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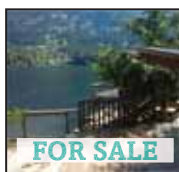
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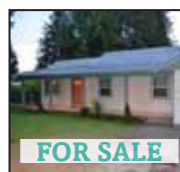
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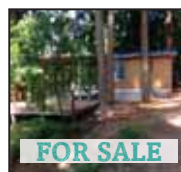
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editorial

A canary in our coal mine?



Brian Lee

Everywhere I look, I find dead western red cedar trees.

I first noticed it on my property this spring, orange beacons standing out against the familiar wall of green.

A closer look revealed dozens of them, all with matching red foliage indicating a simultaneous end.

Death seemed to favour the immature trees but not exclusively so, because the orange often stretched high up into the canopy.

I started noticing it in other places, such as Francis Point Marine Park and along the highway or shore of any lake.

I challenge you to not see it the next time you gaze at a wall of bush.

Clearly we have experienced a significant die-off — likely the delayed effects of last summer's extreme drought.

According to the Regional District of Nanaimo, last summer saw only four per cent of normal seasonal rainfall.

This past June, YVR recorded 58.2 mm of precipitation compared to 11 mm last year.

By July 19, we accumulated 32.8 mm of rain compared to 20.8 mm for the entire month of July 2015.

Cedars need plenty of water and suffer more than species like Douglas fir during drought conditions.

But the number of mature (20-plus year old) trees affected that must have survived other, less severe droughts, makes for an interesting discussion about the potential for a rapid shift in the distribution of species.

Scientific consensus tells us that we should expect occurrences like last summer's drought to be more frequent.

On my property, which is mostly rocky slope, I'd say 20-30 per cent of the cedar are red and dead.

If nothing else, the volume of dead, dry cedar has created a fire hazard.

But it's also another reminder of how our natural landscape is changing faster than ever before in human history.

We know arbutus trees have also suffered in recent years, possibly due to natural fungi that seem to be more lethal than previously seen.

In the ocean, sea urchins have proliferated as their natural predator, the starfish, mysteriously disappeared.

The sea urchins are already having an impact on kelp forests, described in one CBC news report investigating the phenomenon as a "kelp clearcut."

Acidification of the ocean (caused by increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere) is having a profound effect on the ability of shellfish like scallops and oysters to reproduce.

Increased acidity reduces the calcium carbonate available that shellfish larvae use to grow their shells.

The *Province* newspaper recently reported that Island Scallops, which provides seed oysters and scallops for farmers, lost 90 per cent of its oyster larvae last year due to acidification.

But climate change isn't the only culprit set to alter our natural landscape.

According to *British Columbia: A History* by Richard and Sydney Cannings, over 4,000 species have been introduced to British Columbia by humans.

Over 500 of those are plants.

If you take note of plant life along the highway, you'll find species we take for granted, like salmonberry, being rapidly overtaken by Japanese knotweed.

Knotweed's rampant growth is made all the more threatening by the fact that it spreads faster when cut.

As our industrial momentum pushes us past the point where we can expect to reverse our impact, we can only observe these ominous trends — and wonder what else is to yet to come.

PENDER HARBOUR SHOW AND SHINE: Sunday, Aug. 7

Don't miss the 13th annual Pender Harbour Show & Shine which for the first time will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 in Madeira Park. Classic cars can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Pender Harbour Show and Shine is hosted by the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour. Gates open at 10 a.m. and voting ends at 4 p.m. The day kicks off at 10:15 a.m. with a rod run parade along Lagoon Road and through Madeira Park.

PENDER HARBOUR CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL: Thursday, Aug. 18-21

There may still be the odd ticket floating around but you'd better hurry — this festival almost always sells out. The festival runs four days at the Pender Harbour School of Music in Madeira Park. For tickets and program information visit www.phmusic.ca.

PENDER HARBOUR LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT: Saturday, Aug. 20

An annual nine-hole modified Texas scramble public tournament held at the Pender Harbour Golf Course, with a banquet to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion 112. Call the Legion to sign up. Start time is 2 p.m. Register early to avoid disappointment — the entry deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 17.

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The 171-foot sailing yacht *Tamsen* was moored at the Garden Bay Hotel dock for a few days last month. Launched in 2007, the *Tamsen* is owned by the Firestone family and continues a family tradition in which family and friends bond during sailing trips where they learn to operate the boat themselves with minimal crew. The yacht has a steel hull and aluminum superstructure with a beam of almost 34 feet. She is powered by two 689HP Deutz diesel engines and can cruise comfortably at 15 knots while under power.



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Bursary for Sunshine Coast entrepreneurs honours local volunteer

Longtime volunteer and business leader Barrie Wilbee has been honoured for his contributions to the Sunshine Coast with an endowment in his name.

The Barrie Wilbee Bursary for Sunshine Coast Entrepreneurs was seeded through a contribution from Community Futures Sunshine Coast and matched by the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation.

From a July 11 CFSC release:

“Funds accrued within the endowment will be awarded annually to Sunshine Coast residents who require funding to further their education and knowledge in community economic development, entrepreneurship and business skills.”

Wilbee is a former partner of Lowes Resort and helped run the business for many years.

Throughout that time he was involved with salmon conservation and sports fishing initiatives.

He also volunteered with the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department since its early days and still holds an important role in the fire protection district's administration.

Later on he would come to focus on issues of economic development and helped start Community Futures of the Sunshine Coast in 1987.

CFSC provides services and program support to small- and medium-sized business owners and entrepreneurs.

Wilbee is currently co-chair of the CFSC's investments and loans committee and has sat on the non-profit's board since 2008.

Over the past 35 years, Wilbee has also held volunteer leadership roles with the Sunshine Coast Economic Development Commission, Sunshine Coast Employment Devel-

opment Society and the Area A advisory planning committee.

“Barrie is a tireless advocate for economic development and generously shares his time, expertise and wisdom with individuals and organizations committed to ensuring a healthy and sustainable Sunshine Coast,” said Janice Iverson, executive director of Community Futures Sunshine Coast.

“He is a master collaborator and community connector.”

Wilbee took the announcement with characteristic humility.

“When these kinds of things happen, you don't expect it but it kind of leaves you feeling funny,” Wilbee told the *Harbour Spiel*.

“Not funny bad, but funny good — you think, ‘Well God, what do I say?’”

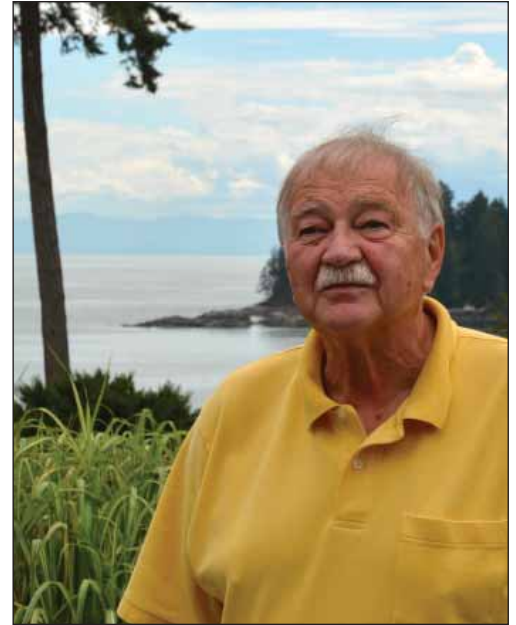
According to Wilbee, the endowment was seeded with \$10,000 but may double by next year.

When asked why he thought he received the honour, Wilbee said,

“Sometimes, I think maybe the value of somebody working in the community is hard to understand at the time because there's always change going on.

“But if some of the things you do stand the test of time, then I think people look differently at the people involved.

“And it's the network that comes from all the things you do — 20 years



Brian Lee

Barrie Wilbee was recently honoured with an endowment in his name for many years of volunteer work with Community Futures Sunshine Coast.

on the APC, you know.

“The guy who was part of the group that finally got the first official community plan done after two or three attempts before that.

“The volunteer fire department — you learn a lot there too, like how to get the best out of people when they aren't being paid.

“It's really important to make sure people feel valuable.”

For information on contributing to this endowment, contact Sandra Cunningham at the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation, (604) 741-7360.

Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society Outreach Healthy Meal Program



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Reconciliation deal with SIB provides land, cash and consultation

On July 17, the province announced it will soon hand over 40 hectares of fee simple land on the west side of Sechelt Inlet near Egmont to the Sechelt Indian Band.

The “Egmont Parcel” and two other parcels, including 148 hectares in Narrows Inlet and 100 hectares in Salmon Inlet, are part of what is being described as a first step in a reconciliation agreement process.

The threeagreement deal also guarantees a share of forestry revenues and a new “government-to-government” framework intended “to further reconcile the interests and goals of the Shíshálh Nation and the province.”

The announcement said “BC and the Shíshálh Nation will also work toward finalizing the Pender Harbour dock management plan once further environmental and archaeological studies in the area have been carried out.”



Province of BC

The province will soon hand over the above 40 hectare parcel on the west side of Sechelt Inlet near Egmont to the Sechelt Indian Band as part of a reconciliation agreement process.

Three struck by lightning at Egmont campsite

Three men were injured when lightning hit their Egmont campsite on July 17.

Cheyenne Ramsey, owner/operator of Strongwater Camping and Cabins in Egmont told the *Harbour Spiel* the three were brothers.

One of them lives in Egmont and was visiting the campsite when it hit.

“They were all sitting by the fire and Eric was sitting on a picnic table under a tarp by a tree.

“So when the crack hit, it hit him and left a hole in his leg, burnt his pants and made his foot feel like jelly.

“It took his brother, who was sitting in a chair with a can of beer in his hand, and left his footprints in the

ground and threw him 10 feet, flat on his back.”

Ramsey said the third brother suffered holes in his pants and a red line up his leg.

“It was a pretty ferocious strike.”

Ramsey called 911 and Eric spent the night in the hospital before returning home the next day.

“The other two guys refused to go down,” said Ramsey.

“But Ron, the guy who was thrown from his chair ten feet, had to take his shoes off because his feet were so hot.”

The charge took out Internet service in the area and Ramsey said all campers upgraded to cabins that night.

“Eric gave us his white sport sock with burn holes in it to frame,” she said.

“We’re calling him Flash Gordon now.”

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Perfect conditions for Malaspina Regatta

David Twentyman

The weather conditions on July 1 were perfect, with a southeast wind of 10-15 knots blowing down the Strait.

This was a big change from the forecast a day earlier when it was calling for only five knots.

For the record 29 boats that entered the race, it could not have been better.

The 10-nautical-mile triangular course starts between Martin and Pearson Islands just outside the entrance to Pender Harbour, then heads out three miles to Hospital Reef, where it turns north to Ackland Rock before turning back to the finish where they started.

All boats got off to a good start and were soon out in the open waters of Malaspina Strait, where the waves increased in size and the wind settled to a steady 12 knots.

The first to Hospital Reef was Sean McAllister's *EluaMakani*, just ahead of David Pritchard in *Deviant*.

The second leg would, in lighter wind conditions, have seen most boats hoisting their spinnakers, but with the increase in the wind and a rougher sea state, only four boats chose to do so.

Those that did were able to gain on the boats ahead, but not without experiencing some problems with their spinnakers.

By the time the fleet reached



Shortly after the start of the Malaspina Regatta on July 1 with boats heading out to the first turn in Malaspina Strait.

Ackland Rock, the lead had switched and *Deviant* was in front.

The final leg was into a rough and mixed sea with four-foot waves, which proved tough for the smaller boats.

As forecast, the wind had also increased and was between 15 and 20 knots.

The choice for skippers is always tricky at this point in the race as the conditions can be very different away from Nelson Island, compared to along its shores.

The fleet split with some choosing to head out while a few kept to the coastline.

The larger boats were able to

slice through the waves and were soon leading the way to the finish.

These conditions did cause two boats to tear their genoas, but no other damage was reported.

The finishing results were the closest that we have seen, with the first across the line honour awarded to Sean McAllister and the crew of *EluaMakani*.

Only 20 seconds behind was Andy Paulus in *Wings II*.

All boats crossed the line by two hours and 42 minutes — the fastest completion for all entrants on record.

First overall (on corrected time) was Munson McKinney in *About Time*.

The four divisional winners:

AA: *EluaMakani*, Sean McAllister;

A: *Wings II*, Andy Paulus;

B: *About Time*, Munson McKinney, and

C: *Yippee-Ki-Yae*, Diana Valiela.

Following the race a barbeque for crews and families was held at John Henry's where the trophies were awarded.

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BC Bike Race passes through trails during Pender Harbour Days

The seven-stage BC Bike Race rolled through local trails as part of its third stage on July 9.

This year marks the 10th anniversary for the race that travels from Cumberland to Whistler.

Over 600 riders from 36 countries started from Earls Cove, climbed up to Klein Lake and followed various local trails to end in Sechelt later in the day.

Squamish native Quinn Moberg won the open men's third stage but four days later, when the race ended in Whistler, Moberg had dropped to fourth and it was an Albertan, Cory Wallace, who stood upon the podium.

Colorado's Kelli Emmett won all seven stages to take the women's crown.



Brian Lee photos

All photos on this page are taken on a trail called 'Old Pole Road' that runs behind McNeill Lake from the McNeill Lake Forest Service Road to Middlepoint Road. Here Josue Escanes Gutierrez, who travelled from Guadalajara, Mexico, finds himself in a strange jungle.



North Vancouverite Gina Hopper still had enough energy to smile at the halfway point between Earls Cove and Sechelt.



Shawn McCraw from Austin, Texas is chased through the woods by New Yorker Erik Rodriguez.

PROHIBITED DRIVER

On June 21 police conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle in the 12600 block of highway 101, Madeira Park, as the driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver was found to be a prohibited driver so was released on a promise to appear.

Charges of driving while prohib-

ited are being recommended to Crown counsel.

The driver was also issued a ticket for failing to wear a seatbelt and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

IMPAIRED DRIVER

On June 22, police stopped a possible impaired driver on Highway

101 near East Oyster Bay Road, Madeira Park.

The driver, who had an open can of beer in the centre console, said he'd had a couple of other drinks shortly prior to driving and was displaying signs of intoxication.

The driver was given a roadside alcohol screening test which resulted in a "warn."

The driver was issued tickets for no driver's licence, possession of open liquor in a motor vehicle and was also given a three-day roadside prohibition.

COLLISION

On June 24, police attended a single vehicle incident on Highway 101 just north of Middlepoint Road, Madeira Park.

A vehicle lost control on a curve and rolled over, spilling its gravel load over both lanes.

Neither the driver nor passenger were injured but traffic was obstructed until the gravel could be cleared away.

The driver said the load had shifted prior to the roll-over.

He was issued a ticket for insecure load and an order requiring a complete vehicle inspection.

THEFT

Between mid-June and July 4, a thief stole an outboard motor from a boat parked in the 5700-block of Francis Peninsula Road, Madeira Park.

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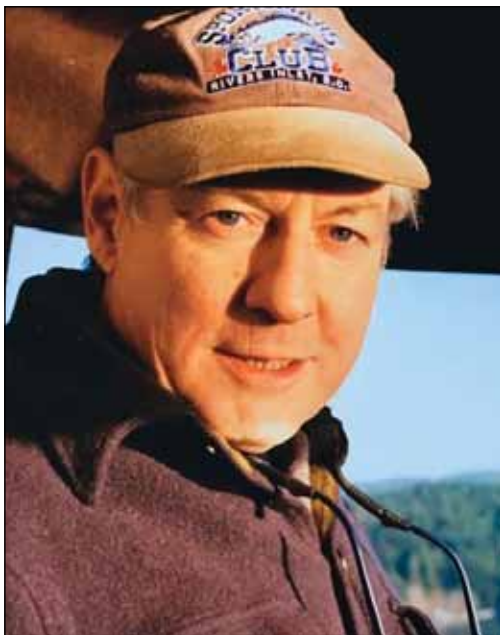
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He is survived by his wife Alison and daughters Hanna and Christina, who loved him all to pieces.

Brent was born and raised in Vancouver, and settled his family on the Sunshine Coast in 1989.

He loved talking story, especially about music, his years of drag racing, travelling throughout Asia in the 1970s and fishing up and down

the BC coast (but only for the silver ones).

Brent was fiercely loyal and kind to a fault, and always chose the more adventurous path when presented with the option.

We miss you very much, and we hope the fish are biting where you are.

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LILY LAKE WALKING TRAIL

Work toward the completion of the Lily Lake walkway is expected to be completed this month.

It will include the joining of the two portions of the trail near Tyner Park, the completion of the path along the school property from Lagoon Road and joining with the existing path behind the community hall.

Based on the use of the completed sections so far this will be a well-used path in our area.

Upon completion, the next task will be to name the path.

My plan is to engage the com-

munity and hold a contest to select a name.

Hopefully we can do this in the fall when schools are back in session and students may have the opportunity to participate.

EGMONT ROAD/GARDEN BAY ROAD WALKWAY

Planning for the Egmont Road and Garden Bay Road walkway/bike-way is virtually complete and hopefully work can be performed this fall.

There is a permitting issue with MOTI that is being discussed and work can continue once that is resolved.

BAKER'S BEACH EROSION

The foreshore at Baker's Beach experienced significant erosion during

last winter's storms.

Work to control the erosion will be performed this summer as the low tides permit.

Path access to the beach will also be improved.

ACCESSIBILITY AT THE POOL

A new lift and track system has been installed as well as a new change area and table at the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre.

Some additional equipment such as a wheelchair and curtains is still to come.

This will improve accessibility to the pool for persons with limited mobility.

A grant from the Enabling Accessibility Fund with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada cov-

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There are no SCRD Board or Standing Committee meetings scheduled in August.

Effective September 2016, the SCRD will be implementing a new standing committee structure that reflects the recent departmental reorganization. This means that the work of the Community Services Committee and the Planning and Development Committee will be combined under the new Planning and Community Development Committee.

The Infrastructure Services and Corporate and Administrative Services Committees remain unchanged.

As a result of the change, a new meeting schedule will be implemented in September. The schedule is available online at www.scrd.ca/agendas-2016.

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BROADBAND AND CELL COVERAGE

In the last four years, since being first elected, I have heard from many residents regarding communications gaps in our area and the entire Sunshine Coast.

The installation of the Telus fibre optic network on the Sunshine Coast added an additional dimension to service here, and in doing so, brought to everyone's attention that there remain some pockets which have no broadband internet.

I have been working with Network BC, Telus and two other independent service providers to expand coverage on the Sunshine Coast and in our area in particular.

The latest news provided by the two independent providers is that the technology they are employing enables them to provide both broadband and cell service.

The ability to improve cell service is of particular interest to us since, through personal experience and from reports made to me, we are all acutely aware of dropped calls and gaps in cell service in our area.

Recently the federal government announced an additional grant program to assist with broadband connectivity.

This, in addition to the available

provincial government grants and the fact that proposals have been submitted by the independent service providers, certainly raises the odds of seeing a resolution to the broadband problem.

The possibility that improved cell phone coverage may also be provided with the new technology would be a bonus.

CONTACT

There are no regularly scheduled meetings in August at the SCRD.

Consequently I do not plan to submit an article for the September issue of the *Harbour Spiel*.

I will be in the area for the summer and can be contacted at (604) 740-1451 or by email at Frank.Mauro@scrd.ca.

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Pender Harbour Days

It's estimated that over 1,000 people descended on Madeira Park for the second annual Pender Harbour Days on July 8 and 9.

Unlike last year, this year's edition featured stellar weather and a format that concentrated most of the events around the government wharf in Madeira Park.



A hard hat diving demonstration on Saturday provided a live feed of the ocean floor beneath the Madeira Park government wharf docks.



Brian Lee photos

Pender Harbour Days kicked off with a boat parade around Pender Harbour.



The Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 pipe band leading the boat parade aboard the *Scotia*. Waving on top of the cabin is the official event photographer, Joe Wilson.



Participants in the paddleboard yoga demonstration made it look easy.



MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones (top deck, middle) took a tour of the Harbour's derelict boats on Bob Fielding's *Adagio*.



Winner of the oyster shucking contest at the MPES outdoor classroom was Tony Brizan (l).



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Sunshine Coast writer's festival: There's still tix for four top picks

With files from Sunshine Coast Writers Festival program

It's too late to get tickets for some of the talent appearing at the 34th running of the Sunshine Coast Writer's Festival of the Written Arts.

But that's not a reason to despair because here are four authors who are not only exceptional at their craft but promise an entertaining appearance at Sechelt's Rockwood Centre.

But hurry, because they too will likely sell out before opening night on Aug. 11.

CAROLINE WOODWARD

Saturday, August 13 at 9 a.m.

I want to marry a lighthouse keeper... and live by the side of the sea.

Caroline Woodward, author of eight books, was already married when, in an epiphanous moment seven years ago, she suggested to her husband that he should chuck his job and make the next entry on his CV: "Lighthouse keeper on the BC coast."

Fourteen months later she did likewise and joined him.

In Light Years: Memoir of a



Caroline Woodward

Modern Lighthouse Keeper, Woodward, veteran of a dozen different lighthouses, reveals the pleasures, pressures and perils of a pared-down lifestyle experienced by only a handful of people.

The rest of us, however, can vicariously live by the side of the sea through her gorgeously descriptive writing.

A little local trivia:

Woodward once worked in the book industry as a Vancouver

Island book rep for local publisher,

Harbour Publishing.

Her warm personality and entertaining storytelling make her a must-see at this year's festival.

MADELEINE THIEN

Sunday, August 14 at 1 p.m.

Madeleine Thien made an immediate impact with *Simple Recipes*, a collection of short stories that won her four major literary awards and loads of credibility.

She went on to take home the Amazon.ca First Novel Award for *Certainty*, an international bestseller translated into 16 languages.

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second novel, *Dogs at the Perimeter*, is set in Cambodia and concerns the horrific genocide perpetrated by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge in the late 1970s on the beleaguered people of an already war-ruined country.

Her latest novel, *Do Not Say We Have Nothing*, is about Chinese students studying Western classical music in 1960s Shanghai.

The book's historical time span encompasses Mao's Cultural Revolution through the 1989 massacre at Tiananmen Square.

If her considerable writing accomplishments aren't enough to put her at the top of any list of candidates to take in at this year's festival, Thien is also as charming as they come.



Madeline Thien

The list of awards and honours accorded him is long and varied and includes the Governor General's Award for poetry, an IMPAC award nomination for his novel *George and Rue*, eight honorary degrees, and an appointment to the Order of Canada.

He was recently named Parliamentary Poet Laureate for Canada.

KINNIE STARR

Sunday, August 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Her sheer versatility makes it impossible to categorize Kinnie Starr.

She is of European and Mohawk descent and is fluently trilingual.

She is a spoken word artist, poet, musician, singer, music producer, actress and visual artist.

She has an exotic beauty, a keen intellect and a huge talent.

Her style of hip-hop is accessible and largely informed by her aboriginal roots, social activism and sexuality.

She has toured extensively in the U.K., Europe, Japan, the U.S. and Canada, and her large and diverse fan base grows every time she steps on a stage.

She performed at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and spent two years as a cast member of Cirque de Soleil's Zumanity.

Starr closes the festival in a show that promises to be exceptional.



Kinnie Starr

GEORGE ELLIOTT CLARKE

Sunday, August 14 at 4 p.m.

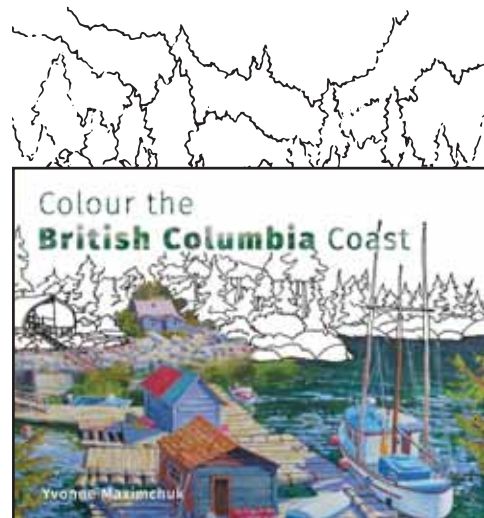
Poet, playwright and novelist George Elliott Clarke is a seventh-generation African-Canadian.

He has been a tireless supporter of the work of his fellow African-Canadian artists, particularly those in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for whom he coined the term "Africadians."



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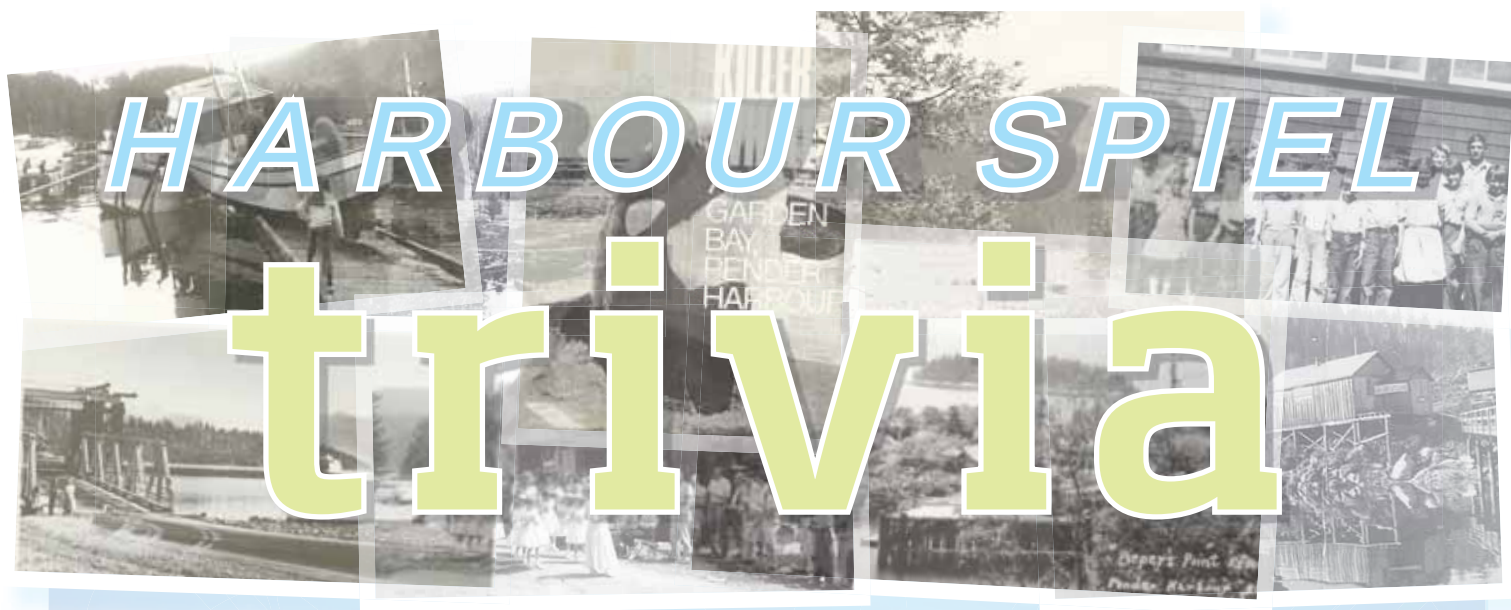
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1. Name of park at Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour wharf in Madeira Park.

- ☐ a. Gonsalves
- ☐ b. Cecil
- ☐ c. Tyner
- ☐ d. Millennium

2. What night is Bingo at the Pender Harbour Community Hall?

- ☐ a. Monday
- ☐ b. Tuesday
- ☐ c. Wednesday
- ☐ d. Thursday

3. Which local lake has a layer of salt water beneath an upper layer of fresh water?

- ☐ a. Sakinaw
- ☐ b. Waugh
- ☐ c. Ruby
- ☐ d. Brown

4. What is the speed limit inside Pender Harbour?

- ☐ a. 5 knots
- ☐ b. 7 knots
- ☐ c. 9 knots
- ☐ d. 11 knots

5. Name of the resort that once sat on property now occupied by The Painted Boat.

- ☐ a. Larson's
- ☐ b. Haddock's
- ☐ c. Lowe's
- ☐ d. Reid's

6. Which beach are you sitting on if you can spot Thormanby Island in the distance?

- ☐ a. Baker
- ☐ b. Lee's Bay
- ☐ c. Dan Bosch Park
- ☐ d. Porpoise Bay

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

The rime of the ancient incomer

Dear editor,

Last month we read a local's view (*Harbour Spiel*, July editorial: "Why we're like that") of what it takes to graduate to local status in Pender Harbour.

Now we have an incomer's take on that same graduation process.

You know you are a local when:

- You enjoy the first of the month to collect your *Spiel* and immediately read it cover to cover, including all the ads, the Harbour Seals and the very strange police reports.

- You can't believe the Madeira Park liquor store just opened on Canada Day. You think about complaining to the province, then reject the idea and come to your senses.

- You know who to call on a Sunday morning to fix a major plumbing leak and pump out an overflowing septic tank.

- The value of your house has just tripled in little over a decade, but you don't sell because, try as you might, you can't think of where you would rather be.

- You can't sell your house anyway because you can't leave all your beloved pets who are buried in the garden.

- You think that it's worthwhile turning out to the high school in the cold darkness of a mid-February evening to teach a bunch of incomers about Pender Harbour boating safety when it is hockey night on TV.

- You ask your partner for a rocket propelled grenade for your birthday to thwart the jet and water skiers travelling at 30 knots in a Bargain Harbour legally limited to seven knots, because the authorities can't be bothered enforcing it. You worry about novice kayakers renting from

the Painted Boat.

- You have to allocate two hours for grocery shopping in IGA. If you don't understand why, you are not a local.

- You have to put lunch and dinner appointments in your wife's diary because she is a freaking nutcase community volunteer.

- You can and do spend hours moaning about what happened to the Irvines Landing pub.

- You, as an atheist, think the view from the top of Pender Hill is what heaven must be like.

- You think that the best thing about the trail to Skookumchuck rapids is that it's flat with a mild aroma of weed.

- You know that the worst damage done to this community in decades was by the province's inept employees last year when they launched their terrible dock management plan on an innocent and previously coherent community.

- You just want Canada Day weekend to pass so that you can have your community back. Ditto for most of the summer.

- You really enjoy the winter because you know that you now have your community back.

- You ignore the *Spiel's* Trivia quizzes because you know that they are designed for smart-assed townies.

- You finally realize that this

community is built on the essential goodwill of folk like Rick the boat, Richard the gas, Susan the nurse, Rick the vet, Ted the Legion, Troy the grocer, Margaret the Barn, Roxanne the laptop, Jim the weld, Fred the faucet, Wayne the wrench, Don the plant.

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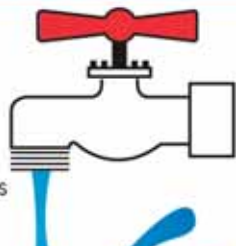
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Brian Lee photos
Valedictorians Samantha Stewart (l) and Brenna Young.



Grade 11 student Jordan Haines piped the grads into the PHSS gymnasium. Haines will attend school in Mexico City next year as part of the Rotary youth exchange program.

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Grads Mitchell Silvey and Brenna Young share a laugh as they hand down the Key of Knowledge to Grade 11 students Madeline Roach and Jesse Venalainen

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MEN'S CLUB

The men completed a sweep, winning their last interclub match against Powell River, thus retaining all the trophies.

July 5 saw a "string scramble" with winners Mike Reid, Garry Noble, Al Wendland and Carl Rietze with 63.

KPs on No. 3 were Bruce Forbes and Carl Rietze while on No. 6 it was Bruce Forbes and Ian Grant.

July 12 was individual stroke play with first flight low gross winner going to Rusty Ellis with 74 and second flight to Garry Noble with 91.

Low net winner was Larry Honeybourne with 66.

KPs on No. 3 were Mike Reid and John Maveety while on No. 6, it was Harry Friesen and Garry Noble.

LADIES' CLUB

The ladies retained the trophy winning their interclub against Roberts Creek.

The Crabb Cup (match play tournament) was won by Kathy Bergman in a close match over Reni Ducich.

The July 7 Criers Tournament, where your worst hole reverts to par, was won by Steph Garner with 96.

July 14 was a team event (the two best low net scores for each hole) and was won by Jan Watson, Kathy Bergman and Gail Girard with 127.

Ladies Steak Night winners on July 10 were Lori Wilson, Steph Garner, Carolyn Kirkland and Reni Ducich with 34.

MONDAY TWILIGHT SCRAMBLE

On June 20, 10 teams played and for the first time (if you can rely on

THE 19th HOLE

May thy ball lie down in green pastures, not in still waters.

my memory), two teams tied with the identical score on every hole.

So, with a score of 35, joint winners were Terry Ennis, Brian Disney and Sandra Pylypiuk and George Brown, Andy and Betty Teal.

KPs on No. 3 were Lorna Lycan and Blake Priebe while on No.6 it was Lorraine Wareham.

On June 27, there were 10 teams with first place going to Lorrie Sherman, Doug Stewart, Terry Ennis and Bob Baker with 33.

KP on No. 3 were Carly Gooldrup and Harold Jones while on No.6, it was Bob Ducich.

July 4 saw a full house with 15 teams and for the first time we had to turn a few people away.

Two teams shot 34 and, after a tiebreaker, the winners were Lorraine Wareham, Wayne Stremel, Dan McKenzie and Lorna Lycan.

KPs on No. 3 were Lorraine Wareham and James Wray and on No. 6, Lorna Lycan and Dan McKenzie.

July 11 saw 10 teams out with three tied with 34.

After countback, winners were George Brown, Lorraine Wareham, Jonathon Kline and Lorna Lycan.

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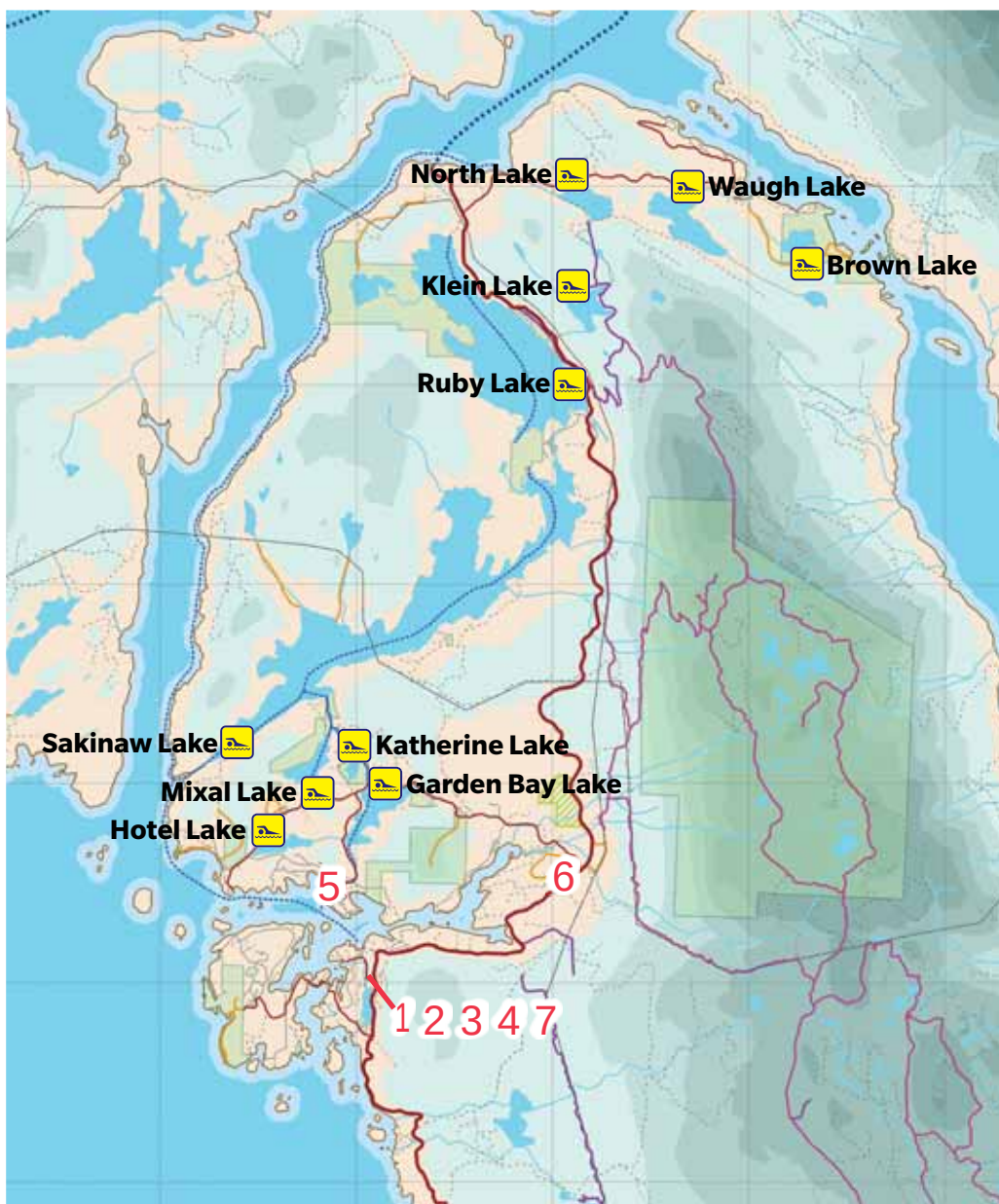


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• Community Policing.....	883-2026
• Egmont Community Club	883-1379
• Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department	883-2555
• GRIPS (Recycling Society)	883-1165
• Garden Bay Sailing Club	883-2689
• Guides, Brownies, etc.	883-2819
• Harbour Artists	883-2807
• Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)	885-1365
• Health Centre Society	883-2764
• Health Centre Auxiliary (Last Monday, 1p.m.).....	883-9957
• InStitches (Last Thursday, 11 a.m., PHHC)	883-0748
• Lions Club, Egmont.....	883-9463
• Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.).....	883-1361
• Men's Cancer Support Group.....	883-2393
• P. H. Aquatic Centre Society.....	885-6866
• P. H. Blues Society	741-1186
• P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday).....	883-0681
• P. H. Community Club.....	989-0720
• P. H. Community School Society	883-2826
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• P. H. Golf Club	883-9541
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• P. H. Music Society (bookings)	883-9749
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• P. H. Power & Sail Squadron	883-2086
• P. H. Ramblers (walkers, every Tues. a.m.).....	883-1191
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• P. H. Reading Room (library)	883-2983
• Rotary Club (noon Fri. RC Legion No.112)	883-2544
• Royal Canadian Legion No. 112	883-2235
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• Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....	883-9994
• S. C. Health Care Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.).....	741-8413
• Seniors' Housing Society	883-2819
• Serendipity Child Care Centre.....	883-2316
• Sunshine Coast Better At Home.....	989-6171
• Sunshine Coast SHROOM.....	883-3678
• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly).....	740-1509
• Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS).....	883-9853
• Women's Cancer Support	883-9708
• Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.)	883-3663
• Women's Outreach Services.....	741-5246

organizations

P. H. FALL FAIRE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Fall Faire Society is looking for volunteers for the following events/activities:

- Photo contest and photographer;
- Someone to organize judges for the exhibition;
- Someone to head up kids' activities, and
- Chili cook-off

We are also always looking for help with other events activities if these do not interest you but you want to help.

For more detailed information on all event duties please go to www.phfallfaire.weebly.com or contact Megan at (604) 989-1496.

P. H. LIVING HERITAGE SOCIETY

On Saturdays and Sundays in August from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society invites you to drop in to see Sarah Wray Hall, the restored historic one-room schoolhouse at the corner of Irvines Landing Road and Hotel Lake Road in Garden Bay.

Summer manager Joe Wilson will provide free cappuccinos and lattes along with commentary on the displays of Pender Harbour heritage. The youngsters can sit in a desk with an inkwell, use the old-time blackboard and create a work of art at the traditional crafts table. For more open times and events, check out the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Facebook page or website at www.pender-harbourheritage.ca.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC COFFEEHOUSE

The Aug. 12 School of Music Coffee House lineup is: Blueline Trio featuring Dr. Fun will perform old-time acoustic blues, western swing, gypsy jazz, newgrass and classic folk songs from yesteryear.

Robin Atchison and Nelson Giles Duo are singer/songwriters playing original folk, blues, country and rock on guitar and harmonica. Doors open at 7 p.m. with music at 7:30 p.m.

ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR

Rotary presents the 13th annual Cruisin' Pender Harbour People's Choice Show & Shine on Sunday, Aug. 7 at the Madeira Park Legion (a new location) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day kicks off with a Rod Run parade at 10:15 a.m. from Francis Peninsula Road and Lagoon Road to the Royal Canadian Legion Hall No. 112. This is a new location for the Show and Shine to admire hot cars, cool classics and mark your ballot to choose winners from seven automobile and two motorcycle categories, plus "Best of Show." There will be a barbecue and vendors also.



Note your (dis)approvals.

Send to: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number for confirmation. (Editor may edit for length.)

A Harbour Seal of Disapproval to **the man on Klevins Road** (Sinclair Bay) for having a large bonfire to burn building material in mid-June after a ban was imposed on May 13. He has no regard for neighbours' property. And he also had a fire soon after the ban.

Kathy Butterworth

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Sawchuck Pile Driving** for installing our concrete piles and removing the creosote ones. You were responsive, fast, environmentally and work safe responsible and very reasonably priced. You exceeded expectations.

Sam and Lea Beaton

Harbour Seals of Approval to all of **our sponsors and supporters** for both Egmont Day and the Seafood Dinner: **Lion's Club, Bathgate's Store, Strongwater Camping, Sue & Don Carlsen, the West Coast Wilderness Lodge, Lafarge, Egmont Volunteer Fire Dept, Katy and the Kornpones, the Coaster's Car Club, anonymous donor and all of our wonderful volunteers.**

Carol Passmore
Egmont Community Club

An ocean full of Harbour Seals to all **our dedicated volunteers, our many sponsors and supporters, our visiting and local mariners and to everyone who joined us in celebrating** our marine heritage at Pender Harbour Days. Your contributions to this very special event are greatly appreciated, thank you all. Our "Harbour Spirit" shone through!

Lyn & Bill Charlton
Pender Harbour Days

Huge seals of approval to **West Coast Wilderness Lodge owner Paul Hansen** for the generous raffle prize he donated to the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre. Spectacular scenery, fabulous dining and first class accommodation — much appreciated.

Karen and Kevin Wells

Harbour Seal of Approval to **Sandy and the late Mike Ryan** for founding Pender Harbour Days and laying the groundwork for the 2016 event, and to **Lyn and Bill Charlton**, for stepping up after Mike's sudden passing in May to lead the volunteer team and make Pender Harbour Days 2016 a tremendous success. Harbour heroes all.

Elaine Park
P. H. Living Heritage Society

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **all the volunteers, teachers and students who participated in the neighbourhood cleanup** on April 22 and 23. Thanks to your efforts nearly 350 kilograms of garbage and recyclables were collected. A special mention also to people like **Ian Wright** and **Ken O'Coffey** who, year-round, are to be seen picking up litter in their neighbourhoods.

Dave Pritchard
P. H. Advisory Committee

A big, heartfelt Seal of Approval to **all volunteers who made Pender Days such a success.** The "Making a Living on Water" presentations were particularly priceless. Your efforts keep community alive — without them community life is impoverished.

Nick and Jayne Loenen

2016 LEGION GOLF s TOURNAMENT s SATURDAY, AUG. 20

Pender Harbour Golf Course
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- 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: **Bryan Clerx** and **Norma Martin**.
- Aug. 12: **Mary White** and **Helga Morin**.
- Aug. 13: **Peter Kenny**.
- Aug. 15: **Shane Hennan, George Huey** and **Daryl Percival**.
- Aug. 16: **Sandy Hegyi, Paul McKimm, Anna-Maria Massullo** and **Justin Tiefenbach**.
- Aug. 17: **Bob Forsyth**.
- Aug. 18: **Charles Dougan**.
- Aug. 20: **Jim Barnet, June Reeder, Glen Spencer, Helga Thiele** and **Rachel Wilson**.
- Aug. 21: **Joyce Fowler, Kory Francis, Shelley Clay** and **Klisala Harrison**.
- Aug. 22: **Buzzard Edwardson**.
- Aug. 23: **Kelly Reid**.
- Aug. 25: **Rory Percival**.
- Aug. 27: **Warne Clay** and **Kailee Yablonski**.
- Aug. 28: **Wilma Thompson, Mike Ough** and **Brent Metcalfe**.
- Aug. 29: **Steve Adamson** and **Karen O'Leary**.
- Aug. 30: **Ruth King, Donna Hobson, Megan Watters** and **Barbara Loftén**.
- Aug. 31: **Eric English, Bryce Higgins, Corinne Gamble** and **Lillea Hohn**.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week of July 10, 2016

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. Peace Dancer by Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd | 6. Emily Carr As I Knew Her by Carol Pearson |
| 2. Gut by Giulia Enders | 7. Vancouver Tree Book by David Tracey |
| 3. Birds of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest by Richard Cannings, Tom Aversa & Hal Opperman | 8. Campfire Stories of Western Canada by Barbara Smith |
| 4. Haida Gwaii by Dennis Horwood | 9. Tuco by Brian Brett |
| 5. Walking to Camelot by John A. Cherrington | 10. I'm Right and You're an Idiot by James Hoggan |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

AUGUST ASTROLOGY

LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 23



Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. Everything changes when Mercury resumes retrogradation Aug. 30. Your new aggressive personality will revert back to the spineless doormat you were before. Until then make a scene, ask someone out on a date or tell your parents to get lost. Your temporary extroversion will yield benefits even after it ends at the end of the month.



VIRGO: AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Virgos value knowledge highly. They make good teachers and advisers while avoiding positions of high power. This month, Jupiter entered Virgo on Aug. 11, 2015, and will continue to be present in this Earth sign until Sept. 9. As you know, it has been a year of expanded experience, knowledge and understanding. Jupiter's departure can't take that away but Virgos should be prepared for a sudden lack of zeal and ambition going into the fall. Do not start any schooling or ambitious projects until the New Year.

SEXUAL ASSAULT



2-4%

Of reported sexual assaults turn out to be false.

15-24

Age of women most likely to be sexually assaulted.

83%

Of disabled women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime.

15%

Of sexual assault victims are boys under 16.

3 out of 4

Sexual assaults involve some pre-planning by the assailant.

Saskatchewan

Highest rate of sexual assault.

81%

Of self-reported sexual offences involve "unwanted touching."

~ Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, wavaw.ca and sexualassault.ca.

1,260

Number of sexual assaults that occur in Canada.

80%

Of assailants are known to the victim.

1 in 10

Sexual assaults are reported to police in Canada.

1 in 2

Sexual assault charges result in a conviction in Canada.

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). August averages 275.3 hours of sunshine.

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES AUGUST



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

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

1. 11:18am -XL, 5:33pm +XL
2. 12:07pm -XL, 6:20pm +XL
3. 12:16pm -XL, 6:57pm +XL
4. 12:46pm -XL, 7:29pm +XL
5. 1:23pm -XL, 7:55pm +XL
6. 7:30am +M, 1:59pm -L
7. 8:29am +M, 2:39pm -L
8. 9:25am +M, 3:25pm -M
9. 10:31am +M, 4:29pm -M
10. 11:48am +M, 5:28pm -S
11. 1:02pm +L, 6:33pm -S
12. 2:10pm +L
13. 7:07am -L, 3:02pm +L
14. 8:10am -L, 4:03pm +L
15. 9:08am -XL, 4:46pm +XL
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24. 10:34am +L, 4:37pm -M
25. 11:50am +L, 5:45pm -M
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29. 10:02am -XL, 4:27pm +XL
30. 10:19am -XL, 5:13pm +XL
31. 11:07am -XL, 5:50pm +XL

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.



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Tattoos and your health

Rose Everett

Tattoos have become much more socially acceptable in recent years, now seen as a form of art and personal expression rather than rebellion.

Studies suggest that 40 per cent of people between the age of 26 and 40 have tattoos.

Before you get on the bandwagon, you should be aware that tattoo removal procedures are also exploding.

They are costly, uncomfortable and may not be entirely successful.

Think carefully and do your homework before getting inked.

Check out the service provider before you commit.

The BC Ministry of Health offers extensive guidelines for body modification, addressing the providers' obligations of cleanliness and obtaining your informed consent.

Some of the questions you should want answered are:

- Are the premises clean and are hand sinks with soap and paper towels readily accessible?

- Are written sanitation procedures in place?

- What risks are associated with the procedure, and how does the facility minimize or eliminate those risks?

- What after-care will be necessary?

- How are instruments sanitized and sterilized?

Does the establishment use single-use instruments from sterile packaging?

Is an autoclave used, and has it been tested recently for bacterial growth?

Are any needles single-use? (All needles, ink and other materials that cannot be properly sanitized must only

be used on one client, then discarded, even if the tattoo application will continue on another day.)

- How will your skin be prepared for the procedure?

Will it be properly cleaned and disinfected, or even shaved?

Modern tattoo machines use a needle that rapidly causes tiny puncture wounds in your skin at rate of 50 to 3000 times per minute.

The ink is inserted into the dermal layer of your skin at a depth of 1/64th to 1/16th of an inch.

Many of the ingredients used in tattoo ink pigments are not known to tattoo artists or consumers.

Some tattoo pigments contain mercury, heavy metals, cadmium, titanium, iron oxides and aluminum.

Ask about ink ingredients before getting your tattoo.

After procedure care is largely a matter of common sense.

Of utmost importance is to keep it clean — wash gently with unscented soap and cool water.

Do not tear off dressing or cloth-

ing that may be stuck to the wound.

Keep it moist and use an ointment that helps retain your skin's natural moisture, while protecting it.

Don't scratch.

Do not expose your tattooed skin to direct sunlight.

Do not swim in chlorinated or salt water until your wound has healed.

The healing process should take two to three weeks.

During that time you may experience slight bleeding, fluid discharge, inflammation, raised lines, changes in colour, warmth, pain, itching and scabbing.

If you experience any excessive or abnormal symptoms, infections or allergic reactions you should seek medical attention.

While much reduced with improvements in procedures, tattooing can still be a vehicle for Hepatitis B and C, HIV and other viral or bacterial infections.

Your skin is your body's largest organ — take good care of it.



Celebration for Seniors - June 22



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Walking on Sechelt's Seaside Boardwalk, followed by lunch & shopping. Depart from PH Community Hall at 10am return approx. 3pm. Cost \$10 plus lunch.

SECOND BUS TRIP: Aug. 27

Trip to Gibson to enjoy "Music in the Landing." Depart from PH Community Hall at 10am return approx. 3pm. Cost \$10 plus lunch.

WALKING GROUP: Aug. 16 & 30

Join us for a walk at an easy pace. Meet at Warnock Road at 10:30am.

CARPET BOWLING: Aug. 3, 17 & 31 (no carpet bowling Aug. 10 & 24)

Wednesdays at the P. H. Community Hall 1-3pm Drop-in \$3.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursdays

Thursdays at the P. H. Community Hall at 10:30. Lunch served at noon. \$10 drop-in.

Aug. 4 – Bocce Tournament

Aug. 11– Caron Hawrychuk on "Upcoming Workshops" also looking for "What your interests are for workshops?"

Aug. 18 – Dana Jantzen speaks on the "Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda"

Aug. 25 – Led by Sharon Halford

Sept. 1 – Pizza Party at Kathy & Wayne Bergman's. Call Marlene to reserve a seat.

Seniors Programs for August!

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STEADY FEET: Wednesdays from 2-3pm, July 13- August 31

A balance and mobility program to educate older adults in fall prevention. This class is recommended by doctors and physiotherapists and will help improve functional mobility, increase lower body strength and improve balance. Instructor: Gwen Walwyn. Contact the pool for registration. The August program is held at the PH Health Centre.

NEW PROGRAMS COMING THIS FALL:

- Get Started Fitness program
- Hula Hooping
- Healthy Weight Loss Fitness and Nutrition
- Body Sculpt
- Yoga Stretch and Balance
- Beyond Steady Feet
- Aquatic Conditioning and Balance
- Masters Adult swim lessons
- MY PASS Swim Fitness
- Total Body
- And many more!

WATCH FOR THE FALL/WINTER RECREATION GUIDE:

In your mailbox late August for all programs and registration dates.

KEEP ACTIVE THIS SUMMER!

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See you in September!



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Geraldine Fischer recalls her childhood in 1930s Irvines Landing

Brian Lee

In 1932, Geraldine Fischer and her family lived in a small floathouse they rented from Charlie Sundquist in the south head of Gunboat Bay.

She was the youngest of four children — Jack, Louie and May were all born outside of Canada.

Her parents, Jacob Fischer and Marie Louise Juster, met in China where her father was a British customs agent.

They fled China sometime after the Boxer Rebellion at the turn of the last century and with three kids in tow, they landed on Canada's West Coast.

In 1925, Fischer was born at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver to become the first Canadian in the family.

Not long after, her family moved to Pender Harbour

She attended her first year of school at the Kleindale School on Anderson Creek near Pender Harbour



Ray Phillips/P. H. Living Heritage Society



Brian Lee

Geraldine Fischer in a class photo from 1932 and during a 2016 visit to the former Irvines Landing School, now the Sarah Wray Hall.

Diesel.

Each day she would make the two-kilometre trek with the Sundquist children from the head of the bay to school and then back in the afternoon.

When the "new school" (now the

Sarah Wray Hall) opened September 1932, her family moved to Irvines Landing to start the school year.

They made a home of what was the former schoolhouse on the waterfront near the Irvines Landing Hotel.

Her father had a logging camp in Vancouver Bay where he and her brothers worked and she spent much of her summers.

Gerry became a keen student who enjoyed school but secondary education wasn't an option in Pender Harbour until 1939.

So, after completing Grade 8 in 1937 with only one other classmate — Mulvert Duncan — Fischer left Pender Harbour to attend high school in North Vancouver.

She lived there with her mother while the rest of her family stayed behind in Vancouver Bay and though she visited, she never lived in Pender Harbour again.

Last month, Fischer, now 91, and her son Bruce McGillivray visited Pender Harbour from Ontario.

It had been 30 years since her



Ray Phillips/P. H. Living Heritage Society

Geraldine Fisher (front row, straight dark hair) at the Kleindale School in 1932. People depicted are: (back) teacher Mac McCallum; (next row, from left) Bobby Cline, Raleigh Heid; (next row, from left) Alma Sundquist, Lorraine Good, Reva Heid; (middle row, from left) Ted Sundquist, Ronald Heid, Buster Sundquist; (front row, from left) Wilf Klein, Millie Klein, Gerry (Geraldine) Fischer, Bud Klein. The little girl in the very front is most likely Corrine Klein or Peggy Sundquist, and was too young for school.

last trip so they stopped in at her old school.

“I wondered if it was still there,”

Not only did they find it standing but it was restored and in as good condition as she had ever seen it.

And the doors were open.

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society has opened the Sarah Wray Hall to the public this summer with displays of historic photos and stories about Pender Harbour.

As Fischer browsed the photos on the wall, she was shocked to find her childhood self staring back at her.

“I saw a picture of myself,”

Fischer laughs.

“There I was — this surly little creature standing in the front row.”

Seven year old Fischer holds a trophy in a class photo taken at the Kleindale School in 1932.

And it wasn’t the only one.

There were other class photos and even one of her home near the Irvines Landing Hotel.

As she recounted stories of Irvines Landing during the Depression, Joe Wilson, a Pender Harbour Secondary student working as summer manager at the hall, thought others might be interested in hearing them too.

Fischer was gracious enough to return the next day to chat with members of the Heritage Society and the *Harbour Spiel*.

IRVINES LANDING SCHOOL

Though she apologizes for a crackly voice, Fischer has a vivid memory of her childhood.

“I loved going to school,” she says.

“It wasn’t a chore for me because I wanted to learn.”

Her first teacher in Irvines Landing was Ms. Moscrop.

“She was very strict but she taught the kids a lot of things — she was very well-educated,” Fischer recalls.

“We did a lot of poetry and things like that. More or less things that perhaps local children didn’t come in contact with.”

She doesn’t recall the Irvines Landing School ever being cold in the winter, likely a testament to the early arrival of the teacher to light the woodstove in the one-room school.

But she remembers it was cold outside in the winter and common to go skating on nearby Hotel Lake.

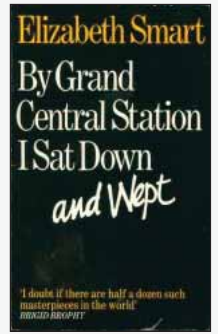
But Fischer says it was an accepted understanding that people wouldn’t swim in Hotel Lake because they all relied on it for water.

LIFE AS A CHILD

One of the highlights of the year for children living in Irvines Landing during the 1930s came on sports day.

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Four years after Geraldine Fischer left her home in Irvines Landing to attend school in North Vancouver, it was rented to Elizabeth Smart who arrived pregnant on the steamship *Lady Cynthia*. There, in the former schoolhouse, Smart would pen what has been described as one of the finest pieces of writing in the English language, *By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept*.



Georgina Barker photo



Women of Pender Harbour/S. C. Museum and Archives

Geraldine Fischer’s parents were aboard the *Lady Cecilia* when it backed on to the Skardon Islands at Christmas in 1940.

Geraldine Fischer (cont.)

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It was the one day children could have ice cream.

“They used to get up these big tubs of ice cream bars that were kept in dry ice and that was a real treat.”

When asked what kids did for fun, Fischer remembers playing in Joe Bay, swimming or rowing their boats around Irvines Landing.

“In the summer we were like ducks in the water,” recalls Fischer.

“We’d go out in two boats out in the Harbour between Irvines Landing and those two islands and we’d swamp each other’s boats.

“No one had any fear of the water — we’d just empty them out and climb back in.”

The nearby Skardon Islands were home to many Shíshálh families but she says the children rarely mixed.

“Maybe in those days they were still making them go to those special (residential) schools,” said Fischer.

Fischer recalls the Shíshálh people stayed almost exclusively on the Skardon Islands and she never once set foot on them.

“It just wasn’t a place you went.”

IRVINES LANDING

Irvines Landing came alive when

the Union Steamships arrived with passengers and freight and the kids would all turn out to watch.

“Oh that was the big deal of the day,” Fischer said.

Bill Matier was the Irvines Landing wharfinger for a quarter of a century.

“I remember old Bill Matier well — he was a real fixture here,” said Fischer.

“He liked to drink quite a lot and he was going down the wharf to do something and about halfway down the walkway he fell over the side and it’s all rocks down there.

“But I think he was so relaxed and limber, he didn’t hurt himself.”

The hotel no longer served alcohol and though she and her friends would often find themselves in the building, Fischer doesn’t recall it being very remarkable, describing the interior as “rather bleak.”

Instead, the local kids would be outside, playing games or exploring.

“I never understood why anyone would walk when you could run,” she says, describing how she enjoyed running down the hills coming back from Sakinaw Lake.

“Skipping rope, hopscotching, soccer and another game called pris-

oner’s base — we were never still for a minute.

“You didn’t see any fat kids back in those days because we were always on the move.”

J. FISCHER AND SONS LOGGING CAMP

Ray Phillips’ mentions Fischer’s family in the *Royal Fjord: Memories of Jervis Inlet*:

Fisher (sic) was working at the mouth of High Creek on the north shore of Vancouver Bay.

Fisher’s wife was a Chinese woman he had married when he worked in China years before and they had two sons who helped their dad, mostly handlogging.

In the book, Geraldine’s father is listed as “Lord Fisher,” which she claims wasn’t a title but a nickname her father commonly used.

But Fischer bristles at the Chinese label as if it was a familiar error.

Fischer says her father did meet her mother in China but she was Portuguese — not Chinese.

“I remember my mother telling me that when the Boxer Rebellion happened in the late 1890s, they slept with their clothes on in case something happened.”

Around the turn of the century, a violent political uprising against imperial expansion and Christian missionaries created a hostile political situation for foreigners.

It eventually forced them out and they came here.

“They had a really easy life there — they didn’t have to do a thing, you know, everybody had servants.”

Fischer recalls some kids would pick on her because of her family’s Chinese roots.

“Often things that would happen



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Skardon Islands as they looked from Irvines Landing around the time Geraldine Fischer and her friends would play in rowboats nearby. The kids never went on the islands because, ‘It just wasn’t a place you went.’



Linda Mattis/P. H. Living Heritage Society

Clara Tippet's (later Lee) 1935-36 class at Irvines Landing School. Students depicted are (back row, standing from left) Gerry (Geraldine) Fischer, AnnaBelle Kennedy, Vera Edwardson, Gertrude Edwardson, Tiffy Wray, Mulvert Duncan, Jack Gooldrup; (middle row, crouching from left) Donald Kennedy, Muriel Wray, Bert Gooldrup, Alvin Edwardson, Edward Edwardson, Melba Duncan, Jean Gooldrup; (front row, sitting from left) Flossy Wray, Clifford Edwardson, Vic Gooldrup, Gordon Edwardson, John Kennedy, Laura Gooldrup

to me, I wouldn't tell my mother because then of course she would come scrambling up to the school and complain and that makes it twice as bad.

"But the thing is, you can be fighting with someone one day and the next day you're all playing together."

After fleeing China, Jacob Fischer owned a retail store and a real estate business in Vancouver before landing here around 1930.

He would go on to log in Vancouver Bay for a couple of decades and Marie was often the camp cook.

Geraldine agrees her parents must have seemed like unlikely candidates for a life in the bush.

"Why they would do that, I don't know because my mother didn't have a clue.

"She'd never cooked a thing in her life, or done anything practical.

Despite that, Fischer doesn't recall too many setbacks except one that occurred years after she moved away.

"I think it was 1947, just after the war, and they were really going to do well," recalls Fischer of an unfortunate incident at Vancouver Bay.

"They had a quarter million dollars worth of logs pulled up to the spar tree... and overnight there was a fire and it burnt up the whole thing — machinery and everything."

"The moss got very dry and I

guess the wires sparked something and it started smouldering.

"They had these big gasoline tanks they said were going up like rockets. They lost everything."

Despite that, Fischer says her Dad started over again.

"People don't give up easily on the Coast, do they?"

AFTER PENDER HARBOUR

Fischer worked for the Royal Bank and later for the federal government in Toronto.

Her late husband was an engineer and they raised their children in Toronto.

She says she has always been fond of city life and credits Pender Harbour for that.

"I always thought it would be wonderful to live in a big city with all that went on, going out for dinner and that sort of thing," she says.

"The city, being only something you saw occasionally, was fascinating."

Reading *Women of Pender Harbour* convinced Fischer that she made some excellent choices in life.

"I was amazed at all these women — thank goodness I didn't marry anyone locally," she laughs.

"No, but here they're going fishing with their husbands and they're doing all sorts of physical things.

"Terrible! I wasn't keen on doing anything too physical — I had office jobs."



Until Aug. 28, the Sarah Wray Hall welcomes visitors Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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- Fri. Aug. 12.....Ladies' Steak Night - P. H. Golf Club, 5:30 p.m.
- Fri. Aug. 12.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Mon. Aug. 15.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Thur. Aug. 18.....Men's Steak Night - P. H. Golf Club, 5:30 p.m.
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Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. d 2. d 3. a 4. b 5. c 6. a



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