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COVER

The float plane is quickly becoming the vehicle
of choice to reach what was formerly known
as "boat-access only" properties. Here a local
resident arrives home to Blind Bay, Nelson
Island in July. (Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Can we make life bearable?

Brian Lee



Recent grizzly bear
sightings on the Coast,
including a sow and three yearlings
on the beach in Oyster Bay (see p. 7),
should be a wake up call.

Not to conservation officers or
the provincial government, but to us.

The skills people must learn to
live in the country now includes man-
aging grizzly bears.

On average, 37 grizzlies are
killed annually in BC — most due to
calls stemming from human contact.

According to the province, in
2025, a total of 30 grizzly bears were
killed — 27 by conservation officers
for public safety (24) or euthanized
for welfare reasons (3).

Three were “dispatched for pub-
lic safety reasons by other entities.”

At least 240 black bears and 50
cougars were also killed.

Grizzlies are a relatively new
phenomenon here but black bears are
not and their food sniffing instincts
work on the same principle — they
smell food, they find it and they return
to it as long as it is there.

For years, the earnest bear aware
types have been pounding the same
message into us:

“Manage your attractants,” they
scold from every corner of the inter-
net.

Of course, they’re right — but
many are too self-absorbed to contem-
plate what that means.

We can’t expect to eliminate bear
conflicts but if you leave your garbage
out overnight, you are the problem.

The list below of potential bear

attractants from the Sunshine Coast
Bear Alliance will likely point out
some weaknesses in even the most
bear secure homes.

Those grizzlies were on my mind
today as I smoked some salmon.

Even though it’s not on the list,
I wondered if sending plumes of rich,
fishy smoke into the air disqualified
me from being “extra vigilant” with
my attractants.

To avoid a visit by a bear, or
mice, I cleaned up immediately after.

With this season perhaps being
an exception, bear attacks on humans
are exceedingly rare.

If you’re out, make noise, carry
bear spray and leash your dog.

The vast majority of aggressive
grizzly encounters are defensive, trig-
gered by a bear being startled, protect-
ing its cubs or guarding a food source.

If threatened, Parks Canada sug-
gests staying calm, speak to the bear
and back away slowly.

If attacked, they suggest playing
dead if it’s a defensive attack (more
common with grizzlies) and fighting
back if a predatory attack (more com-
mon with black bears).

Either way, once you feel teeth,
fight.

And, if it happens, that a bear is
deemed a threat and is killed, hope-
fully we can avoid the ugly finger-
pointing that seems to occur every
time it happens elsewhere.

We’re not the only community
learning to live with grizzlies and
with over 60 per cent of deaths due to
human causes, it’s our responsibility
to ensure the Oyster Bay bears don’t
become statistics too.

BEAR ATTRACTANTS AROUND YOUR HOME (Sunshine Coast Bear Alliance):

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Garbage | • Barbeques | • Fish and bone fertilizer | • Salt or mineral blocks |
| • Recycling | (including grease traps) | • Vegetable gardens | • Petroleum products |
| • Outdoor freezers | • Citronella candles | • Beehives | • Beverages and food |
| • Dirty diapers | • Pet food | • Compost | remnants, wrappers, |
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2026 TRASH BASH: Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.

The SCRD will be hosting the 2026 Trash Bash for Area A on Saturday, Sept. 12 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Meet at the Lions Club (13776 Hwy 101) at 10 a.m.

Pre-registration is required so organizers can plan the event and ensure enough supplies and lunch are available. Volunteers will meet at Pender Lions Park and will be treated to a complimentary BBQ lunch prepared by the Pender Lions. To register, visit letstalk.scrd.ca/trash-bash.

After the work is done, the Lions Club will host lunch around 1 p.m. This year's cleanup will focus on back roads in Pender Harbour and Halfmoon Bay, helping protect our forests, wildlife and natural environment.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.

The Pender Harbour Women's Connection launch their 2026/27 season on Tuesday, Sept. 22 with the musical stylings of Garth Bowen accompanied by Jesse, who plays the djembe, an African hand drum.

Bowen is a multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter and music educator. He grew up in Vancouver and completed a degree in jazz education. After moving to Richmond, he worked for many years performing and touring with other musicians.

His passion about teaching students to improvise and compose music led to 34 years as a music instructor with the Richmond School District. He also worked as an adjunct music professor with the faculty of education at UBC. In 2021, Bowen and his wife, Barbara, retired to the Sunshine Coast. He enjoys recording in his studio and helping others with their musical projects. Please come out and enjoy this special opening event.

The Women's Connection meetings are held in the PHMS Performance Centre. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Drop-in fee is \$4 which includes refreshments.

BARGAIN BARN 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: SATURDAY, Sept. 26, doors at 5:45 p.m.

Celebrating 50 years of community, connection and care. Reserve your ticket now for the Bargain Barn's 50th anniversary fundraising event that will raise funds for the P. H. Health Centre.

Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at the Bargain Barn or www.bargainbarnph.com/gala-tickets.html.

Come out to the Madeira Park Legion to enjoy a three-course dinner, live and silent auction, 50/50, door prizes and dancing. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Stay for dancing with DJ Karl from 8 to 11 p.m.

PHARA receives court date to argue against DRIPA

The Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association recently announced that a trial date has been set for its constitutional challenge to BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

The case has been scheduled by the BC Supreme Court Registry for a 16-day trial beginning Nov. 22, 2027.

PHARA's lawsuit alleges, among other things, that the DRIPA:

- Is beyond the province's constitutional authority;
- Breaches the democratic rights of citizens by leaving them governed by an entity they had no say in electing, and
- Illegally tries to tie the hands of future governments by dictating what types of laws they must pass (so as to be "consistent" with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples).

From a July 30 PHARA statement:

"The wheels of justice take time, but we are extremely pleased to have a trial date set because public concern with the DRIPA is at an all-time high, and our legal challenge is more important now than ever," said Sean McAllister, PHARA president.

"The government has done everything it can to drag its feet in this case and we are determined to move it forward."

McAllister, a retired lawyer, told the *Harbour Spiel* that despite the court date being set, there are a number of intermediate steps to be completed before that date.

PHARA's legal challenge was recently aided by the appointment of Supreme Court Justice Shannon Ramsay as judicial management judge to handle procedural matters going forward, such as ensuring counter

applications are cleared, in order to frame the issues and to determine how the case should proceed.

UNDRIP AND DRIPA

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted as a UN general assembly resolution in 2007.

According to McMillan Law, PHARA's legal team, "A general assembly resolution is not a treaty or convention."

"Such resolutions are not legally binding on nations at international law, nor are they legally binding in Canadian law."

Despite its non-binding status, the UNDRIP was a controversial resolution for countries with significant Indigenous populations.

According to McMillan Law, this was largely because of provisions that purport to require the "free, prior and informed consent" of Indigenous groups, and which recognize such groups as having "the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired."

In 2019, BC passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, which contains various provisions related to steps that must be taken to implement the UNDRIP in BC.

"While the DRIPA does not make

the UNDRIP the law of BC per se, in 2021, BC also added a term to its Interpretation Act requiring courts to construe all provincial laws 'consistent with' the UNDRIP."

The federal government followed with similar legislation in 2021 with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

McAllister said that at the end of the 2027 trial date, there are two potential outcomes.

"It wouldn't come out immediately because the judges would likely take some time to weigh the evidence and draft a judgement," he said.

"But, once the judgment comes out, its either going to say, 'Nice try PHARA, it's constitutional, you lose' or they could say 'No, DRIPA is unconstitutional and it's struck down.'"

McAllister expects that if PHARA is successful, the government will also likely appeal the decision.

"I always tell people that you can not overstate the importance of this issue," said McAllister.

"In my opinion, it's the most important issue facing British Columbians.

"It's not just a private property issue, it's a constitutional issue and how we are going to be governed going forward."

PHARA hosts a link to a GoFundMe page for anyone interested in supporting this litigation at phara.ca.



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On Aug. 15, the Pender Harbour Health Centre celebrated 50 years of providing healthcare services to the community. Nick Gaskin, PHHC executive director, MCed the event and celebrated the September arrival of a new physician, Dr. Leo Bay, who will join Dr. Catherine Bazilli and Dr. Derek Williams (who joined the PHHC in January). Gaskin said that with Bay's contribution, over 2,000 patients in our community will have access to a family doctor — the highest in many years. Patrick Weiler, MP West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky, announced a federal grant of \$175,000 that will go toward the purchase of a new PHHC bus and storage shelter to protect the vehicle. The health centre will need to fundraise a further \$43,800 for the purchase but the new bus will deliver a much larger seating capacity for the Seniors Link program and other PHHC transportation services. Main photo (from l-r): Gaskin, Diane Hopkinson, PHHC Society president, Lesley Durrant, PHHC Auxiliary Society president, Linda Pearson, former PHHC board member, Weiler and Randene Neill, MLA Powell River-Sunshine Coast.

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LOCAL ELECTION: OCT. 17

On Oct. 17 Sunshine Coast residents will vote for municipal and school board leaders and Area A (Pender Harbour and Egmont) has at least one person interested in the open position of Area A's SCRD director.

Leonard Lee has announced he will step down as director for Area A, a position he has held since Oct. 2018.

At press time, only Christine Alexander has announced an intention to run for the position.

Alexander has been Lee's SCRD alternate director since June 2022.

She has been an active community member volunteering with the Harbour Authority of P. H., Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, No. 61, P. H. and Area Residents Association and the P. H. Living Heritage Society — both as a director and co-ordinator of the P. H. Wooden Boat Show for the last three years.

She also served six years as treasurer with the Pender Harbour Library and volunteers and trains with the Sunshine Coast Emergency Support Services.

Alexander is also currently president of the Army Cadet League of Canada (BC branch) and as a director on the national board.

She lives in Garden Bay with her husband Rob and the couple has four adult children.

School Board 46 Area 1 (Upper Coast) trustee Tracey McClelland has announced she will run again for the position she has held since first elected to the school board in Jan. 2024.

Should an election by voting be confirmed, advance voting opportunities in Egmont and Pender Harbour will be offered at the Pender Harbour Legion on Oct. 7 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On general voting day, Oct. 17, voting opportunities will be available

at the Pender Harbour Legion and at Sarah Wray Hall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WOMEN OF PENDER HARBOUR NOW IN SOFT-COVER

The landmark book of local history, *Women of Pender Harbour: Their Voices, Their History* has recently been reprinted in soft-cover.

The award-winning book, published by the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society in 2010, was the result of nine years of volunteer work.



The book preserves the memories of the lives of early women of Pender Harbour while telling the story of the Harbour's development.

With proceeds from the hard-cover book, the PHLHS purchased physical and online storage to preserve and share the area's growing archives and artifacts.

To reserve a copy of the soft cover book, visit at www.penderharbourheritage.ca/book.

PENDER HARBOUR CHOIR WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

Kenneth Norman Johnson has retired as director of the Pender Harbour Choir.

Johnson has directed the choir, and played accompaniment on piano, since the fall of 2016.

Filling his shoes will be Simon Gidora from Madeira Park.

From a PHC statement:

"He steps into the role with a vibrant energy, a broad musical education and background, and a warm, encouraging approach.

"Simon is passionate about keeping music accessible, fun, and engaging for everyone — from veteran choristers to absolute beginners."

The PHC invites anyone interested to join them this fall.

The first practice is on Sept. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the PHMS Performance Centre (formerly the P. H. School of Music).

For information, email pender-harboursings@gmail.com.

photojournal



Solveigh Harrison

This family of grizzly bears was spotted feasting on clams on the mud flats of Oyster Bay Aug. 13. Evelyn Kirkaldy of the Sunshine Coast Bear Alliance told the *Harbour Spiel* that local residents need not be alarmed but should be 'extra vigilant' with food source attractants like garbage, pet food and fruit trees because once a bear has located a good food source, it will remember the location and return. Kirkaldy also said a major threat for bears, and human safety, especially with cubs, are dogs. For more information on making your property bear proof, visit www.scbearalliance.com/making-your-home-bear-proof.



Pender Harbour Rotary Show & Shine



Devin Rae's 1974 Datsun 620



Bill Grant's
1959 Morris
Minor



The Mennear family from Madeira Park won first in their category and were runners-up for the Ron Johnson Peoples' Choice Award for their 1929 Mercedes Gazelle. (Jen Peters photo)

Brian Lee photos (unless otherwise credited)

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's 21st annual Show and Shine in Madeira Park on Aug. 9 attracted more than 75 classic cars and motorcycles to the Royal Canadian Legion and an adjoining property. The 'Ron Johnston Peoples' Choice - Best of Show' award went to Bradley Stafford and his 1961 Ford Thunderbird. Second place was the Mennear family from Madeira Park for their 1929 Mercedes Gazelle. The event raised over \$7,000 for Rotary projects in Pender Harbour.



**Brian McDonald's
1977 Ford Bronco
(2nd place, Trucks
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**Andrew Curtiss's 1965
Chevrolet Chevelle**



**Brenda Borri's
1929 Ford 2 Door Coupe**



**Niel MacGregor's
1954 Mercury Coupe
(2nd, 1950-1959)**

Who will be our next regional director?



Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCR D

After eight years of navigating land-mines at the SCR D, I will be resigning as your Area A director.

If no one runs, the remaining SCR D board will appoint someone, not necessarily from the community.

Nominations for Area A director are open all month for the Oct. 17 election and I encourage everyone to learn all they can about any candidate for office, but I haven't heard of anyone interested in running, save for my alternate, Christine Alexander.

I asked Christine to be my alternate after being impressed by the direct, well-informed and challenging questions she asked me about SCR D services and responsibilities.

Over the last 4½ years she has remained informed about all things SCR D by attending many SCR D meetings, which has allowed her to develop relationships with the current directors and has attended community consultation meetings to hear for herself what people are saying.

A confessed local government nerd, Christine, who isn't shy about telling me what she thinks of the variety of issues we've encountered on our journey, regularly attends APC meetings and even attended an Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities conference in Nanaimo on her own dime.

She's well versed in local government responsibilities and processes, and other directors speak highly of her based on both how she conducts herself in meetings and their personal interactions with her.

PTAC DISBANDS

The SCR D public and technical advisory committee, a group of residents and technical advisors, formed in 2022 to provide recommendations including principles and goals on the SCR D solid waste management plan.

They consulted with residents and focused on a plan that would be a balance of technical requirements, community and industry needs, and in the best interests of residents.

They finished their work in May, endorsed the 2026 SWMP and supported the SCR D in seeking its approval and implementation from the BC Ministry of Environment and Parks, and disbanded their group.

I was highly impressed with the knowledge and dedication of the PTAC, and I hope those members volunteer to be part of the next one, which will conduct regular reviews of



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Board and Committee Meetings

Committee of the Whole
September 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole
September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
September 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board
September 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Board and Board Committee meetings are held in person in the Sunshine Coast Regional District Boardroom at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC, online via Zoom, and live-streamed to the SCR D YouTube channel. Zoom and YouTube links are available on the Agenda page of the SCR D website at www.scrd.ca/agendas.

Waste Reduction Initiative Program

The SCR D is seeking applications for projects that reduce or divert waste from the garbage. Funding is available to community groups and associations, non-profit societies, registered charitable organizations, SD46 and SD93 and school groups. Deadline to apply is October 23, 2026. Visit letstalk.scrd.ca/wrip for more information.

Help Keep Our Backroads Clean – Join the 13th Annual Trash Bash!

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is inviting volunteers to help clean up illegal dump sites during the 13th Annual Trash Bash on **Saturday, September 12, starting at 10:00 a.m.**

This year's cleanup will focus on backroads in **Pender Harbour and Halfmoon Bay**, helping protect our forests, wildlife and natural environment.

Pre-registration is required so organizers can plan the event and ensure enough supplies and lunch are available. Volunteers will meet at Pender Lions Park, 13776 Sunshine Coast Highway in Madeira Park, and will be treated to a complimentary BBQ lunch prepared by the Pender Lions. To register, visit letstalk.scrd.ca/trash-bash.

If you witness illegal dumping, report it to the Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 from a cellphone.

For more information, contact infrastructure@scrd.ca.

the plan and provide input for future revisions.

CAMPFIRE BANS LOOMING

Campfire bans impede people's right to enjoy the outdoors, so putting put one into place is not done lightly, and only when supported by scientific data and is never done by an elected official.

Hundreds of BC Wildfire Service weather stations send hourly reports supplemented by data from other sources for BCWS fire managers make prevention, preparation, and suppression decisions based on potentials for ignition, spread and intensity.

The decision to initiate a ban is made by a group of senior wildfire experts who look at data about current fires burning in a region, amount of dry vegetation (fuel), temperature, humidity, wind speed, rainfall and available firefighting resources.

As I write this, Category 1 campfires are allowed, but must be no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide, surrounded by a fire guard and with eight litres of water or a shovel within reach for the entire time the campfire is burning.

Never light a fire in windy conditions or leave a campfire unattended, and make sure the ashes are cool to the touch before leaving the area.

If the fire hazard intensifies, Category 1 campfires will be prohibited and we could see restrictions on recreational vehicles and forest harvesting activities, or even closures of parks and backcountry areas.

A Category 1 ban includes burn barrels/cages, chimineas, wood-fuelled hot tubs and ovens, fireworks, sky lanterns, air curtain burners and binary exploding targets.

Category 2 and Category 3 fires are not allowed until Oct. 31 unless conditions change to allow the ban to September 2026

be lifted, but that seems unlikely.

It is always illegal to burn garbage, construction waste and toxic materials unless authorized by permit.

Continue FireSmarting your home, property and neighbourhood, and make sure you have a solid emergency response and recovery plan.

To satisfy the most curious and

detail-oriented types, such as your director, see penderharbourfire.com, scrd.ca (click on "services," then "emergency program") and wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca.

To report a wildfire or irresponsible behavior that could start a wildfire, do not hesitate to call 1-800-663-5555 or cell *5555.

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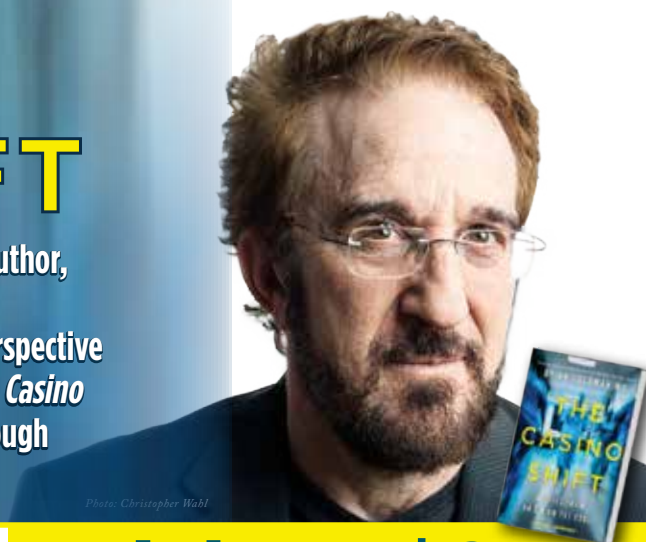


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Bazilli: Ongoing dangerous dog attacks in Pender Harbour

Editor,

Pender Harbour residents, you may remember that some months ago I posted about the dangerous dog attack experienced by my sister, Dr. Catherine Bazilli, whose dog Luna was attacked and she was injured in trying to protect her.

This occurred just before the parking lot at Francis Point Park.

There is a story about it with photos of Luna's extensive injuries in the May issue of *Harbour Spiel*.

It has happened again.

On Saturday, Aug. 8, we were all out as a family with Luna on her first bike ride since the March attack.

Luna was attacked again by two off-leash dogs.

And, again, Dr. Bazilli was injured.

She was knocked off her bike by the dogs while they lunged at Luna who was at her side.

The dogs came out of nowhere and charged.

My brother was trying to get the dogs away from Luna and protect his young grandsons as the melee was happening all around them.

I managed to bear spray both dogs to get them away but my sister, on the ground, unfortunately inhaled some of the spray.

The owner eventually arrived

and leashed them.

He agreed they were uncontrollable and that is why he walks them off leash where there are no people.

We were on the spur road near Menacher Road where people walk, hike and ride bikes.

Where these dogs were off-leash.

This owner is related to the owner of the Turkish Kangal dogs in the earlier attack.

This time we were lucky that Luna was not injured.

But my sister has a badly injured knee and will be off work and on crutches for at least two weeks.

Dr. Bazilli serves your community, but she lives in a place where she cannot safely go for a walk or ride her bike with her dog without risk of injury.

Every week I read on the local Facebook page about dog attacks, dogs off-leash with no owners in sight and the ongoing issue of dangerous dogs in Pender Harbour.

From what our family has learned, the RCMP, SCRD, SPCA, the local MLA, PHARA, etc., can do nothing.

Civil suits are not going to create systemic change.

Carrying bear spray and large sticks is one option if you so choose.

And even if the municipal bylaw applies, you have no bylaw officer to

enforce it as no one wants their taxes increased or to incorporate Pender Harbour.

The demographics of your community have changed since the last vote on this issue.

I urge you to think about it on the Oct. 17 election.

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Showler: Another mystery fire caught early

Editor,

I was walking my dog in Tyner Park by Lily Lake on July 29.

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By the look of the ashes, they were fresh and had not been rained upon.

Ergo, it was very fresh, as we had

very heavy rain the previous morning of July 28 and that particular area of the park is fairly open to the sky.

Maybe it was just kids?

If you are a parent and know of children who frequent the park, then you may want to make some inquiries before something very regretful for the whole community happens.

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Is your smoke detector still protecting you?

Bill Haskett

Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Dept.

Smoke detectors are one of the most important safety devices in your home — but only when they work.

Many homeowners set them and forget them, not realizing that these silent sentinels have a limited lifespan and require regular attention.

Here is what you need to know to keep your home and family safe.

THE 10-YEAR RULE: REPLACE EVERY DETECTOR

“I replaced the battery, but the dang thing keeps beeping.”

Every smoke detector — regardless of brand or type — should be replaced after 10 years.

This is not a guideline, it is a firm safety standard.



Are your detectors yellow like the old unit on the left, or clean and white like the new device on the right? If yellow, replace the fellow.

Most detectors will have an end-of-life beep after 10 years as the sensing technology inside detectors degrades over time.

Ionization detectors contain a small radioactive source that weakens with age, while photoelectric detectors rely on optical components that



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become less sensitive as they accumulate dust and microscopic debris.

After a decade, neither type can be relied upon to respond quickly enough in a real fire.

To find out how old your detector is, check the manufacture date printed on the back or inside the unit.

If it is more than 10 years old — or if you simply cannot find a date — replace it now.

If it is new and beeps every minute or so, it is faulty, take it back.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT: DO NOT WAIT FOR THE CHIRP

For detectors powered by standard replaceable batteries, the general rule is to replace batteries once a year.

With clock changes going away, replace your batteries now and then every New Year's Day.

New year? New battery.

Some modern detectors use a single non-replaceable lithium battery designed to last the life of the unit (approximately 10 years), after which the entire detector must be replaced.

For detectors hardwired into your home's electrical system, a backup battery keeps them operational during a power outage.

These backup batteries should still be tested and replaced every 12

RANDENE NEILL

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months, just as you would with a battery-only unit.

Never ignore the low-battery chirp.

That intermittent beep is the detector telling you it can no longer guarantee your protection.

Replace the battery promptly.

Never remove a battery simply to silence the chirp without replacing it.

WHEN TO REPLACE EARLY: WATCH FOR YELLOWING

“What a piece of junk! This detector used to be white. Now it is yellow.”

It is supposed to do that.

Even if a detector has not yet reached the 10-year mark, visible discolouration is a clear sign it should be replaced.

Smoke detectors are made from a

plastic that naturally yellows or takes on a brownish tinge over time due to heat, UV exposure, and chemical changes in the material itself.

This yellowing is more than cosmetic — it signals that the plastic, and the internal components have been subject to degradation.

A yellowed detector is an aged detector.

If yours looks noticeably discoloured compared to when it was first installed, do not wait for the 10-year anniversary — replace it now.

MONTHLY TESTING

In addition to battery and unit replacement, test every smoke detector in your home once a month by pressing the test button until it sounds.

This takes only a few seconds and confirms the alarm, circuitry, and

battery are all functioning.

Remember, to cut down on the number of false alarms, keep them away from kitchens and bathrooms where steam and cooking fumes can cause nuisance alarms.

Even though some of us like to use the siren on the big red truck, help us avoid the false alarms.

A SIMPLE CHECKLIST

- Replace every smoke detector after 10 years — no exceptions;
- Replace batteries annually;
- Replace any detector that has yellowed or become discoloured;
- Test every detector monthly using the test button;
- Replace if it fails the test or chirps repeatedly despite a new battery, and
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Eden Murray, great-great-grandniece of the late Allen and Sharie Farrell, shared personal feelings of responsibility to restore their hand-built Chinese junk *China Cloud* as part of the festival's speaker series.



China Cloud is a 45-foot junk rig sailboat designed and built by Allen Farrell in 1982 on the beach at Scotty Bay on Lasqueti Island using wood milled on nearby Bull Island. Farrell used only hand tools and sheathed the hull in copper plating. Her current owner, Eden Murray (photo above, left) is in the process of restoring the iconic BC sailboat. To assist with their efforts, donations for materials can be made at www.edengrace.ca/china-cloud.

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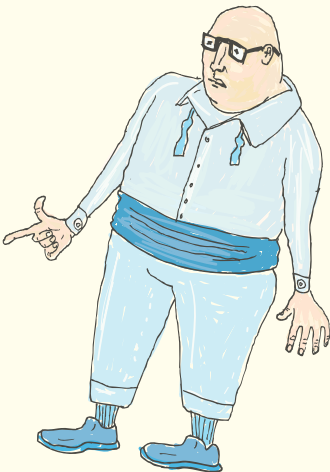
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Local health matters

PHHC president provides AGM update

Hello to our Pender Harbour community and Pender Harbour Health Centre Society members:

It is soon September, bringing the end of summer and with it the annual general meeting of the Pender Harbour Health Centre Society.

This year, for a number of reasons, the board of the Health Centre has decided to hold the AGM in two parts. The first will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 27, 2026, at the PHMS Performance Centre. This first, will include the president's report to the society, executive director's report, the auxiliary society report and the year-end financial report.

The second part will be the election of new board members and any new business; and it will be held no later than Feb. 2027 (as required by our by-laws).

Over the past year, the board has recognized that many important foundational documents that support and enable good governance of the health centre were well out of date and, in some cases, were missing. In addition, due to changes in the societies act, our bylaws, too, are in need of review and updating.

For example, newer board members felt that they were not fully prepared to fulfil a director's responsibilities because there was no systematic process for director orientation. As we looked further into this, we came to the realization that

the board mandate, position descriptions and other policies needed updating for clarity and effectiveness. Because of these deficiencies, it was felt that electing new board members at this time, would be unfair to those individuals who choose to stand.

The board has not been idle. We have attended governance sessions and held a full day facilitated governance workshop to help educate and re-educate directors. Extra planning and working sessions have been held to review and develop some of these necessary documents. There is still a great deal of work to be done and the board is fully aware that this work will not be completed in time for the 2026 AGM. We have however, completed base documents that will enable the board to move forward.

The board greatly values all those who volunteer for election to the board and wants to ensure that new directors will succeed. If you or anyone you know has board experience and would like to contribute to the Pender Harbour Health Centre by bringing their expertise and enthusiasm to the board, please contact *Diane Hopkinson* at Hopkinson@penderharbourhealth.com.

Diane Hopkinson
President, P. H. Health Centre Society



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- How dementia affects communication
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- Ways to adapt your approach

Open to: Caregivers and those supporting someone living with dementia.



Anne Helen Clemence

JANUARY 17, 1933 — JUNE 11, 2026



On July 11, Anne Helen Clemence of Garden Bay died at the age of 93 years.

Clemence was born in Kent, England on Jan. 17, 1933 to Helen and Leonard Clemence.

She completed training as a nurse in England and moved to Canada to work as a nurse in 1960.

During 1962-63, she worked at St. Mary's hospital in Garden Bay.

Then she met Sam Lamont.

They became a couple and she began salvaging logs with him on his boat the *Vulture*.

Together they worked log spills in all weather from the Fraser River north through Johnstone Strait.

In the good weather they picked stray logs off the beaches on islands all along Georgia Strait.

Clemence steered the boat while Sam attached the tow line to the logs on the beach, then she jerked them into the water with the boat.

In 1969 they built their cozy home and dock in Garden Bay and it became their home base of operations.

Along their travels, the couple gathered many friends.

Clemence would arrive with a basket of goodies to share and was

welcomed by so many in remote locations.

After they retired from log salvaging in 1978, they bought the fibreglass hull and deck of a 38-foot sailboat.

They completed building *Kivak* and cruised every summer to the northern islands off the BC Coast as well as Haida Gwaii several times.

It was on one of these trips, in 1992, that Sam died of a heart attack.

By then, Clemence had developed a deep love for nature and the wild BC Coast, so she began to do what she could to preserve it.

She was among a group of naturalists who created the Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society.

The society established John Daly Regional Park to preserve salmon spawning along Anderson creek.

Clemence took over as chair of the P. H. Wildlife Society when her friend Iris Griffith died in 2002 and held that position for several years.

Meanwhile, she joined the "Friends of Caren" and worked with the provincial government to form the Caren Range Provincial Park in 1994.

She was a director of the Francis Point Marine Park Society which helped raise \$4.41 million to help purchase the 81-hectare property and created Francis Point Provincial Park in Madeira Park in 2000.

This was Clemence's proudest shared victory.

She also kept busy volunteering on the board of directors with Green Recycling in Pender Harbour Society (GRIPS) and at the Iris Griffith Nature Centre near Ruby Lake.

Along with good friend Diane Brown, they designed and planted the garden around the Iris Griffith Centre and cared for the native plant nursery

there.

As well, she and others spent endless hours pulling invasive purple loosestrife from Lily Lake.

All of this selfless work won her the Governor General's "Caring Canadian" award in 2016.

This award was created to honour Canada's exceptional volunteers and those "who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community in Canada."

Clemence always acknowledged that she was only one small part of a hard-working group of loyal friends and volunteers, all of whom deserve recognition.

She was a determined, industrious, proud, independent woman of many talents and will be sadly missed.

Many of her friends kindly helped and supported her during her last few years, allowing her to remain at her cherished home, sitting on her oceanfront balcony, looking out at the ocean, her garden and watching nature's ever-changing beauty.

Clemence leaves behind two stepsons in Canada, Robert (Ruth) Lamont and Allan (Lorena) Lamont.

Nephews in England and Scotland; godson Matthew Reiss, Edward Reiss, George Reiss, William Clemence, James Clemence and Jonathan Clemence.

She was predeceased by brother John Clemence, sister Frances Reiss, and nephew Peter Reis.

At Clemence's request, there will be no formal service.

A tribute will be included at the P. H. Wildlife Society's annual picnic at the Iris and Billy Griffith Nature Centre on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Her friends are warmly invited to join from 1 p.m., whether or not they are members of the society.

Margaret Dolores Laturus (née Wegmann)

OCTOBER 7, 1948 — JUNE 15, 2026



Margaret Dolores Laturus (née Wegmann) died on Monday, June 15, 2026, at the age of 77.

She was predeceased by her parents John Wegmann and Dorothy Becker; her stepfather, Richard Becker; her brother, Irvin Wegmann; and her brothers-in-law, Dan Bersch and Sebastian McCormick.

She is survived by siblings Lucille (Dave) Moorman Farrel, Darlene Wegmann, Rita (Daryl) Skogstad, Herman (Marjorie) Wegmann, Alvin (Carol) Wegmann, Leander (Marilyn) Wegmann, Richard (Kathy) Wegman, and Eileen Bersch.

Laturus leaves behind her immediate family, husband Ron, sons Tyler and Brent and her treasured grandson Brody.

She also leaves behind the entire Laturus family, who loved her deeply.

Laturus loved her countless nieces and nephews from both the Wegmann and Laturus families.

She will also be missed by her neighbours and friends in Ocean Park and Madeira Park.

Laturus was born in Humboldt, Sask., on Oct. 7, 1948 and grew up on the family farm in Saint Gregor.

She then moved with her mother and younger siblings to a ranch outside of Glendive, Mont., where she completed high school at Dawson County Senior High.

After graduation, she attended Saint Joseph's Hospital school of practical nursing in Lewistown, Mont.

She graduated Aug. 20, 1967 and moved with friends to St. Louis, Missouri.

Laturus later returned to Regina and worked at Regina General Hospital.

Soon after, she met Ron, fell in love, and they were married on Dec. 7, 1974.

She was Ron's biggest supporter and the backbone of the family.

They moved throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta, and eventually to Vancouver with Arbor Memorial.

On one move, the fridge was awkward and difficult to maneuver, and Ron asked her why she had purchased such a big fridge.

Her response was typically Margaret:

"I didn't think I was marrying a gypsy."

Laturus had an infectious laugh that was easily recognized and loved by all.

She loved kids, and somehow,

without even trying, they all loved her.

Everyone who met Laturus instantly liked her and soon formed a deep connection with her.

She loved her cabin in Rocky Mountain House on Crimson Lake and her cabin/ocean house on the Sunshine Coast, where she loved to watch the golden hour — when the setting sun turns the world into a golden view.

More than that, she loved people visiting.

She enjoyed the companionship.

One of her favorite things was sitting on the deck watching the boats and ocean life.

Laturus also loved sports, especially curling and Roughriders football.

She never liked to be the centre of attention.

She preferred to be in the background, where she supported everyone's dreams and passions.

Everything was about others; she was a very kind and generous lady.

She will be sorely missed by her family, her friends and everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting her.

A funeral service was held at Valleyview Memorial Gardens July 11.

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BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE



PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE ENTERING THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR BUILDING PROJECT.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW BUILDING, WE WILL BE MOVING OUT OF OUR CURRENT SPACE IN MID-MAY TO ALLOW FOR ITS REMOVAL AND FOR SITE PREPARATION TO BEGIN.

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PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ON HOW BEST TO CONNECT WITH US DURING THIS TIME.

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Seniors' activities for September!

SEPT. 10: INFORMATION SESSION, "WHAT IS DEMENTIA?"

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HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Lions Park Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. Cost: \$10 pp.

No Harbourside Friendships gatherings on Sept. 3 & 10.

Sept. 17 – Come play a game of Jeopardy done in Harbourside Friendship style.

Sept. 24 – Armchair Travel and free lunch for all who attend the program.

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Sept 2, 9, 16, & 23

At the Pender Harbour Lions Park Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

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CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, Sept 2, 9, 16, & 23

At the Sarah Wray Hall from 11– 12 noon. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Cost: \$3.

For Anne on her passing

From windy Haro Strait to chilly Chatham Sound
A buzz of disbelief is going all around
Stirring expressions of great dismay
With news that Anne Clemence has passed away.

It doesn't seem so long ago that young English nurse
Gave old St. Mary's a try for better or worse
To recharge her purse then keep on the lam
But changed course when she met a man named Sam.

No less likely couple ever shared a bunk
He a roaring buccaneer, a shirtless hunk
She a well-mannered British maid
Quite unprepared for the beachcombing trade

But she proved to be one of history's great good sporties
By chasing runaway logs from Bowen to Cortes
Becoming in time a well-known coastal fixture
With her bare-chested skipper on the good ship *Vulture*.

From busy Roger Curtis to treacherous Rose Spit
The Coast came to know them as they knew it
Their ship a familiar sight in every lonely bay
Welcomed by salty souls all along the way

The hard-logging Dougans loved to talk and roister
The clever Jones boys perfected the lowly oyster
Skinny Jimmy with his goats and musical charm
Chatty Mary Palmer over at her Jedediah farm

Betty Dalzell the coastal history maven
Sooty Grayhill making mischief in Prideaux Haven
Neil and Betty Carey, who beachcombed a museum
Through Sam and Anne we came to know and love 'em

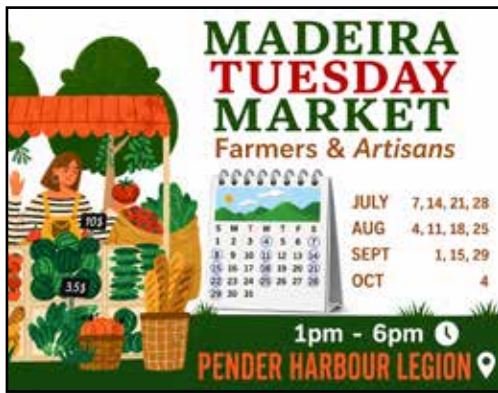
The years flew by and Sam turned in his boots
But the Kentish girl had long since grown roots
In the land of seaweed, salmon and floating chunk
Alone now she showed the measure of her spunk

As lady captain of the pretty ship *Kivak*
Worker for worthy causes too many to track
Wildlife Club, Grips recycling, saving the park
Anne was there giving her best from dawn til dark

With her fine good humour and endless zeal
Spectacular cakes and undimmed appeal
She was a source of bright inspiration
For the entire Pender Harbour nation

Tracing her tracks from London to Deepsea Bluff
Fourscore and thirteen years seem hardly enough
But paired with such youthful spark it defies all sense
We were blessed to know the Unsinkable Anne Clemence.

~ Howard White



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The Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department team recently got together for a photo. Back row (l-r): Vanya Maynard, Chris Cervenko, Marc Stokes, Richard Simpson, Darren Richter, Elisha Moussadji, Derek Williams, Jennifer Waller and Michael Parrott. Front row (l-r): Lydia Passmore, Kal Helyar, Pat Thibodeau. Not pictured are Brent Locke, Debbie Locke and John Jones. The EDVFD was established in 2004 and serves the communities of Egmont, Earls Cove, Ruby Lake and North Sakinaw Lake providing services to an estimated 350 homes. They are always looking for new members. If you live in the area, can respond to emergencies and commit a minimum of two hours a week to training and maintaining equipment, give them a call at the EDVFD non-emergency line at (604) 883-2555.

harbour seals



Harbour Seals of Approval or Disapproval.

By email: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number.
(Editor will edit for length.)

A field of Seals of Disapproval to **who ever thought putting a large building on a school field was a good idea.** They should have their heads looked at — you can put a building anywhere you can't put a soccer field anywhere.

Madeira will now be congested.

Robin Millar

Reams of Harbour Seals of thanks to **our financial contributors and to Howard White and his team** at Harbour Publishing for making the soft cover edition of Women of Pender Harbour possible.

Cathy Jenks

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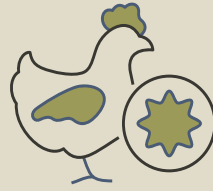
SEPTEMBER

DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, **extra large**)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechart Inlet).

1. 8:36 AM +L, 2:36 PM -M
2. 9:36 AM +L, 3:39 PM -S
3. 10:45 AM +L, 4:44 PM -S
4. 11:21 AM +L, 5:57 PM -S
5. **1:06 PM +XL**, 7:12 PM -S
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10. **10:52 AM -XL**, **5:34 PM +XL**
11. **11:39 AM -XL**, **6:05 PM +XL**
12. **12:23 PM -L**, **6:19 PM +XL**
13. 1:08 PM -L, 6:32 PM +L
14. 7:50 AM +L, 1:56 PM -M
15. **8:44 AM +XL**, 2:51 PM -M
16. **9:41 AM +XL**, 3:40 PM -S
17. 10:42 PM +L, 4:34 PM -S
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19. 1:05 PM +L
20. 2:17 PM +L
21. **2:50 PM +XL**
22. 7:47 AM -L, **3:36 PM +XL**
23. 8:50 AM -L, **4:12 PM +XL**
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25. 10:27 AM -L, 4:58 PM +L
26. 11:09 AM -L, 5:12 PM +L
27. 12:03 PM -L, 5:28 PM +L
28. 12:47 AM -L, 5:50 PM +L
29. 1:48 PM -M, 6:12 PM +L
30. 8:29 AM +XL, 2:39 PM -M

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H5N1 AVIAN FLU

1997

The year of the first documented case of H5N1 (avian flu) infecting a human (in Hong Kong where 18 people got sick and six died).

478

According to the World Health Organization, the number of human deaths resulting from 997 cases of avian flu reported worldwide since the first case in 1997.

48%

The human fatality rate of H5N1 since the first case in 1997.

71

The number of human cases of H5N1, or avian flu, in the United States since 2022.

650

The number of Canadian commercial poultry farms and backyard coops that have experienced outbreaks of avian flu since 2021.

17.5 million

The number of birds Canadian poultry farms have lost to avian flu since 2021. That figure jumps to 200 million in the U.S.

200

The number of mammal species (including mink, dogs, cats, foxes, bears, coyotes, seals, sea lions, goats and rodents) H5N1 has been detected in in North America since it was first detected here in 2021.

~ The Walrus

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily September high temperature is 17.6° C and our average daily low temperature this month is 12.1° C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 14.8° C. September averages 1.8 days with temperatures above 18.1° C. The highest September temperature recorded is 26.6° C (Sept. 3, 1988); the lowest September temperature recorded is 3.9° C (Sept. 27, 1972).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

September averages 10 days with rainfall and a total of 63.1 mm for the month. September has an average of 212.4 hours of bright sunshine, and the highest daily rainfall recorded is 69.4 mm (Sept. 1, 1983).

SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGY

**VIRGO: August 23 - September 22**

Virgos value knowledge highly and their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance. Virgos have high standards for themselves, and their goal is to be perfect in everything they do. This month, you receive a blank slate to start over as the New Moon moves into Virgo on the 10th. Past false starts and professional faux pas will temporarily be forgotten. Use this opportunity to gain back your dignity after June's crash out. Also, if there was ever a time to go big on lotto, it is September 2026. Cash in will bring huge cash out. Don't tell anyone.

**LIBRA: September 22 – October 23**

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. As your chakras have already likely sensed, Mercury is moving into Libra. Not only has it made your pets jittery, it provides an opportune window to strengthen bonds through intimate discussions. Your partner will not enjoy it but it will provide a foundation for you to move to another level of polygamous bliss.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Aug. 8

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

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| 1. A False and Fatal Claim
by Iona Whishaw (Touchwood Editions) | 6. Tiny Hiker by Natasha Zimmers, illus. by Jaimie MacGibbon (Orca Books) |
| 2. The Astronaut Children of Dunbar Street: A Memoir
by Wiley Wei-Chiun Ho (Douglas & McIntyre) | 7. Meanwhile, Back in Nokomis: Tales from Canada and Elsewhere by Will Ferguson (Douglas & McIntyre) |
| 3. Unceded: Understanding British Columbia's Colonial Past and Why It Matters Now
by George M. Abbott (UBC Press) | 8. Stories of Nikkei Canadians: Resilience in Struggle by Masako Fukawa (Harbour Publishing) |
| 4. The Best of Roy Henry Vickers: 80 Selected Works by Lucky Budd, Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing) | 9. Dead Bees Still Sting: Tales of Life at the Edge of Nature by Susan Cormier (Greystone Books) |
| 5. A Season for Spies by Iona Whishaw (Touchwood Editions) | 10. West Coast Kitchen Garden by Sabrina Currie (Touchwood Editions) |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 1: **Heather Brown.**
 Sept. 2: **Brad Higgins.**
 Sept. 3: **Jeff Higgs.**
 Sept. 4: **Robin Heiliger.**
 Sept. 5: **John Dafoe** and **Maxwel Hohn.**
 Sept. 6: **Michael Parrott.**
 Sept. 7: **Ed Pazur.**
 Sept. 10: **Ernie Paiement, Emily Gamble, Kiri MacGreggor** and **Pam Roosen.**
 Sept. 11: **Barb Barbour, Sharon Rosel, Doris Wilkinson, Desiree De La Canal** and **Ashley Georgison.**
 Sept. 12: **Tanisha Chandler** and **Daniel Hardwick.**
 Sept. 16: **Theresa Baldwin** and **Steven Edwardson.**
 Sept. 17: **Gord Barnett.**
 Sept. 18: **Charly Mclean** and **Gary Saunders.**
 Sept. 19: **Patti Gaudet, Doug Reid, Dennis Gamble, Aldo Cogrossi, Jesse Little** and **Lauryn Young.**
 Sept. 21: **Black Bill Gilkes, Christy King** and **Joey Fletcher.**
 Sept. 23: **Helmut Haas.**
 Sept. 24: **Susan Knock, Marnie Davis** and **Matt Richards.**
 Sept. 26: **Rosie Thirkell.**
 Sept. 27: **Dale Duncan.**
 Sept. 30: **Shelby Campbell, Charlie Durrant, Irene Forsyth** and **Scott Minch.**

***Tiger Flower* and the Chinese Moon Festival 1980**



Susan Marlatt

Tiger Flower (AKA *Tar Baby*) resting on the beach at the author's south Texada Island caretaking job.

Susan Marlatt

Back in the late 1970s, my partner Keray Farrell and I had a wonderful 20-foot speed boat that perfectly served our life caretaking in Sabine Channel, on Texada Island (opposite Jedediah Island).

For some reason, which I can't fathom now, we decided to sell this perfect boat and buy a Chinese junk.

A junk is a Chinese sailing design characterized by a central rudder, an overhanging flat transom and a flat-bottom.

Tiger Flower was created as a "fantasy ship" by Michael Parker on Hornby Island and was for sale for cheap.

We had been ashore for almost four years with this caretaking job and maybe getting itchy to have a big boat that the family could sleep on again.

We planned to travel the Coast after the owners of the 40 acres in our care returned each summer.

At any rate, we wound up on Hornby Island buying this really ter-

rible looking creation.

It was a junk alright.

It had three unstayed masts and battened sails built over a hull from a 35-foot commercial fish boat that was burned up and left on a Hornby beach.

It shouldn't have left that beach.

We gave him whatever amount he was asking and off we headed for Sabine Channel.

It was a voyage of discovery.

The first discovery was that we had actually bought back a long shaft Johnson outboard that we had given away a few years previously.

It had no reverse gear and went only full speed ahead.

I can't recall where we acquired this engine but it was probably a discard from a hard herring season as it was the engine of choice for the old "ice cube tray" herring skiffs.

This particular engine had been one that Keray had worked long and hard to get to run and he could see signs of his efforts under the cover.

We thought we would get rid of it again but this time overboard so we

would never encounter it again.

In order to shut the thing off, one of the children had to be stationed down in the well where it was mounted so we could glide in for a landing.

We were good boat handlers so this procedure seemed workable until the end of the coming herring season when we could find a replacement.

Herring fisherman typically avoided problems with these engines by replacing them each year, so there were always lots up for grabs cheap.

In the end we didn't replace it — we just got used to it again.

The purchase of the *Tiger Flower* came with one commitment.

Michael told us that he had promised the organizers of the Chinese Moon Festival 1980, in the fall of that year, that he would bring the boat down to Granville Island and tie it up as a decorative attraction.

At the time, Granville Island was just beginning to be a destination for locals and tourists.

There were no fingers yet, just the main dock.

It seemed a great opportunity to take part in a new experience.

This might have been the first and maybe the last time the organizers thought to do this sort of thing.

Soon the time came to leave our beach and head for Vancouver.

We stored *Tiger Flower* (Michael's name, I called her *Tar Baby*) on a protected beach on Jedediah Island because the mooring in our bay was exposed to southeast winds.

We used the owner's cartopper boat to get back and forth.

Other than our first trip bringing her from Hornby Island, we hadn't sailed *Tar Baby* at all.

We loaded our bedding and food and even firewood as she had a section of a 45-gallon drum used as a stove for heating and cooking.

Being onboard again made me

wonder if this was a good idea and I think Keray felt the same way.

But, off we went.

It wasn't long before the south-east wind came up right on our nose.

This was especially concerning once we noticed that the hull of the boat actually bent with each wave.

We were towing our 16-foot Farrell-built dory as a life boat but it seemed like a precarious situation.

Keray had a good trick that he used in uncomfortable winds a few times before — he found a log boom heading south, slipped in behind and tied up to it.

Then we rode in the lee of the logs all the way to the Fraser River.

It was tricky to do with our engine situation but we pulled it off and sat back for a three knot ride.

A few crew members on the tug

came back to see what we were up to and when they saw three kids they headed back to the tug to get goodies.

The cook produced a hunk of cake and salad — gotta love those towboaters.

After a very slow ride, we untied with a wave to our new friends before they headed up the Fraser River and we found our way to the empty dock at Granville Island.

Nothing was happening until the next day so we took off to take in what was an amazing culture shock — especially the food.

We had brought clams and oysters to trade and the kids headed off with their barter items, returning with steaks and other delicious things.

Everything was going well so far.

(Continued next month)



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community calendar

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

SEPTEMBER

Tue. Sept. 1.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 1 to 6 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 4.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 6.....Live music with Raspberry Jam - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 7.....Labour Day

Mon. Sept. 7.....Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre reopens after annual maintenance

Tue. Sept. 8.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.

Tue. Sept. 8.....Community hot lunch and free cycle/donation tent - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 9.....School starts!

Mon. Sept. 14.....Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society outreach healthy meal program resumes

Thu. Sept. 10.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 10.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 10....."What is dementia?" information session - PHMS Performance Centre, 1 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 10....."Adapting to changes in communication" workshop - PHMS Performance Centre, 5 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 11.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 11.....Coffee House - PHMS Performance Centre, 7:30 p.m. (doors 7 p.m.)

Sat. Sept. 12.....13th annual Trash Bash - P. H. Lions Park, 10 a.m.

Sun. Sept. 13.....Live music with Mad Cow - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 15.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 17.....Harbourside Friendships (Jeopardy) - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 18.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 19.....Big Yard Sale at Harry's Mower Shop - 4578 Esquire Drive, 10 a.m.

Sat. Sept. 19.....Celebration of Life for John Nield - Sarah Wray Hall, 3 to 6 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 20.....P. H. Wildlife Society picnic and Anne Clemence tribute - Iris and Billy Nature Centre, 1 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 20.....PHMS Concert Series with Black Gardenia - PHMS Performance Centre, 2 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 20.....Live music with Blue Western - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 21.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.

Tue. Sept. 22.....Pender Harbour Women's Connection gathering - PHMS Performance Centre, 10 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 24.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 24.....Harbourside Friendships (Armchair travel) - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 24.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 25.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 26.....Bargain Barn 50th Anniversary Gala - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 5:45 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 27.....P. H. Health Centre Society AGM - PHMS Performance Centre, 1 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 27.....Live music with Joe Rotundo and the Coastal Comets - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 28.....Pender Harbour Garden Club hosts gardener Randy Shore - Lions Park Hall, 1 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 29.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. **b** 2. **a** 3. **a** 4. **c** 5. **c** 6. **d**

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