Even beyond, the politics are strikingly similar then and now. As Peter Newman, editor of *Maclean's* magazine wrote in December 1979, "the oscillation of political expectation and disappointment has accelerated beyond credibility. No matter how often the party leaders may lunge at us out of TV screens (trying their best to look as sincere as those hosts of daytime game shows); no matter how hard they pretend their policy declarations are based on something harder than the latest public opinion poll; and especially, no matter what they promise – no one believes them anymore. It has become obvious that Canada's future lies not so much among Joe Clark and Pierre Trudeau and Ed Broadbent as beyond them."

And so, dear readers, with that, sit back and enjoy your visit down memory lane.  
Alex, ED.



**CHANGING VEHICLE SYNDROME**  
(a Hornby Mix & Match Puzzle)

Alf Bangert	Blue Honda
Moffat McPherson	Brown Van
Mary Turk	Green Volvo
Ilkka Salo	White Ford Pick-up
Roy Young	Pale Blue Pinto
Doug Nixon	Yellow Toyota
Chris Silk	White Datsun Pick-up
Jerry Pethick	White Skoda
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Cal Witt	Needs A New Truck
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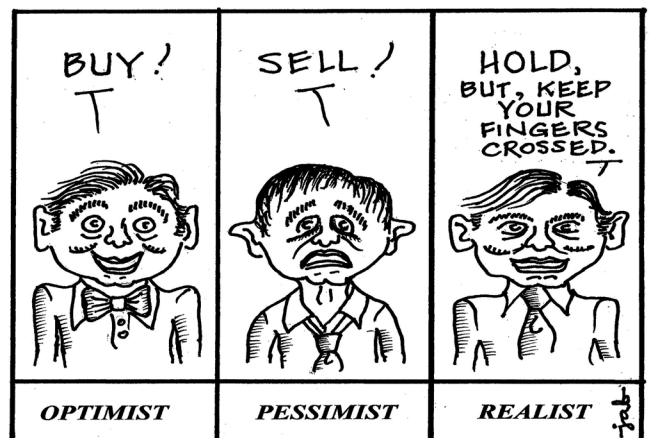
Answers next week on Co-op bulletin board. Coming soon...."Couples".

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The real estate market is down. A 1/2 acre waterfront lot in Galleon sold this month for \$38,000. Five years ago you were looking at \$50,000 plus.

## WHOOPS

Profuse apologies to Nym Hughes for reprinting her CVRD Outhouse article from last year. For some reason, I inadvertently saved the article with the year 2019 extension and when I compiled the October issue, it was included again. Five Hail Mary's and a robust pork sausage.

ED.



# Letters

January 1980

Dear Miss Mary Turk [MacKenzie]  
Hornby Island, BC

Thank you for your letter telling us of your feelings about the two benches which were installed at Helliwell Park last summer.

The reasons that these benches were installed were to provide a comfortable resting place for older people who may find the hike around Helliwell Park to be quite strenuous and also to serve as a comfortable vantage point for people who wish to spend some time admiring the view.

I do not believe that round logs will serve these purposes adequately and we do not wish to introduce "home made" benches to the Park.

The benches that were installed are standard park benches which serve admirably in many of the beautiful parks of British Columbia. They are well constructed and tastefully designed and are in keeping with the carved signs and other facilities in Helliwell Park.

We will be checking the amount of use these benches receive next season and if they are not serving the purposes for which they were intended either or both benches may be removed.

I would like to thank you for your concern for Helliwell Park and I would assure you that we too are determined to preserve the natural aspect presented by this Park.

G.C. Rathbone,  
Dist. Superintendent,  
Parks Dpt.

January 1980

Dear Mr. G.C. Rathbone,  
Dist. Superintendent,  
Parks Department


Thank you for your reply to my letter to Mr. Gillings.

What with the rise of grey power it would be risky, to say the least, to take a stand against older people resting in parks and I certainly have no argument with you there. Actually, I know many younger people who can't make it around Helliwell without a rest when many older friends do it with ease.

I do disagree with you, though, that the benches are "tastefully designed." That is exactly my point. Tastefully designed for where? Certainly not Helliwell Park. Instead, they are a sudden and unhappy change of character, and I strongly believe that Helliwell doesn't deserve standard park benches embedded in four-inch deep concrete mattresses. Also, I am disappointed that you do not wish to introduce "home made" benches in the Park as there are many fine woodworkers on the Island who are in tune with their surroundings. Home made benches would certainly be a step up from round logs. Let's both compromise!

Two questions come to mind. First, could you please tell me how much it cost to install the present benches and, second, how do you propose to check on the amount of use these benches will receive next season?


Mary Turk [MacKenzie]



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## Letters and Notices

### Hornby Denman Mobile Dental Clinic News

Yes the dental clinic is still open - Dr. Walford has not retired.

The dental clinic has been in the news lately and this has circulated around social media, leading to people inquiring if we are still open. Yes, we are, and still serving Hornby and Denman as usual.

However, Dr. Walford is getting ready to embrace retirement, and we are actively looking for the right person to take over our thriving and unique mobile practice. If you have connections that may be interested, we can be reached at: [pwalford@telus.net](mailto:pwalford@telus.net)

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you soon. We are open on for the first two weeks of the month, Denman for the last two weeks.

As in past years, we will be closed for treatment in January and February, but Arlene will be there to answer your calls and help with emergency needs. Call 250 335-2933 on Hornby and 250 335-2788 on Denman.

Regards,  
Dr. Peter Walford

A belated thank you goes out to Arna Olafson and Livia Gibson for donating the fabulous moon swing to the Fall Fair!

The Fall Fair Committee

Another belated thank you to Sally Campbell for tabulating all the First Edition survey responses. [ED]

### Armistice Day Gathering

We'll be gathering at the Sandpiper Beach meadow this year, as every year, to remember family who died or suffered in wars.

On this occasion we share stories, histories, and sentiments about war and also about peace.

We meet at 10:40 am in the Sandpiper field. Rain or shine. Dress in warm clothing, bring a story to share. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Rachelle Chinnery.

### Hornby Island Arts Council Notice of Annual General Meeting Sunday, November 3 at New Horizons from 3 pm to 5 pm

**Agenda:** Approve Agenda, Adopt October Minutes, President's Report, Executive Director's Report, Financial Report, Fundraising Report, Elect Directors, Appoint Accountants, General Discussion.

## Emergency Preparation Committee Update

After a lot of preparation, the Emergency Preparation committee presented a workshop October 19 on rapid damage assessment after an earthquake. This very interesting talk by Russel Roy emphasized safety issues including structural damage to buildings and hazards such as downed power lines, gas leaks and fire. His many years working in this field resulted in a very informative and practical presentation.

Gary Burtinsky discussed the communication network we are developing in cooperation with the fire department and gave everyone a hand-held radio to practice with as he explained how to use them while participating with a team to carry out neighbourhood search and rescue and relaying information.

We will repeat this workshop in the spring. Until then, follow Amy Lebaron's 26 weeks to Emergency Preparedness and PreparedBC's website for individuals and households. This will improve outcomes and good communication will also decrease confusion and increase the effectiveness of the fire department and other participants in helping our community respond and recover and, if necessary, to evacuate people. Please contact Amy by email or phone if you are interested in learning about neighbourhood teams.¶

Submitted by David Wiseman.



## Fall Back November 3

# Hornby Likes It's Quiet Life

(Times Colonist March 1980)  
Tribune Bay Provincial Park: "No camping or night parking" reads the sign, and that's the way most Hornby Island residents would like to keep it....

Termed one of the finest recreational beaches in Georgia Strait by the BC parks branch, the Tribune Bay land was acquired by the government in 1978 and on November 2 of that year it was established as a Class A provincial park.

The purchase price of \$800,000 on the 180-acre McLean property fronting on the bay was paid jointly by the BC government and the Devonian Foundation in Calgary. After acquiring this beachfront property of unrivalled scenic beauty, the next logical question is: How should it be developed and made accessible to the people of the province who ultimately footed the bill?

This is where the controversy starts.

Hornby is a small island of low density with a predominately rural lifestyle and a strong sense of community among the residents.

The possibility of herds of Winnebago's migrating to Hornby during the sunnier months is not terribly appealing to most of the local folk.

A further complication with

tourist development on Hornby is the added stress it will put on the small inter-island ferries...

Many Hornby Island residents fear that an increase in tourist facilities on Hornby will result in long ferry lineups.

In September, a series of public discussions were held on Hornby to determine the public response to the proposed plans for Tribune Bay.

In this case "public" consisted chiefly of Hornby Island residents.

More than 460 people were in attendance and more than 120 written comments were received by the ministry of lands, parks, and housing.

In assessing the public response, minister James Chabot notes that "the majority of all submissions (more than 80 per cent) favoured the development of simple day-use facilities, such as access, parking, water and sanitary facilities, picnic and beach development, trails..."

As a result of the intense local pressure, the parks branch is expected to proceed with the development of day-use facilities only for Tribune Bay Park. This means that Hornby's provincial park will be utilized primarily by Hornby and Denman residents in addition to nearby Vancouver Island residents, in view of the time-consuming four ferry connections necessary for a round trip to Hornby.

Some members of the public are noting a marked inequity in this situation whereby a small but vocal minority has dictated the use of a provincial park paid for ultimately by the people of the province, as well as a provincial ferry system subsidized to the tune of \$1.2 million each year.

It appears that the only thing preventing a more vigorous public

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## That Was Then

by Sheila MacPherson

Shortly after I started working at the Co-op in 1985, when the *First Edition* was already six years old, a fellow employee approached me with a request. Would I consider helping out with the paper? She was preparing to do battle with the cranky Gestetner machine and could do with some assistance in the editorial tasks. I seemed to be a literate person, with some experience in the publishing business. Would I be available to read through some of the submissions and/or proof the typewritten copy?

Thus began my 15-year association with the *First Edition*. During that time the physical production processes transitioned through various technologies into the digital era. The hand-crank Gestetner was replaced by an electric-powered clone. The stencil cutter was upgraded. The typing moved from an electric typewriter to a computer, which made corrections SO much easier. We could accept submissions on diskettes, or on paper. E-mail was not an option until after my time.

On the 19th of the month, the box at the post office counter was emptied. I sorted the contents

objection is the general lack of public knowledge about the provincial park system.

However, the parks branch recognizes its duty to the people of the province, even if it isn't able to fully realize it at this time.

In a public policy statement, the branch acknowledges its "responsibility to the public of the province to utilize the wealth of recreational resources at Tribune Bay Provincial park to their optimum capability."


Paradoxically, the Hornby residents' insistence to establish day-use facilities only is likely to place a greater burden on the existing ferry system than overnight use would.

In a draft plan for the development of Tribune Bay Park, the branch proposes to minimize the impact of park visitors on the inter-island ferry system by extending the length of time the visitor spends in the park and on the island.

However, this objective is not likely to be achieved in the near future.

Chabot has indicated that work will be initiated immediately to provide day-use facilities for next year's operating season.¶

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into camera-ready copy, submissions that needed to be typed, and advertising pieces. All ads went to Carole Chambers, who followed up with the regular advertisers and collated new ones into lists to be checked. Camera-ready work was fairly easy to deal with. I would give it a quick read to make sure there were no glaring insults or potentially libellous accusations, leave the grammatical anomalies alone, and add it to the list. The pieces to be typed often required some tricky handwriting decryption, then they were listed on the outside of a large brown envelope, enclosed and sent off to the willing typist.

Usually no later than the 25th of the month, we were ready for layout. In those days the paper was printed on legal-sized sheets, generally never more than 16 of them because the stapler couldn't handle any more thickness. So, 32 pages was our absolute maximum. We strove for one page of advertising per page of articles, to cover materials and equipment maintenance expenses. Copy on odd pages, ads on even pages.

The layout process itself was literally an evening of cut and paste. We had master sheets with page numbers on, laid out around the perimeter of a pingpong table, and in the centre of the table we piled all the columns to be placed on the pages. There were usually four or five people involved for the evening in order to get the job done in under three hours. Once we had everything out of the centre of the table and laid in place on the master sheets, the read-through of the lists ensued, to make sure we hadn't overlooked anything vital. Drawings and space-filler graphics could be inserted where appropriate. Only then were we allowed to wield the glue sticks and attach the copy to the master sheets.

It was during the layout process that some of the trickiest editorial decisions were finalized. Although I was nominally the editor, I always had the ear of the group at the layout evening to help with the awkward pieces. The collective decision was a comfort and a rock for me, and gave me strength to face the inevitable reactions from the readers come publication day.

There was a period when we had a few vociferous letter-writers who really pushed the bounds of civility and eventually drove me to actually write an editorial about positive content in the paper and a limit to my tolerance of rudeness and petulance. (My mother was proud.) I was of course then accused of censorship of the press.

At one point, I ordered a rubber stamp from town that said CENSORED which I used throughout the next issue. It was prefaced by a short Letter from the Editor which read, in part: "Lots of people are delighted by everything they read in the First Edition. Lots of people object to lots of things that are published. If it were my paper, there are things I wouldn't publish. But it's not mine. It's yours. In this issue, items which will be considered objectionable by me or by one or more readers have been CENSORED. You need not read these. Enjoy what's left."

We had a new recruit at that particular layout evening who ran wild with the rubber stamp, using it rather more than I had intended. One of our advertisers threatened to pull her support because the CENSORED stamp appeared next to her ad.

Ah well, so much for tongue in cheek, or irony, or sarcasm. They don't fly well in a community paper.

So that's how we did it, back then. In all those years I didn't plan ever to be away during the third week of the month. To this day, when the 19th rolls around, I always think of it as deadline day.¶

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Special thanks to Rick Graham for the use of his workshop on collating night, and to Michael McNamara for the use of his studio on layout night

The proofreader wants you to know that some of the stuff gets printed with questionable grammar because that's how it was written & there is some poetic licence at work. And that material which is submitted already in column format is not subjected to her scrutiny; so any errors in these pieces are not her fault.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

People continue to ask me questions which are better directed to the people responsible. If you have an idea for a cover, talk to Gabriel. If you have a question about billing, speak to Susan Cain. My job is to organize the material that is submitted so that it can be reproduced in a readable manner.

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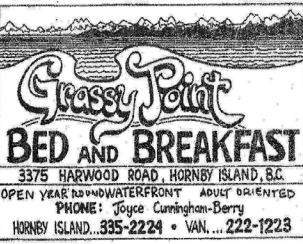
Sheila Macpherson

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## Update from the Archives

The Hornby Island Community Archives is continually expanding, we currently house 38 collections. A recent addition is the Grace Melvin Collection, which although small, does contain some interesting letters from Evelyn Fowler and other locals that paint a portrait of life on Hornby Island in the 1950s. The Archives were happy to accept the manuscript "Bandit" by Bob Sarti, about the Andy Bruce hostage taking at the BC Penitentiary in the late 1970s, and his research material used to write Bandit. There is a lot of material to be dealt with, but once it has been sorted and catalogued the Bob Sarti Collection is sure to make for some interesting reading.

One of the challenges faced by archives is technology and its ever-changing nature. With this in mind Oakley Rankin, one of the Archives Committee volunteers, has taken on the task of transferring interviews on cassette tape of many of the "old timers" to a digital format. Once this monumental task is complete a computer will be set up in the Archives and the interviews will be available with ease for your listening pleasure. Until then our Oral History Collection can be accessed on our good 'ol fashioned "boom box" – a museum piece in its own right!

The Archives are open to the public every Thursday from 2-5 and by appointment if necessary, depending on availability. This summer saw an increase in visitors over last year. The excitement that people expressed when researching their family history or some aspect of Hornby history and finding what they were looking for is very gratifying. Of course, not every interaction can be so satisfying, as demonstrated by the last visitor of the summer season – a visiting gentleman who was very insistent to be allowed to take a nap in one of our chairs. Needless to say, I could not abide his request – this would give the impression from any passerby that Hornby's history is very boring, boring enough to put one to sleep! I told him – however this incident is a testament to the comfortable seating we have at the Archives.

If you have material that you think should be preserved as a part of the historical record of Hornby Island the Archives is gratefully accepting donations. For further information about how to go about this process or for other enquiries please email [hornbyarchives@gmail.com](mailto:hornbyarchives@gmail.com) or visit during our Thursday open hours from 2-5.

In my work at the Archives I've felt incredibly lucky to get to learn so many fascinating things about

Hornby and I've put together a little pop quiz to share some of these tidbits of information. *Answers can be found on page 25.*

**Question #1:** What doctor initiated the establishment of our medical clinic? Bonus points for surname!

**Question #2:** How many children on Hornby Island were afflicted with the measles in June 1949?

**Question #3:** What was the asking price for the Seabreeze Guest Farm in 1952?

**Question #4:** How many steps were in the 1985 script to decorate the Big Tree for Christmas?

**Question #5:** In 1964, which was cheaper on the ferry – a passenger or an uncrated sheep or hog? An automobile with driver or a single horse vehicle with driver?¶

Submitted by Regan Fahey on behalf of the Hornby Island Community Archives.

## So Far Nothing Sticks

February 1980

Here are some of the suggestions made to rename "The Dump":

Alice, Bette Davis, Botique, Cat House, Catcha Can, Cyclon, Cylcotron, De Dump, De Psyche, Detour, El Dumpo, Funk Yard, Hornby Take Out, Jackpot, Karma, Le Dump, New Life, Nuisance Grounds, Pigeon Lake East, Poubelle City, Raven's Roost, Repot, Resort, Rook's Rost, Rose Garden, Sortatron, The Mall, The Sort, Tin Can Alley.

These were reduced down to: Alice, Botique, Cyclon, Detour, Jackpot, Karma, Resort, Repot, The Mall, The Sort.

The Recycling depot seems to be in a bit of a jumble over the selection and hopes you will be patient while they do some sorting out.¶

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# Spartina

By Leanne Letson, Conservancy Hornby Island

Two invasive members of the *Spartina* group of salt marsh grasses have made their way to our island shores: *Spartina densiflora* and *Spartina patens*. *S densiflora* is native to South America and *S patens* to the east coast of North America. They may have been introduced via ships' ballast, in oyster spat (seed), purposely planted to control beach erosion and/or moved by ocean currents to spread up the west coast from the USA. *S densiflora* stands erect and green through the winter while *S patens* lies flat and brown. *S densiflora* is found in the middle to high side of the intertidal zone and *S patens* the high side of the intertidal zone.

Matt Christensen from Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) gave an informative talk at the Community Hall on September 27 hosted by Conservancy Hornby Island. Early in October two well-attended information sessions were held on the beach to identify *Spartina patens* and demonstrate how difficult it is to dig out. As a resident of Hornby Island, I was contracted by DUC to map *Spartina patens* on Hornby, Denman, and the Sandy Islands as well as map and remove *Spartina densiflora* on Hornby Island through this fall and winter. This is my second season with DUC.

The food web of our beaches is broken when changes are made to the intertidal zone. The *Spartinas* out-compete the native vegetation and alter the beach habitat structure. The beach ecosystem processes that provide the checks and balances, be it weather or other plants and creatures, are disrupted. The small invertebrates that form the base of the food web that are found in the sediment of our beaches can no longer thrive. These little creatures are part of the

diet on which migratory and overwintering seabirds are dependent.

The main difference between the two *Spartinas* is in their growth habit. *S patens* spread via rhizomes to form a dense mat. *S densiflora* grows in compact clumps that slowly spread outward. *S densiflora* is relatively easy to remove by digging but the same cannot be said of *S patens*. *S patens*' rhizomes (underground shoots) are easily broken while loosening the beach strata and attempting to dig the plants out. Tide and wave action distribute these bits along the beach where they regrow.

To date the only patches of *S patens* found on Hornby are located between Grassy Point and Tralee Point, the bulk of which are on Galleon Beach. There are large patches on Tree Island and stretches of the shoreline of Comox, Courtenay and Royston are inundated. Another area with *S patens* is in the vicinity of Deep Bay on Baynes Sound. We have found no *S patens* on Denman Island.

So far there are small plants and seedlings of *S densiflora* on Hornby located between Collishaw Point and just beyond Tralee Point. There are slightly more mature plants of *S densiflora* scattered amongst the Sandy Islets and around Tree Island and on Denman and young plants and seedlings scattered along the Baynes Sound coastline. Quite a few *S densiflora* have been located along the Vancouver Island side of Baynes Sound.

All *Spartina densiflora* have been or will be dug up and composted away from the beach. Given the difficulty of eradicating *Spartina patens* we are considering using a very limited herbicide. DUC thinks the risk of not getting rid of this invasive species is greater than the risk of using a herbicide carefully applied to the *S patens*. Stay tuned for more about this in the months ahead.¶



## PRESCHOOL BOTTLE DEPOT



Thank you for bringing your refundable items to our bottle depot which is located next to the Preschool. We accept all pop, beer, juice tetra packs, wine, and liquor bottles (no milk products please). The money we receive from these items directly benefits Hornby's children through purchase of food, toys, art supplies, building repairs etc.

# Last Rites Delayed

February 1980

\*\*If you weren't there, Sandy and group started fundraising for the First Edition. Editor very nearly overcome! With the addition of a generous chunk given by a fine lady who lives at Heron Rocks and drives a little green car and remains anonymous, the account is at \$61.00.

Mechanically, here is where we stand, lie or grovel at the moment. The ailing Getefax is being given to us. No experts located to give an estimate on repairs, but being tracked down. Machine used in Nanaimo has developed internal troubles. Another located and will be used for this printing. Research being done on other printing methods (still) and small nervous breakdown being suffer[ed] by staff. All monies so extraordinarily kindly donated by all of you put in separate fund until a group decision is arrived at, or, alternately...

Two winter-bound friends by the sea, went off on a sensual spree, They settled in Coombs, (In a couple of rooms),

And dollops of Scotch in their tea. (Special weekend rate, double occupancy-\$61.00)¶

## HICEEC Report

### Celebrating Excellence

The HICEEC Business of the Year was announced at the Fall Business Mixer, October 25. We can't say here who the winner is, since this article is going to press before then. But thanks to everyone who participated and made a nomination, and sincere congratulations to the 2019 Nominees:

Sushi Snax/Jake Berman  
Forage Café/Jamara Cronia  
Hornby Denman Health Care Society  
Hornby Island Pizzeria & Bakery/Jon & Jane Laskin  
Hornby Creative/Tamara Lamont  
The Barn Recording Studio/Marc Atkinson  
Ferris Farmland Trust/Community Garden  
Hornby Island Co-op

### Casting Our Net for Better Internet

Your voice matters! Have you completed the internet survey yet? If so, thank you for participating.

If not, the link is on the bottom of the home page of [www.hiceec.org](http://www.hiceec.org)

The survey is a critical part of the local project to get fibre-optic internet infrastructure installed on both Hornby and Denman Islands.

HICEEC and the Denman Island Internet Committee have secured funding for the development



[www.HornbyIsland.com](http://www.HornbyIsland.com)

- The **go to site** for info on island businesses, goods & services
- **Events Calendar** (post for free, consult for *What's Happening*)
- **Advertisers:** more bang for your online buck

F.M.I. Accommodation owners contact Jake at: [info@hornbyisland.com](mailto:info@hornbyisland.com)

Other activities, businesses and general inquiries, contact [karen@hiceec.com](mailto:karen@hiceec.com)

of a Hornby Digital Roadmap and Implementation Plan, with the support of all levels of local government: the CVRD, School District, HIRRA, and Islands Trust.

Every voice counts, as we come together as a community to express our needs and aspirations. Evidence of a cohesive, prepared community will enhance our chance of succeeding with the “big ask” – the multimillion-dollar grant needed to upgrade the Island’s digital connectivity.

A public consultation, with industry experts to answer questions, will be held on Sunday, November 3, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, at New Horizons. Please attend.

### **Hornby’s Accommodation Sector Steps Up to the Plate**

Hornby resorts, lodges, B&Bs, and vacation rentals, have come together to develop an MRDT (Municipal and Regional District Tax) program for Hornby – a 3% tax derived from short-term rentals, with proceeds to be returned to the community. The anticipated starting date for this tax is October 1, 2020, with revenues coming into the community in 2021.

Projects that fit into the criteria specified by the Ministry of Finance, will be evaluated by the 11 person steering committee, comprised of representatives from Ford Cove Cabins, Hornby Island Diving, My Hornby Stays property managers, Sea Breeze Lodge, Wind ‘n’ Waves property management, the Thatch, Hornby Island Housing (or a housing rep.), the Co-op Store, HIAC, Hornby Recreation and HICEEC.

The next step will be consultation with local accommodation and service businesses to develop priorities for the five-year strategic plan and the one-year tactical plan for the MRDT program.

### **Long Awaited**

In December, 2012 the Hornby Island Official Community Plan encouraged owners of short-term rentals to form an association to help establish best practices, help educate owners and guests, and to foster low impact ecotourism. The time has come.

HICEEC is providing administrative support for the formation of the H.I. Short Term Rental Association, in order to more effectively manage tourism on our Island.

### **The Little Bus That Could**

The biggest news from the Hornby bus is that ridership in 2019 increased 60% over ridership in 2018. We would like to believe that this is due in part to increased awareness about our changing climate and the need for people to tread more lightly on the earth. Go public transit!

We are looking forward to increased ridership again next year, with more local users and also from the results of forming a partnership on Denman to establish a cross-Denman connecting bus.

### **Sweet Good-bye**

It is with a heavy heart that we say good-bye to HICEEC Administrative Assistant, James Emerson. Fortunately, James is staying on Hornby, just following his passion in other directions. Thanks to James for his engaging energy, especially in spearheading the 2019 Visitor Guide, putting on engaging Business Mixers, and stick-handling the 2019 bus season.

### **What Else Are we Working on?**

Hornbyisland.com EVENTS calendar; Hornby Denman Visitor Guide; participation in CAST; support for shoulder season economic enhancement, including the new bcseaside.com regional website; support for the Festival Society and Farmer’s Market internet; Ferry Advisory Committee; etc.¶

Submitted on behalf of the volunteer HICEEC Board: John Heinegg, Katherine Ronan, Carlyn Bishop, Jason Griggs, John Grayson, Jeff Zamluk, Jim Bulmer, and Jack Hornstein.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**MASS**

**TWICE A MONTH**

**335-1593**

1979: President Jimmy Carter was attacked by a rabbit while on a canoe trip in Georgia. He beat it away with a paddle.

# Trustee Report

Summer 1980

If I may editorialize a bit, I would like to say that I am still learning the procedure involved in rezoning (bylaw amending) and in public hearings. I do wish that the meeting immediately following the hearing, in which the bylaw was to be given third reading as it was, or third reading with minor amendments, or killed altogether, hadn't been rushed; that we'd had time, as a committee, to confer and read the well-written briefs together and had time to assess the proper weight each argument presented. Certainly the criticism is valid, that seven people desiring a quick beer, should not override concerns for the quality of the water in the bay or the quality of life for the neighbours. It is hoped, however, that the restrictive clauses regarding the boat dock and the Development Permit, which the owners must enter into, will enable the Trust Committee to develop a pleasing service for visitors and residents, that will be in keeping with the rural atmosphere of the Island and will not pollute the bay.¶

Carol Martin [Quinn]

## HIRRA Updates: Governance Visioning, Reports and Budgets

**HIRRA Governance Visioning:** At the October 9 Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association meeting, the HIRRA Executive announced that they would like to convene a visioning session to consider different governance models for the organization and to recommend adoption of a model that best reflects current realities. Alternative models would differ from one another by the degree to which executive power is distributed.

Currently the volunteer HIRRA Executive is a "working board" that is responsible for making policy decisions and carrying them out. The workload has become more onerous with increases in government

regulation and the recent unionization of the Recycling Depot.

Although the HIRRA Administrator and the Bookkeeper take care of most of the organization's day-to-day communications, office-work and financial management, the Executive Committee members are expected to review and evaluate important paperwork and financial reports. Ultimately, responsibility for decision-making and action still rests with the Executive Committee.

If changes to our governance model are to be considered at our next AGM with the needed advance notice of changes to our bylaws, it is imperative that planning for a visioning workshop begin very soon. The Executive is seeking volunteers to participate in a governance visioning process and make recommendations to the Executive.

**October Reports:** Doug Chinnery gave a report on Fire Department activities. The Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee was approved to become a regular Standing Committee of HIRRA. HICEEC and HIAC gave reports on their activities. The proposed Clinic expansion decision was deferred at their request pending further research.

**November Budget Approval Meeting Reminder:** The November 13 HIRRA meeting will be focussed on reviewing and approving the 2020 budgets for the seven tax-funded services managed by HIRRA Committees. After the Executive has reviewed the proposed budgets in late October, the draft budgets will be posted to the hirra.ca website for consideration by the membership prior to the November meeting.

Once the budgets are approved by the HIRRA membership, they are sent to the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) for their review and final approval.

**New members:** Three new members signed up at the October HIRRA meeting. Membership is open to

*Mike Nestor, M.Ed., Ed.S., RCC*  
250-218-0782



-now accepting private practice clients on Hornby & Denman  
-registered with BC Crime Victim Assistance Program

-over 25 yrs. experience in the mental health field assisting youth, families & adults

all property owners and residents (at least six months) on Hornby. Members are eligible to vote at HIRRA meetings 42 days after joining. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact the Administrator by e-mail: [office@hirra.ca](mailto:office@hirra.ca) or phone: 335-1842.¶

Submitted by Reina LeBaron, HIRRA, Administrator.

## Repent, is That What You Meant?

**gabriel jeroschewitz, may 2002**

We undress, your room is naked  
On a wave, that moment.  
All is turned transparent  
His memory-his pictures-his ashes  
Entwined and hushed.  
Weaving whispers in your beautiful ear  
He is engulfed in this rooms' shadow.  
The night is feminine and aquatic.  
Your room is outside itself in magnetic rotation.

The invisible pain pricked by phallus and cactus  
Love not forgotten.  
We sleep in a pool of frogs  
In his ghostly tatters  
A reflection suspended in another  
Of accident or predestination  
Under the leafy canopy of your hair  
From so long ago.

The rooms' voice lasts as long as its own sound  
takes

Echo by echo you replant your resurrection  
That has kept you silent for so long  
The howl of your memory invents another as it  
invents itself  
In language of falling matter  
And I sleep in your secret vegetation  
In the soliloquy of ashes  
In a universe that speaks to itself .

And now I love you because I am still mortal  
In this room above the garden  
And the copper mountains  
And nothing is forgotten.

*The following letters were in response to a questionnaire circulated on Hornby (and Denman) in 1980, asking for opinions on whether or not, one favours close island involvement with tourism growth and to keep the control in the hands of Islanders. 16 completed questionnaires out of 225. See Times Colonist article this issue for the skinny on what was happening on Hornby then. ED.*

Responses: 5 Pro 10 Con 1 Maybe  
March 1980

Pro: There is no way of controlling the number of tourists visiting our island: cottage industry tourism will make those who come less visible, more comfortable and more aware.

Could provide an income supplement for Islanders and more humane tourism. Upgrading of the ferry schedule should coincide with these additional tourist facilities.

We deceive ourselves if we believe that public servants are going to allow us to render their services obsolete. Also, must consider the fire safety factor of campers strewn here and yon. I favour the principle and would personally be conscious of possible perils, but would everyone participating in such a program?

Con: let's have adequate, supervised camping provided on Hornby in one space - provided by the Prov. Government. To scatter campsites all over the Island would cause a greater fire hazard than we already have. It would make the work of the fire department much tougher. If campers and tourists are going to come anyway I prefer them in one place.

M.G.R. [?]ED.

About a year ago, the Islands Trust refused to approve the rezoning that would have made possible the extension of Ted Wadland's campsites on the grounds that it would increase ferry traffic, adversely affect the Island's water

supply and increase donations to the Recycling Depot.

A cottage industry on Hornby Island would have exactly the same effects, and probably have greater effect on the water supply because many of the tourists so catered to would have access to baths and showers. As for such an industry having any effect on development by the Parks Branch, you just have to look at the recent furor over the Princess Marguerite to realize how much our Provincial Government and its ministries allow themselves to be guided by the wishes of the people who mark the ballots!

Contravenes everything the Island has planned toward for 10 years.

J.F. [Jennifer Fredbeck? ED.]

Any of the 1/2 acre subdivision lots are certainly not suitable for tents, dogs and children and more children. Most do not have good water supply and bathroom or toilet accommodations.

We will end up with both - private accommodation and Parks Campgrounds, with further pressure to expand the latter due to the popularization of the Island by providing a delightful "Island Experience." ¶

M.T. [Mary Turk (MacKenzie)]

## Sustainability is Not Enough

In the last year there has been a global call to action to address the Climate Crisis which has resulted in millions of people marching in the streets and many thousands risking arrest to spur governments and corporations to respond. It has been almost a year since a call to action at a HIRRA assembly, which resulted in community members forming the Sustainability Group.

In our efforts to engage, educate and participate, the Sustainability Group has been attending meetings and making presentations (HIRRA / Islands Trust / Water Stewardship / HICEEC). We hosted a forum on Water Sustainability (April 2019) and distributed 500 rack cards to our visitors this summer, that promoted environmental stewardship and awareness of local bylaws. We are now focusing on our next steps and are in the initial stages of planning our 2nd forum to be held in April 2020.

The topic for the next forum will be: **Climate Crisis - Impacts on Hornby Island**. We are intending to include presentations on:

- **Youth Engagement** - Work undertaken with and by youth is crucial to raise ambition of governments to address the Climate Crisis. How do we support our youth in this work?

- **Impacts of Climate Crisis on Hornby Island** - A science-based look at projected impacts due to sea level rise and other aspects of our changing climate.

- **What can YOU do?** - A primer on how to get involved with action, participation and awareness-raising.

- **Tourism Economy and Marketing** - How can we ensure that Hornby is a place of environmental stewardship and strong "eco" values working to reduce impacts that are associated with the summer influx?

We are planning to invite representatives from local government and organizations to sit on a panel of community members and invited speakers as part of the forum.

Does this topic interest you? Would you like to help organize and present this event? Please contact us at [hornbysustainability@gmail.com](mailto:hornbysustainability@gmail.com) or call Joanne 250-335-0922.

"We keep talking about adaptation in service of resilience, but resilience implies protecting what we have now. We need to be pre-silient; we need to protect what we have certainly, but more than that we need to adapt now for what is to come. To

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**Why settle for the rest, when you can have the best?**

be sustainable, development in the future must not only be environmentally neutral, it must also be both restorative and pre-silent.” As *The World Burns: The Case for a Restoration Imperative* by Bob Sandford (<https://www.watercanada.net/feature/as-the-world-burns-the-case-for-a-restoration-imperative/> for full article).¶

Submitted by Joanne Ovitsland, Mary MacKenzie, Jan Kennedy (Sustainability Group Steering Committee).

## A Paradise in Danger

(Maclean’s Magazine, 1986)

As the ferry pulls up to the wharf on Hornby Island, a blast from its horn cuts into the silence and sends sea gulls squawking in flight. Visitors have to take two ferries to reach the remote island, 50 miles northwest of Nanaimo in British Columbia’s Georgia Strait, but for Hornby’s approximately 1,000 permanent residents the inconvenience of the trip contributes to a slow pace of life amid beautiful, uncrowded surroundings. Because a disproportionate number of the island’s inhabitants are artists, architects and academics, area residents wryly comment that Hornby Island probably has received more Canada Council grants per capita than any other place in the nation. Now, residents are turning their talents to protecting their island from land developers.

The island has proven to be

especially attractive to academics disillusioned with city life. Some of those who quit the classroom in favour of simpler jobs on Hornby Island have lived there for more than 15 years. The bakery and pizza parlour are run by former professors; the electrician has a masters degree in philosophy and the plumber is an accomplished poet. More than 40 full-time artists live on the island, including well-known painter Jack Shadbolt, who summers there, as well as architects, potters, musical instrument makers, fabric artists and even a builder of Chinese sailing junks.

Despite increasing numbers of tourists, the island remains uncrowded. Hornby Islanders have jealously guarded the unspoiled nature of their habitat by ensuring that more recent developments blend with the landscape. Hornby’s renovated community hall, with its sod roof, cedar-log construction and driftwood doorway, has won the admiration of architects from North America, Europe and Japan. Potter Wayne Ngan speaks for many of those among the islands creative population when he says that he is inspired by his environment. Said Ngan: “Hornby is like living in a park.”

But some residents are now concerned that the beauty and tranquility of the islands between Vancouver Island and mainland British Columbia may be in jeopardy. They say they believe that Social Credit Premier William Bennett’s government is planning to permit large-scale real estate development on the island, despite a long standing agreement with residents on controlling growth. Hornby and 12 other strait islands are protected by the Islands Trust – a form of local government established in

**HORNBY ISLAND BLUES SOCIETY  
2019 AGM**

**ROOM TO GROW**

**November 12, 2019 5:30 p.m.**

1974 to "preserve and protect" their natural state.

The trust took shape after clashes during the 1960s, when local residents and young back-to-the-earth people opposed land developers who were eager to exploit the islands' natural splendour... As a result, six years later the NDP government, under Premier David Barrett, set up the Islands Trust to determine the rate of development, even though many cottages had already been built [Magic Lake Estates, North Pender Island].

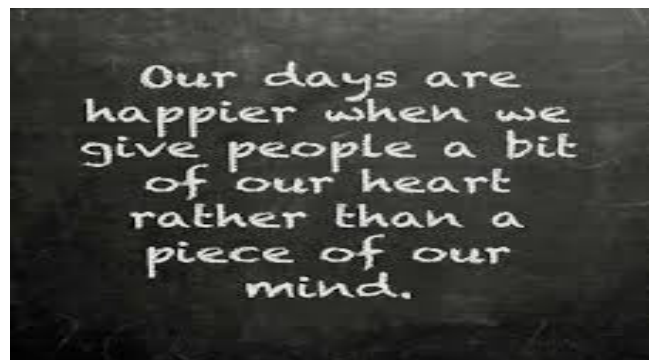
But four years ago Bennett's minister of municipal affairs, William Vander Zalm, proposed abolishing the trust in order to centralize control. At first the government agreed with his proposal, but then backed down in the face of protests from islanders. Some islanders say that his successor, William Ritchie, is also committed to reducing its effectiveness. Ritchie claims that he supports the trust, but last summer he absorbed the formerly independent authority into the ministry of municipal affairs and reduced its staff. Hornby Island trustee Carol Martin charged that the right-wing provincial government is suspicious of the trust system. Said Martin: "The government seems to think that it made a preserve for hippies. But a lot of professional and wealthy retired people have made their homes here because they enjoy the island."

At the heart of the residents' new concerns is a fear that the government might weaken the trust's prohibition against wholesale real estate development. Many islanders have said that they would rather see logging companies work the verdant forests temporarily by developers. Said trust chairman Michael Humphries: "Many developers

are urban people who see land as a commodity to be bought and sold and have little sense of long-term stewardship." For their part, developers resent the restrictions on small lot subdivisions on the islands, and they are lobbying Richie to soften the curbs on land development.

The islanders claim that their rules have not stopped development, only controlled it. Indeed, the population of the 13 islands has increased by 50 per cent to a total of 15,000 during the past 12 years. Even under controls imposed by the trust, another 18,000 lots remain to be developed throughout the archipelago. And despite the new challenge, most islanders say they are optimistic that their way of life will survive. Said Humphries, who lives on Lasquiti Island, 15 miles east of Hornby: "Initially, I was apprehensive about the trust's future, but I am less so now. It's still a wait-and-see game." And for Hornby Islanders who are worried about land development and encroaching tourism, the overriding concern is that the trust remain intact. Added island handyman Timothy Biggins: "We must keep the trust - it gives us the local autonomy to ensure that we can stay together as a community." For Hornby Islanders who retreated to a quiet, isolated community, their way of life is clearly threatened.¶

- Mark Budgen on Hornby Island



# The Essentials of Estate and Final Arrangement Planning



**FEPI of Courtenay, BC is pleased to offer this seminar on Hornby Island  
November 16, 2019 9:30am - 1:00pm**

## **Who is this Seminar for?**

*Anyone that is over 18 and has assets and/or dependents*

***Two Speakers will share their expertise and will offer question periods  
as well as one on one time after the seminar***

Lyle Carlstrom, a Lawyer who specializes in financial and estate planning will share his knowledge on Enduring powers of attorney, representation agreements and wills. In this interactive presentation you will learn how the law can help structure a estate plan. Participants will also learn the four ways property passes when individuals do, and how to minimize or eliminate probate fees.

Dennis Richardson is a 'Certified Planning Consultant'. He assists families in making final arrangements for burial, cremation and memorial celebrations. He will be speaking on the benefits of pre-planning final arrangements, how to complete these arrangements and how to discuss your wishes with family and loved ones. Dennis will be able to answer question about costs of arrangements at our local funeral homes and how best to arrange the financial details of your final wishes.

**Pre-Register by November 13th, 2019** by emailing [info@fepi.com](mailto:info@fepi.com),  
phoning 250-443-4437 or contacting Hornby Island New Horizons  
\$20 Registration will be collected at the door

Registration 9:00am, Presentations begin at 9:30am finishing by 1:00pm  
Hornby Island Community Hall

# School Update

Hello Hornby! Fall has arrived with glorious colours and some blowy days! We are continuing to await news of what will happen for our school rebuild. As presented at the recent CAST and PAC meetings, at this time, the Ministry of Education Capital Branch has accepted the Project Report for the replacement of the school. Ministry staff are now preparing a submission to Treasury Board for funding. As soon as we have further news we will get a notice out on our school website and to the community.

We have been engaged in many different types of learning over the past month. Some of the highlights have been designing and creating shadow puppet shows, spending time in our forest for "nature gym," taking part in Orange Shirt Day, Student Vote, and Waste Reduction Week. Another project was working with the Natural History Stewards to beautify our new spaces by planting daffodil bulbs as a school. It was yet another example of despite our school spaces changing, our community relationships have remained strong and continue to offer opportunities for our kids. It will be exciting to see the flowers come up in the Spring!

We have an exciting event coming up on Tuesday, November 5th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Room to Grow. You are invited to join Vancouver Island University, Union Bay Credit Union, Hornby Island Community School, and Hornby Island Educational Society for an educational savings sign-up event featuring fun, family friendly activities and snacks for children and families. Please come to ask questions, chat with others about educational saving options for your child, or a child you are connected to, and learn how to access funds for post secondary education. If you have any questions, please send a note to

[hies.childyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hies.childyouth@gmail.com)

November is also the month where we remember our veterans and the sacrifices they have made, and

continue to make. We will explore what role we can all have in bringing peace into our world as citizens. Our ceremony will be on November 7th which is our school day preceding November 11th. I hope everyone takes some time this month to appreciate the peaceful scenes that surround us, the relationships we have that bring us joy, and make a plan to offer even one small thing that could make our world a better place to be.

For up to date calendars and information, visit <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/> and our school website at <https://hornbyisland.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions, concerns etc.¶


Alissa Vernon Pratt, Vice Principal/Teacher  
Hornby Island Community School

## CHANGES OF LIFE (STYLE)

Opening is imminent of the Nitty Gritty Cash Only Growth Centre - specifically designed for jaded businessmen who are contemplating a renewal. Program includes building of bunkhouses with\*the support of alcohol, cigarettes and women, augmented by periodic visitations from intellectual or spiritual bodies who will bring messages of a better life through deprivation. Details and reservations available through Leigh Cross, Strachan Valley.

\*(that should read "without", sorry, Ed.)

Open Meetings



AA Meetings are now at the  
**Hornby Health Care Centre**  
Wednesday and Saturday at 7:30pm

**AL-ANON**  
**NAR-ANON**

For families & friends of  
alcoholics & addicts

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm  
Hornby health care building

# My First Edition Story

by Reina LeBaron

I must have been seven when the *First Edition* started as a community information bulletin in 1979, but I don't remember it. I know I submitted a gardening poem when I was about 17. Since it was published in a "medium for which the consumer pays" (technically there is a cover price), I was able to use it to support my application for a Creative Writing bursary at university a few years later. When I returned to Hornby after graduation in 1998, I started sending a few submissions to the paper, then run by editor/layout/publisher Stevi Kittleson.

In late 2002 Stevi was ready to pass the torch, and I was one of a group of young twenty-somethings who agreed to take it over. My minor in Creative Writing included courses in Publishing and Editing, so I was excited to be the editor. Ken Clark handled layout and design. Amanda Zielinski typed up the hard-copy submissions. Fortunately, we had the support of experienced *First Edition* folks: Susan Cain bookkeeping; Gabriel Jeroschewitz printing; and Oakley Rankin organizing collating. I think some other young people were initially going to work on advertising and art-direction, but I can't remember who now. In any case, we decided together to change

from the legal-size pages to the current booklet style format. We also considered changing the name but didn't. January 2003 was our First "New" Edition.

I was elected Vice-Chair of HIRRA in April 2003. After a year of juggling both volunteer positions, as well as part-time jobs and house-building, I decided to step down as editor, though I kept submitting my thoughts on various issues. Five years later, when Cat Dextrase moved on from editing the paper, I took over the role again and stayed for nine more years.

During that time, Ken resigned from doing the layout and I worked with both Duncan and Stani, who each made design improvements to the paper. Lynn Nunley took over most of the bookkeeping duties when Susan Cain was ready to step back. We shepherded the paper through the purchase of a new printer, the reduction in the word limit from 650 to 600 and then to the "austerity" issues with a 400 word limit. We made policy decisions to not allow attacks or anonymous submissions, to offer a digital subscription, and to charge for articles that advertised businesses and events. We had one potluck meeting each year to discuss the paper and the policies.

I really enjoyed having that deadline each month forcing me to write down some thoughts in my "Editor's Letter." And now, I'm glad that Alex Allen enthusiastically took over editing after I became HIRRA Administrator. In some ways it was hard to give up being the editor, but I know that if I read the *First Edition* from cover to cover I will be well-informed on most island issues and events.

Thank you to everyone who keeps the paper alive and relevant, and still on paper!¶

## REGISTERED EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS PLAN

### Program

to help Hornby parents  
get a RESP

**Tuesday, November 5**  
**Room to Grow**  
**2:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Union Bay Credit Union, Vancouver  
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November 11: 11-3



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- Fever Tree 500ml size beverages - two varieties
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## Co-op Corner

### Employee Remuneration

In June 2019, there was a province-wide increase to minimum wage. While most retailers raised wages to meet new minimum wage standards across their bottom pay tiers only, we went above and beyond by increasing wages across all tiers. We are the only Co-op in our area and one of very few across BC to have done so.

The Living Wage standard is an important socio-economic marker and we are collaborating with the Living Wage for Families Campaign, <http://www.livingwageforfamilies.ca> to determine a Living Wage Standard for Hornby Island. Right now, there is no established Gulf Island specific template to work with, so the unique costs of rural island living must be considered and included. Happily, our groundbreaking work will simplify the process for other communities around our coastal region. We are committed to this process and will continue to update the membership on progress.

### Federated Co-ops Ltd (FCL) Leaders Conference

Every Fall, FCL hosts regional training workshops and a conference with reports from various departments for the Western Canadian Co-ops. This year, the Fall Conference has gone through an overhaul, and is now hosted in Saskatoon instead of Calgary, and includes all five FCL Regions.

By moving from regional meetings to a single-conference format, attendees will benefit from national-caliber speakers on leadership, updates from FCL leaders on more topics, leading governance practices from industry experts, and better opportunities for networking with members from across the Co-operative Retailing System.

Lisha Scott and Claire Burke will represent the

Hornby Co-op at the conference. Lisha will be attending workshops with fellow Retail Managers and Claire will be attending workshops on Board Role in Strategy Development and Oversight, and Board Sustainability Governance.

### Membership Engagement Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts, our annual Membership Engagement Meeting has been postponed until next year, aiming for Spring. The lines of communication are always open, and we encourage members to email us with any questions, feedback, wishes, and direction you'd like to see your Co-op take, at: [board@hornbyislandcoop.ca](mailto:board@hornbyislandcoop.ca). Team Leader, Lisha Scott, is always available to address members' needs one-on-one, and the "Suggestion Box" at the Co-op bulletin board is read and responded to regularly. We want to hear from you!

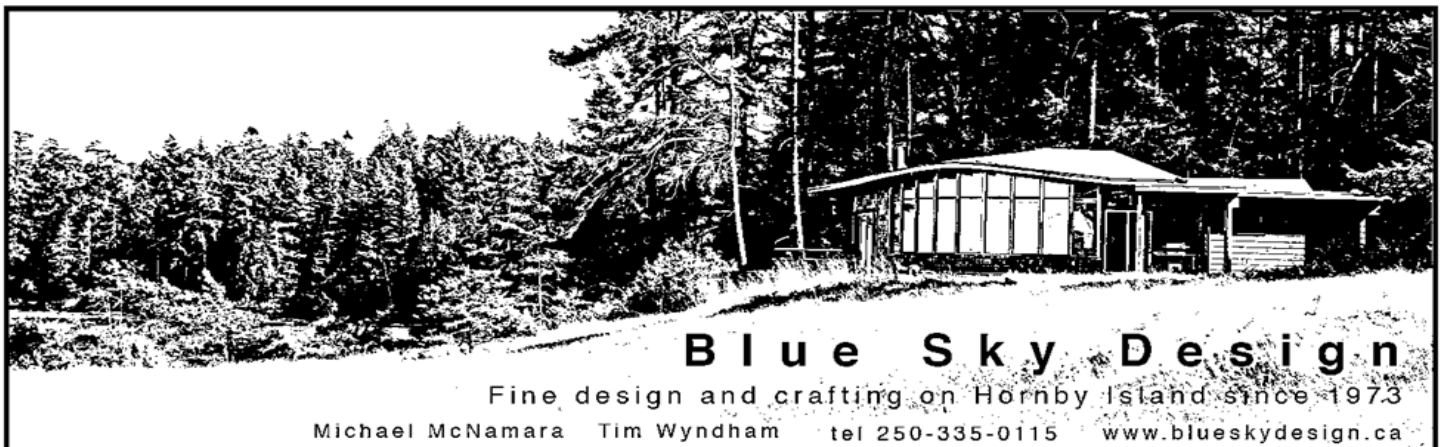
### Electric Car Charging Station

FCL has been evaluating trends in alternative fuels and negotiating strategic partnerships with key players, with the goal of pursuing potential development opportunities utilizing funding made available through government bodies or 3rd party partnerships.

We have applied to FCL to participate in their "Co-op Connect EV Charging Network" program which could provide installation costs for one Level 2 and one Level 3 station. We will update on the progress as we learn more.

### Co-op 2019 Community Contributions – Donations & Sponsorships (to date)

- YES Camp attendees; seven Hornby youth sponsored this summer
- SPARK Robot Camp
- Hornby Fall Faire
- Hornby Festival
- Fall Faire Zucchini Race track
- Ted Tanner & musical guests, every Thursday



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- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- No Horses Music Festival
- HI Education Society After-school Program
- HI Housing Society
- HI Fire Rescue
- Community Paramedic Awareness Program
- CHFR 96.5 HI Community Radio Society
- CHI Herring Festival
- Hornby Pre-school Strawberry Tea
- Joe King Athletic Association
- HI Arts Council Arts & Crafts Sundays.

Community Donation and Sponsorship application forms are available in the Admin. Office at the Coop.¶

Submitted by Claire Burke on behalf of the Membership Engagement Committee.



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# Norway and the US, Compared

by Doug Carrick

There is a great difference between a democracy and an oligarchy. As a reminder, an oligarchy is a government controlled by a few, promoting their own self-interest. Compared below are Norway and the United States:

Norway Democratic Socialism	United States Unfettered Capitalism
Poverty rate - 10%	Poverty rate - 29%
Life expectancy of 81.7 years.	Life expectancy of 79.6 years.
Infant mortality 2 per 1,000 births.	Infant mortality 5.7 per 1,000 births.
A murder rate of 0.51 per 100,000.	A murder rate of 4.74 per 100,000.
Incarcerations: 74 per 100,000.	Incarcerations: 860 per 100,000.
GDP of \$75,500 per person	GDP of \$59,500 per person
70% workers protected by Unions	11.3% workers protected by Unions
Ranks 2nd -Happiest Country	Ranks 14th -Happiest Country
Free Universal health care	Unpaid/Insurance based health care
Free higher education	Expensive higher education
Financial security for seniors	No security for seniors
83% home ownership	63% home ownership
Living wage as minimum	Poverty wage as minimum
8 weeks paid vacation per year	No paid vacation per year
35 weeks paid parental leave	No paid parental leave
Average personal tax rate- 38.52%	Average personal tax rate- 37%

Source: In-sights, Choices, May 11, 2019

Norway has also built up a one trillion dollar surplus (heritage pension fund) while the US has a 22 trillion dollar debt.

It is no wonder that the United Nations Report for 2019 found Norway the 2nd happiest nation in the world with Denmark 1st, Iceland 3rd, and Finland 4th. All are democracies that keep corporate power well under control.

It is no surprise that these same countries have had a proportional voting system for over 100 years.

It is no surprise that Norway has provided sufficient incentives that over 50% of new cars purchased are now electric cars.

And it is no surprise that Norway is divesting itself of all investments in the Canadian tar sands, while Trudeau continues to promote its expansion.

In contrast, Canada is undoubtedly an oligarchy. Taxes on corporations and the wealthy have been greatly reduced over the past 40 years. Social services have been cut back. Massive subsidies are given to oil producers. Our tax money is used to build pipelines for them. And after creating Canada's greatest environmental mess (the tar sands) it will be the taxpayers who will eventually pay the clean-up bill.

Canadians are paying a horrific price because we have allowed ourselves to be ruled by an oligarchy. And the cost is going to be infinitely higher yet, as the climate crisis continues its relentless path of destruction.

It is essential that we begin seeing ourselves the way we actually are – an oligarchy. It is only then that we can make progress towards becoming a true democracy once again.¶



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In the Comox Valley - Hornby Island

# Shall We Improve Our Internet Connectivity on Denman and Hornby Islands?

Denman Island's Internet Committee (DIIC) and Hornby's (HICEEC) are sharing their findings and are seeking your views. How we should proceed with acquiring improved internet connectivity? On November 3 there will be open houses at the New Horizons on Hornby and at the Activity Centre on Denman. A strong community response will be an indicator to regulators and those who hold the purse strings of how important this issue is to our island communities. We encourage everyone to attend.

The following are some important subjects to be discussed in more detail at the open house meetings.

## Current Situation on Our Islands

The national standard for internet service is that households should have internet at speeds of 50 Mbps for downloads and 10 Mbps for uploads.

- Our surveys of island households found no respondents receiving that standard of service.
- Survey respondents identified slow, unreliable

service negatively impacting their personal and professional livelihoods.

- 70% of islanders access the internet through TELUS, 15-20% use Xplornet, the balance use Smart Hubs and cell phone tethering.

## Why Improve Our Internet?

- Our households are increasingly engaged in demanding online activity – streaming conversations, distance education, essential business functions, challenging games, integrated musical and artistic collaborations and critical medical monitoring.
- Our businesses are getting more rooted in robust online interaction for promotion, sales, operations and administration.
- We have the ability to substitute keystrokes on our computers for considerable time, energy and expense consumed in travel.

## Funding is Available

Government funds are available for connectivity improvement. In Budget 2019, the Federal Government committed that 95% of Canada's homes and businesses would have access to 50/10 Mbps service by 2026 and 100% by 2030. The investment will be \$5-6 Billion over the next decade.

- The CRTC's broadband fund provides \$750 Million to help bring adequate internet to underserved rural and remote areas. It will be open for applications this fall/winter. The federal Connect to Innovate program has \$500 Million for "backbone" and 'last mile' infrastructure for rural and remote areas, is now closed, but may re-open. BC's Connecting British Columbia Program offers funding of \$50 Million (Budget 2019).

- The Coastal Connection project will bring undersea fibre optic cable to 154 communities around both sides of Vancouver Island and onwards to Haida Gwaii and the north coast.

- Our project has obtained a grant of \$15,000 from BC for "strategy" and an additional grant of up to \$20,000 from a BC economic program, ICET. The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) supports our project with the provision of \$15,000 (through Denman Works and HICEEC).

## Looking Ahead

We have contracted an internet technology design company to examine options for improving our internet. This company, Baylink Networks Inc is the firm that senior governments employed to plan the implementation of their Coastal Connection project.

Baylink has developed a plan that would provide 100% fibre-optic connections to every household on



## Hornby Island Educational Society Annual General Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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**Hornby Island Educational Society programs include:**

Toddler drop-in, Afterschool programs, Teen nights, 'Wednesday school' for high school students, The Kitchen, Natural History Centre and Adult Education programs (coming soon!)

Denman and Hornby within two years of receipt of funding from governments.

We have received a partnership proposal from TELUS, wherein if we can obtain the needed government funding, TELUS will provide the following:

- Fibre-optic connections to every household on Denman and Hornby islands, at an estimated total project cost \$11,565,000.
- Federal and Provincial government contributions to be determined.
- TELUS would own the infrastructure, user fees would be TELUS standard.
- TELUS contribution to total cost - \$2,585,000.

Another possibility would be to contract an existing ISP to serve us using backbone capacity near our islands, or to do this through our own community ISP. We are currently examining these options, including their business feasibility.

### What Does Our Community Need to Do?

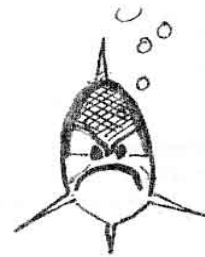
While our committees work to review technical options and attract funding, and keep our communities informed, at the heart of this entire initiative is a need to have a clear, demonstrated understanding of our communities' views – what do we want to do?

A strong attendance and participation at our open houses will greatly assist our ability to progress.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE OPEN HOUSES ON DENMAN AND HORNBY ON NOVEMBER 3.

Please call Ty Runkle on Denman (250) 702-1247 or Karen Ross on Hornby (250) 335-1199 and let us know you'll be coming; it will help us ensure that we have enough coffee and cookies for everyone. ¶

Submitted by Karen Ross., on behalf of HICEEC.



### ULDIS ARAJS BAGS A THREE-POINTER

Once again, Uldis Arajs has failed to stay on his side of the line. A collision on Strachan Valley Road has resulted in his acquisition of three bad points. When asked for a statement he was heard to mumble, "Have I any good points left?"

## The world is changing – shouldn't your banking be, too?

Climate change is the greatest challenge of our time. With our planet's health at stake, recent weeks and months have seen protests across the Island and around the world decrying the lack of action by governments and corporations.

Even with the likes of Greta Thunberg leading the way, the reality is that today's problems require all of us to get involved and work together to make a difference. Choosing where you bank is just one way you can effect change.

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### Answers to the Archives Quiz

**Answer #1:** Dr. Mary Wertheim. The official opening for the Hornby Island Health Clinic was on December 1, 1974. This accomplishment was powered by the community and its volunteers – notably Doris Savoie in her role as Clinic Administrator, Betty Smith for negotiating and lobbying the government and Keith Stonehouse for the site work and well digging. (Clinic Collection RG 27 Box 2, File 13)

**Answer #2:** 10 children were suffering from the measles on June 12, 1949 according to the journals of Kitty Seon. Also noted during this week – a cold North wind was blowing; Miss Melvin was busy getting the road through to her acreage down at Tribune Bay and the boat arrived at the Wharf carrying an orchard ladder and a big box of books for Kitty and Greville. (Kitty (Catherine Anne) Seon Collection RG 28 Box 1, File 1)

**Answer #3:** \$9000, and this included five cows and four calves on 51 acres with yearly taxes of \$43. It is noted that the population was 200 people, Hornby Island had three stores, a new school and a school bus. C.H. Shearer and his wife Mollie were selling due to her ill health. (Reference Files: Seabreeze Lodge/Seabreeze Guest Farm)

**Answer #4:** 33 steps are outlined in the plan to illuminate the Big Tree during the holidays in 1985 by Dale Chase and Tim Biggins. Tim Biggins notes the approx. 220' tree could have beaten out the world record at the time for tallest Christmas tree and that he and Dale spent 11 hours in the tree with a ground crew of approx. 30 and that Santa himself flipped the switch to the delight of the crowd! (Reference Files: Big Tree).

**Answer #5:** The passenger and the sheep/hog cost the same: 10 cents. The automobile and single horse vehicle cost the same: 50 cents. (Ferry Collection RG 31 Box 1, File 15).

**A special thank you to Bob Cain for all the photos!**

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## Briefs to the Islands Trust

Summer 1980

The following are excerpts from two briefs presented to the Islands Trust at a recent meeting here:

"...the main issue of regulation and order is to me one of determining and harmonizing the extent to which people use and exploit these Gulf Islands...I submit, therefore, that the Trust, in its Regional Plan, must direct its attention to each of its member Islands' regulation of flow of people, without discrimination, by defining with precision the amount of ferry service which, with Highway's connivance, can effectively regulate each Island from use beyond the limits of its ecological and practical tolerance...we for instance, on Hornby, said in our community plan that we wanted a constriction on ferries so as to safeguard our wishes in regard to the overuse of the Island, but we have a continuous running of ferries far beyond the dictates of the posted schedule and so we dump more and more campers on the Island to everyone's discomfiture and the Island's disfigurement.

You can argue that if people are in the line up to and from the Island, they deserve service, but the main ferry system to and from Vancouver to Vancouver Island does not accept that premise. Ferries do not run repeatedly until every vehicle is delivered to its destination. Result. People adjust their travel plans accordingly. Then postulate that the local residents must have ferries as at present in excess of the established schedule because of the crowds during holiday periods and it is misleading; the locals, too, have to order their

lives to the limited number of ferry trips...Another issue that I do not find explicit in your pamphlet is your supervision and revision of community plans coupled to the bylaws central to their aspirations. And with that, the furthering of your responsibilities stemming from your central authority in the crucial question of enforcement of bylaws..." - Bob Phillips

"The popularity of the Gulf Islands as a tranquil place to visit is growing. With the attraction of more people to the Islands, the potential destruction of rural atmosphere, which the holiday makers are seeking, is becoming a matter of concern. One possible way of protecting the Islands from losing their unique qualities is to restrict the ferry runs to the posted schedule. The existing facilities should be the measure that governs the number of visitors who can be accommodated on the Islands. Such facilities should be regulated so that a natural change can take place which can be accepted by the residents without destroying their lifestyle...The Hornby Island Community Plan specifically states that '...unless ferry capacity...can be controlled, there will be very little that is rural or unique on Hornby in years to come.'

My other concern is the lack of enforcement of existing bylaws. At present, most residents accept the bylaws voluntarily with a few exceptions. The latter are being allowed to carry on the contravention to the bylaws. I would encourage the Islands Trust to take the necessary steps forthwith to enforce our bylaws in fairness to the people abiding by them and to make the bylaws and the effort that has gone into preparing them meaningful." - Uldis Arajs

## Noshing with Albert

by Michael Hornsby


My first job on Hornby in 1980 was given to me by Cedar Wallace when she was a co-ordinator for Home Support. Back then, assistance was available to help with yard chores, like turning soil, picking fruit etc. And my first assignment was to help an old fellow named Albert J. Savoie. So one fine spring morning I left the cabin where I was living on Mount Road intending to hitchhike to Phipps Point. But I had to walk because no one drove by in the half hour it took to get there.

When I arrived, Albert was waiting at the gate. He made a lasting impression because I can still remember him dressed in a tattered old Cowichan sweater and gumboots wearing a beat-up funny looking hat that looked like it might have once been an old felt fedora. After a brief introduction, he directed me to an enormous pile of freshly bucked green alder, handed me a maul, explained what he wanted and left. He came back a couple of hours later and said it was time for lunch.

Margaret was Albert's wife. She wasted no time

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making me feel right at home and she kept a cozy kitchen that smelled wonderful. I sat down to a nicely set table and then Albert shows up all neat and clean in a nice cardigan and slippers. In total contrast to the character I'd met earlier.

Unlike what Albert was wearing, I can't remember what we had for lunch that first day. It could have been ham steaks with mashed potatoes and cream corn. Or fried chicken with potato salad and baked beans. Maybe pork cutlets in mushroom gravy with pan fries or even a hot roast beef sandwich smothered in onions. Whatever it was, it was delicious, honest blue plate special comfort food that always came with fresh baked biscuits, even if we had chicken and dumplings. Vegetables came as the season progressed; peas, beans, corn and butter.

Pickled everything and bean salads and coleslaw and everything else that would compliment biscuits and gravy. Sometimes, like after a holiday, we'd have turkey soup with a big pile of sandwiches; devilled ham, egg salad, salmon with corn relish, pickled onions, cauliflower, beets. You name it.

Second helpings were not unheard of and then there was dessert, always dessert. If it was pie or cake or jam tarts or cobblers, we'd have it with ice cream. If it was pudding or jello, we'd have it with whipped cream. And sweet coffee with evaporated milk.

After lunch, Albert announced that he was going to take a nap and that I should go and spend another hour with the pile and that would complete my shift. I learned three things that day: that lunch was the main meal of the day at Albert and Margaret's place; chopping wood is actually good for relieving that drowsy feeling you get after eating too much; and, bring work gloves.

My next shift had me back at the wood pile and the deal was that I would chop it and wheel it over to a shed and dump it. Albert liked to stack his wood. Just when I was almost done with that tiresome heap of future fuel, it was replaced with another one. So, my fate was sealed for the next few shifts. Fortunately, the lunches were modestly magnificent.

Over lunches, we got to know each other a bit

and discovered that we had boats in common. I had until recently, been living on one and he had spent a considerable portion of his life building and skippering them. I told them that my only previous experience with firewood had been going out at night and tearing apart old furniture that we found on garbage barges tied up to the side of a canal in Amsterdam. They told me about life on Hornby before electricity. Rowing boats over to Denman to go to picnics. Motoring over to Comox with cans of milk and returning with a cow. Stuff like that.



My next task was helping Albert take down and put away storm windows, and so it progressed. From digging up tulip bulbs to picking pears and everything in between. I picked a lot of apples. There was a cold room where they kept preserves and such, and Albert had a couple of shelves where he kept what I

gathered were his favourite apples, because they were all carefully arranged, so as not to be touching.

There was an interesting woman who lived in a modified trailer in a corner of the property. She had one of those cigarette rolling machines with a piece of fabric slotted down the middle and knobs on the sides. She also had a cafeteria-sized coffee percolator. She was always very happy to have company and back then we had a thing called a smoke break. So I would often go over to Josephiné's place and roll a drum cigarette while she'd talk my ear off about nothing in particular. She was quite gossipy, but it didn't matter, because I didn't have a clue who she was talking about anyway.

My last chore for Albert was digging potatoes, and we had to drive over to his brother, George's place, because that's where they were planted. On the way, he showed me what was left of the house where he grew up. When we got to the field, George and Leo were there, so that was the first and only time I ever saw those three brothers together. It was also there I saw where all the firewood I chopped came from.

I'm not sure what the circumstances were, but there was a gap in my employ with Home Support and my new assignment was helping an old guy named Walter Geppert. He liked to talk a lot too and had a very curious laugh. But that's another story.¶

The HIRRA Emergency Preparedness Committee was prepared to host this year's second educational workshop and earthquake simulation exercise at the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre on October 19. However, due to low turnout we decided to postpone the simulation exercise and reconvene in the Winter of 2020.

If you are willing to take an **emergency planning census** of your neighbourhood (recording number of people, pets, livestock; resources such as water, generators, chainsaws; and special needs such as mobility issues, blindness or other disabilities) and you have not been contacted already, let me know and I'll help you. Also, you may be contacted by a neighbourhood volunteer for the emergency census.

The census is an important element of **neighbourhood emergency planning**, but your participation is entirely voluntary. Amy LeBaron 250 335 3038

Thanks to our funders: HICEEC, Hornby Co-op, Baynes Sound Lions Club and BC Hydro.

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## Lodge Tennis Court Memories

by Kathy Mukai, November 2012

Bless Keith Stonehouse for putting in that Lodge tennis court! He and Bertie were ever responsive to their guests' comfort and wants, and he built that court after my Mom told him that the Lodge needed one.

In the beginning, there was only fence at the ends, but not along the sides. In those days, the Stonehouse's kept cattle who used to have the whole lower pasture to themselves, so they continued to wander where they wished, including onto the court. Human tennis players had to debate with the cows over whose turn it was to use the court.

Even when the cows weren't in possession you could tell they'd been there. My friend Susan and I, always barefoot, sometimes made a game of trying to hop from one side of the court to the other on dried-out cow patties. This was a game often fraught with surprise, as a fairly fresh patty had a dry crust, and looked just like a week-old one.

We found out the hard way which was which.

Mom enjoyed playing on that court immensely, saying that now the Lodge was paradise, especially when the side fences went up. I did hear her mutter the odd time, however, that the grass run-back was full of snakes. When she walked back to retrieve the ball she sometimes touched more than she bargained for.

I hope the cows were not offended when they could no longer get onto Keith's wonderful tennis court. In my opinion, no loss; their backhands were terrible.¶

## The Nature Channel

with Jan Bevan

### Pileated Woodpeckers

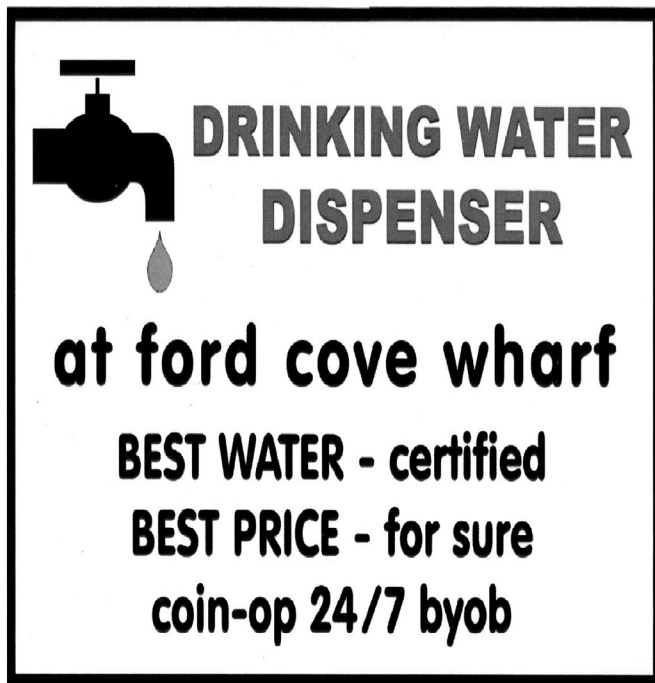
At recent apple-picking time, you may have had gorgeous red apples at the tops of your trees, which proved to be spoiled by deep, cone-shaped pits in the upper side. This is the work of Pileated Woodpeckers (*Dryocopus pileatus*).

First off, how do you pronounce the name? Is it PILE-ee-ated, or PILL-ee-ated? It's the latter, pronounced with a "PILL" in it. The word comes from the Latin "pileus," a conical felt hat. Indeed, the bird has a tall pointed top-knot, bright red in colour.

Males also have a bright red "moustache," which is lacking in females. In adolescent birds, the red may be more of an orange shade. In addition, there are sometimes genetic quirks, by which an occasional adult bird shows up with yellow crest and moustache. (Just as, near Qualicum, there are occasional all-white ravens.)

Pileated Woodpeckers, with crow-sized bodies, are the largest woodpeckers in North America. They are as close as you will come to seeing what the presumably extinct Ivory-Billed Woodpecker looked like. (I say "presumably," because occasional reports of Ivory-Billed come from deep swamps of the southern USA.)

Each side of the Pileated's face carries black and white stripes, the white continuing down the longish neck to the front of the wing. A small smudge of white appears in the wing feathers on the upper side. Underneath, however, the wings are largely bright



white, a feature that shows clearly when the bird flies. The flight, like that of all woodpeckers, is rather undulating, but less so than the flight of flickers, sapsuckers, and smaller woodpeckers. Those big wings beat down very deeply. The beak is long, strong, and pointed. The feet, which hold the bird upright on tree trunks, each have two strongly-clawed toes pointing forward and two backward.

This bird is usually an inhabitant of deep evergreen woods, where there are plenty of standing dead or dying trees, and downed rotten logs. As it pecks into wood, it creates large, oval or rectangular holes, with chips scattered all about. The sound of the woodpecker's hole-digging is loud slow knocks that could be mistaken for a person chopping or hammering. After excavating the big cavities in trees or logs, the woodpecker's enormously long barbed tongue can reach into the tunnels of carpenter ants, to extract the protein-filled insects.

Your bird book may describe Pileated Woodpeckers as "shy," "retiring," or "wary." Well, not here, not in autumn.

In fall, they get a taste for fruit. They become very bold, and will repeatedly come to grape arbours, to consume huge quantities of grapes. We have even had them fly right into our greenhouses, looking for



grapes. They frequently give out their ringing KUK-KUK-KUK-KUK-KEEKEEKEEK call. Although not the cartoon Woody Woodpecker yell, this sounds annoyingly mocking – "Yah, yah, yah, can't catch me!" They also often stop to tear a few strips off our cedar gate-posts in passing. The cocky adolescent birds, with their dishevelled orange crests, seem to be the worst offenders – juvenile delinquents.

After the grape fiesta, they fly into the apple trees, to sample the best fruit in the tree-tops. Annoying as their habits are to farmers, of course I delight in having these big wild birds in my environment. Their nest cavities in trees become nest-holes for other birds. They help to control carpenter ants (which are alarming pests to have in one's house) and they are part of the grand recycling scheme of the Pacific Northwest forests.

I just wish they'd choose one apple and eat it entirely, instead of pecking a hole in every one of the biggest, reddest, best apples.¶

## Spandex on the Road Again

November 2004

One of the embarrassments you might have noticed throughout the summer on Saturday mornings if you were a regular at Ford Cove for a coffee and a smoke or an elder who needed to dig out an old growth root from the ditch on Central Road or a savvy islander wanting to beat the unshuffled masses at the Coop or tourist and local alike wanting a savoy cabbage before they all sold out or perhaps a romantic driving home or hey, just checking the mailbox, were two women wearing inorganic garments, running, and talking about what they did or did not eat for breakfast, whether they had water or gatorade in the bottle or gel packs tucked into the second bra layer; what they had or had not done during the week to increase their speed or hill tolerance, which tops wicked away more moisture and whether leggings



helped by keeping the leg muscles warmer...and only after that about family, friends, joys, sadnesses, dilemmas that could be resolved only by kilometre 15, 20, 25, or 30 and thus had told their partner things they never told anyone else and had received encouragement out the car window or from your bike while trying to keep the dog from leaping up on them, or almost hit the ditch when they were standing on Little Trib Road doing hip rotations in unison, and finally you might have seen them merging into the Coop corner-copia stretching their hams and quads and high-fiving and you might have overheard them laughing and telling each other how awesome they each are: "You are, no, it's you, I coulda done it without you, I wouldn't ave done it without you." ¶  
Toby Krell

## Helen O's Diaries

1979

**Nov. 15-** We had a 40-cent raise at Coop today. Now make \$4.40 an hour.

**Nov. 18-** New horizons work party. Mary, Uldis and Jill came for a dinner which was supposed to be oysters but the tide came up.

**Nov. 21-** Pierre Trudeau resigned as party leader today and so ends the Trudeau Era.

**Nov. 23-** Our shifts have changed because the Federated Coop order goes to Calgary instead of Vancouver. Helped Mary and Uldis collate *The First Edition* Vol.1. Cooked tacos for them then we all ended up at the pub.

1982

**July 29-** We are very pleased tonight because all the protests and furor in the legislature on the part of Karen Sanford and Dave Barrett have made Vander Zalm back down and he has to bring the Land Act in for third reading so the Island's Trust is safe.

**Aug. 5-** Dave went to Courtenay to see the revised plans for the new school. The ferries go on strike at midnight.

**Aug. 6-** Went to Syzygy to get a pizza. Helene and Nick Caton opened up a bakery in half of the Cardboard house about 1-1/2 weeks ago. They have

professional equipment and sell bread, pies, muffins, buns and cookies. Every Friday and Saturday night the Laskins sell pizza.

**Aug. 7-** Day 2 no ferries. They say they will fund 9 trips on Monday then close down again. Concerned for Leigh Cross who stands to lose \$2000 if the Vancouver music people cannot get here.



**Aug. 8-** Went to the ferry and took a picture of Maureen Wood, Kim Domay and Vaughn Neville on the picket line. They will run tomorrow paying for the fuel themselves.

**Aug. 9-** Tonight we began a week of concerts with the Purcell String Quartet playing Hayden, Bartok and Dvorak. The "new" hall looks fantastic.

**Aug. 10-** Picked up Matthew Fredbeck and he helped us photograph all the signs on the island. He is off for a week in Japan as a Rotary Exchange student for one year. A call came from a school trustee saying that he had been in touch with Brian Smith and that Smith had OK'ed \$975,000 for the new school last night. In a cabinet shuffle last night Vander Zalm was made education minister.

**Aug. 12-** Three of us went and moved out the old shelves and put up new metal shelves at the store. Went to a potluck at Laffins to celebrate Kirstin Humphrey, Nora and Tony Pantages' birthdays. Helliwell's, Colin's and Wiseman's also there. Nice evening.

**Aug. 13-** A woman put a sign up outside complaining about the cost of milk. We pay Dairyland \$1.83 and freight 15 cents and sell it for \$2.09 making 11 cents profit. The fifth concert tonight and well received standing ovation and I am sure they understood our appreciation.

**Aug. 21-** Chris Bresard and his mother Trudy came to stay with us for a few days. David Heatherbell, a descendant of original settlers came to talk to Dave. They all ended up clamming

and brought them home. Clams and wine for dinner.

**Aug. 22-** Today was almost unreal with all the people that came through. Heatherbell slept in his car then off to Victoria. The rest of us went to George Savoie's and picked tons of berries. We stopped for a look at the horse show. Peggy Kabush's father came to find out who repaired our Turner built boat. Gloria Snivley and friend came to see the house. After dinner Dave Western came for blackberry pie. Then Kirstin came to get Laura to babysit. Then Gloria returned with 4 friends and 4 children. Mary Turk came for a visit. It was really like a parade.

**Aug. 23-** A little quieter today. Ric and Rosemary Vernon with their 3, Elissa, Hailey and Roger, came over to visit. Tonight was a Ratepayer Executive meeting at Norm Walton's house. Felt a little nervous on the road because this was where Kim Domay's daughter was attacked last week.

**Aug. 31-**Went to Courtenay with Betty Smith and Dave to meet Mrs. Hughes and to research old newspapers for the archives. Mrs. Hughes is the widow of the editor of Comox Argus and has bound copies of newspapers from 1920. Came home and went to Bodenhams for a barbecue with about 30 others.¶

### UNCLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: Ford XLT 4 wh drive truck. 2 gas tanks, sliding rear window, canopy, winch. Contact Bob Thomsen at the Thatch. 5-0136.

WANTED: Burner for Servel propane refrigerator. Phone Uldis at 5-2606 for description of burner and clamp.

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS? Think about the Hornby Pot Shop. Lorna has a key and can help you. Call her at 5-0235.

Thank you to Nora Laffin who had some Gestetner Ink when we ran out just before the last two pages. If you happen to be in the Arctic and you happen to run into Nora and you happen to need a camel, this paper (irreproachable source that it is) guarantees that she will give you one.

STANDING AT STUD: Virgin Acrylic Ram, suitable for crossing with pure Nylon ewes. Fleece guaranteed to wash and dry without shrinkage and be inedible. End your dog problems. Currently running at large, but appointment can be made with Carol Martin in case he is found.

WANTED: Assorted tables and chairs - dining, end tables, and just to put things on. Call David or Joan Wiseman at 5-0475.

WANTED: Aluminum Boat 12-13', floatation tanks, equipped with guarantee to catch fish. Contact Dave Gerow. Phone 5-2675 or Marine Radio Operator: request "Hornby Raft"

WANTED: Suggestions to make to Ratepayers' and Islands Trust on effective dog control and licensing that will finally educate owners. Please submit to this paper.

This space, using my typewriter as a guide, costs \$1.50 per ad. Please submit money with ad so we are not all hung up in bookkeeping with trivial amounts.. Quarter page is \$5; half page is \$10, and full page is \$20. (These ads pay for material for Open Space M.T.)

There will be a box marked 'First Edition' just outside the P.O. for contribution of articles, letters, (some small drawings to take the place of photos?) and unclassified ads. See ads page for costs.

Deadline: 19th of each month except December, which will be the 15th. Published 5 days thereafter and will include all that space and fairly good taste allow. Contact Mary Turk (5-2606) if you need more information.

# Duck Soup, May 13 & 14, 1989

## A Story by Bill Smith

The two of us, me and guitarist Arthur Bull are ending a long cross-Canada tour, Hornby Island being one of the final three concerts. Arriving one day after my 52nd birthday. Louie Banana – our agent! – turns out to be as incompetent a driver as he is an organiser, striking fear into our hearts as he wobbles the ancient Volkswagen bus he has procured up the coastal road to Buckley Bay where we will board the first of the two ferries to Hornby Island. Leaning out the window to point out eagles perched atop tall trees, turning fully around in his seat to describe this or that, rarely it seems paying attention to the cars, buses and logging trucks all about.

Two more hurry up and wait ferries: a 10-minute ride from Buckley Bay to Denman Island, a 13-minute drive across Denman to Gravelly Bay and there, just across the waters of the Lambert Channel is Hornby Island. Louie has assured us that everything will be in order as he has previous experience of Hornby and friends that will take care of us. We are not overly concerned as we have our own contacts, and we will be performing in an organised festival. For me and Arthur there is my long-time love, Sheila, who many years before had made this island her home.

The VW bus rattles and lumbers its way across the island to the commercial centre where the Co-op store is situated. Everything is closed! Fortunately Sheila had the gumption to leave a note attached to the door informing us that everyone is meeting at the Thatch pub back at the ferry. Of course!

At last we are among our own ilk, the bar filled with performers attending the Expect The Unexpected festival of multi-disciplinary art, produced by Tom Durrie the director of the Hornby Island Festival. A fine salmon meal is on offer.

Over that marvellous weekend I perform on Sunday afternoon in duet with flautist Don Druick and Sunday evening with Arthur, both concerts at the Community Hall. Among the performers are dancer/performance artist Margaret Dragu and violinist/bricoleur Jim Munro, two people who would become fast friends. Louie parks his VW bus in Sheila's garden, where he will spend the weekend.

I was enthralled by my visit to Hornby and connecting with Sheila, who I suspect had assisted in my being booked into the festival so that we could be together again. After the concert I was introduced to a

Scottish gentleman by the name of Bill Cannon. "Did you enjoy the music?" I asked, thinking it may have been too avant garde. "Oh I've heard that Braxton stuff before," he replied.

In the city it's already decided who and what you are, out here on the island we are greeted with enthusiastic curiosity, the locals friendly and helpful, making our brief visit a joyful experience, the quietude reflected in the everyday actions of the residents.

After a strange Monday evening event at Sid Williams Theatre – another of Louie Banana's blunders – the tour concluded at Vancouver's Pacific Cinematheque. Afterwards there was a dinner party to celebrate the success of the tour. By the time dessert arrived, it was clear that I was not going to make the return trip to Toronto. The following day I boarded a bus and returned to Hornby Island. Within a year, after tidying up loose ends back east, I began my 30 year residency.¶

With thanks to Regan Fahey at Hornby Island Archives.



Vass Eva 2019

# Hornby People: Bertie Stonehouse

with Grant Scott

Bertie is a long-time Hornby resident, 68 years to be exact. Bertie was born in Vernon in 1926 and moved to Vancouver when she was five. Her Dad ran shoe stores in both Vernon and Vancouver and later got into the fuel business. Back then many homes in Vancouver were heated by wood sawdust or chips. Her future husband Keith also worked in the fuel business and when he asked her out she said in her usual subtle Bertie way “no way.” Keith persisted and took Bertie and her Mother out to the movies. They saw “Road to Morocco” with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby.

Eventually she and Keith got engaged and since WW2 was raging he joined the army, was shipped to Europe and was wounded losing an eye and hearing. He was sent home and recovered and they married in 1944. Bertie helped with the fuel business and George came along in 1945, Susan in 1949 and Charlie in 1956. They did well in the fuel business and Keith decided to build houses in North Vancouver. Getting bored with the rat race in Vancouver he started looking for land. Meanwhile Bertie was looking after the fuel business, their home and growing family.

Keith went off on one trip and came home and said, “I found a place, I hope you’ll like it!” “I went up to Hornby Island on a float plane and found a place on a beautiful beach and put an offer in on it!” Bertie said, “Where is Hornby Island”? They bought 200 acres of what is now Tribune Bay Park from a guy named Marius Bacus Rosenbloom.

Bertie packed up the family, with Keith, George, five and Susan, two and they trekked across to Vancouver Island and up to Hornby. What they bought was all of Tribune Bay and what is now the Outdoor Recreation Centre. Then it was a lodge plus eight cabins. Bertie says the kitchen was a disaster and she had to wrestle with a huge wood stove but says at least it could cook six pies at once. They ran Hornby Island Lodge from 1951 until 1979 and built it up to 19 cabins. To attract more clients, they got horses and Shetland ponies and tried to expand the season by attracting hunters in the fall by releasing pheasants. They also tried raising pheasants for the gourmet food market. She says the first year they had two clients who arrived at Ford Cove on the Princess Mary. Later they picked people up in Nanaimo, drove them to



Buckley Bay and, before the ferries, got them over to Denman and Hornby by barge and fish boat. Later Albert Savoie built the first two-car ferry that made life easier. What Bertie is known for by many older Hornbyites, is for driving the school bus. She says that when she started, there were only eight kids and that she loved being with the kids. They bought her present place from the MacLean family.

Bertie says that she has had a great life on Hornby, but her worst moment was when she got a phone call in 1975 telling her that Susan had been killed in a car accident near Bowser. She is fortunate in having five grandkids and four great grandkids. Grandson Stephen lives in a house next door to her on George and Sara’s property. She appreciates the help she gets from George, Stephen and Sara and the care givers on Hornby; and a glass of vodka in the evening.¶



**Next  
Islands  
Trust**

**Meeting  
Friday, November 8  
11:30 am  
New Horizons**



# Looking Back with Mary and Helen: The First First Edition

By Alex Allen

*I sat down with Mary MacKenzie and Helen Oonora joined us for memory support. Here's our conversation:*

A: So, how did the first *First Edition* start and why?

M: I was a good typist and I was asked to type up reports from HIRRA, Islands Trust and the Co-op and they were sent out as information sheets to everyone.

I thought it was rather boring for me, but it also didn't lend an opportunity for people affected by these decisions to speak back. So I thought, being fond of dialogue and communication, if I put together some sort of format, where I could sell ads that could pay for the ink and the paper for the people who wanted to respond, that could

work. That's how, really, it all started. You'd go down to the pub on a Thursday, which was our usual day at the pub, and you'd hear people telling stories, what was happening and what was going on and you'd think, "Oh, God, I don't think that's right." And then you'd go down a year later and still the same thing was going on and the same misinformation and so, I thought, well, let's try a little newspaper.

A: And there is still misinformation.

M: I think there will always be, because the actor's keep changing and the circumstances keep on changing. I thought about it and just did it. My partner, Uldis, had a Gestetner and he said if I would put this together then he would print it.

A: Gestetner. I had to look that up.

H: Really? All the schools used them.

A: How old was it?

M: Probably about 20 years old, at least. The Gestetner goes back a long time. Uldis carried on printing for five years after that; he was so loyal to the newspaper. (Actually, he named it "The First Edition.") I stopped after two and a half years because of other work. But Uldis kept printing for several

years afterwards.

A: I read that the ink is quite strong and you can get high off the fumes. Did he get high off the fumes? And the collators?

M: He was Latvian; you really couldn't tell.

A: The 1980 summer issue was a newspaper tabloid. Where was that printed?

M: In town, at the Green Sheet.

A: And why did you do that?

M: Because we needed to make a bit of money (for the paper) and I thought, if we did a tabloid, we could sell it at the Co-op; which we did. This wasn't

a free one that went out to everybody. Though we only needed 250 for the Island at that time, we printed 500.

...

M: I took a lot of liberties with that first paper. I told you, I had a bottle of scotch in the bottom drawer. As a matter of fact, it was fun. I was cheekier than you.

A: We could do a bar graph on cheeky editors versus non.

M: I got threatened by Ron Grant, that he would sue me ... through the Real Estate Board because I wouldn't carry his real estate advertising. I refused, because I felt it's going to accelerate the price of land ... I said, "Go ahead. It's my paper, I'm not doing it." And Jean Shields told me she was going to sue me, too, because I wrote that Jean threw Les' clothes out the door. And she said to me, "You can't say that! You can't do that sort of thing and publish that." So, I said, "Sorry, Jean." And about a week or two later, she threw his clothes out the door.

H: You were just pretending at the time.

M: Who knows ... her idea or not ... but it really was so necessary to have some humour and I knew Jean pretty well. I thought sometimes the paper took itself too seriously. In one instance, later on, what I was trying to do was get some facts out about the Hunger Project and EST. People were being sucked into EST. They were paying \$750 for a week's workshop; people who really couldn't afford the money, like so many on the Island. I thought "this is wrong," but another editor, can't remember which one, had taken over, and decided that the issue was too divisive to publish. Too bad, that. I thought it was



a scam. I felt that this paper has got to bring people together to talk about stuff. So, let's not make it so dry, people are not even going to read it. There were several times, when I thought, the paper should die and be revived in another form or something that would get to the humour on issues.

H: That's why I kept sticking in silly, little articles. Switching topics.

M: Helen and I were always getting mixed up. She worked at the Post Office and I worked at the School.

A: You had the same big humongous eye frames.

H: For some reason, people kept calling her Helen and me Mary. So, we went to Bob Cain and we got pictures taken and...

M: ...and we each had a rose in our mouths.

H: With "I'm Mary MacKenzie, I work at the School." "I'm Helen Gerow (at that time I was) and I work at the Post Office," as captions. And there were little dotted lines around both, so you could clip it out and put it into your wallet, just in case you were confused over who we were – still to this day... Well, it got worse after that. It got really worse; everybody looked at the clipping and then they really got mixed up. Anyway, that was one of the fun things.

H: Now, I'm being asked if I'm Ann Newdigate.

M: Oh, well ... I think one of the big things at that time was I felt we needed to know what's happening on our sister island and over in Comox. Des Kennedy and a crew from Denman went up to Comox – a group from Hornby did, too – to this hearing where the Village of Comox had brought in three California engineers – shark skin suits, tans, shiny teeth – to talk about how it's going to be just fine to have a primary treatment sewage plant with an outfall off Cape Lazo. Des Kennedy and his bunch from Denman had made some floats and took them and dropped them in the sea where this outfall was going to be and he proved by tracking these floats, that this was not a tidal flushing area. And sure enough, those floats came to Denman, went back up again, came back to Hornby, went back up again, went around the Islands, and went back up again. So Des took his facts to this meeting and it was fantastic. That was in one of the first paper's when that happened. And I thought this is really important to get people knowledgeable about what's happening in the Comox Valley that's going to affect us.

H: Do you remember the fisherman? This rather ragged looking older fisherman came to that meeting and they had all those beautiful maps. And he said, "I know when I do this..." and he took that pen "and

when I empty this, it goes..." and scratched it right across the map and that was kind of the end of the discussion.

A: *The Hue and Cry*, November 1986. Was that the only time you did that paper? "Stir the pot." I didn't see any stirring of the pot at all in that paper; it was pretty tame.

M: Yeah, I think there was only one. It was one of those dry times. I think it was Bob Cain and Kathy, and Dave Gerow who said we should do something about that.

H: We were sitting around our living room.

M: There's a picture, either at your place or Bob Cain's.

A: I saw that. Your eyeglass frames are like diving masks.

M: If we kept them, they would have been retro. You got a good view of things.

A: What was the climate like in the community, back then? What was going on?

M: Although there were people with different economic levels, nobody paid any attention to that, because when there was an event, we all went to that. Nobody really knew who had money. It took us ages to find out, not their economic backgrounds, nobody cared, but their educational levels. And people here had incredible educations.

H: I don't think there was as much variety in our incomes.

M: If there was, we didn't know it. All of us made a choice to do life a different way. We didn't come here to make money or buy land to make money. We bought land to build a house and grow a garden. We lived on what we grew; we lived on what we caught in the sea. It was idyllic, really. I think that's all gone now and I'm sad about that. There will always be alcoholics. There will always be the oddballs. I rather like some of them, actually. Everybody pulled together. You knew everybody, that was the thing. Now, we don't know everybody, because they don't live here all year. And people were here all year, weren't they?

H: Except the kids went into town to school, but came home at night.

I really believe that the most outstanding thing of that era was that we were an accepting community. No matter how off-the-wall you were, you were just one of us. When you live on an island, somebody may be totally off the chart, but they are your friend. You didn't differentiate.

M: If you needed help, you got it.

A: I heard someone say that, "Hornby has a way of sucking you in or spitting you out."

M: No, they spat themselves out.

A: What I find really interesting is that we just keep on returning to the same old issues over and over again.

M: I know, it hasn't changed much in nearly 45 years.

A: Now we have arrived at what everyone was afraid of back then.

M: As I said earlier, the actor's keep on changing, and the circumstances, but the problems stay the same. How do we resolve them when they are even more complex? ¶

Madame Editor,

My peripatetic Uncle Theodore, on my mother's side, eventually settled in Hawaii, on the big island, and like a dentist unfrocked, invested heavily in raw sugar. A man in his mere fifties, in the pink of health, financially secure, and about to sink his choppers into the prime of life, he was killed by a wild pig. When the telegram arrived my distraught Mama took to her room, and my father cancelled the season's pheasant shoot and put the handsome walnut-stocked Webley-Colefax over and under, that my uncle had just sent me for my thirteenth birthday, behind hinge and key, and there it remained, as did my mother, for what I have now come to realize was a critical period of my life.

It wasn't until I had reached my majority that I had learned the details of the tragedy: he had been hosting a hunting party on his plantation and had paused to take refreshment from a pocket flask when the bristly beast, with beaters close behind, broke cover and bore them down on him. Although the flask was still to his lips, my uncle was a man endowed with remarkably, quick reflexes, and whilst one-handedly raising his rifle from the pendant

position, shot himself in the foot.

My housekeeper, who is given to reading some gratuitous 'new age' quarterly called, I believe, the common grind, tells me that several sessions with a certified rolpher would have corrected his mind/body harmonic dissonances; what I do know is that inept medical attention, septicaemia and lead poisoning further conspired, and the coroner in his report concluded, in a rather cavalier and erroneous manner, that it was "a death by misadventure." The pig went scot-free.

Although I am not in the habit of speaking personally, and at the risk of taxing some of your readers' valuable time, and other of your readers' attention span, I offer this brief account from my family archive because I feel that it is germane to, in fact will serve as, a reply to Miss Bored's most recent epistle, wherein she suggests, among other things that I am reduced to cowering sedentarily behind closed doors, at the mercy of women and children, no longer capable of rising to the occasion, should an occasion arise: let the record state that were there a plethora of pigs in our common watershed, everyday truly and madly coupling themselves into even further exponential numbers, I would welcome the opportunity to lead the charge up the hill, if only for the sad memory of my defunct uncle. [photocopy cut off missing a line ED.]

...it should be obvious to the more sensible of your readers that Miss Bored, after almost a lifetime of rejection, denial and illustration, has at last, in print at least, brought herself over the edge, in a porcine-enhanced paroxysm. I can only hope that the experience was good for her, her and her Gadarene swine, and now suggest she have a

cigarette, and then, to sleep.

Of Major Ball, who, in the same last issue, had the temerity to both speak out of rank and admit to a penchant for pawing through the drawers of other men's underwear, let me say simply: we had a name for his sort back then, but this country's new charter of rights and freedoms prevents me from employing it now.

And further, Madam, I find a scurrilous court report and a tasteless Mac attack sully your pages. The time is high, nay, has arrived, that you put your editorial house in order and stay this nonsense. A gentleman in his golden years, with record of unimpeachable service to king and country behind him, deserves better.

I must close for now since it is my intention to amuse the foundling for my housekeeper as she braises a brace of sawhets for my supper - would that some of your contributors show a similar regard for the feeling and welfare of others when next they put pen to paper.

Remaining as ever,  
Major Reginald Carstairs (ret.)  
March 1993 ¶

Dear Madam,

I'm on pretty good terms with my next-door neighbours. However, I've noticed that they often give parties but they never invite me. Have you got any suggestions on how to crash a party gracefully?

Signed,  
All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go  
Dear ADUNG,  
Madam is very much against people showing up at parties they haven't been invited to, particularly if she's the hostess. But that was not your question, was it?

First, ask yourself why you haven't been invited. Maybe

last time you were asked to the Poppington-Smith's gourmet sushi potluck, you contributed a bag of nachos, then proceeded to get drunk as a skunk on the sake and absconded with the dessert spoons. Or maybe Mrs Poppington-Smith's turn to host the monthly bingo night for the Ambidextrous Bird-Watchers Club, and you can't tell a snowy owl from a barnyard chicken. In both cases, I'd advise you to stay home, and don't even try the old trick of hanging around in the backyard hoping she'll feel guilty and ask you in.

If, on the other hand, you've always behaved properly at her gatherings and the party seems to be of the more inclusive kind, you can ask one of the guests to bring you in as his/her escort for the evening. In that case, he/she should still call in advance and ask, "Oh, is it all right if I bring so-and-so?" and be prepared to feed the rumour mill for the next few weeks. If you are made of tougher stuff (and then you hardly need Madam's advice) you can always show up at your neighbour's doorstep with two bottles of bubbly under your arm and a sheepish smile nailed to your face, and say that the party looked too good to miss.  
May 2004 ¶





**Family Winter Faire**  
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 Wreaths, Crafts, Goodies, Lunch, Santa & Music  
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<b>Community Hall Hornby Island November 2019</b>	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am: Fundraiser Rummage Sale</b>
<b>Mondays &amp; Wednesdays</b>	<b>9:00 am: Fitness, <i>not the 6<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays</b>	<b>11:00 am: Bens Cafe, <i>not the 1<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup></i></b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Flu Clinic: see adverts</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm: HIRRA general meeting</b>
<b>Friday &amp; Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Faire: Friday evening and Saturday</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am: Farmers Market</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 pm: doors open, Movie, see adverts</b>

# November 2019 Activities Schedule

At New Horizons Centre



Sundays		8:30AM	Meditation ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Sundays		1:30PM	Drawing Group ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Sunday	3rd	10:30AM	HICEEC Presentation
Sunday	3rd	3:00PM	HIAC AGM
Sundays	10th   17th   24th	5:00PM	Yoga with Kim June
Sunday	17th	7:00PM	Camera Club
Mondays		9:00AM	Pilates with Patrick
Mondays		2:30PM	Memoir Writing ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Tuesdays		9:30AM	Yoga ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Tuesdays		12:00PM	Chair Yoga ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Tuesdays		1:30PM	Bridge ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Wednesdays		10:45AM	Somatics ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Wednesdays		12:00PM	Holistic Strength ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Wednesdays		1:00PM	Integrated Pilates ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Wednesdays	6th   20th   27th	7:00PM	Films at New Horizons
Wednesday	27th	3:00PM	Book Club ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Thursdays		9:00AM	Pilates with Patrick
Thursdays		12:00PM	Literary Lunch
Thursdays		7:30PM	Scottish Dancing ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Thursdays	14th	2:00PM	Garden Club ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Friday	1st   15th   29th	12:00PM	Golden Lunch
Friday	15th   22nd   29th	2:30PM	Posture Lab ( <i>Sponsored by NH</i> )
Saturdays		10:00AM	Yoga with Eila
Saturday	2nd	3:00PM	Knitting
Saturday	16th	7:00PM	New Horizons Game Night

# CHFR 96.5 FM Weekly Schedule

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
<b>8am</b>	<b>Rhythm Conspiracy</b> 8am <i>DJ Blades</i>	<b>Good Face For Radio</b> 8am <i>Peter H.</i>	<b>Trippy Tuesday Mornings</b> 8am	<b>Best of Philipside</b> 8am <i>Phil B.</i>	<b>Shut Up and Play Music</b> 8am <i>Lorne S.</i>	<b>Slipped Discs</b> 8am <i>David W</i>	<b>MTV</b> 8am <i>Mick &amp; Trish</i>	<b>8am</b>
<b>9</b>								<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Reggae</b> 10am <i>Brett M</i>	<b>The Elliott Show</b> 10am <i>Elliott L.</i>	<b>Open Slot</b> 10am <i>Come and Host a Show</i>	<b>From The Heart</b> 10am <i>JerBer</i>	<b>DJ John Show</b> 9am <i>Dj John</i>			<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>								<b>11</b>
<b>12pm</b>	<b>Songwriter Circle</b> 12pm <i>Bee</i>	<b>From The Heart</b> 12pm <i>JerBer</i>	<b>High Noon Show</b> 12pm <i>Ben P.</i>	<b>Hornby Spark Radio</b> 12pm <i>Q.</i>	<b>Some Faraway Beach</b> 11am <i>Girl w/ the Deep Voice</i>	<b>Friday Funk</b> 11am <i>Heather S.</i>	<b>Social Toaster Show</b> 12pm <i>Lorenzo</i>	<b>12pm</b>
<b>1</b>								<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Classical Hornby Island</b> 2pm <i>Various</i>	<b>Open Slot</b> 2pm <i>Come and Host a Show</i>	<b>Soap Box Radio</b> 2pm <i>Various</i>	<b>Something Like</b> 2pm <i>Bitsy K.</i>	<b>Play Date</b> 1pm <i>DJ Juice &amp; BMax</i>	<b>Open Slot</b> 2pm <i>Come and Host a Show</i>	<b>Bobcat Blues</b> 2pm <i>Al F.</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>								<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Vrmccool</b> 4pm <i>Jeff R.</i>	<b>Good Face For Radio II</b> 4pm <i>Peter H</i>	<b>Island In The Stars</b> 4pm <i>John N.</i>	<b>Vinnie's Grooves</b> 4pm <i>Ron E.</i>	<b>Music From the Deep Dark Woods</b> 3pm <i>Arnold Thunder</i>	<b>Eddy &amp; Phoebe Show</b> 4pm <i>Eddy &amp; Phoebe</i>	<b>World Music</b> 4pm <i>Tony L</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>								<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Hollie McGowan Show</b> 6pm <i>Hollie M.</i>	<b>Open Slot</b> 6pm <i>Come and Host a Show</i>	<b>Open Slot</b> 6pm <i>Come and Host a Show</i>	<b>Todo Pero No Ingles</b> 6pm <i>Mamacita Bonita</i>	<b>Happy Hours</b> 5pm <i>Jala or Ken</i>		<b>The Review</b> 6pm <i>Albini L.</i>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>								<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>			<b>Len's Country</b> 7pm <i>Len O.</i>	<b>Open Slot</b> 7pm <i>Come and Host a Show</i>	<b>The Senor Pea Experience</b> 7pm <i>Senor Pea</i>		<b>That 80s Show</b> 7pm <i>Albini &amp; Peter</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>								<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Album Hours</b> 8pm <i>Bee</i>	<b>Monday Evening Music</b> 8pm <i>Stani V.</i>	<b>Central Road</b> 8pm <i>G Wilt</i>	<b>Metal 8 til Late</b> 8pm <i>Phil C.</i>	<b>Mixtape</b> 9pm <i>Lawrence N</i>	<b>Not AM</b> 8pm <i>Scott H.</i>	<b>The Sound Museum</b> 9pm <i>Arnold Thunder.</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>								<b>11</b>

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