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See it through their eyes



Brian Lee

After a dull winter,
Sunshine Coasters can
be excused if they suffer
bittersweet disappointment when sum-
mer finally arrives.

That's because the off-season
doldrums coax summer fantasies of
weeks spent stretching out with cock-
tails on a local patio after a relaxing
day of lounging at the lake.

The reality is usually different.

As summer booms, the people
who kept the lights on all winter sud-
denly have to compete for recreation,
and tables.

One day in mid-July, I counted
over 20 people on the ubiquitous
Costco stand up paddleboards and
kayaks just around the central island
in Garden Bay Lake.

But, if I'm nostalgic and some-
times miffed that things aren't like
they used to be, I also enjoy a sense of
pride that my home is being enjoyed
by so many.

Summer can also be hectic jug-
gling the train of friends and family
who, not coincidentally, also pass
through in July and August.

There's nothing better than
reconnecting without having to leave
the Coast to do it, but it can be a
strain.

Entertaining guests has a way of
making you forget that you're not on
vacation too — and that you still have
to go to work the next day.

They tend to make you drink
more, stay up later and fill your day
with outdoor activities.

If you're young, it's fantastic.

If not, it can be exhausting.

But the stream of summer visi-
tors also force you out of your habits
in other, unexpected ways.

Who hasn't guided out-of-town
friends to old favourites like Pender

Hill or the Skookumchuck?

Or to a beach you hadn't ex-
plored for decades?

Each time I do, I wonder why I
don't do it more often.

I think one of the hazards of liv-
ing here full time is that it's easy for
the familiar to become invisible and
playing tour guide serves up a power-
ful reminder of what we have.

I relished growing up here but
when I graduated from PHSS in 1989,
I was leaving for good.

When I returned in 2000, I saw
the place in a new light.

The familiar had become magi-
cal.

Whether strolling Francis Point
Park on a sunny spring morning or
sitting out on a still night and seeing
stars again, I finally appreciated the
powerful experiences that people who
don't live here are having all around
us, all the time.

The young couple falling in love
with a little help from Dan Bosch
Park's Douglas fir and sparkling azure
lake backdrop.

The parental pride in watching
children getting along and squealing
with laughter as they tip over rocks at
Baker Beach.

Or the awesome contemplation
of life and nature brought on by sip-
ping a glass of wine on the deck at the
Wilderness Lodge.

They might drive too slow or
clog the aisles at the IGA but we
should be patient with these people.

Many endure the daily strain
of living in the Lower Mainland and
come here to rescue their mental
health.

They might be experiencing
something profound — a way of life
we take for granted.

And I've found that tagging
along with them is one of the best
ways to discover it again.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEEHOUSE: Friday, Aug. 2, doors at 7 p.m.

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, Aug. 2. The evening of music is titled "Harbour Light" and is a fundraiser for the Pender Harbour Choir. The event features variety and collaborative performances of individuals from the Pender Harbour Choir. Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

PENDER HARBOUR DAYS AND WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL: Friday, Aug. 2 to 4

Plan to join your friends in Madeira Park for three days celebrating boats and Pender Harbour's maritime tradition. The show kicks off with the Friday night boat parade at 5 p.m. and features a variety of music, food, heritage boats, exhibits and the popular speaker's series featuring Capt. Bill Noon, Howard White and Isaac Vanderhorst.

Visit www.penderharbourwoodenboatshow.ca for more information.

ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR SHOW AND SHINE: Sunday, Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The annual Rotary Club of Pender Harbour Show and Shine is a spectacular day of taking in classic motorcycles and cars, all in a beautiful park-like setting adjacent to the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park. This is an interactive event in which folks will vote on the favourite cars with multiple "people's choice awards" to be won. If you're entering a vehicle, the cost is \$30 to register between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The show opens to the public at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. For more information call (604) 989-7811.

MID-SUMMER CHAMBER MUSIC WEEKEND: Saturday Aug. 17 and Sunday Aug. 18, 2 p.m.

This now annual weekend of chamber music harkens back memories of the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival with two shows on two days. First up on Saturday Aug. 17, Kai Gleusteen (violin) and Catherine Ordroneau (piano) present a program from Dvorak, Kreisler, and Gershwin. The next day, Sunday, Aug. 18 will see Joan Blackman (violin), Zoltan Rozsnyai (cello), Jane Hayes (piano) perform the Brahms Op 8 and Babajanian Piano Trio.

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Volunteers 'Dive Against Debris' at Irvines Landing

The future site of the Pender Harbour Ocean Discovery Station received some underwater care this past month.

Volunteers came from as far away as Vancouver to Dive Against Debris on Sunday July 14.

The event aimed to both improve the health of Pender Harbour's ecosystem and to collect information about marine debris which may help inform policy change.

Divers entered the water and, over the course of an hour, brought bag upon bag of debris to the surface.

Volunteers on shore hauled the debris bags to the sorting area for processing.

Loon Foundation monitoring staff and volunteers then removed ocean life that surfaced with the debris and promptly returned the marine life to the ocean.

Much of the debris included bottles and metal, with some interesting finds like a ceramic teapot.

Tires were removed by roping and towing out by boat and truck.

All debris was transported to the marine debris collection facility, operated by Ocean Legacy, at the SCR D solid waste facilities in Sechelt.

In total, volunteers removed 690 kilograms (1,520 pounds) of debris from the waters off Irvines landing.

One diver shared underwater footage of Irvines Landing with the group and said, "We probably only



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Volunteers sort through the 1,520 lbs of debris that volunteer divers hauled up from the bottom of Joe Bay July 14.

collected one per cent of the debris.

"There is a lot down there."

Divers were also able to make ecosystem observations while collecting debris.

Sightings included opalescent squid eggs, booted sponge, schools of shiner perch, leather sea stars, sea cucumbers, and small species of octopus.

Local marine diving specialists Sea Wolf Diving supported the event

with a safety team as well as vessel and winch support for heavy items like tires.

For information about next year's event, sign up to receive the foundation's newsletter by emailing info@loonfoundation.org.



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The first roll off of the season at the Madeira Park boat launch occurred on July 5. According to a witness, the boat was being backed down unhooked and when the driver hit the brakes, 'Whiz bang.'

news

Blanket campfire ban now in place

As of July 12, all open burning, including campfires, are prohibited on the Sunshine Coast.

The ban includes all fires whether for warmth or cooking and all beach fires, burning barrels, fireworks, firecrackers and sky lanterns.

The campfire prohibition does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or portable campfire devices that use briquettes, liquid, or gaseous fuel, provided they are CSA or ULC approved, and the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.

This ban will be in place until Thursday, Oct. 31 or until the order is rescinded.

For more information, visit the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department website at www.penderharbourfire.com.

For SCRDC-managed fire departments, including the Egmont and District Volunteer Fire Department, visit www.scrd.ca/fire-departments.



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Bylaw 337 and OCP updates



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

Some feel that any and all regulations are an assault on property rights, but the reality is that society requires laws to let us live together peaceably in our communities.

Our OCP was last updated in 2018 and our zoning Bylaw 337 was created in 1990, so they both need updates.

On the SCRD website, the public hearing information binder and a public hearing presentation describes three legislated bylaw updates and five optional updates for Area A.

While the legislated (mandated) items are insignificant, the optional updates could be delayed until the

OCP update, rejected altogether or be accepted as discretionary.

“Hardscaping” in riparian assessment areas (not ocean setbacks because the ocean is not a riparian area) refers to fixtures constructed of wood and aggregate materials, e.g. patios, decks, decorative and retaining walls, roads and parking lots, campground pads, pavers and fill placement.

Ocean setbacks aim to protect property from wave and high-tide damage, but grandparenting permissions will remain, leaving ocean-waterfront homeowners unaffected.

Lakefront properties are subject to riparian setbacks but, with a reasonable request supported by a qualified professional, building variances have been and will continue to be granted.

The proposed changes include:

1. Minimum parcel size calcula-

tion will exclude:

- Community sewer field and related equipment areas;
 - Public open space;
 - Parkland;
 - Property returned to the province;
 - Highway dedication;
 - Land covered by flowing or standing water, e.g. lake, pond, river, creek, spring, ravine, and wetland, whether or not they are usually covered, and
 - Areas containing a stream protection and enhancement area (SPEA) as established under provincial riparian areas protection regulations.
2. No buildings, structures, hardscaping or any part thereof shall be constructed, reconstructed, moved, located, or extended within five metres of an SPEA boundary or default



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2. Add mulch (wood chips, seaweed, cardboard) around plants to help retain moisture in the soil.
3. Around the house, don't rush to flush, take short showers, run full loads of dishes and laundry.
4. Rainwater catchment and greywater use is encouraged where possible. Check public health guidelines first.

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riparian assessment area if a provincially approved SPEA has not been established.

3. Watercourse setbacks will be increased:

- Increase to 30 metres the natural boundary of Brittain, Skawaka, Deserted and Vancouver Rivers and Smanit, Seshal, Hunaechin, Stakawus, Potato, Loquilts, Tsuadhdi and Osgood Creeks, and
- Increase all other setbacks from water bodies and watercourses from 7.5 metres to 15 metres or 17 metres.

If implemented, these bylaw 337 and OCP changes will not supersede provincial or federal legislation, or the strata act.

To view the public hearing, read the hearing binder and ask questions about the proposed amendments, visit www.letstalk.scrd.ca.

Although the public hearing is over, feedback won't be presented until September, so submissions can still be directed to staff.

NO BUS FOR US

The province strives to provide innovative transportation solutions to rural residents and businesses, but they prioritize more populated communities than ours, so we're still waiting.

Since 2012, and until 2022, the SCRD has made and supported motions at the yearly Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference, including:

- Amend the Passenger Transportation Act so that safe and competitive transportation services can become viable in small rural and remote communities;
- Establish an area-based and tiered regulatory system;
- Implement a viable and flexible

ride-sharing service regulation;

- Assess and determine the sustainability of passenger-directed vehicle operations including public transit and taxi service in rural communities, and

- Provide adequate funding to support local and intercommunity transportation in rural communities.

After the 2022 convention, the province directed the legislative assembly to appoint an all-party committee to review their legislative framework, enacted in 2019.

Among other objectives, the committee was tasked with evaluating whether the act promotes passenger directed vehicle services, including transportation network services in small, rural communities.

The committee was given one year from its appointment to submit a report on its review and, in their report, could include recommendations they deemed appropriate and helpful.

In this report, presented in May, the committee identified service short-

comings in small, rural, and remote communities and stated that the act does not do enough to promote PDV services in these communities, nor does the framework consider problems in small, rural communities.

They noted the difficulty in finding a market to support sustainable PDV services and discussed the role PDVs could fill within the broader system, notably linking to other transportation modes to improve connectivity within rural communities.

Among other items, they recommended the province, "take a holistic approach to improve transportation connectivity within and between communities in small, rural, and remote areas that recognizes unique needs and includes viable passenger directed vehicle options in conjunction with other transportation modes."

So, there's still no bus for us, but there's now a glimmer of hope that the province, at the urging of its own special committee, will act to resolve our public transportation challenges.

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Pender Harbour Music Society's 2024-25 concert series

The Pender Harbour Music Society annual concert series kicks off this month with two concerts on Aug. 17 and 18. Tickets are \$30 per concert, with special pricing for the two-day Mid-Summer Chamber Music Weekend and the Piano Heist one-hour morning concert for all ages on March 30. Tickets are available on the PHMS website (www.penderharbourmusic.ca) or at Harbour Insurance in Madeira Park and the Sechelt Visitor Centre. All concerts are at the Pender Harbour School of Music at 12956 Madeira Park Road, Madeira Park. This season's menu:



Mid-Summer Chamber Music Weekend:

KAI GLEUSTEEN (violin) &
CATHERINE ORDRONNEAU (piano)

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2 p.m.

This duo calls Barcelona home, so it is delightful that their extensive world tour includes a welcome return to Pender Harbour. Their program from Dvorak, Kreisler, and Gershwin promises to be a marvellous opening to the 2024/2025 concert season.

JOAN BLACKMAN (violin), **ZOLTAN ROZSNYAI** (cello) & **JANE HAYES** (piano)

Sunday, Aug. 18, 2 p.m.

Blackman and her colleagues are known for superbly expressive ensemble programmes and this afternoon of piano trios promises to be no exception, featuring the Brahms Op. 8 and Babajanian piano trio.



TRIOLOGY

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.

This supergroup of award-winning Canadian jazz musicians — Jodi Proznick (bass), Miles Black (piano), and Bill Coon (guitar), joined forces to form one of Canada's finest jazz trios. Fashioned after the early jazz trios of Nat King Cole and Oscar Peterson, expect wonderful impromptu arrangements of classics.



SIOBHAN WALSH

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.

Siobhan Walsh is one of Vancouver's most versatile and authentic young vocalists. With flavours of R&B, neo-soul, pop and jazz, her music will surely have you grooving in your seats. Soulful, smooth and effortless, Siobhan commands the stage with her vocal prowess and power.



JOHN WORT HANNAM

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m.

Welcome one of the best folk-roots writers in Canada and winner of two 2023 Canadian Folk Music awards. John Wort Hannam has enjoyed a lifelong passion for singing and performing. Audiences recognize something special in his narrative, lyrically driven songs which is both unique and familiar.



DAWN PEMBERTON & JODI PROZNICK

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.

We welcome two of Pender Harbour's favourite women of music and award-winning powerhouses — vocalist Dawn Pemberton and bassist/bandleader Jodi Proznick. With their all-star band they will bring joy and soul to your best loved holiday classics, by the likes of Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Ella Fitzgerald and more.



SEUMAS GAGNE (Celtic Harp)

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m.

Seumas Gagne is an extraordinary Celtic harpist and singer who is fluent in Scots Gaelic. He is also a composer and sought after instructor in both harp and Gaelic. He will be joined by violinist Christine Traxler and cellist Eli Weinberger. Get ready for an afternoon of heartfelt Celtic instrumentals and traditional songs.



JOHN REISCHMAN & THE JAYBIRDS

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m.

Banish the February “blahs” with John Reischman and the Jaybirds. The Grammy award-winning mandolinist lightheartedly refers to his twice-Juno nominated group, The Jaybirds, as a “gateway bluegrass band” — roots music with enough drive and energy to be true bluegrass, but folksy enough for any audience.



PIANO HEIST – A Day of Music for All Ages

Sunday, March 30, two shows! 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Lifelong friends and colleagues, Nico Rhodes and Patrick Courtin deliver everything from classical to bombastic boogie, embracing all musical genres on two keyboards and a synthesizer. What ensues is a mishmash of theatre, comedy, audience participation, heartfelt stories and a world of musical madness.



DUO BEIJA-FLOR

Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.

The unique duo of guitarist Charles Hobson and flautist Marie-Noelle Choquette hail from Montreal with a stellar international reputation. They bring an original repertoire that features music by composers who have used traditional dances, stories or songs to inspire their works, pushing the boundary of classical music.



CAMERON CROZMAN (cello), & MEAGAN MILATZ (piano)

Sunday, May 25, 2 p.m.

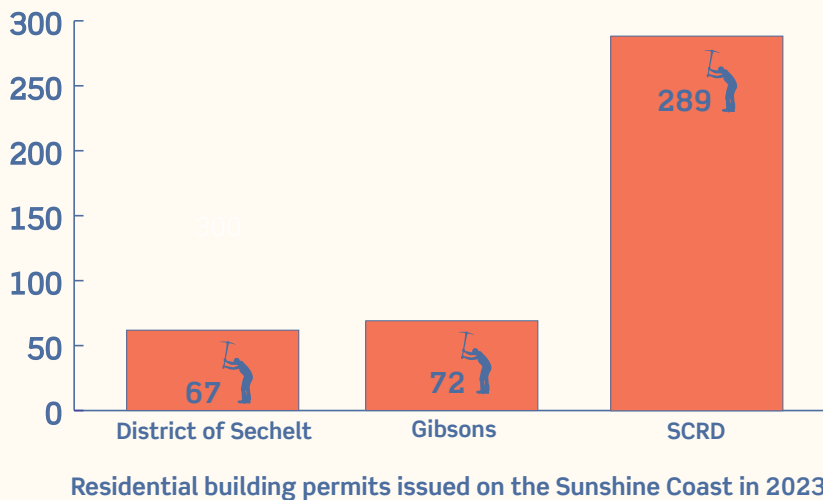
Canadian multi-award winners, sought-after soloists and chamber musicians, Meagan Milatz (from meagan & amy) and cellist Cameron Crozman perform a special concert to bring our series to a joyful conclusion.

2. HOUSING



The Sunshine Coast remains an area dominated by the single family home, while other housing types lag behind. Housing advocates are hoping to see future construction correct that imbalance.

As things are, the region is lacking in the types of housing that provide a pathway to ownership for people entering the market and options for single-family homeowners, in particular seniors, looking to downsize.



According to a 2023 housing needs assessment, the Coast's overall stock of affordable or below market housing units was 217.



\$803,400

The Feb. 2024 MLS benchmark price for a residential property (single family detached, duplexes, townhomes and apartments).

80%

Percentage of the Sunshine Coast's current housing stock that are single detached homes. It is unchanged from 2016.



A 2023 report from McGill University's Urban Politics and Governance Research Group found that the Sunshine Coast had the **second highest density of short term rentals** in the Vancouver Coast and Mountains tourism region (Whistler was highest by a wide margin).

The report estimated the loss of housing units to STRs of **110** in 2023, down from **120** in 2022 and an impact on average rents in 2022 of **\$50/month**.

\$1,617

The average rent for a one bedroom suite on the Sunshine Coast in 2023.

The average rent for a two bedroom was \$2,234.

2.01%

The vacancy rate on the Sunshine Coast (according to the Alliance for Affordable Housing's Sept. 2023 rental market report).

Doreen Godkin
MARCH 26, 1927 — MAY 12, 2024



Doreen Godkin was born in 1927 in Tisdale, Sask.
The youngest of 10 siblings, she moved to BC at the age of 20, traveling by train.

She worked for Godkin Brothers Logging on Galiano Island where she met her lifelong partner, Leonard (Mike) Godkin.
Together they had three children — Wendy, Beverly and Bradley.
The couple raised their family in logging camps on small coastal islands before settling in Pender Harbour 65 years ago.
She spent much of her life cooking in remote areas where she learned to be very thrifty and resourceful.
She lived her whole life recycling all forms of bags and containers as well as never wasting any foods.

Godkin died on Mother’s Day at the age of 97 at Sechelt Hospital.
She left behind six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.
She always had an open door to any and all visitors and hosted many large family gatherings, full of storytelling and catching up on life events.
She loved sewing, knitting, darning, cooking and baking “the best buns ever.”
She also loved the outdoors, gardening, the ocean and fishing.
Through all her tough times, she was always happy.

seals



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Pam Roosen

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Randy Picketts
Pender Harbour Hikers

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The decision by the P. H. Dental clinic providers to accept the CDCP will benefit many local seniors.
Joan Rush

Helmets full of Harbour Seals of Approval to **Kyle Steele and all the Organizers and Riders who made the “Christmas in June” Legion Motorcycle Run possible.** Approximately 80 toys were donated along with \$475 to benefit the “Spreading Kindness” fundraiser in aid of local children and families in need at Christmas and all year long.
Lyn Charlton
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A Harbour Seal of gratitude to **the folks who rescued me** whilst I was caught closely examining the ditches in Pender Harbour Landing on the road home from the superb open house at Sarah Wray Hall.
Margaret Skelley



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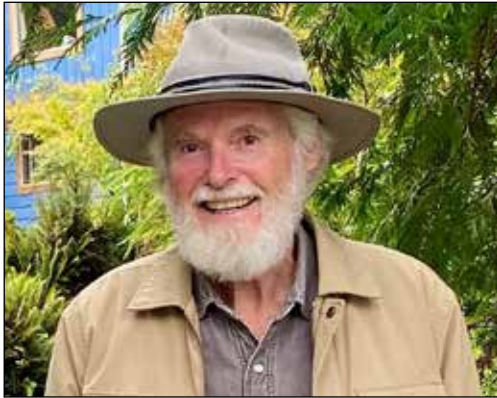
Canoe Pass:



August	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Thu 01	13.9	14.1	13.8	12.7	10.9	8.6	6.4	4.3	2.9	2.2	2.5	3.7	5.6	7.9	10.4	12.6	14.2	15.0	15.0	14.4	13.6	12.8	12.4	12.5
Fri 02	13.0	13.4	13.7	13.4	12.2	10.3	8.1	5.8	3.8	2.5	2.1	2.6	4.0	6.2	8.7	11.3	13.4	14.8	15.3	15.0	14.1	13.1	12.3	11.9
Sat 03	12.1	12.6	13.1	13.4	13.1	11.8	9.9	7.6	5.3	3.5	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.7	7.1	9.8	12.2	14.2	15.2	15.3	14.6	13.5	12.4	11.6
Sun 04	11.3	11.7	12.3	12.9	13.2	12.8	11.4	9.4	7.1	4.9	3.3	2.4	2.5	3.7	5.8	8.3	11.0	13.3	14.8	15.3	14.9	14.0	12.7	11.5
Mon 05	10.8	10.8	11.4	12.2	12.8	13.0	12.4	11.0	8.9	6.7	4.7	3.3	2.8	3.3	4.9	7.2	9.8	12.2	14.1	15.1	15.1	14.3	13.0	11.7
Tue 06	10.6	10.2	10.4	11.2	12.0	12.7	12.8	12.1	10.6	8.5	6.5	4.7	3.7	3.6	4.5	6.4	8.8	11.2	13.4	14.7	15.1	14.5	13.4	11.9
Wed 07	10.5	9.7	9.5	10.0	10.9	11.9	12.5	12.6	11.7	10.2	8.3	6.5	5.1	4.5	4.8	6.1	8.1	10.4	12.6	14.2	14.9	14.7	13.7	12.2
Thu 08	10.7	9.4	8.8	9.0	9.7	10.7	11.7	12.3	12.3	11.4	10.0	8.4	6.9	5.9	5.7	6.4	7.9	9.8	11.9	13.5	14.5	14.6	13.9	12.6
Fri 09	10.9	9.4	8.4	8.0	8.4	9.3	10.5	11.5	12.1	12.0	11.3	10.1	8.8	7.6	7.1	7.2	8.1	9.6	11.4	12.9	14.1	14.4	14.0	12.9
Sat 10	11.3	9.6	8.2	7.4	7.3	7.9	9.0	10.2	11.2	11.8	11.9	11.3	10.4	9.4	8.7	8.4	8.8	9.8	11.1	12.4	13.5	14.1	13.9	13.1
Sun 11	11.7	10.0	8.4	7.2	6.6	6.7	7.5	8.6	9.8	11.0	11.7	11.9	11.6	11.0	10.3	9.9	9.8	10.3	11.1	12.1	13.1	13.7	13.7	13.2
Mon 12	12.0	10.4	8.8	7.3	6.3	5.9	6.2	6.9	8.1	9.5	10.7	11.6	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.3	11.0	11.0	11.4	12.0	12.7	13.2	13.5	13.2
Tue 13	12.3	10.9	9.3	7.7	6.4	5.5	5.2	5.5	6.4	7.6	9.0	10.4	11.6	12.3	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.9	11.8	12.0	12.4	12.8	13.1	13.1
Wed 14	12.5	11.4	10.0	8.3	6.7	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.9	5.8	7.2	8.8	10.4	11.8	12.8	13.3	13.2	12.9	12.5	12.3	12.3	12.5	12.8	13.0
Thu 15	12.8	12.1	10.9	9.3	7.5	5.9	4.6	3.8	3.7	4.2	5.4	7.0	8.9	10.8	12.4	13.5	13.9	13.8	13.3	12.8	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.7
Fri 16	12.9	12.8	12.1	10.7	8.9	7.0	5.2	3.8	3.0	2.9	3.6	5.1	7.1	9.3	11.5	13.2	14.2	14.4	14.1	13.4	12.6	12.0	11.9	12.1
Sat 17	12.6	12.9	13.0	12.3	10.8	8.8	6.6	4.6	3.0	2.2	2.2	3.3	5.1	7.5	10.0	12.3	14.0	14.8	14.7	14.0	13.0	12.0	11.4	11.4
Sun 18	11.9	12.6	13.1	13.3	12.6	11.0	8.7	6.3	4.1	2.4	1.7	2.0	3.4	5.6	8.3	11.0	13.3	14.8	15.1	14.6	13.5	12.2	11.1	10.6
Mon 19	10.8	11.6	12.5	13.3	13.5	12.8	11.1	8.7	6.1	3.8	2.2	1.6	2.2	4.0	6.6	9.5	12.3	14.3	15.3	15.2	14.2	12.6	11.1	9.9
Tue 20	9.6	10.1	11.2	12.5	13.4	13.7	13.0	11.2	8.7	6.1	3.9	2.5	2.2	3.2	5.3	8.1	11.1	13.6	15.2	15.5	14.8	13.3	11.4	9.6
Wed 21	8.6	8.5	9.3	10.7	12.2	13.4	13.7	13.0	11.3	8.9	6.5	4.5	3.4	3.4	4.7	7.0	9.9	12.6	14.6	15.6	15.3	14.0	12.1	9.9
Thu 22	8.1	7.2	7.3	8.4	10.0	11.8	13.1	13.6	13.0	11.4	9.3	7.2	5.5	4.8	5.2	6.8	9.1	11.7	13.9	15.4	15.7	14.8	13.0	10.7
Fri 23	8.4	6.7	5.9	6.2	7.5	9.3	11.2	12.7	13.3	12.9	11.7	10.0	8.2	7.0	6.6	7.3	8.9	11.0	13.2	14.8	15.6	15.3	13.9	11.7
Sat 24	9.3	7.0	5.4	4.8	5.3	6.7	8.6	10.6	12.2	13.0	12.9	12.0	10.8	9.5	8.7	8.6	9.3	10.8	12.5	14.1	15.2	15.4	14.6	12.8
Sun 25	10.5	8.1	5.9	4.5	4.1	4.7	6.0	7.9	9.9	11.6	12.7	12.9	12.5	11.7	10.8	10.3	10.3	11.0	12.1	13.4	14.5	15.0	14.8	13.6
Mon 26	11.8	9.5	7.2	5.2	4.0	3.7	4.2	5.4	7.2	9.1	10.9	12.3	13.0	13.0	12.6	12.1	11.7	11.6	12.1	12.8	13.6	14.3	14.5	14.0
Tue 27	12.7	10.9	8.8	6.7	4.9	3.8	3.5	3.9	5.0	6.7	8.5	10.4	12.0	13.1	13.6	13.5	13.1	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.9	13.4	13.7	13.8
Wed 28	13.3	12.0	10.3	8.3	6.4	4.8	3.7	3.4	3.8	4.9	6.5	8.5	10.5	12.2	13.5	14.1	14.1	13.7	13.1	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.8	13.1
Thu 29	13.2	12.8	11.6	10.0	8.1	6.3	4.7	3.7	3.3	3.7	4.9	6.7	8.8	10.9	12.7	14.0	14.6	14.4	13.8	13.0	12.3	11.8	11.9	12.2
Fri 30	12.6	12.8	12.5	11.6	10.0	8.1	6.2	4.6	3.6	3.3	3.8	5.2	7.1	9.4	11.6	13.4	14.5	14.8	14.4	13.5	12.5	11.6	11.1	11.2
Sat 31	11.7	12.3	12.7	12.5	11.6	10.0	8.1	6.1	4.5	3.5	3.3	4.1	5.7	7.8	10.2	12.3	14.0	14.7	14.6	13.9	12.7	11.5	10.6	10.4

Robert Michael Gray

SEPTEMBER 17, 1949 — JUNE 21, 2024



Michael Gray of Egmont died just after a walk at Lily Lake with the Pender Harbour adult day program.

It was a beautiful first day of summer, the moon was full and he had seen frogs.

Ever a nature lover, who could have asked for anything more?

Gray was born in Vancouver to parents Bill and Nancy Gray, but grew up all over Canada because his father was in the Air Force.

The family eventually settled back in Vancouver where Gray attended Vancouver College and UBC.

He became interested in the marine environment when he took up

scuba diving.

Aquaculture followed after a stint as an abalone diver.

Marine biology studies at SFU and work at the Vancouver Public Aquarium as a whale trainer and aquarist rounded out his experience.

It also provided him with his true love, Kathy, who he married in 1976.

Youthful energy and optimism lead the young couple to develop Harmony Seafoods, a shellfish farm and processing plant in Granville Bay, Jervis Inlet.

They had three children, Sean (Alice), William (Jessamy) and Emily, and three grandchildren, Clement, Mabel and William.

Gray is also survived by his brother Greg.

Shellfish farming was a tough way to make a living, and after many years of hard work, the family moved to Egmont and sold the business.

Gray became the maintenance manager at the Egmont Fish Plant for several years and finally worked at the Earls Cove ferry terminal before retir-

ing in 2019.

In his later years, he enjoyed gardening, fishing and appreciating the birds, wildlife and the many flowers and trees on the property.

After being diagnosed with dementia, likely Alzheimer's, he accepted it gracefully and didn't fight the changes that were beyond his control.

Because he was always so fit and healthy, it was harder for others to accept.

Home care services and Better at Home made an extraordinary difference as did the support of family, friends and Drs. Colin Sutton and Carol Bosch.

His family also sends thanks to Lana and the ambulance attendants for their resuscitation attempts.

A celebration of his life was held in Egmont on July 27.

Donations in memory of Michael Gray can be made to the Pender Harbour Health Centre for all the good work that they do.

Michael Spence

FEBRUARY 19, 1953 — DECEMBER 29, 2023



Michael Spence died suddenly and peacefully at home in Madeira Park on Dec. 29, 2023.

He is survived by his sister Pat,

his niece Lisa and nephew Yuan and predeceased by the love of his life Maggie.

Spence was a kind and gentle soul, he was always available to give a helping hand to the community, family and friends.

In his early Vancouver days, he worked as an artisan and metalsmith creating copper and brass wall sculptures and helped on many projects such as the famous steam clock in Gastown.

His family and friends will miss him.

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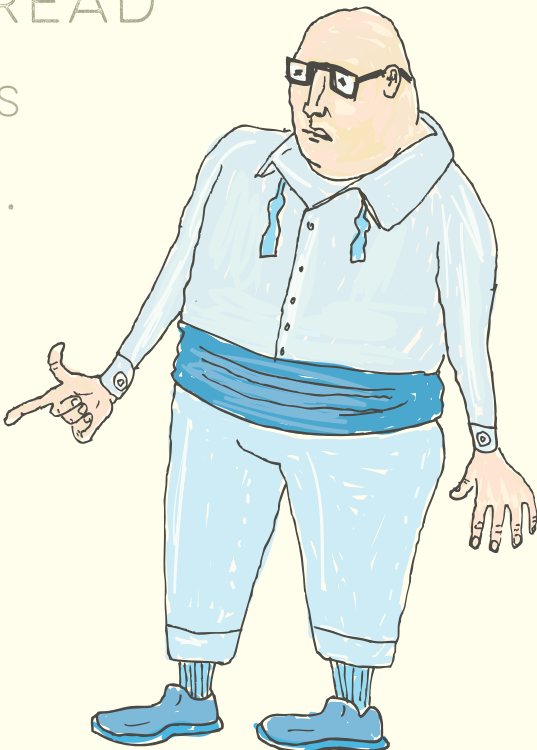
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AUGUST

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1. 10:08 AM -XL, 4:41 PM +XL
2. 11:02 AM -XL, 5:31 PM +XL
3. 11:50 AM -XL, 6:14 PM +XL
4. 12:29 PM -XL, 6:50 PM +XL
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7. 1:08 PM -L, 7:59 PM +XL
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EXTREME HEAT

595

The number of deaths attributed to a 2021 extreme heat event that occurred between June 25 and July 1. Most of those deaths resulted from excessive indoor temperatures in private residences.

5 million

The estimated global mortality rate associated with temperature extremes annually.

+1°-2°C

The amount that western Canada is warmer, on average, than in the 1940s.

~ Canadian Climate Institute, Government of BC, Government of Canada

+0.66°C

The June-July-August season for 2023 was the warmest on record globally by a large margin, with an average temperature of 16.77°C, 0.66°C above average.

1.5°C

Globally, the amount that August 2023 is estimated to have been warmer than the preindustrial average for 1850-1900.

\$3-3.9 billion

A 2021 report's projection of the annual costs associated with heat-related deaths and reduced quality of life from extreme heat in Canada by mid-century.

2023

The hottest year in recorded human history. While the earliest modern temperature records only go back to 1850, evidence such as tree rings and ice cores suggest it was likely the warmest year in 120,000 years.

AUGUST WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Merry Island)

Our average August daily high temperature is 24 C and our average daily low is 13 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 17.7 C. August averages 22 days with temperatures above 18 C, and the highest August temperature recorded is 32.2 C (Aug. 4, 1961); the lowest is 8.9 C (Aug. 18, 1973).

PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

August averages seven days with rainfall and a total of 38.1 mm for the month (the lowest of the year). The highest daily rainfall recorded in August was 42.4 mm (Aug. 4, 1962). August averages 275.3 hours of sunshine.

AUGUST ASTROLOGY

**LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 22**

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. This month, Mercury will mess with your finances so be careful when handling investments and banking. The sun is in your sign until Aug. 23, allowing you to exude that special Leo warmth all over people. The Leo will do well to understand that not all other signs appreciate warmth exuded all over them. Pisces will be especially unwelcoming to your showers of warmth.

**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. But watch out. Mercury, the lord of the tenth house will be placed in the 12th house alongside Venus. You'll recall that the last time this happened, you lost a toenail. It may be good for your career however, so keep your eyes open and your stick on the ice for any opportunity that comes up at work. Lotto numbers: 7 7 7 7 4

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending July 20, 2024

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. Lightning Strikes the Silence by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions) | 6. Mushrooms Know: Wisdom From Our Friends the Fungi by Kallie George (Greystone Books) |
| 2. Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays by Wade Davis (Greystone Books) | 7. Points of Interest by David Beers & andrea bennett (Greystone Books) |
| 3. Untold Tales of Old British Columbia by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press) | 8. A Flock of Gulls, a Chorus of Frogs by Lucky Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing) |
| 4. The Last Logging Show: A Forestry Family at the End of an Era by Aaron Williams (Harbour Publishing) | 9. Backpacking on Vancouver Island by Taryn Eyton (Greystone Books) |
| 5. Voices for the Islands: Thirty Years of Nature Conservation on the Salish Sea by Sheila Harrington (Heritage House Publishing) | 10. Always On Call: Adventures in Nursing, Ranching, and Rural Living by Marion McKinnon Crook (Heritage House Publishing) |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 1: **Linda Drought, Kelly Marko and Jen Hardwick.**
- Aug. 2: **Enya Delaney and Jessica "Lu-Lu" Kammerle.**
- Aug. 4: **Kathleen White, Daniel White, Carol Reid, Jessica Sutherland and Gloria Keene.**
- Aug. 5: **Genevieve Patterson and Bill Purnell.**
- Aug. 9: **Shirley Adams.**
- Aug. 10: **Norma Martin.**
- Aug. 12: **Ileana McBain, Mary White and Helga Morin.**
- Aug. 15: **Shane Hennan.**
- Aug. 16: **Sandy Hegyi, Paul McKimm, Anna-Maria Massullo and Justin Tiefenbach.**
- Aug. 17: **Bob Forsyth.**
- Aug. 18: **Charles Dougan.**
- Aug. 20: **June Reeder, Glen Spencer, Helga Thiele and Rachel Wilson.**
- Aug. 21: **Kory Francis and Klisala Harrison.**
- Aug. 22: **Buzzard Edwardson.**
- Aug. 23: **Kelly Reid.**
- Aug. 25: **Aubree Daniel.**
- Aug. 27: **Warne Clay, Malcolm Johnson, Danette Raaflaub and Kailee Yablonski.**
- Aug. 28: **Wilma Thompson, Mike Ough and Brent Metcalfe.**
- Aug. 30: **Donna Hobson, Megan Watters, Barbara Lofton and Roman Rand.**
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trivia

1. What part of a chainsaw chain works to control the depth of the cut?

- ☐ a. tooth
- ☐ b. raker
- ☐ c. biter
- ☐ d. mitre

2. Which local book publishing company is celebrating their 50 year anniversary in 2024?

- ☐ a. Harbour Publishing
- ☐ b. Nightwood Editions
- ☐ c. Raincoast Books
- ☐ d. Paq Press

3. Name of the new restaurant at John Henry's Marina.

- ☐ a. Cormoranté
- ☐ b. JH Grill
- ☐ c. TuBird
- ☐ d. Osprey

4. What year was the Pender Harbour Community Hall built?

- ☐ a. 1936
- ☐ b. 1939
- ☐ c. 1949
- ☐ d. 1952

5. What is Malibu, Young Life's private resort at the entrance to Princess Louisa Inlet, named after?

- ☐ a. A cult
- ☐ b. A car
- ☐ c. A racehorse
- ☐ d. A yacht

6. Where is Doriston?

- ☐ a. Skookumchuck
- ☐ b. South Francis Peninsula
- ☐ c. Hardy Bay
- ☐ d. Hotham Sound

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Step #2

The simple act of meeting your neighbour will help you cope in a disaster. One suggestion is to have a neighbourhood BBQ.

Step #3

Once your neighbourhood has completed the guide, report back to the P. H. Community School so we can keep track of which neighbourhoods are prepared.

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Seniors activities for August!

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

In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. Cost: \$10 pp.

Aug. 1 – Jeopardy, Harbourside Friendship style

Aug. 8 – Loving-kindness meditation with Neora Snitz

Aug. 15 – BBQ at Lions Park

Aug. 22 – Free lunch for this event for those who attend the social event: A food demonstration with one of our cooks Jazzy

Aug. 29 – Music with Ken Johnson

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28

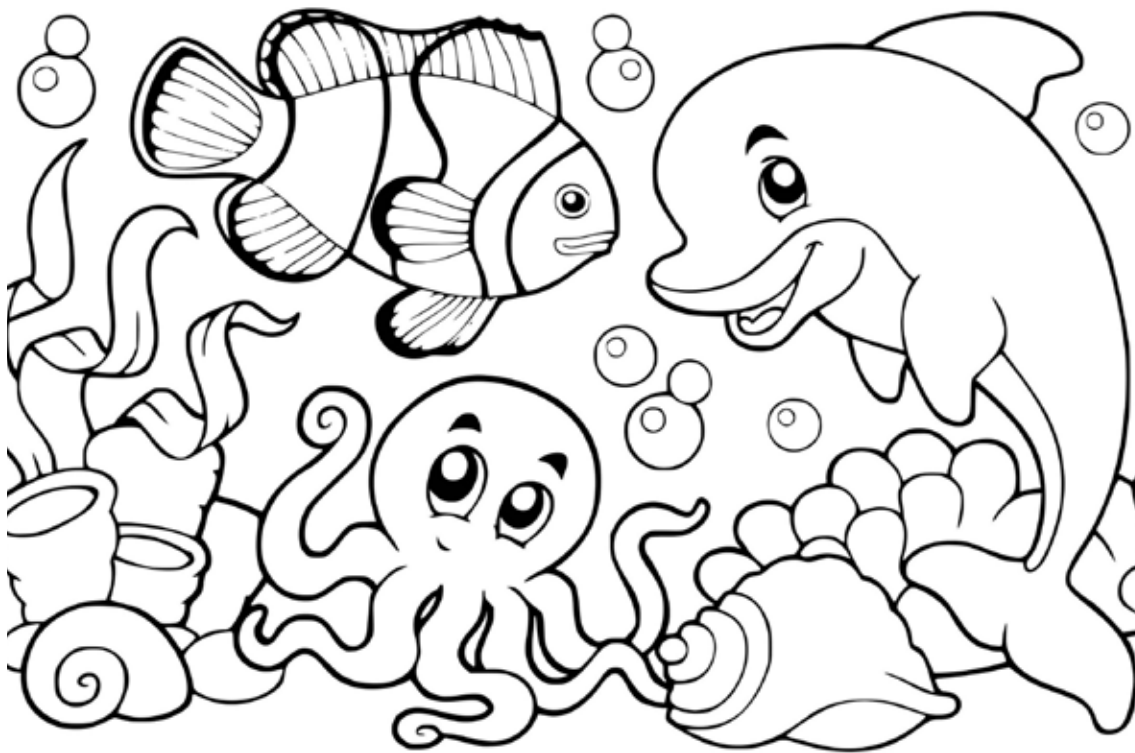
At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Aug. 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am –12pm with Carole Logtenberg. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28

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



Submit a filled colouring page or activity list for a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes. Complete both the colouring page & activity list to be entered into an additional draw. Drop through the mail slot at the Pender Harbour Community School by August 30th. All ages welcome to participate!

Name _____

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What are some activities you would like to see offered - kids/youth/adult?



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Local health matters

Family physicians and the Pender Harbour Health Centre

We often hear from the community about your need for family physicians at the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

We wanted to use this opportunity to update you on our recruitment efforts, explain how to access our current physician and information around alternative ways to access physician care.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

The PHHC leadership is actively looking for ways to bring more physicians to the PHHC.

We have been working with the local Division of Family Practice and their Recruitment and Retention Team.

This year, the PHHC leadership have had meetings with three physicians who are interested in coming to practice on the Coast.

The PHHC also has physician job postings on various job boards including Health Match, the new provincial healthcare recruitment website.

Finally, we are also working with the Sunshine Coast Primary Care Network to bring new physicians to the community.

CURRENT PHYSICIAN ACCESS

As mentioned in last month's edition of the *Harbour Spiel*, we currently have a part-time family physician at the PHHC — Dr. Bazilli.

Dr. Bazilli currently provides a clinic on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and is taking appointments with patients previously connected to Dr. Sutton who remain unattached.

ALTERNATIVE PHYSICIAN ACCESS

Due to a current lack of physician access at PHHC we would like to make you aware of two other op-

tions to access a physician.

You can connect with a physician daily by using the TELUS Health MyCare App.

Simply download the app and follow the prompts to book an appointment with a practicing physician in BC.

You can also access the walk-in clinic at Cowrie Medical Clinic on Saturdays from 10am – 4pm (604-670-6222).

GETTING CONNECTED TO THE PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE

As we look to bring more physicians to the PHHC, it is important for you to know how we will be connecting new patients to these physicians.

Recently the Ministry of Health launched the Health Connect Registry.

Unattached patients will need to sign up to this online registry and when new physicians are recruited, patients are attached from this new online waitlist.

If you do not have a family doctor, please go to the Health Connect Registry at www.healthlinkbc.ca or call 811 and sign up.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As you have heard, the recruitment of physicians is a challenge province-wide and, on the Coast, we have many folks who are seeking a physician.

One barrier to recruitment is access to housing.

We have already had some community members step forward and offer accommodation, either free or heavily subsidized.

If you have housing options for physicians, we encourage you to connect with the PHHC Executive Director at nick.gaskin@penderharbourhealth.com.

Sunshine Coast writers' fest: There's still tix for three top picks

*Biographies from Sunshine Coast
Festival of the Written Arts program*

It's not too late to get tickets for some of the talent appearing at the 42nd Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts.

Here are three shows with seats available that promise an entertaining and thought-provoking experience at Sechelt's Rockwood Centre.

But hurry — they will likely sell out before opening night on Aug. 15.

Check writersfestival.ca for event schedules and tickets.



SUSAN JUBY

Saturday, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m.

Susan Juby is the award-winning, bestselling author of *Mindful of Murder*, which features Buddhist butler-detective Helen Thorpe. *Mindful of Murder* debuted at number one on the independent bookstores' best-seller list and was nominated for the Leacock Medal for Humour.

A Meditation on Murder is the latest in the Helen Thorpe Mystery series.

Juby has also written *Getting the Girl*, *Another Kind of Cowboy* and *The Woefield Poultry Collective*, as well as the bestselling Alice series (*Alice*, *I Think*; *Miss Smithers*; and *Alice MacLeod*, *Realist at Last*).

Her novel *Republic of Dirt* won the Leacock Medal in 2016.

Juby lives on Vancouver Island with her husband James and their dogs, who are convinced they could have lucrative careers as social media stars.

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Susan Juby

ROCKWOOD LECTURE: GREGOR CRAIGIE

Saturday, Aug. 17, 8:30 p.m.

Journalist and author Gregor Craigie delivers this year's Rockwood Lecture.

His newest book, *Our Crumbling Foundation*, investigates Canada's housing crisis and offers inspired solutions for creating new homes.



Gregor Craigie

Craigie has been a journalist for more than 25 years at the BBC World Service, CBC Radio, CBS Radio and Public Radio International.

He has hosted *On the Island* on CBC Radio One in Victoria, BC, since 2007.

His first book, *On Borrowed Time: North America's Next Big Quake*, was a finalist for both the Balsillie Prize for Public Policy and the City of Victoria Book Prize, and was a Globe and Mail Top 100 book in 2021.

His first novel, *Radio Jet Lag*, was published in 2023.

HARBOUR PUBLISHING'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY with Betty Keller, Grant Lawrence and Howard White, moderated by Andreas Schroeder

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:30 a.m.

Help celebrate 50 years of excellent books from Harbour Publishing.

Moderated by Andreas Schroeder, Howard White, Grant Lawrence and Betty Keller bring their unique perspectives to the inner workings of this independent publisher.

Betty Keller is a teacher, editor and author who has been mentoring writers for 35 years.



Betty Keller

She has authored or co-authored 17 books, including biographies, histories, plays and novels.

She is a founder of the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts and the recipient of the George Woodcock Lifetime Achievement award for an outstanding literary career in BC and the Gray Campbell Distinguished Service award for significant contributions to the BC book industry.

Harbour Spiel



Grant Lawrence

Grant Lawrence is an award-winning writer, musician, broadcaster, and live event host.

He is the author of four bestselling books

for adults: *Adven-*

tures in Solitude, The Lonely End of the Rink, Dirty Windshields, and his most recent number one BC bestseller, *Return to Solitude*.

He is also the author of the children's books *Bailey the Bat and the Tangled Moose* and the newly released *Adventures in Desolation Sound*.

Lawrence is the host of the CBC Music Top 20, the lead singer of the The Smugglers, a Canadian Screen

award winner, and a former newspaper columnist.

Howard White was raised in a series of camps and settlements on the BC coast and never got over it.

He started *Raincoast Chronicles* and Harbour Publishing in the early 1970s and his own books include *A Hard Man to Beat, Spilsbury's Coast, Writing in the Rain, Here on the Coast, The Sunshine Coast* and *A Mysterious Humming Noise*.

White has been awarded the Order of BC, the Canadian Historical Association's Career Award for Re-



Howard White

gional History, the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour and many more awards and in 2007 he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Moderator Andreas Schroeder is an award-winning author of more than 20 books of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and young-adult nonfiction.

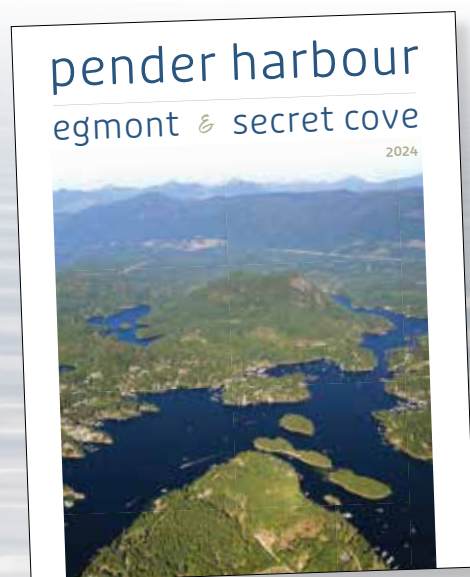
He was only the fourth recipient of the Graeme Gibson Award for his 33 years of service to Canada's

writers, first leading the 12-year crusade to achieve Canada's Public Lending Right program, and then administering it for over a decade once it was in place.



Andreas Schroeder

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An Egmonster working the Coast, part 1

Susan Marlatt

Living on the Coast often requires one to be entrepreneurial throughout life in order to survive its fragile economy.

Historically, fishing and logging held sway but eventually ebbed over the decades as resources dwindled from over harvesting, mismanagement, the sands of time or whatever.

I arrived in 1970, meeting all of you busy people and jumped in feet first.

In 1974, I was hired by the Lasqueti Fish Company.

Along with plenty of other unemployed locals on the island, we were hired to build a seine net to outfit one of their boats for the herring fishery.

It was the first year it had reopened after a closure of many years in order to allow the fish to recover from the previous fishery.

I don't know how this first net performed for Billy Forbes, who fished it that year, but he's still fishing herring.

This net hanging skill served me well over the years as a commercial fisherman with my partner Keray Farrell and his family.

Later, I was able to spin it into a whole new career in Jervis Inlet and Agamemnon Channel when the fish farms arrived in the area.

It was a busy time in the inlet for fish farmers in the mid-1980s.

The term "aquaculture" was a fresh buzzword and money was just waiting to be made.

Little farms were floating in every available bay, sheltered or not.

I had been shucking oysters at Angus's Totem Bay for over a year and in that time had figured out how to hang web in a cube and create sea



Susan Marlatt

Net mending in Wood Bay in 1989. Eleanor Bowman (l) and the author (r) in the backwards cap.

pens to raise salmon smolts in.

When my son wanted to go to high school instead of taking correspondence education, I relocated to Dean Bosch's in Agamemnon Bay, where I was very generously given one of their skid houses to stay in as long as I needed.

It was rented by the Goliath Bay log sorting grounds and saw little use.

Gordon Cawley and John Nelson, as well as Dean Bosch, really helped me out with this leg up for a single mom.

At Bosch's, I turned my limited experience into a cottage industry using new, clean web delivered to the driveway and distributed to moms in Egmont who were home with kids.

Even Charlie Hitchens and his wife Beryl, who lived next door, got in on the business.

While we watched Dean run around on booms in the bay, we hung web on the porches, all supervised by attentive springer spaniels.

One busy day I had a visit from two enterprising brothers from Powell River, Patrick and Paul Dohm.

They were interested in starting a net loft there to make net pens for the fish farms that were by then dotting the coastline of Jervis and Agamemnon Inlets.

They needed someone to show them how and had asked around and learned that several farms were using my nets.

Even though it meant catching the 6:30 a.m. ferry from Earls Cove every morning and returning at 6:30 pm, I told them I would do it, but only if they hired my oldest step-daughter, Lisa Farrell, who was living in Powell River and needed a job.

After a few years, the Powell River Net Loft was the largest employer in Powell River second only to the mill.

Eventually I got tired of the daily commute and took a net loft job at the fish farm in Wood Bay.

That soon ended with a back injury and being ordered off the job by WCB.

I had to down the net needle and reinvent myself.

Again.

The word in Egmont was that there was a census coming up.

Though the census took place on June 4, 1991, the workers would be busy long before, canvassing the neighbourhoods and doing interviews.

In the supervising chair was Shirley Hall of North Lake.

Also on board was Lynn Mees, later queen of the fabulous bakery on the Skookumchuck trail.

This was the core group but then a number of census takers were required with one even requiring a boat to enumerate souls from Egmont through to Gordondale inside the Chuck, and then all the way up Jervis Inlet, including folks tied up at Chatterbox Falls.

Elaine Griffith had already taken the area from North Lake south so I took the road into Egmont from there and to the head of Jervis Inlet.

I planned to use my junk-rigged sailboat, *Meleet*.

“Wow,” I thought.

“I hope I can do this alone.”

The job was heavy on printed matter but it gave me a chance to use my excess university education which, frankly, had never paid as well as digging clams.

Driving around the Egmont community doing interviews was interesting.

I had a fine time questioning locals like Killer Kelly, Teepee Tim, Bob the Wop, Bruce Silvey about all aspects of their lives.

This was the long form and took an hour of tiptoeing around what these

boys did for a living.

I qualified for the Jervis Inlet portion of the job only because I had a boat.

Around this time, my new par-amour, “Hydro” Denny Bohmer, had removed the wiring harness from the Isuzu diesel in my little ship as he figured it was substandard.

Then he became involved in work out of the area and left *Meleet* dead in the water.

Thinking this good job should be shared anyway, I asked around for a boat and driver to work with.

Enter the fabulous Buddy Cook and his wife Sue.

(continued next month)



PENDER HARBOUR
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BETTER AT HOME CONTRACTORS NEEDED!

The Pender Harbour Health Centre's Better at Home program is expanding as we enter our second year and, to keep up with demand, we are looking for contractors who provide the following services:

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AUGUST

- Thu. Aug. 1.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Jeopardy) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. Aug. 2.....Pender Harbour Days begins - 3 days @ Madeira Park government dock
- Fri. Aug. 2..... Harbour Light: A fundraiser for the P. H. Choir - P. H. School of Music, 7 pm.
- Mon. Aug. 5.....BC Day
- Thu. Aug. 8.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Neora Snitz) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Sat. Aug. 10.....Mellquist live music dock concert - Gunboat Bay, 5 p.m.
- Sun. Aug. 11.....P. H. Rotary Show and Shine - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mon. Aug. 12.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Thu. Aug. 15.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (BBQ) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon. Aug. 15.....Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts opens - Rockwood Centre (3 days)
- Sat. Aug. 17.....Mid-Summer Chamber Music Weekend concert - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 17.....Royal Canadian Legion 112 golf tournament - PHGC/RCL 112, 2 p.m.
- Sun. Aug. 18.....Mid-Summer Chamber Music Weekend concert - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Wed. Aug. 21.....P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre registration for fall programs opens, 7 a.m.
- Thu. Aug. 22.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (cooking demo) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon. Aug. 26.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Thu. Aug. 29.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Ken Johnson) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. Aug. 30.....Deadline to submit entries in the P. H. Community School colouring contest (see p. 27)

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



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