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## EDITORIAL

### @#\$%^&\*~!!! redux



By Brian Lee

This month I took some great photos.

I snapped more than 250 shots of the BC Bike Race passing over a newly built, 60 foot bridge spanning Anderson Creek.

I went out with Tom Barker aboard the *BC Navigator* on a beautiful day for the Malaspina Regatta. I wrote a nice feature about it too.

I took photos from shore and by boat (once in the afternoon and again in the evening sun) of that floating apartment building that anchored for a day outside Pearson Island.

On top of that I had some nude pics of Tara Reid and an interview with a sasquatch.

All that done and mostly laid out — with a full week to finish.

You see, a friend's stag landed on the weekend before deadline and I was pretty sure that was going to knock out a few brain cells so I got the tough stuff out of the way early.

I'm rarely happy with every detail when I ship off the issue to the printer each month so I was really looking forward to finishing the *Spiel* at a relaxed pace and refining the pesky details that make me wish I had another day.

It was sizing up to be a really good issue.

But you won't get to see it.

I arrived home Sunday night dehydrated and peppered with paintball welts to find a "manufacturer's defect" had obliterated my computer's hard drive.

With five days left to go, I'd lost

everything as far back as my last back-up to an external hard drive — about mid-June.

As you read this, the data is (hopefully) getting recovered by the manufacturer in Toronto.

They're trying to extract the 1,000 photos and 4,000 words of writing I lost.

If it sounds familiar, it's because a similar event occurred last February. That time all the data was recovered the next day and with three days to go and a new computer, I carried on.

This time, I literally started over, scrambling to find all the people who had sent me stuff in the past three weeks while getting a new computer operational.

Immediately I thought about pushing back the deadline but it was out of the question.

A holiday was planned to start the day after the issue hit the mail and if I jeopardized that somebody would inject me with bleach while I slept.

I had no choice but to put in five long, stressful days through the hottest week of the year.

All the while, I endured the excruciating irony that if I wasn't so unusually organized, I wouldn't have lost so much work.

I won't do that again.

*Thanks to everyone who helped out this month and apologies for any lost submissions.*

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if it's not in the Spiel.

## SPIEL PICKS

### FIFTH ANNUAL S. C. WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL - JULY 31 TO AUG. 3

Presented by the Halfmoon Bay and Pender Harbour Coast Guard Auxiliaries, Pender Harbour's newest festival is in its second year at the Madeira Park wharf location. Come out on the August long weekend to see wooden boats of all varieties from sail to fish to tug. There will also be various maritime presentations, pancake breakfast, games for the kids, music, awards and a seafood dinner on Saturday night at the P. H. Community Hall. Admission: \$2.

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## Kleindale residents upset about planned herbicide application

Plans to use two herbicides in Kleindale to control undergrowth in reforested areas has some downstream residents seeing red.

Sonora Forestry of Campbell River informed five water licence holders in the area that they are preparing a five-year forest vegetation management plan on behalf of Weyerhaeuser Hardwoods.

Part of the plan will see the application of herbicides Vantage Forestry and Release, produced by Dow Agro Canada, "to control the natural vegetation in competition with planted trees."

Residents received a letter and map showing two sites above Menacher Road and three sites near the Malaspina substation that could receive the applications as early as

September.

"There's no way we can allow this," says Robi Petraschuk.

Petraschuk owns Malaspina Ranch and has a licence to pull water directly below one of the proposed sites.

"I have no objection if they want to cut but I don't want them spraying anywhere that could get in the water that comes into my house."

Vantage Forestry has as its active ingredient glyphosphate.

Glyphosphate is also the active ingredient in the common weed killer Roundup. A diluted solution will likely be applied with back pack sprayers.

The second herbicide planned for use, Release, has as its active ingredient triclopyr and is applied

using the "basal bark" method where it is dribbled onto the stem of trees, intended to avoid spray drift.

Colin Buss of Sonora Forestry says their plan is defined by the Integrated Pest Management Act and the chemicals used are all governed by strict criteria for their application.

Buss says there is very little likelihood of contaminating groundwater.

"I've done testing myself — I've actually oversprayed dry streambeds with glyphosphate and then done sampling when the rains came and the amount of herbicide is measured in parts per billion," he says.

"In western Canada there's one lab that can do it because most labs can't even measure that small."



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## The World comes to Pender Harbour

Locals were buzzing as *The World* dropped anchor off Pearson Island July 11.

The 644-foot passenger ship is billed as “the only private residential community at sea where residents may travel the globe without ever leaving home.”

It was heading for Jervis Inlet when it stopped for a day and night outside Pender Harbour allowing passengers to go ashore and locals to gawk.

*The World's* yearly itinerary is collectively determined by the captain and residents and so far has spanned the globe every two to three years.

It's the brainchild of Knut Kloster Jr. who, in 1997, began work on designing a ship in which residents could purchase suites ranging in size from 337 square-foot to 3,242 square-foot and live aboard full-time.

The ship was launched in March 2002 and residents took possession in 2003. It's now managed by Residen-Sea Management Ltd. in Miramar, FL, which oversees sales and rentals



Doug Foster photo

*The World* at anchor off Pearson Island. Seen in the foreground is Tom Barker's *BC Navigator* struggling to fill his spinnaker.

of suites that can run between \$1,600 and \$5,100 per night.

There are 165 residences aboard *The World* ranging in price from \$1.4 million US to \$7.7 million US. Annual maintenance fees are additional and based on square footage but it's been suggested that they can be as high as \$60,000 per year.

*The World* has 12 decks and

can travel a maximum speed of 18.5 knots.

It carries approximately 250 crew to serve an average of 150 to 200 passengers.

*The World* offers passengers a choice from almost a dozen restaurants and bars plus two swimming pools, a spa, tennis court, driving range, jogging track, beauty salon and a host of other amenities.

To get away from all that, boats shuttled passengers into Pender Harbour to explore — much to the delight of local businesses.

“If there were 150 people on board, then 100 came into the store,” says Troy Callawaert, owner of the IGA in Madeira Park.

Callawaert says he spoke to a number of passengers who were mainly looking to augment their units with staples like paper plates etc.

The visit also likely caused a spike in marine gas sales as it seemed every boat in the Harbour travelled out to take a look at least once.



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## P. H. School of Music gets a grand addition

The Pender Harbour School of Music's recent interior renovation was topped off by the arrival of new grand piano.

The purchase of a \$50,000 Yamaha C7 Concert Collection Grand Piano was made possible through an anonymous donor to the Pender Harbour Music Society.

"It all came about at last year's AGM when we made a wish list," says Paul Hopkins, society chair.

"Once we committed to that, someone stepped forward with the donation."

The artistic director of the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival, Alexander Tselyakov, travelled from Brantford, Ontario to sample three pianos on display at Tom Lee Music in Vancouver.

Jazz pianist Miles Black also took a tinkle to choose which was best.

Luckily they chose the same one, avoiding an uncomfortable confrontation between the artists — and the two genres of music.

The building's former piano has found a new home with the Sunshine Coast Music Society at the Gibson Heritage Playhouse.

That wish list also included a new stage and now they have one.

It was designed and co-ordinated by Wayne Bergman and built by Tom Seely and is solid.

It's built with a one-inch layer of MDF particle board sandwiched between two layers of 3/4-inch plywood in an effort to make it "sonically neutral."

The previous stage was only one layer thick.

"We'd have guys playing violin, see-sawing back and forth, and the whole stage would shift with a 'Eeh-



This seven-and-a-half-foot Yamaha C7 Grand Piano cost almost \$55/pound.

uhh, eeh-uhh," says Hopkins.

Some fresh interior colour was provided by painter Sue Rayment and curtains around the stage were sewn by Sue Richardson.

The first official performance for

the piano will be a Friday afternoon concert that kicks off the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival.

"Chamber Music Doesn't Bite" will take place at 2 p.m. on Aug. 21 and admission is free.

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## North Arm Venture capsizes in Skookumchuck Narrows

Four crew members aboard the *North Arm Venture* are lucky to be alive after capsizing in Skookumchuck Narrows.

Owned by North Arm Transportation, the 42-foot tug was towing a loaded barge into Sechart Inlet shortly after noon on July 19.

The accident occurred near slack tide when the current was fairly weak and the *North Arm Venture* appeared to list before rolling completely over.

Three crew members scrambled to safety but one crew member was trapped inside the overturned vessel. That man made it out unharmed after several minutes.

A nearby kayaker assisted before the *Sea Imp X* was able to pluck the men from the water and tow the barge out of the narrows.

One man was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

An oil sheen was evident after the accident.

North Arm said the barge's cargo did not include fuel and remained intact.

As the scene unfolded 50 metres from shore, kayakers were able to record the event on video. That video can be found on YouTube.



The potentially dangerous Skookumchuck Narrows is a busy commercial waterway. Here Gemini Marine's *Forest Transporter* passes through well after slack tide with no problem.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** No meetings in August.

## **DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Director Eric Graham is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District government. He can be reached at home at 604-883-9061 or by email, [ericgraham@dccnet.com](mailto:ericgraham@dccnet.com).

## **AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Area A APC will meet on  
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## **UPCOMING ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS – WATER INITIATIVES**

Commencing Aug. 14, the SCRD will be conducting an Alternative Approval Process for North Pender Harbour Water Initiatives Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 617, 2009 and South Pender Harbour Water Initiatives Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 619, 2009 for the purpose of borrowing for projects identified in the Area A Water Master Plan.

### **What is an Alternative Approval Process?**

An Alternative Approval Process allows a local government to proceed with an action unless at least 10 per cent of the electors state their opposition within a prescribed period. Additional information will appear in the August 14 and 21 editions of the Coast Reporter and the September edition of the Harbour Spiel. Further information on the AAP's may be obtained by contacting Angie Legault, Manager of Legislative Services or Selina Statnyk, Deputy Corporate Officer at (604)885-6800.

## **SPRINKLING HOURS ARE NOW IN EFFECT**

### **North Pender Harbour sprinkling times:**

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### **South Pender Harbour sprinkling times:**

The recent warm, dry weather and high water use has resulted in a lower lake storage level than usual for this time of year. In order to maintain enough water in lake storage to last through the summer months, the SCRD is implementing reduced sprinkling times for South Pender water-users.

**Odd addresses: Odd dates (1, 3, 5, ...)**

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***These regulations are enforced - Hand watering OK at any time in both North and South Pender Harbour.***

## Too much garbage, not enough water



By Eric Graham  
SCRD Director,  
Area A

### PENDER HARBOUR LANDFILL

I would like  
to thank every-

body who answered the long-term solid waste disposal option questionnaire mailed to all the people of Area A.

There were 169 people who answered all or most of the 15 questions.

The response was an overwhelming 83 per cent in favour of expanding our landfill and only 16 per cent in favor of converting the existing site to a transfer station.

This was not a scientific study and only 169 out of 2147 Area A eligible voters (as of Nov. 8) answered the questionnaire.

About 110 people attended the public meeting held June 13 and the waste disposal options questionnaire was mailed to every household that receives mail in Area A.

A decision probably has to be made by early 2010 and it now looks like it is up to me to convince the other seven regional directors to support keeping the Area A landfill open.

If that doesn't work, the only other option, as I see it, would be to convince the provincial government to allow Area A to separate from the Regional Solid Waste function.

This would require a referendum and, if it passes, we would have a waste disposal function of our own.

### SOUTH PENDER WATER

There has always been a problem this time of year with the quality of the water coming from McNeill and Harris Lakes.

Currently there is a health advisory warning anyone with health issues to either boil their water or drink bottled water.

The SCRD has applied for a federal grant to build a \$6.1 million dollar reservoir and metering system for South Pender Harbour water users which, if successful, will clean up the water.

It is felt that the South Pender water users could not afford to pay for this on their own.

The SCRD has been successful in receiving a \$1 million grant for North and South Pender water users — if the users match it with another \$1million.

A referendum will be put to the North and South Pender users in late September for approval.

If the referendum is successful, 40 per cent of the \$2 million will go to North Pender water improvements and 60 per cent to South Pender for repairs and improvements but, unfortunately, not for the new reservoir.

For all the water users in South Pender, I sincerely hope our application for the grant money will be successful.

### AREA A IS HOT AND DRY

North Pender water users restrictions for sprinklers are odd numbered houses water on odd days.

Even numbered houses water

even days between 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. only.

South Pender water users with odd numbered addressess can only water on odd days and even numbered addresses on even days but ONLY from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

It is very dry out there and we are watching what is happening in the Kelowna area, so campers and smokers have to be very diligent.

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## Cledia Leone Duncan

SEPTEMBER 11, 1916 — JUNE 29, 2009

Mom passed away peacefully June 29, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital with family at her side.

She was predeceased by her husband Art, great-grandson Jason Fielding and six of her eight siblings.

She is survived by her three children Malcolm (Jane) Duncan, Bernice (Pete) Hanna of Madeira Park and Llona (Monte) Hallberg of Port Alberni and sister Nina (Stan) Almas and brother Bill Warnock.

She was "Gram" to seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mom devoted herself to family and had a love of the outdoors.

She lived in Pender Harbour all

her life but enjoyed travelling to visit family and friends.

On July 3 she was laid to rest in Forest View Cemetery at Bargain Harbour beside her husband.

A celebration of her life was held at the Community Church at Madeira Park with Michael Cyr officiating.

Friends and family were invited to tea at the church following the service.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. Mary's Hospital, nurses at the Madeira Park Medical Clinic, with a special thank-you to Dr. Robinson.

Mom will be sadly missed.



## Robert (Bud) Selborne Wilkinson

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Doris' sons John Berard (Laurel), Gerald Berard (Paula), Dan Berard (Mary), David Berard (Margaret), 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Predeceased by father Humphrey, mother Ena (Mickey), brother Albert, wives Donna Ellis and Doreen McLel-

land (mother of Susan and Vicki).

Special thanks to all at St. Mary's Hospital, PHHC and Home Care Services for their wonderful caring support. It is truly appreciated.

No service at Bob's request. As expression of sympathy, donations to St. Mary's Hospital or Pender Harbour Health Centre would be appreciated.

A gathering of friends and family will be held at a later date.



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## Pike fishing for water clarity

Dear Editor,

To: SCRD Board, all members for immediate response.

I will say this much so far regarding the SCRD takeover of the Pender Harbour water board.

The notice that was included in my mail was two days out of date when received so this option does not work to notify the public.

Pender Harbour water had volunteers deliver notices and knock on doors to alert people when water was

below provincial government standards.

It worked and was within hours — not days.

Tourists and others who do not get mail in a box are vulnerable as you have discontinued the policy of posting a notice board at the entrance to Madeira Park and other places.

This stance you have taken regarding the boil water advisory is not in the public's interest and may violate provincial and federal laws of notification/warning.

Also, it is not useful to residents

and tourists at all.

So far my water bill has gone up and any changes are for the worse.

My impression so far is that this area manager has not been looking out for Area A's interests at all.

Keith Pike

## SCRD's Crosby takes bait

Dear Editor,

In regard to Mr. Pike's letter about the Water Quality Advisory:

In regard to the various water quality advisories, the SCRD Infrastructure Services Department, as a water purveyor, is under the direction of the Ministry of Health drinking water officer (Tim Adams).

This advisory is a Water Quality Advisory which is different from an immediate Boil Water Advisory.

The immediate Boil Water Advisory does require a higher level of notification.

This is the incident that Mr. Pike has mentioned where South Pender Waterworks had to undertake the door to door delivery of a "Boil Water Advisory" a few years ago.

If the Drinking Water Officer had issued this type of order we would have had to follow the same protocol.

Once the DWO had asked for the "Water Quality Advisory" we acted on the request immediately.

We drafted the advisory and had

it approved by the DWO and provided it to the post office in Madeira Park within 1.5 days.

Before it was sent out via the Post Office it was also delivered to the local clinic, community bulletin boards, coffee shops and restaurants by our staff.

It was also sent to the Harbour Spiel, the Local, Coast Reporter, CKAY Radio, placed on our website and will also be placed on the Vancouver Coastal Health website.

The purpose of the advisory was to inform the users of the ongoing problems with the water quality and what the SCRD is trying to do about it.

The Drinking Water Officer feels that the notification that we used in this case is appropriate and he feels the message came across well.

These type of advisories will be included in our Emergency Response Plan for this water system which is being developed this year.

Dave Crosby

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## Water from 'beaver swamps' not the answer

Dear Editor,

Plans to build an expensive water treatment plant near the beaver swamp that serves as a reservoir for Madeira Park don't make sense.

Aside from the famously bad quality, there just isn't enough water

when we need it the most — on summer days when the tourist population and the temperature just keep going up.

When the forest is as volatile as a roadside bomb, even a small fire on Francis Peninsula can have the fire trucks sucking neighbours' hot water tanks dry because the hydrants cannot provide fireflow.

It's happened before and with our frequent 100-day droughts it will happen again.

An upgrade to improve fireflow won't do much good if the reservoir is nearly on empty as has happened in late summer in the past.

The SCRD has had an application for a water licence on the Ruby/Sakinaw reservoir for over two years.

They already have existing water licences on Ruby, Garden Bay, and Hotel Lakes.

Consolidation of these licences to transfer all or part to Sakinaw Lake along with a licence to store eight inches of winter water on Ruby Lake

by using an eight-inch weir (that slowly released water downstream to Sakinaw) would stabilize lake levels and provide us with a secure water source.

Right now this water has long gone into the ocean before the hot weather starts.

So what's the problem?

The folks who have property on the Sakinaw reservoir (a 70-square-kilometre watershed with 14square-kilometres of lake surface, roughly 50 times as large as Garden Bay Lake) are opposed and have managed to block the SCRD licence application.

Apparently they are afraid it will interfere with their boating and water skiing.

Even though multiple use is not a problem elsewhere, they are adamant we cannot use water from "their lake."

The SCRD has completed the scientific studies and a simulation was done to see how water levels would be affected.

The answer? Totally undetectable.

Isn't it about time the SCRD or our MLA appealed to the Ombudsman?

The delay is completely contrary to BC Law which guarantees timely handling of such applications.

Then we could get on with building the short pipeline from Sakinaw to a single treatment plant in Garden Bay to serve all of Pender with good quality water in sufficient quantities year-round.

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## GRIPS staff take issue with Farrell's Seal

Dear Editor,

A response to Lou Farrell's Seal of Disapproval (*Harbour Spiel*, July, 2009):

On May 16, 2009, a very well paid "volunteer" of 15-plus years arrived at G.R.I.P.S. with a truckload of his own recycling.

When he preceded to just leave it here, the staff reminded him that it

must be sorted into the appropriate bins.

He stated that he did not have time and would rather take it to the landfill.

He sorted some and then left the rest for the staff and we have not heard from him since.

We have always been courteous and kind to him.

We have other "unpaid" volunteers who donate their time and fuel

to our non-profit depot and they sort their own recycling and refunds like everyone else.

They do it out of respect for what we do here and out of a concern for their environment.

For all these volunteers and customers, we are very grateful for all your efforts, support and donations that keep this depot in operation.

Ken Lee (manager)  
and staff of G.R.I.P.S.

## Petrashuk stands up for 'recreational area'

Dear Editor,

To: Sonora Forestry Inc.,  
Attention: C.T. Buss

Having received your letter June 18/09, I am quite perturbed to find that both my and my neighbours' water is once again put to the test of chemical spraying.

To date, I have spoken to eight of my neighbours and they agree that we will absolutely not allow you and your company to spray our water area with another pesticide/herbicide.

You may call it Vantage or Release, diluted or not — it's still chemicals.

Having been advised by Carole Rubin, Vantage and Release are not acceptable in a recreation area like we have here from Ruby Lake to Home-site Creek.

This is a recreational area.

This is also one of the most environmentally protected areas in BC.

Our recreational area includes camping, cycling (July 1 – marathon), horseback riding (with horses living near and under the power lines), ATV and dirt bikes and hikers.

Also, this area has a diversified group of wildlife that includes grouse, eagles, bear, deer, wolves, coyotes, owls, fox, otters and elk.

And let's not forget the fish streams.

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## Dancing through my summer reading list



By Theresa Kishkan

I always imagine that summer will find me reclined in a hammock, with a cold drink at

hand, birdsong providing a suitable soundtrack. In this fantasy, there's a stack of books I've always wanted to read, old and new, and I take them up, one by one. But somehow the weeks fill with gardening, watering, cooking for summer visitors, swimming, taking little roadtrips to the Okanagan or

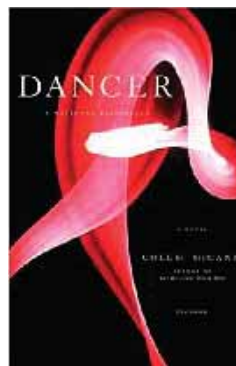
other enticing destinations. And yes, there is a stack of books, but our hammock came apart years ago and has never been replaced.

Rather than review one or two particular books in depth, I thought I'd share something of the magpie quality of this summer's reading.

The Irish-American novelist Colum McCann is notable for his richly textured prose and the intensity with which he explores the world of eastern European Roma communities, his Irish background, and, in *Dancer* (Metropolitan Books, 2003), the life and art of Rudolph Nureyev. I missed this novel when it first came out but read it early this summer and was taken with its immediacy. The reader shares the tragic arc of Nureyev's life, from his discovery of dance in his native Bashkiria to his defection to the west during the Kirov Ballet's Paris tour in 1961, to his AIDS-related death in 1993.

It's not a novel for the faint of heart. No stone is left unturned in its exploration of Nureyev's voracious sexual appetites. But for sheer excellence of writing and an astonishingly imaginative portrait of an artistic genius, it can't be surpassed.

After *Dancer*, I wanted to know more about Rudolph Nureyev so I found Julie Kavanagh's excellent and comprehensive biography, *Nureyev: The Life* (Random House, 2007). It does what a biography should do; it plunges the reader into the world of its subject, research in service to story. The personalities behind 20th century dance populate its pages – Margot Fonteyn, George Balanchine, Mikhail Baryshnikov. The book provides insight into the changing nature of celebrity in modern culture, too. Nureyev captured public attention like no one before him. Even Marlene Dietrich and Mick Jagger were inspired by his passion and his fashion sense.



Like many Coast residents, I'm looking forward to the Women's Connection's forthcoming book about the women of Pender Harbour. There's nothing like local history told in the voices of those who shaped it to make the stories of a place come alive. So I was fascinated by Margaret Horsfield's wonderful *Voices from the Sound: Chronicles of Clayoquot Sound and Tofino 1899 – 1929* (Salal Books, 2008). Using letters, diaries, storekeepers' accounts, family papers, residential school records, transcripts



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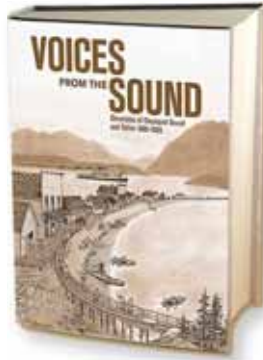
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of interviews, and much more, Horsfield brings that earlier time to life for contemporary readers. It is as rich a social history as any I've read, capturing the diverse and colourful ambience of the western rim of Vancouver Island.

The Norwegian journalist Asne Seierstad has reported from many of the world's political hot spots — Russia, China, Iraq, Serbia, Afghanistan (*The Bookseller of Kabul* was written about her time with an Afghan family after the fall of the Taliban in 2001). Her most recent book is *The Angel of Grozny* (Basic Books, 2008). It's a harrowing account of her return to Chechnya in 2006 to revisit the country she had reported on in the days of the two Chechen wars (1994-6 and 1999-2000). The question she asked when she returned was: What happens to a child who grows up surrounded by war and accustomed to violence?

As well as documenting a broken country, Seierstad follows the children, living among them, talking to them, and trying to understand their lives in the face of utter deprivation and horror. These are kids who have lost parents in the most violent ways possible, who are growing up wild,

among dogs, who have learned survival skills kept sharp as the knives many of them carry. You'll hear their voices in this book and you'll never forget them.



I remember discovering Elizabeth David's *Summer Cooking* 35 years ago. I loved its focus on the plenitude of fresh ingredients presented as simply and deliciously as possible.

I went on to read everything David wrote and even sought out her Pimlico store when I lived in London in the mid-seventies. The Folio Society has just published a new edition of *Summer Cooking*, with beautiful strawberry-strewn bindings. This is the sort of book one could read in that ideal hammock, maybe while planning a picnic. A description of a felucca party in Cairo provides inspiration: "...on board a hired Nile sailing boat Arab servants would carry the food...copper trays of pimentos, small marrows and vine leaves stuffed with rice, large, round shallow metal dishes filled with meat and spiced pilaf, bowls of grapes and peaches and figs and melons cooled with lumps of ice, mounds of flat...loaves stuffed with a salad of tomatoes, onions and mint..."

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~ Groucho Marx

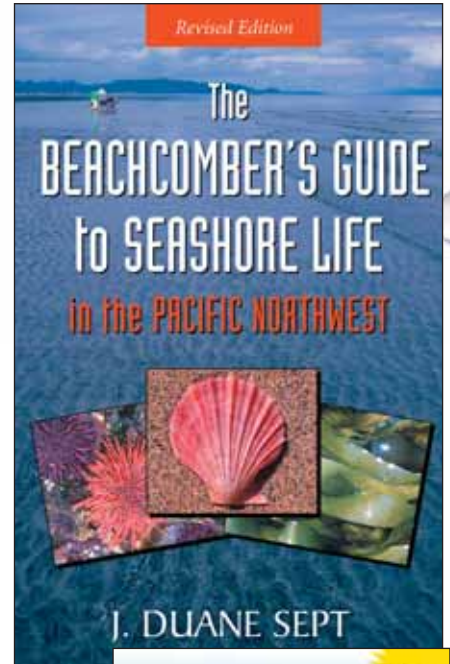


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## Deer me: A guide to 'deer-proofing' your garden

By Jim Rutherford &  
Nolan Sawatzky

Deer.

They're lovely to behold but not when they wander through the garden and eat our favourite plants.

If they take a fancy to some plant they can do considerable damage or just plain kill it.

Sure, there are sprays (commercial and home-made) that can work — if sprayed often enough — to keep new growth covered and to replace what rain and watering has washed away.

Please read the labels carefully and do not apply repellents to edible portions of the plants unless approved on the label — some are not safe to

eat.

Deer netting works fine, but looks pretty ugly.

The nicest fence/screen we've seen is a very lightly framed wooden one.

It was constructed with 1x1 or 1x2 in a pleasing alternating vertical height design with heavier laterals for support and posts for overall structural strength.

There are lots of design books for these 'architectural' fences that look light and airy, not like a barrier for deer and a visual fortress.

The fence will not support any clematis — deer-proof?

There are no plants that are really deer-proof, only deer-resistant and the menu changes yearly it seems.

The snow last winter forced the deer to eat whatever was around, even ivied lamp standards.

So, here's a starter list of plants that are resistant but can be a little vulnerable when small.

### TREES AND SHRUBS

**Buddleia** — go for the Black Knight or purple Scotch heather.

**Cistus** (Rock Rose) — great for dry

hot places.

**California lilac** — Lilac in general, so go for it.

**Cotoneaster**

**Daphne**

**Escallonia** — a basic foundation shrub for any garden. Prune up smartly.

**Euonymous Forsythia**

**Holly** — try the variegated for Christmas cuttings

**Kerria Japonica** — fast and easy to grow

**Mexican mock**

**orange** — needs a little shelter.

**Nandina** — protect when young.

**New Zealand flax**

**Oregon grape**

**Osmanthus**

**Pontilla** — good in full sun; try the pink/coral ones.

**Rhododendrons**

**Ribes** (flowering current) — great for color spring and fall, also for cutting.

**Spirea** — most.

**Sumac**

**Skimmia**

**Taxus (Yew)** — hedge material.

**Viburnum tinus** — not all Viburnums.

**Weigela** — protect when young.

### PERENNIALS

**Calla lily** (Zantedeschia) — try them in a raised bed. You'll be surprised how rough they can take it.

**Dicentra** (Bleeding heart)

**Dusty Miller** — in the right design it's great, long-lasting, and very hardy.



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**Epimedium** (Bishops cap) – ground cover.

**Gaillardia** (Basket flower)

**Hellebores** – collect some, they're beauties; great for cut flowers but poisonous.

**Iberis** (Candy tuff) – rockery

**Iris**

**Linaria**

**Lupine**

**Lychnis** – Rose Campion, Maltese Cross.

**Meadow Rue**

**Monarda** (bee balm) – look for pinks, lilac, mauves.

**Penstemon**

**Poppies**

**Red Hot Poker**

**Rudbeckia** – go for the big bronze ones.

**Salvia** – perennial types only.

**Sedums** – don't believe that for one minute.

**Soapwort** (Saponaria)

**Tradescantia**

**Violas**

## ANNUALS

**Begonia tuberosus**

**Calendula** – easy to deadhead.

**Clarkia/Godetia** – sow seed on sight.

**Forget-me-not**

**Verbena**

## BULBS

**Leucojum** (snowflake)

**Narcissus/Daffodils** – your tulips will be gone in a blink of an eye.

**Oriental hybrid lily** – group in multiples for maximum effect.

**Ornithogalum** – (Star of Bethlehem) try it in a rockery, but it can be invasive.

**Scilla** (bluebell, squill)

**Snowdrops**

Grasses, believe it or not, seem to be unpalatable to deer so design with them all you want.

Herbs the same. In general pungent smells and flavours seem to be a turn off. You may notice a trend here that plants with hairy leaves aren't bothered very much.

We leave a test plant in its pot

outside the stockade to see how it fares.

No hard and fast rules here. It's like an irregular verb — so many exceptions.

So if the test plant is attacked — withdraw. It's live and learn with these furry rascals.

## LONG IN THE TOOTH

Perhaps you remember when the term "long in the tooth" meant a person was getting older.

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As plaque turned to tartar under the gum line it caused the bone anchoring the teeth to recede — which caused the gums to recede and thus a vicious cycle was set in motion.

This resulted in teeth that looked longer due to the gums shrinking away and eventually, because of the loss of the bone anchoring the teeth, the teeth would fall out.

Gum disease was and still is the number one cause of tooth loss.

Modern dentistry relies heavily on the prevention, rather than the treatment of gum disease.

According to a recent BC Dental Association oral health survey, adults are keeping their natural teeth much later in life: those aged 56-65 were only missing five teeth versus nine in 1986.

Healthier lifestyles and preventive dental measures – daily oral care and

regular dental visits – are helping to keep teeth and gums healthy for life.

Professional cleanings by a hygienist remove plaque (in which harmful bacteria live) and tartar from teeth, preventing gum disease.

With research indicating a potential link between the bacteria that cause periodontal disease and systemic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, dental checkups are an important step in maintaining overall health.

Dentists also detect oral cancers that go unnoticed because they are often painless.

Any white or red patches, lumps or bleeding sores that don't heal within three weeks should be examined by your dentist — a simple dental visit that could save your life.

To learn more about your oral health and how it contributes to your total well being, make an appointment with one of our hygienists for a thorough cleaning and a review of your dental health. We are located at the Pender Harbour & District Health Centre in Madeira Park.

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# SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATER SYSTEM

### WATER QUALITY ADVISORY

High turbidity levels have been detected in the drinking water supply. High turbidity (cloudiness) levels may occur in surface water sources due to seasonal weather changes causing excessive surface runoff, flooding or lake turnover. A high turbidity level may impair the effectiveness of the disinfection treatment system. If disinfection is impaired, disease-causing micro-organisms may be present in the water distribution system resulting in an increased risk of intestinal illness. People with undeveloped or weakened immune systems, infants, and elderly may be at increased risk.

***Due to the above concerns and as a precautionary measure, people with undeveloped or weakened immune systems are advised to bring all water to a rolling boil for at least one minute and let it cool before using it or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, and food preparation until further notice.***

The South Pender Harbour Water System uses water from McNeil Lake and Haslam Creek. Historically there have not been any processes established to treat or filter the water prior to chlorination, although technology similar to the Chapman Creek treatment plant (DAF clarification and filtration) is currently being investigated.

Without some form of treatment, fluctuations in water quality are normally found in all surface water sources and this is true with the McNeil Lake source as well. Our monitoring program has found turbidity and colour levels regularly exceed the accepted standards in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (GCDWQ). These substances react with the chlorine,

which reduces the effectiveness of the chlorine and results in the formation of undesirable disinfection by-products (DBP).

Our monitoring of the water quality within the distribution system indicates that the bacteriological water quality meets the regulatory requirements; however we are increasingly concerned that the DBP levels are approaching the maximum acceptable concentration in the GCDWQ.

Accordingly, we are providing this notice to inform our customers that while we are working on a permanent long-term solution, you may wish to consider individual measures, such as point of use carbon filters to reduce the DBP or using an alternative approved source for drinking and cooking purposes. You should also note that the chlorination process is not considered to be effective against organisms such as giardia (commonly known as beaver fever) or cryptosporidium. Enhanced disinfection measures such as UV (in addition to the chlorine) will be considered in association with the above-mentioned filtration or DAF process.

Since January 1, 2008, the South Pender water system has been under the management of the SCRD. Needed upgrades to the system have been identified, including a water treatment plant and metering, projects that will cost in excess of \$6 million. This spring, federal and provincial government funding was applied for based on completed studies that outline the requirements for upgrading the water system in North and South Pender Harbour. These funding requests are currently under review and we hope to have more information by summer's end.

We will endeavour to keep you up to date on the water quality and the progress of the treatment plant.

**THIS WATER QUALITY ADVISORY IS EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Effective Date: July 15, 2009**

Enquiries? Please call the Sunshine Coast Regional District at 604 885 6806 or 604 885 6877 or Vancouver Coastal Health Drinking Water Officer – Tim Adams at 604 885 8711.

**Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

**Sunshine Coast Regional District, Infrastructure Services Department**



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A Harbour Seal of thanks to **Don Fraser** for rescuing the Wooden Boat Festival sign after it was vandalized, repairing and rehangng it beside the *Harbour Spirit* at the Madeira Park Highway entrance.

Michael Ross

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **Sunshine Coast Regional District** for giving the Pender Harbour Garden Club a grant-in-aid of \$300 to replace plants in the public gardens of Madeira Park which were killed or damaged by last year's severe winter.

Karen Dyck

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Paul's Paintin' Place** and the **Parks Department/SCRD** for donating paint and **Women Painters** for requesting the donation to refurbish the four Suncoast Trails Society kiosks located in Pender Harbour and Cooper's Green/Halfmoon Bay.

Anne-Marie DiLella

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **our outstanding paramedics**, who are worth their weight in gold and **our magnificent volunteer firefighters** in Pender Harbour (how else could I get 3 handsome men into my bedroom). My heartfelt thanks to you all. Mine is working fine now.

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## Wildlife society to host BC Nature conference this fall

By Carole Logtenberg

Watch out for naturalists.

The Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society is proud to be hosting the BC Nature Annual Fall general Meeting and Conference from Sept. 10 to 13.

Naturalists from 50 local nature clubs throughout BC will be coming to enjoy and explore Pender Harbour.

BC Nature works to protect biodiversity, species at risk, parks and other natural areas throughout the province.

The fall general meeting and conference highlights the work of BC Nature as well as its clubs and provides an opportunity for the clubs to share their stories and successes with each other.

The conference will be held at the Iris Griffith Nature and Interpretive Centre and with a theme "The Value of Nature: Summit to Sea."

Our list of guest speakers includes local experts Michelle Evelyn, Michael Jackson and John Field discussing painted turtles, wetland restoration and Spiipiyus Provincial Park.



Why did the painted turtle cross the road? To get to the shell station.

Dolph Schluter, UBC's evolution guru, will speak to us about his quest for the origin of species.

We are very pleased to welcome Briony Penn, educator, writer and broadcaster as our keynote speaker during the banquet on Saturday evening.

As this year's host, the society has organized special field trips to Pender Harbour's important natural areas.

Visitors will enjoy hikes to Bear

Bay Forest, a First Nations interpretive kayak tour of Sakinaw Lake and a visit to the Totem Organic fish farm.

If you or your business would like to make a donation (tax receipts available) or be involved as a sponsor or service provider please let us know.

The full schedule of events and registration are available on our website and in the BC Nature Magazine summer edition.

Also visit [www.penderharbour-wildlife.com](http://www.penderharbour-wildlife.com).

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## Local dragon boaters flex their Mussel



By Beth Callahan

Five Pender women added some muscle to Sechelt's McKenzie Mussels dragonboat team to help bring home the silver from the Nanaimo Dragonboat Festival.

Deb Cole, Joanne Mauro, Becky Udy, Heather Taylor and Beth Callahan joined the Mussels, practising in Porpoise Bay for several weeks prior to the July 11-12 event.

With over 75 teams in nine divisions, the Mussels found themselves in a poor position at the end of the day on Saturday.

Sunday morning spurred an improvement when they paddled to a first-place finish in the semi-finals, placing them into the coveted inner lanes for the finals.

And what a final it was.

In lane 2, being squeezed from both lanes 1 and 3, they pulled away from the melee to win the silver medal in the Bronze division.

The Pender gals offer a huge thanks to the Mussels for the opportunity to join their team and look forward to more races with these composite teams in the future.

They're also hoping to pull together a team for the huge — 160 team — festival in Kelowna mid-September.

Your support is appreciated and



Linda and Rudy Van Egdom photos

A composite team made up of Porpoise Bay and Pender Harbour dragon boat teams took the silver medal in the bronze division at the recent Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival.

sponsors are welcome.

New paddling recruits are always welcome and they can especially use more men.

Mixed events allow up to 12 of the 20 paddlers to be men.

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## P. H. Health Centre offers palliative home care nursing

*Compiled by*

*Kathy Bergman, Home Care Team Leader*

### COMMUNITY REMINDERS

1. The Health Centre will be open during the summer on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from July until the end of September. We welcome walk-ins or booked appointments but are not able to provide lab services on Saturdays.

2. If you have borrowed any equipment from the loan cupboard and are not using it, please return it to the Health Centre so others may use it.

3. If anyone has any medical equipment in good condition they would like to donate to the Health Centre, we welcome this. We are not able to accept any medical lifting devices or used breathing machines.

4. September is our AGM. Please remember to renew your membership if you have not done so already. You do need to have a valid membership in order to vote at the AGM.

5. Please try to make booked appointments at the clinic, we are very busy and we would hate to turn you away because we are fullybooked.

### PALLIATIVE CARE HOME NURSING

In March of this year I had the opportunity to attend a palliative care medical intensive course in Vancouver put on by the Victoria Hospice Society.

This wonderful course brought 115 health care providers from all across the province.

There were physicians, nurses, pharmacists and practical nurses participating.

It provided an increased aware-

ness of, and sensitivity to, death and dying issues. It educated us on specific medical and nursing skills in assessing and managing distressing symptoms associated with advanced disease.

Palliative care is not only for cancer-related illness but also includes organ failure such as heart, lungs or kidney, or neurological concerns such as stroke, severe dementia, ALS etc.

Studies have shown that non-cancer related deaths do not receive adequate palliative care and hopefully we can continue addressing this concern.

Once a physician has made the medical decision that their patient's condition is at a terminal stage, they would qualify for the Palliative Drug Plan and the Medical Supplies Equipment Benefit program.

This helps remove the financial burden of prescription drug costs and selected over-the-counter needs for care and treatment at home.

Often, when the physician has deemed them palliative, they will refer them to have a Home Care assessment.

Early referral allows us to connect and build a relationship with the patient and family.

We typically come into the home, do a history, assess the patient and see their support network.

This gives us an opportunity to discuss the patient's and family's wishes for end-of-life care.

Our goal in palliative care is to let people die in the location of their choice.

When asked, many people prefer to die at home if the support is there.

On the Sunshine Coast our choices are somewhat limited. There are two lovely suites at Shorncliffe

that provide comfortable living area that family can stay with their loved one while receiving 24-hour nursing support. St. Mary's hospital has one palliative bed that is also available.

If someone chooses to die at home we can arrange for equipment such as a hospital bed to be delivered to their home as well as any equipment that can be borrowed from our loan cupboard to assist them.

Our team of nurses would communicate with the patient and family on a regular basis.

We make sure the supports are in place and that the caregiver is also managing with the arrangements.

Sometimes symptom management is not well controlled and a back-up plan needs to be discussed such as a move to a hospice or a palliative bed.

In working with the palliative patients in our community there are some goals I am working on to improve our delivery of care to this program.

I would like to get the palliative volunteer program up and running again this fall.

This could provide a wonderful service to the family and caregivers giving them a much needed break knowing that their loved one is being watched and looked after by a trained volunteer.

I would also like to start up a bereavement support group where people who have lost a loved one can meet with others who have also experienced this.

The group would be facilitated by a nurse and the mental health counsellor. I look forward to working with people in our community and am open to comments on getting this program in place.

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The Perseids are a prolific meteor shower associated with the comet Swift-Tuttle. The Perseids are so called because the point they appear to come from, called the radiant, lies in the constellation Perseus. Meteor showers occur when Earth moves through a meteor stream. The stream in this case is called the Perseid cloud and it stretches along the orbit of the Comet Swift-Tuttle. The cloud consists of particles ejected by the comet as it passed by the Sun. Most of the dust in the cloud today is approximately 1,000 years old. However, there is also a relatively young filament of dust in the stream that boiled off the comet in 1862. The rate of meteors originating from this filament is much higher than for the older part of the stream.

The Perseid meteor shower has been observed for about 2,000 years with the first known information on these meteors coming from the Far East. In early medieval Europe, the Perseids came to be known as the “tears of St. Lawrence.”

The shower is visible from mid-July each year, with the greatest activity between August 8 and 14, **peaking about August 12.**

During the peak, the rate of meteors reaches 60 or more per hour. They can be seen all across the sky, but because of the path of Swift-Tuttle’s orbit, Perseids are primarily visible in the northern hemisphere.

~ wikipedia.org

## AUGUST WEATHER

## TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average August daily high temperature is 21 C and our average daily low is 14.6 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).

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~ August ~

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| August 1  | 9:08 am -L, 3:53 pm +XL   |
| August 2  | 9:58 am -L, 4:44 +XL      |
| August 3  | 10:37 am -L, 5:27 pm +XL  |
| August 4  | 10:51 am -XL, 6:04 pm +XL |
| August 5  | 10:57 am -XL, 6:34 pm +XL |
| August 6  | 11:37 am -XL, 6:56 pm +XL |
| August 7  | 12:07 pm -XL, 7:10 am +XL |
| August 8  | 12:39 pm -L, 7:20 pm +XL  |
| August 9  | 1:08 pm -XL, 7:33 pm +XL  |
| August 10 | 1:59 pm -L, 7:52 pm +XL   |
| August 11 | 2:52 pm -M, 8:19 pm +L    |
| August 12 | 10:19 am +L, 3:02 pm -M   |
| August 13 | 11:30 am +L, 5:25 pm -S   |
| August 14 | 12:51 pm +L, 6:41 pm -S   |
| August 15 | 1:49 pm +L, 7:52 pm -S    |
| August 16 | 7:11 am -XL, 3:13 pm +XL  |
| August 17 | 8:30 am -XL, 4:17 pm +XL  |
| August 18 | 9:34 am -XL, 5:03 pm +XL  |
| August 19 | 10:30 am -XL, 5:41 pm +XL |
| August 20 | 11:33 am -XL, 6:13 pm +XL |
| August 21 | 12:08 pm -XL, 6:44 pm +XL |
| August 22 | 12:55 pm -XL, 6:59 pm +XL |
| August 23 | 1:43 pm -L, 7:32 pm +XL   |
| August 24 | 2:36 pm -L, 8:00 pm +L    |
| August 25 | 9:34 am +L, 3:38 pm -M    |
| August 26 | 10:42 am +L, 4:33 pm -M   |
| August 27 | 11:56 am +M, 5:35 pm -S   |
| August 28 | 1:01 pm +L, 6:56 pm -S    |
| August 29 | 2:16 pm +L, 8:21 pm -S    |
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## ~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

### 2ND ANNUAL FOUR LAKES 10K

The Sunshine Coast Athletics are hosting the second annual Four Lakes 10k Run at 9 a.m. on Sun., Aug 23. The race will start and finish at Katherine Lake.

The course is very scenic, passing four lakes —Katherine, Garden Bay, Mixal and Hotel. Awards, draw prizes and refreshments will be provided after the run. Information and registration form are available at [www.foolsrun.com/4lakes/](http://www.foolsrun.com/4lakes/) or call 604-885-8849.

### P. H. JAZZ FEST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for the 13th Annual Pender Harbour Jazz Festival Sept 18 to 20.

If you would like to be involved in the best jazz festival this side of Montreal, listen to great music, meet interesting people, and help out your community while having a great time, check out the volunteer page on the website at [www.penderharbourmusic.ca/jazz/volunteer.php](http://www.penderharbourmusic.ca/jazz/volunteer.php).

If you can commit to a few hours or the whole weekend call Marilyn 604-883-9961 or email [marmacleod@eastlink.ca](mailto:marmacleod@eastlink.ca) There is a variety of jobs to fill from selling ticket, CDs, T-shirts to traffic control. We particularly need strong fellows with pick-up trucks to pick up and set up chairs and tents. Also anyone with experience in setting up sound equipment. Let's all pitch in to help this great music festival stay alive in Pender Harbour

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## It doesn't bite: P. H. Chamber Music Festival, Aug. 21-23



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This is a year of celebration and recognition for the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival.

The celebration of the festival's fifth anniversary will include the premiere of "Pender Harbour Suite," a piece commissioned for this event.

"Pender Harbour Suite" offers a nod to composers Felix Men-

delssohn and Joseph Haydn in recognition of the host families and many volunteers required to present high

quality music over an entire weekend.



Alexander Tselyakov

In 2004, the Pender Harbour Music Society showed great support for Lise Aylmer's dream of establishing a high quality chamber music festival in Pender Harbour.



Barry Shiffman

Every year since, Aylmer, the festival committee and numerous volunteers have worked hard to build on this dream.

With her single-minded determination to make this a successful festival for both the musicians and the audience alike, Aylmer has spearheaded efforts to turn the third weekend in August into a premier musical event.

As she steps down this year as

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chair of the festival committee, she is recognized as the moving force behind the festival and can be proud of her accomplishments.

In addition to serving on the organizing committee, taking tickets and doing the many other activities needed to stage a successful festival, volunteers welcome the musicians into their community for an entire week.

They look after their comfort by billeting, feeding, transporting and providing them with whatever they need during their stay.

Without the dedication and enthusiasm of these community members and the support of the Friends of the Festival, this annual event would not be possible.

The intimacy of Pender Harbour's School of Music is a perfect setting in which to listen to chamber music.

Under the artistic direction of world-renowned pianist Alexander Tselyakov, there is something for everyone to enjoy in the eclectic selections of music played this year by 10 outstanding musicians.



Christie  
Reside



George  
Zukerman



Livia  
Sohn



Oliver  
de Clercq

The festival runs Aug. 21 – 23 and begins on Friday afternoon with the very popular free family concert “Chamber Music Doesn’t Bite!”

The Mendelssohn celebration, the first of the ticketed concerts, follows on the Friday evening and the Saturday afternoon concert features selections by Haydn.

The special Saturday “Intermezzo” event features an interview by David Duke, respected music critic for the Vancouver Sun, with world-renowned composer, Stephen Chatman, whose work will be performed that night.

On the same program will be works by Dvorak, Villa-Lobos, and Poulenc.

The final concert on Sunday afternoon wraps up this dynamic and enchanting weekend of chamber music with works by Tele-



Geoff  
Nuttall



Jeanette  
Jonquil



Matt  
Haimovitz



Roger  
Cole

mann, Mozart and Brahms.

The free concert on Friday afternoon will also be the first to showcase the Pender Harbour School of Music's newest acquisition: a brand new Yamaha C7 grand piano.

The instrument adorns a splendid new stage which is only enhanced by fresh colour in the newly painted concert room.

This year the festival offers special pricing for students 18 and under.

As always, there are also savings when buying a weekend pass.

For details, please visit the Festival's website at [www.penderharbourmusic.ca](http://www.penderharbourmusic.ca).

Tickets may be purchased online, by phoning (604)989-3995 or by visiting Harbour Insurance in Madeira Park, the Sechelt Visitor Centre or Gaia's Fair Trade Gifts in Gibsons.



Stephen  
Chatman



## It took one couple's dream to make Lily Lake Village a reality

Often it takes new eyes to see what's missing.

About 10 years ago, relative newcomers Ryan and Sue Campbell realized Pender Harbour had everything going for it except a way to live without the restraints of maintaining a large property.

The Campbells had a dream to provide a property that would offer turnkey, freehold ownership — a house without the hassle.

They continued to refine their vision and today their dream has manifested in Lily Lake Village.

Before they cast off for Pender, Ryan was a professional engineer who owned an environmental business while Sue owned a natural foods store at Westminster Quay.

Before that they spent 22 years in the Canadian Forces moving eight times from Victoria to Halifax and back, each time renovating or building a new home.

This gave them a great background for ideas to incorporate into their Lily Lake Village.

Not long after arriving in Pender, Campbell started up a real estate business and the couple soon became active community members.

But Ryan soon realized he and Sue were the lucky ones — many who passed through his office couldn't find the type of property that fit their lifestyle.

Pender Harbour real estate is typically steep and rocky and maintaining it requires time and a strong back.

"A lot of people hoped to stay



Ryan and Sue Campbell and their 'dream' — the 27 unit Lily Lake Village. Behind them sits Bev Hannah's garden, an example of the pride residents have in their new homes.

in Pender and wanted to down-size but there wasn't much I could show them," says Campbell.

"There was a need for something to allow people to stay in the community when they get older and don't want a big property. So, that became our dream."

Campbell recalls Brian Kask, owner of Curtis Lumber, had a couple of lots totalling six acres for sale on Lagoon Road.

Thick bush hid not only Lily Lake from view but also abandoned cars and the archaeological remnants of long-forgotten bush parties.

The Campbells must have seen something because, in 2002, they purchased it from Kask.

After receiving support from both the community and the SCRD, the Campbells researched and refined their idea for the next two years to finalize their plans.

They put together a local team: contractor Don White, builder Joe Lanteigne and landscaper Eric Stephan who understood the Campbells commitment to quality and made it a reality.

The rest is details.

In six short years, the Campbells' vision blossomed into Lily Lake Village, a community of 27 bare land strata homes all between 1,000 and 2,000 sq. ft.

Billed on their website [lilylakevillage.ca](http://lilylakevillage.ca) as an "Active 55+ community," Lily Lake Village is designed to suit the needs of anyone looking to spend time in or away from their home rather than on it.

Purchasers share amenities like a well-equipped activity centre and workshop studio.

The pride of ownership is exhibited by people like Dave Diggins and Bob Adkin who can be found tinkering with the community lawn mower — "just for fun."

Residents also dictate the finishing specifics of their new home before they move in.

That's what Jan Watson did. She moved to Lily Lake Village in 2007 and likes to golf — neighbours say she leaves in the morning with her clubs and doesn't return until dinner.

"My old house was too much work for me and needed maintenance," says Watson.

"I could no longer physically do it all myself and so I wanted to downsize.

"I looked around and couldn't see anything else that I wanted and Lily Lake Village came along at the right time."

Watson feels lucky to be here.

"I think it's come too late for a lot of people who've had to move away."

Each home is built to be livable on one floor with a minimum of steps.

The Campbells consulted with a home care nurse for amenities like height-adjustable shower heads and reinforced wall panels near bathroom facilities to allow for future installation of safety handles.

As part of their rezoning application, the Campbell's donated a fully serviced building lot bordering Lagoon Road to the Area A Seniors' Housing Society for their 10-bedroom assisted-living complex.

It's a separate entity but when built should complement the de-

velopment by offering a range of lifestyle choices for residents.

It's all so owners can be secure in knowing they will be able to grow old in their home without worry of leaving, says Campbell.

It's why most of the buyers have come from the area. So far only five units have been purchased by people from outside of Pender Harbour and Egmont.

Alex Thompson and Liz Wood moved to Lily Lake Village last year and from the privacy of their deck overlooking the lake they look like they just squeak into the 55+ demographic.

They first came up for a swim and dinner at Ruby Lake Resort in 2007 and fell in love with the area.

"We knew we didn't need a city anymore," says Liz.

When they stumbled upon [lilylakevillage.ca](http://lilylakevillage.ca), they knew they'd found the missing piece to their new dream.

Clearly people like what the Campbells have created — two thirds of Lily Lake Village has already sold with three finished show homes and the remaining units finished to lock up awaiting owner customization.

The Campbells own a piece



Alan Stewart photo

Rita and Bob Allan moved to Lily Lake Village from their family farm in Alberta so they could enjoy their boat and spend time on their business, Lasata Charters.

of waterfront where they built and live in a Lily Lake test home model.

They keep a boat to explore the area they fell in love with almost 20 years ago but voice a common complaint.

"I've spent the last two months in the garden fighting nature and I have a boat sitting in my boathouse that I haven't even taken out this year," says Ryan.

"If we were here (Lily Lake Village), we would have been out enjoying it beside Rita and Bob."

It sounds like he might have just sold another one.



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## Real estate market update



By Alan Stewart

According to a recent report from RE/MAX, pent-up demand for residential housing has bolstered sales in Canada's major markets — "a clear signal that the housing sector has shifted into recovery mode."

The report suggests that more balanced market conditions have emerged, effectively ending the stronghold that buyers had on the market over the past six to eight months.

Canada's largest markets, Toronto and Vancouver, led the charge—with June sales among the highest in history for both local real estate boards.

Residential sales in Greater Vancouver increased 75.6 per cent over one year ago to 4,259 units, just short of the record breaking 4,333 sales, which occurred in June 2005.

Overall, major markets began to recover in March, posting escalating sales in April, May and June.

The impetus is expected to continue through the remainder of 2009, with most centres now forecasting year-end sales on par with or ahead of 2008 levels.

On the whole, June was also a



Like a fish boat leaving the Harbour, the real estate market will return too.

banner month on the Sunshine Coast with total detached home sales going from 40 home sales in 2008 to 58 sales in 2009.

Year to date, however, we are down from 320 sales in 2008 to 223 sales in 2009.

For some reason, likely our reliance on recreational home buyers, Pender Harbour has lagged way behind, not just in June, but year to date as well.

In June of 2008, there were seven home sales in the harbour.

In 2009 – only two.

Year to date we've seen 25 sales in 2009 versus 49 in 2008, well off the mark for the rest of the Sunshine

Coast.

According to the report, "the recent surge in resale activity can be attributed to three key factors: pent-up demand, low interest rates, and greater affordability. The combination — in conjunction with declining inventory levels — has created heated market conditions in hot pocket neighbourhoods."

Of those three key factors, the Pender/Egmont market seems to be lacking in the "pent-up demand" category.

Our expectation is that as primary residential markets stabilize, the interest in recreational properties will begin to grow.

In true "Pender Time" fashion, our real estate market will be a little late in recovering but the beauty, amenities and ease of access to the Lower Mainland will continue to make this area some of the most sought after recreational real estate on the West Coast.

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## Big Brother isn't the only one watching

By Shane McCune



Canadians cling fiercely to their right to privacy — in theory.

If anyone asks, they'll say they don't want bureaucrats poking around their health records, their sexual preferences, and their tastes in books, booze and

friends. And they don't want private companies sifting through their digital garbage for data that can be sold to marketers. But when it comes to protecting our privacy, most of us do little beyond shutting the bathroom door.

Last month federal Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart warned that the social networking site Facebook, used by 12 million Canadians, has been violating the nation's privacy laws by retaining too much information about users for too long and sharing too much of it with other users. She gave Facebook a month to smarten up and it has begun to comply.

But the fact remains that once a little binary seed—a name, a birth date, a funny photo taken after a few cocktails — is planted in cyberspace, it's very hard to uproot it before the armies of data-mining apps patrolling the web snap it up. You would think that would occur to all those net-savvy young people with permanently pixellated eyeballs and thumbs flattened from texting. Yet every other day you hear about somebody publicly humiliated by the publication of something on his or her "private" page on Facebook, MySpace or Twitter.

I asked Micheal Vonn, policy director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, whether people who live their lives online don't know the hazards or don't care.

Neither, she said. Surveys show that, from early childhood, Canadians have a strong sense of "self-sovereignty," a belief that they should determine how much of themselves to share and with whom. And they are well aware that hackers and marketers constantly prowl the net for personal data; they just don't think it will be their personal data.

"So the feeling is, 'Yeah, I know I'm a pebble on the beach anybody could pick up, but I'm only one pebble of 14 gazillion trillion. Why would anybody be looking at that?'" said Vonn.

While Vonn worries about the power of commercial apps to intrude on personal privacy, she is far more concerned about governments' insatiable thirst for personal data — and their tendency to spill it.

Canada is pressing ahead with Canada Health Info-way, an independent, non-profit entity that aims to have 50 per cent of the nation's health records in its centralized database by 2010. Proponents say this will eliminate the need for files to be duplicated or forwarded whenever a patient moves, make it easier for specialists and surgeons to call up crucial information the instant it is needed, and streamline costs across the board.

"Government centralized databases of health information are leaky as sieves in the U.K. and elsewhere," said Vonn. "Alberta just lost almost 12,000 records due to a hacking virus. They have no idea who has those records now."

Some Opposition MPs have criticized Infoway, throwing their support to online systems that would let patients choose who gets access to their records. In theory.

But Vonn noted that the two main contenders for this service are Microsoft's HealthVault and Google Health.

"All of the big corporations you can think of that have anything to do with IT are lining up to be the repositories for your health records," she said. "These are the very companies that data-mine your information in order to sell advertising."

Any promises of confidentiality mean nothing if the data is stored in the U.S., where the Patriot Act requires IT and communications companies to hand over whatever information the Department of Homeland Security wants — and prohibits the companies from notifying those affected.

Another privacy issue is the constant tug of war between patient confidentiality and public safety. Many policymakers and civil servants say caregivers should be required to register any patient who tests positive for, say HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C or other sexually transmitted diseases. But those who work with street addicts and prostitutes know how skittish they are about disclosing their illnesses to authorities.

"We have to look at the kind of science that says at least a quarter of the people who have been surveyed will avoid going to a public health clinic that does STD screening if that information is going to be linked on a shared database," Vonn told me.

"And if we lose people from the system because they will not go and they fear where their information is going, that is a health detriment that has been demonstrated (but) that the government is currently ignoring."

*Next month, the conflict between public safety and personal privacy: "If you have nothing to hide, why would you object to a search?"*

## McNeill Lake trail system: Cougar's

Named after someone who helped build it, and because it seems as likely place as any to get jumped, Cougar's is a rollicking downhill mountain bike trail that aims to please.

Rolls, turns, small drops and berms make it a fun ride for the beginner or advanced mountain biker.

Best accessed from the well-groomed main road connecting the McNeill Lake Forest Service Road to the hydro lines (see map).

Upon exiting the 500-metre trail, you'll find yourself on a recently reactivated forest road. A left will take you

to Old Pole Road or the BC Hydro line corridor.

A right will take you back to McNeill Lake Forest Service Road where a left will carry you to Dry Feet.

Either direction becomes part of the Haslam Loop circuit, a 15-kilometre single track ride that offers a good romp for just about any skill level.

Some say riding the Haslam Loop clockwise is best. Fools.

For more information on local trails, pick up a copy of *Fat Tires and Walking Sticks: A Pocket Guide to "Some" Pender Harbour Trails*.

The booklet is produced by Jon Paine and funded by the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour and is available at various retail outlets and the Pender Harbour Branch of the Sunshine Coast Credit Union.



Cougar's is all about flow and fun. Here a rider in the BC Bike Race negotiates what is probably the hardest obstacle on the whole trail — an eight-inch drop.



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## Don Stewart finds his own path to the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival

By Shane McCune

Although Don Stewart has been singing since his boyhood in Amherstburg, Ont., it hasn't always been his preferred career.

He went to Vancouver for Expo 86 and, weary of life on the road, decided it was a good place to stow his touring gear and settle down. He studied acting and focused on a career in film and theatre, until the late Linton Garner, older brother of jazz giant Erroll Garner and a longtime fixture at Rossini's in Kitsilano, asked Stewart why he didn't have a CD.

By the end of 2004 he had two.

His debut disc, "Here's That Rainy Day," featured some of the best jazz players in Vancouver, including pianist Bob Murphy and saxmen Campbell Ryga and Ross Taggart. It was a strong set of smooth jazz and pop standards ranging from Gershwin to Bacharach, with elegant, uncluttered arrangements and vocals to match.

It was soon followed by "It's Not for Me to Say," a more eclectic assortment including songs popularized by Johnny Mathis (the title track plus "Chances Are" and "The Twelfth of Never," the latter set to a bossa nova rhythm), Nat King Cole ("Mona Lisa") Glenn Campbell ("Wichita Lineman") and Joni Mitchell ("Both Sides Now"). It also included "Ol' Man River," sung by Joe in "Showboat," a role Stewart has played onstage.

His program at this year's jazz fest will draw heavily from Johnny Mathis and Nat Cole. It's a good fit for Stewart, who has the buttery vocal timbre of one and the jazz sensibility of the other — plus a four-octave

range that either of them might envy.

Singing standards is a tricky business: Stick too close to the original and you're a mimic, stray too far and you risk betraying the song. Stewart has the sophistication and confidence to find his own path.

As he told one reporter, "Everybody knows or has heard my music

but nobody else really does the stuff I do and that's a great reason to do it."

Don Stewart will appear at the 13th annual Pender Harbour Jazz Festival on Saturday, Sept. 19. His concert starts at 8 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park.

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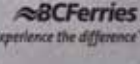
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Sat. Aug. 1&3.....Live Music: Midnight Eagles - Garden Bay Pub, evening  
 Sun Aug. 2.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook - Garden Bay Pub 2 p.m.  
 Mon. Aug. 3.....Pender Harbour Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon  
 Tues. Aug. 4.....New hours at Sechelt Library take effect  
 Wed. Aug. 5-8.....Live Music: Ray O'Toole - Garden Bay Pub, evening  
 Sun. Aug. 9.....Sixth Annual Pender Harbour Show and Shine - Garden Bay Hotel, Noon  
 Sun Aug. 9.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub 2 p.m.  
 Wed. Aug. 12.....Peak time for Perseid meteor shower  
 Thurs. Aug. 13-15.....Live Music: Surveillance - Garden Bay Pub, evening  
 Sun Aug. 16.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub 2 p.m.  
 Mon. Aug. 17.....Pender Harbour Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon  
 Mon. Aug. 17.....Instructor Led Walking Program Kick-off Event - P. H. Health Centre, 8 a.m.  
 Fri. Aug. 21-23.....5th Annual Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival - P. H. School of Music  
 Fri. Aug. 21-22.....Live Music: Steve Kozack - Garden Bay Pub, evening  
 Sat. Aug. 22.....FibreWorks presents "Fibre Naturally" opening reception - Fibreworks Studio & Gallery, 2 p.m.  
 Sun Aug. 23.....Sunday Jam with Mark Vance - Garden Bay Pub 2 p.m.  
 Sun. Aug. 23.....Second annual Four Lakes 10k run - Katherine Lake  
 Wed. Aug. 26.....Area A Advisory Planning Commission - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.  
 Wed Aug. 26-29.....Live Music: Jerry Yuzon - Garden Bay Pub, evening  
 Mon. Aug. 31.....Pender Harbour Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, 12 noon  
 Sun Aug. 30.....Sunday Jam with TBA - Garden Bay Pub 2 p.m.

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 1:05 p.m. (Daily except Sat)  
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 9:40 p.m.

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 9:00 a.m. (Sat only)  
 9:40 a.m.  
 11:10 a.m. (Sat only)  
 12:00 p.m.  
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 • 3:45 p.m.  
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 ♦ 5:50 p.m.  
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 ♣ 7:55 p.m.  
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 10:35 p.m.

### Earl's Cove

8:15 a.m.  
 10:35 a.m.  
 12:50 p.m.  
 3:10 p.m.  
 5:35 p.m.  
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 9:35 p.m.  
 11:25 p.m.

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