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COVER

Wooden boat fans have had plenty of opportunity to admire the 129-foot *Marabell* as she seems to have taken up residence here, anchored outside Hospital Bay all summer. She was built in 1943 by the U.S. Navy as YMS-91. In 1949 she was purchased by Dr. William Ballard (Dr. Ballard's Animal Foods), of Vancouver. Between 1953 and 1971, she was a Canadian Hydrographic Service vessel. Other former owners include Sealand of the Pacific and Oak Bay Marina. According to *Nauticapedia.com*, since 2016 she has been owned by Dane Developments Ltd. of Courtenay. (Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Juan, there's something you should know

Brian Lee



I've been friends with Walter since Grade 4 and each summer he brings his family up to the Coast.

Juan, his youngest kid, doesn't say much but previous visits have taught him that if he sticks around the campfire late enough, he'll hear stories about his dad when he was young.

Sometimes he even gets impatient and prompts it, "Brian, tell stories about Dad."

Now before you gush with sentiment about how heartwarming it is for a son to enjoy learning about his father's childhood, it's not like that.

He wants the dirt.

Now in his teens, Juan suspects there's another side to Walter than what is presented at family dinners.

The boy's eyes light up with uncontained glee when I describe a minor tussle on the basketball court or mimic how Wally danced at high school parties.

The challenge is recalling clean-ish stories in which laws weren't broken, that aren't *too* unflattering or don't implicate me as well.

Without children of my own to be used for retribution, I delight in watching Walter squirm as his Ward Cleaver persona is stripped away.

My chief motive, of course, is a moral obligation to his children — they must come to understand the complicated man they call "father."

Like how he can't be trusted.

I suppose the idea came from some 1980s movie like "Ferris Bueler's Day Off" where bored teens entertained themselves by poaching people's swimming pools.

It seemed like a glamorous distraction that with some effort, we might apply to our own situation.

Pender Harbour may not have

the same concentration of backyard swimming pools as Hollywood but its teenagers have less to do.

For weeks, we diligently cased neighbourhoods for tipoffs like tall fencing, rising steam or ripples of blue light reflecting off nearby trees.

Nowadays, four teenagers driving slow and eyeballing people's backyards would end in a visit by the RCMP, but it was a quieter time then and people weren't so suspicious.

We eventually found a pool at a home bordering the empty Daniel Point subdivision.

After parking down the street in the pitch-black, the four of us snuck over the chain link fence like a Navy Seal team trained by ninjas.

Walter beat the rest of us into the unheated pool so no one thought much about it when he got out first too.

As we soaked in the rewards of our effort, he was already fully-dressed.

In hindsight, we all should have seen what was coming — because it's what any one of us would have done given the opportunity.

As Walter moved towards the fence, instinct kicked in and at once we realized how vulnerable we were.

Before we could react, he bel-lowed as loudly as he could, "What the hell are you guys doing in there?"

Panic.

As we scrambled out of the pool, naked and wet, fumbling to pull some clothes on in the darkness, we were sure that any second the deck lights would come on and a shot gun barrel appear through the sliding glass door.

Fortunately, it didn't — either the owners were deep sleepers or weren't home — and the traitor howled back to the car as we launched over the fence carrying more clothing than wearing.

Juan, *that* is your father.

PENDER HARBOUR FALL FAIRE: Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual kick-off to the harvest season! Come out to the Pender Harbour Community Hall Oct. 6 for a fall exhibition that will include food, artisans, kid's games and cookie decorating. For more information or to find out about exhibition entry forms, contact Megan at (604) 989-1496.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5:30 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.)

The Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association invite the community out on Tuesday, Oct. 8 to meet the Powell River-Sunshine Coast candidates fighting it out to become our MLA the upcoming provincial election (Oct. 19). The all-candidates meeting will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion in Madeira Park. Candidates have been requested to give a 10-minute presentation followed by questions by a moderator and an open question and answer session after all presentations are completed. The bar will be open for refreshments, but no food will be available. Confirmed attendees are all four candidates, Randene Neill of the NDP, Chris Moore of the Conservative Party of BC, Chris Hergesheimer of the BC Greens and Independent Greg Reid. Peter Robson, president of PHARA, will moderate the event.



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Fred Lowther and Alain Catteau stand beside a recently installed sign on the Pender Harbour Community Hall gauging the progress of the non-profit society's roof replacement fundraising project. To help replace the aging roof with a donation, visit www.penderharbourcommunity.club. For more information about the project, see story p. 9 in the June 2024 issue of the *Harbour Spiel*.

PHARA launches DRIPA court challenge

The Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association has followed through with previously announced plans to launch a legal challenge of BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

On Sept. 11, PHARA and its legal team, McMillan LLP, filed a petition in BC Supreme Court challenging DRIPA, the law the BC government uses to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in BC.

PHARA is asking the court to rule that the DRIPA violates a number of constitutional principles and is of no force and effect.

"We strongly support reconciliation, but people have become divided by the DRIPA, so we look forward to the court ruling and giving some certainty to everyone" said Peter Robson, PHARA president.

"While court is the last place we want to be, we feel this step is necessary and we are committed to it."

The case stems from PHARA's longstanding concerns about the role the province has given the shíshálh Nation in decision-making under the BC Land Act related to dock permits.

This includes a 2022 cabinet order directing ministers to negotiate a formal agreement to give the shíshálh Nation legal powers over Land Act decisions.

Those negotiations have been underway for more than two years and, according to PHARA, they have repeatedly been denied any meaningful engagement.

According to PHARA's Sept. 11 statement, the petition argues that:

- The DRIPA and the cabinet order are beyond the province's constitutional authority;

- DRIPA and the cabinet order breach the democratic rights of citizens by leaving them governed by an

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entity they had no say in electing, and

- DRIPA illegally tries to tie the hands of future governments by dictating what types of laws they must pass (so as to be "consistent" with the UNDRIP).

"We know there are many British Columbians worried about where BC is heading with an agenda that seems one-sided and secretive," said Sean McAllister, PHARA director.

"We also know many of the people who feel this way are afraid to speak up, so we see the court as a safe, appropriate and respectful way to determine if these concerns are valid."

The petition filed Sept. 11, "seeks a ruling on whether a Canadian province can, on its own accord, legislate and implement Indigenous rights in a manner that conflicts with section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and the related jurisprudence of the Supreme Court of Canada."

It also concerns the issue of "whether a provincial government can authorize Indigenous governing bodies — such as the shíshálh Nation, representing no more than a minute fraction of the province — to have statutory decision-making authority over non-Indigenous persons under provincial law."

DRIPA

At the core of the petition is the constitutionality of DRIPA, BC's implementation of the United Nations

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

On Sep. 13, 2007, the UN General Assembly adopted the UNDRIP, despite opposition by Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the U.S.

At that time, Canada responded to the UNDRIP's adoption with the following:

"Over the past year, had there been an appropriate process to address these concerns, and the concerns of other member states, a stronger declaration could have emerged, one acceptable to Canada and other countries with significant Indigenous populations and which could have provided practical guidance to all states."

"Very unfortunately, such a process has not taken place."

"By voting against the adoption of this text, Canada puts on record its disappointment with both the text's substance and the process leading to it."

"For clarity, we also underline our understanding that this declaration is not a legally binding instrument."

"It has no legal effect in Canada, and its provisions do not represent customary international law."

"Unfortunately, the provisions in the declaration on lands, territories and resources are overly broad and unclear and are susceptible of a wide variety of interpretations, discounting the need to recognize a range of rights over land and possibly putting into question matters that have already been settled by treaty in Canada."

Despite Canada's earlier objection to the document, on June 21, 2021, the Trudeau government brought into law the United Nations

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PHARA launches DRIPA challenge (cont.)

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Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, claiming “this legislation advances the implementation of the declaration as a key step in renewing the Government of Canada’s relationship with Indigenous peoples.”

The act requires the Government of Canada, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples, to:

- Take all measures necessary to ensure the laws of Canada are consistent with UNDRIP;
- Prepare and implement an action plan to achieve the UNDRIP’s objectives, and
- Table an annual report on progress to align the laws of Canada and on the action plan.

Almost two years before Canada adopted the principles of UNDRIP into law, on Nov. 26, 2019, BC’s NDP government under John Horgan passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

It provides that “government must take all measures necessary to ensure the laws of British Columbia are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

In early January 2024, the BC provincial government quietly announced plans to change the way land-use decisions are made in BC.

British Columbians had until March 31 to comment on “a legislative amendment to enable agreements with Indigenous governing bodies to share decision-making about public land use.”

A Jan. 31 *Globe and Mail* story quoted Robin Junger, partner, Indigenous law and environment with McMillan LLP, and a former head of B.C.’s environmental assessment office:

“This is a radical change,” said

Junger.

“With these proposed amendments, they are moving to give actual rights of First Nations governance over non-First Nations parties.

“That’s different than Indigenous self-government and, to my knowledge, it’s the first time it has been contemplated anywhere in Canada.”

After intense opposition erupted over the proposed amendment, Nathan Cullen, minister of water, land and resource stewardship, went into damage control.

“We need to take the time to further engage with people and demonstrate the real benefits of shared decision-making in action,” he said in a Feb. 21 statement.

“We want to get this right and move forward together.

“For that reason, our government has decided not to proceed with proposed amendments to the Land Act.

PHARA’s Sean McAllister told the *Harbour Spiel* then that he suspected the NDP government has put everything on hold until after the election.

“If they are successful, all of this is just going to get rammed through.”

So far, PHARA has found broad support from industry in BC.

Their Sept. 11 statement included comments in support of the petition from a number of industry heads including Jock Finlayson, chief economist with the Independent Contractors

and Businesses Association:

“British Columbia’s unusual ‘go it alone’ approach to pursuing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples carries risk for many business operators as well as for the overall investment climate.

“Among other things, the government’s actions and policy proposals presented over the last year or so are likely to foster greater uncertainty for the private sector.

“British Columbians need to work together to build a fair, prosperous economy that welcomes investment and encourages productive entrepreneurship.”

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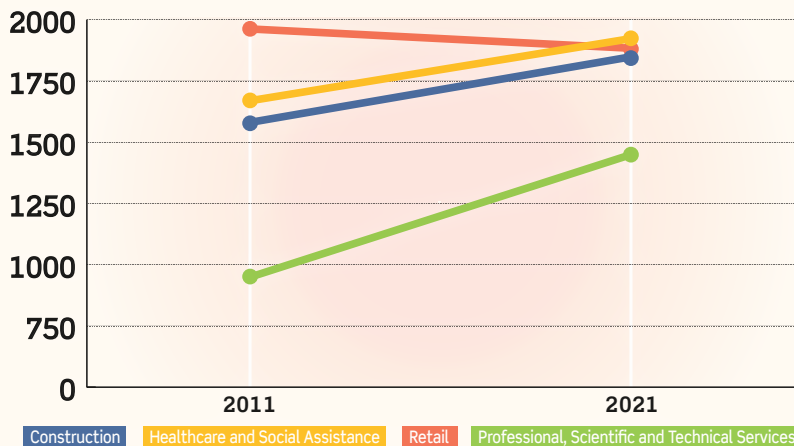
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4. ECONOMIC HEALTH



The economy of the Sunshine Coast, like most other regions in Canada, is still recovering from the pandemic. The unique features of the Coast economy, such as a lower labour force participation rate and a larger number of people whose main income comes from market sources other than employment, remain unchanged. A lack of qualified workers is a challenge in many sectors, including child care.

Top Employment Sectors on the Sunshine Coast



99%

The percentage of the Coast's 8,846 business locations that have fewer than 20 employees, unchanged since 2013.

\$67,000

Median after tax household income on the Sunshine Coast, up from \$58,000 in 2016 but below the BC median mark of \$76,000.



785 Sunshine Coast workers travelled off-Coast to work in 2021, including 35 whose workplace was in a different province, a significant shift from 2016 when 1,025 residents worked off-Coast.



In early 2024, only 7 of 17 Gibsons providers and 7 of 11 Sechelt providers listed on the BC Government child care map had spaces available. Of the five listed in Madeira Park, Halfmoon Bay and Roberts Creek only one showed a vacancy.

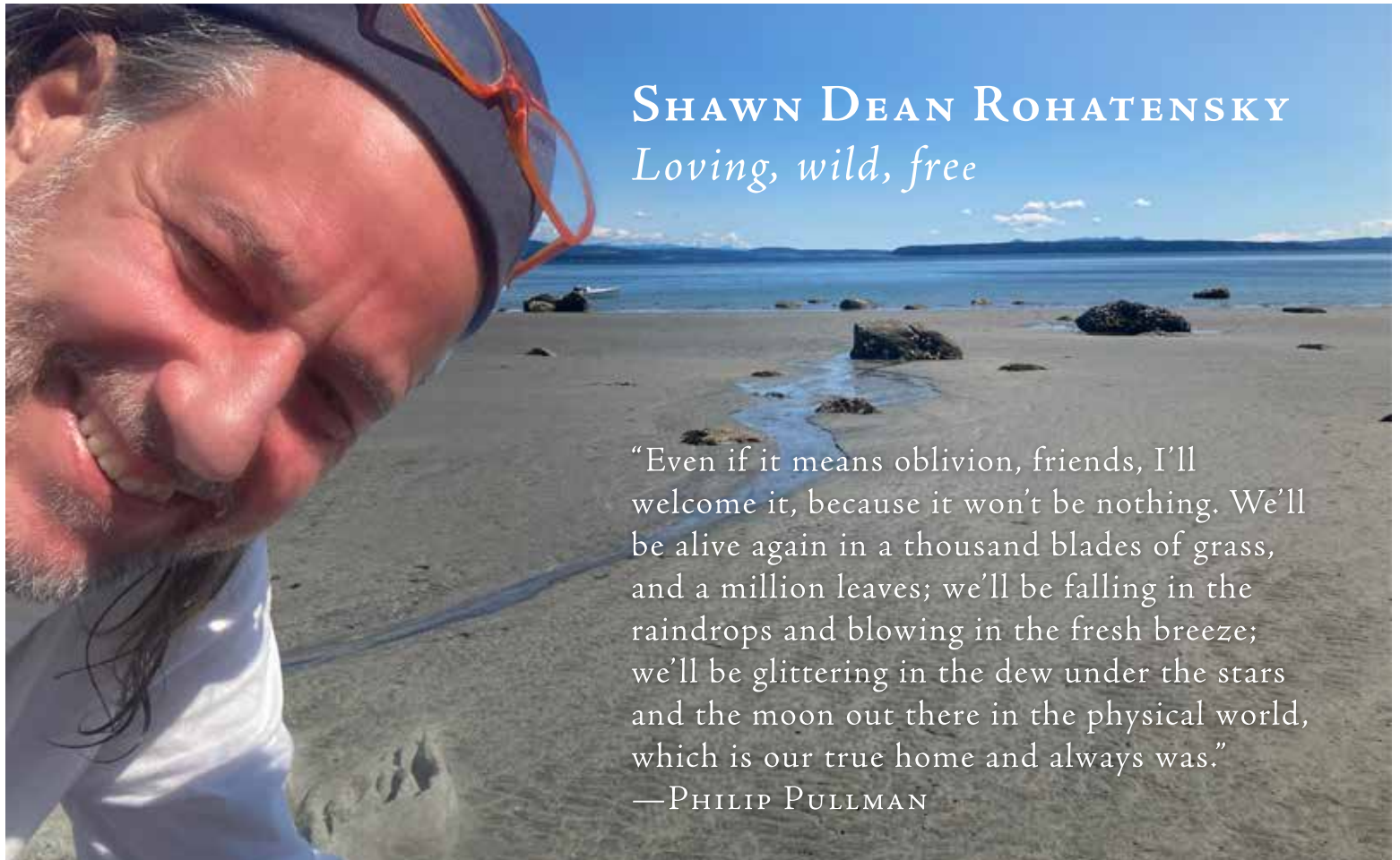
The 2021 Census of Agriculture shows **55 farms** on the Sunshine Coast, most **under 10 hectares** in size, with combined annual revenues of **\$3.7 million**. However, **35 of the 55** farms reported annual revenues of less than **\$10,000**. The Sunshine Coast's farm operators are also older than in Canada as a whole. The median age of a Sunshine Coast farmer is **61**, compared to **58** for all Canadian farmers. **80%** of local farmers reported that they did not have a succession plan in place.

The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation is a charitable organization that brings together people who care about the Sunshine Coast community. Community foundations across Canada prepare Vital Signs reports, reporting on key areas of local life which are measurable, accountable and of interest to their communities. This is the 10th edition of the Vital Signs report produced by the SCCF since 2009. More detailed data is available at sunshinecoastfoundation.org/vital-signs-2024 (Graphic: Brian Lee)



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A tea for Bargain Barn volunteers on Aug. 18 was the perfect opportunity to gather for a group shot. About 30 people attended the tea hosted by Lesley Durrant at Sunshine Villa in Kleindale.



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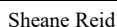


Henry Doyle, 58, of Vancouver owned a home near Ruby Lake. His body was found near his dirt bike on the side of a forestry road above Klein Lake on Sept. 23, 2023. His son, 26-year-old Jackson Doyle has been charged with his murder.

shine Coast RCMP, Richmond RCMP, IFIS, Vancouver Police Department, and the entire Egmont community, for their support throughout this investigation.”

Investigators confirmed Jackson Doyle will remain in custody until his first court appearance.

photojournal



Martin Swan, the son of the late Dr. Alan Swan, pulled into Pender Harbour on Aug. 29 after completing a historical journey in his skookum boat the *Doc Swan*. The elder Swan started practicing medicine in Hospital Bay's St. Mary's Hospital in 1954 and became a well-known and much loved doctor on the Coast for the next 22 years. This past summer, Martin Swan used his dad's old log book to retrace a trip from Pender Harbour to the Dean River near Kimsquit and Bella Coola. Swan departed Pender Harbour just after the Pender Harbour Wooden Boat Show on the exact day his Dad did 50 years ago, anchoring in the same locations along the way. Dr. Alan Swan's time spent being a Sunshine Coast doctor is recounted in his memoir *House Calls by Float Plane: Stories of a West Coast Doctor*, available at Earthfair Store in Madeira Park.

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SCRD building permit FAQs

Sunshine Coast Regional District

(Area A director Leonard Lee is away at the Union of BC Municipalities Conferences and was unable to submit a column this month. The following is taken directly from the SCRD website. Lee's column will return next month.)

WHEN ARE PERMITS REQUIRED?

- Construction of all buildings or structures over 10 sq. m in area (buildings/structures under 10 sq. m. must still meet all zoning requirements).

If there is no house on the property you cannot build any type of auxiliary building of any size in residential zones;

- All additions, renovations and alterations to existing buildings or structures (including decks, carports moved on buildings or structures over

10 sq. m in area (including mobile homes);

- In-ground swimming pools exceeding 15 sq. m in area and one metre in depth;
- Retaining walls 1.2 metres or higher;
- Plumbing installations and alterations (including hot water heating and fire sprinkler systems);
- Change of use of a building;
- Construction and installation of new wood burning stoves and chimneys;
- Construction of a concrete pad or foundation on which equipment to be used for an industrial or commercial use is to be mounted;
- Repair of a damaged building or structure, and
- Demolition or relocation of a building or structure.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A VALID BUILDING PERMIT?

- Construction must be started within six months from the issuance date of the permit;
- Construction shall not be discontinued or suspended for a period of more than one year;
- Permit is valid for 24 months from date of issue, and
- At time of expiration, permits must be renewed (max. two renewals permitted)

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERMIT TO MOVE OR RELOCATE A BUILDING?

An application for a permit to move or re-locate a building or structure must be accompanied by the following:



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Finance Committee
October 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Electoral Area Services Committee
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Committee of the Whole
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ARE TEMPORARY PERMITS AVAILABLE?

A temporary permit can be issued for the use of a building or recreational vehicle to provide accommodation for the resident during construction of a principal dwelling on a parcel.

A temporary permit is only valid for 12 months and can only be issued once the permit for the principal dwelling has been issued.

Application for a temporary permit must be made in writing to SCRD building services stating the intended use of the temporary building.

The application must be accompanied by a \$1,000 bond.

WHAT IS A "TINY HOME?"

This term is used interchangeably for different kinds of units, all sharing a small scale less than 400 sq. ft.

They may be built to be portable, often on a flatbed trailer, and as such are similar to an RV (see below).

Under SCRD bylaws, these are the same as trailers or RVs and do not meet the requirements of a dwelling (or cabin).

Alternatively, if constructed under an approved building permit in compliance with the BC Building Code (on a permanent foundation) connected to an approved septic field, they can serve as permanent or sea-

sonal dwellings.

Note: as SCRD zoning bylaws set no minimum dwelling area, one can apply to build a house less than 400 sq. ft but the same submission and permit requirements apply as for a larger home.

CAN I LIVE IN AN RV OR PORTABLE "TINY HOUSE" ON MY LAND?

No.

In residential (including rural) zones the zoning and building bylaw require construction of a dwelling or installation of a manufactured home, meeting BC building code, CSA A277 MH or CSA Z-240 MH standards (manufactured homes, or mobiles or modulars), under an issued building permit.

An RV will have either a CSA Z-240 RV or CSA Z-241 park model sticker, neither of which comply with the BC building code.

CAN I CAMP ON MY LAND IN AN RV OR PARK MODEL?

Unless specifically permitted by zoning (e.g. commercial campground zones), camping in an RV or tent is not a permitted use.

Given the following example:
You have a family reunion one

long weekend, and some teens sleep in a tent or RV in your yard, the SCRD has neither received complaints nor taken enforcement action in such a case.

WHY BE CONCERNED?

The use of an RV as a dwelling has never been permitted; however, as fuel prices and RV sizes increase, there is an increase in the use of RVs as permanent (year-round) and seasonal dwellings in rural areas.

Many have their wheels removed as well as unlawful additions such as decks, roofs and utility rooms constructed onto or adjacent the unit.

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- ☐ a. Duke
- ☐ b. Moose
- ☐ c. Bird
- ☐ d. Bozz

2. How do you spell this community in NW Pender Harbour?

- ☐ a. Irvings Landing
- ☐ b. Ervines Landing
- ☐ c. Irvins Landing
- ☐ d. Irvines Landing

3. Name of local musician Terry Jacks' hit.

- ☐ a. Eyes of a Stranger
- ☐ b. My Girl (Gone, Gone, Gone)
- ☐ c. Seasons in the Sun
- ☐ d. Takin' Care of Business

4. Which was once a common name for Pender Harbour's Skardon Islands (off Irvines Landing)?

- ☐ a. Entrance Islands
- ☐ b. Indian Islands
- ☐ c. Rocky Islands
- ☐ d. O'Neal Islands

5. Which of the following is *not* a former chief of the shíshálh First Nation?

- ☐ a. Aaron Joe
- ☐ b. Garry Feschuk
- ☐ c. Calvin Craigan
- ☐ d. Stan Dixon

6. How long is the Skookumchuck Trail?

- ☐ a. 1.5 kilometres
- ☐ b. 4 kilometres
- ☐ c. 6 kilometres
- ☐ d. 8 kilometres

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Noah Sieben, a grade 11 student from Pender Harbour Secondary School recently arrived in Sicily to begin a one-year Rotary exchange. Here he is being welcomed by his Sicilian host family and a local Rotarian member. The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour recently welcomed another student, 16-year-old Emma Valli, to Pender Harbour. Valli travelled from northern Italy to study at PHSS for the 2024/205 school year.

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A hearty Harbour Seal of Approval and sincere thanks to **Yvonne Lewis and Lianna Corsini of BCEHS** for spending their Saturday afternoon at the Pender Harbour School of Music to share their expertise regarding AEDs and CPR procedures.

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Election Oct. 19: Top candidates for Powell River-Sunshine Coast

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BIOGRAPHY

For almost 20 years, Nicholas Simons has held the riding of Powell River-Sunshine Coast for the NDP.

Do you foresee any specific challenges or benefits in taking over a riding held by one MLA /party for so long?



BC greens

Chris Hergesheimer lives in Halfmoon Bay and holds a BA in cultural anthropology, a master's degree in sociology from Simon Fraser University and a PhD from the University of British Columbia and is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at Royal Roads University. He works as lead food programmer at S. C. Community Services Society, building food access projects and advocating for a dignified and innovative approach to food and income security, community inclusion and social justice.

With over a decade as a sociologist and a decade working for local not-for-profit agencies, Hergesheimer believes he has a unique vantage point on the challenges and opportunities facing his region.

Of course, I foresee challenges when a riding changes representation after nearly two decades, but I see more opportunities than challenges.

Perhaps that it is just my rational optimistic nature, but I think people are ready for new representation that offers a fresh chance to examine local issues and their relationship to larger provincial messages.



Chris Moore is a fourth generation Sunshine Coaster with a diverse background in business, social justice and firefighting.

As a longtime resident with a 25-year career as a Realtor in Sechelt, Moore recognizes a need for significant upgrades to our transportation network and said he will tirelessly advocate for a more frequent ferry service and a realignment of Highway 101.

He is also "passionate about the environment," and considers himself to be an environmental realist who understands the importance of protecting the natural beauty while realizing that compromises are necessary to build bridges between our natural resources and our communities.

The primary benefit is also the challenge, "out with the old and in with the new."

We have been a sadly neglected, poorly represented constituency in Victoria for many years.

One of our challenges is a long standing NDP association with a sizeable membership, largely funded by your tax dollars.

They have been oblivious to all the taxpayers on the Coast and we have been taken for granted, always viewed as being dependable voters, never asking for much.

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Randene Neill was an award-winning journalist at GlobalBC for nearly two decades and now lives in Pender Harbour.

She is devoted to helping her community and currently volunteers with the P. H. Living Heritage Society and previously with Turning Point Recovery Society and the BC Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Neill knows that housing costs are expensive across Canada and around the world — and that's no different here at home in Powell River and on the Sunshine Coast.

She promises to take "real action to build more affordable housing, fight global inflation and rising interest rates, and deliver better health care sooner."

I think encouraging new people into public service is always good.

Regardless of the party, the MLA's job is to be the voice of the people in this riding in Victoria.

I've spent my career as a journalist giving people a voice on a provincial and national level and holding government and institutions to account.

That's what I will do as MLA.



BC NDP

Roads. Ferries. Healthcare. They're a mess.

What will you do to help improve our failing infrastructure and services on the Sunshine Coast?

For too long we haven't been prioritizing investment in our collective infrastructure, the infrastructure for health, connectivity and thriving communities.

It's time to advocate for and make some investments in highway safety, ferry changes, and mixed used transportation options.

Regarding health access, models such as the "dogwood model," provide centres for team-based care.

Governments would manage logistics and operations, while primary care physicians would provide care.

There could be a community health centre in every riding, making better use of the resources we have.

In brief, there are many medical professionals in the world who need to be processed through our system more efficiently to get them practising medicine.

We need a more frequent ferry service, public transportation between the Coasts and a realignment and upgrade of portions of Highway 101 to better service all communities.

This will create better traffic flow and connectivity between the upper and lower Coasts with an emphasis placed on public safety.

Four new doctors are coming to the Sunshine Coast this fall. BC hired more than 800 new family doctors last year and licensed more than 900 international doctors. 6,300 new nurses were also hired last year. There's still a long way to go.

Ferries ran well this summer — we need to work hard together to ensure that type of service year-round. Creating public transit from Lund to Langdale would also ease the burden with more walk-on traffic.

Highway safety is one of the most important issues to the voters I'm speaking with on doorsteps. Securing more funding to ensure our roads are safe, not only for drivers, but pedestrians and cyclists as well.

For the first time in decades, crime sits at the forefront of election issues in BC. Even small communities on the Sunshine Coast are suffering from a surge in property crime, homelessness and addiction. What can an MLA do to begin tackling these issues?

An MLA can begin to depoliticize these issues.

The politicization has prevented collaborative solutions and efficient action.

Second, we need to start examining the silos in which solutions supposedly operate, build bridges and deeper connections between those silos.

And then get into the root causes of these challenges, including appropriate housing, mental health supports, addiction services, income, disparities, and lack of wrap around supports.

These are complex problems, but not unsolvable, but new thinking, new relationships and better systems are required.

The NDP government is spending on safe injection sites and wants to expand by handing out hard drugs.

Or was that last week, they seem to be flip-flopping with their policies now.

People with addictions need help getting off, not on, drugs.

We will invest in treatment centres, not more safe injection sites and introduce voluntary and mandatory rehabilitation, and revitalize mental health facilities.

We will end the "catch and release" program, ensuring consequences for repeat offenders.

The MLA can fight for more services, housing and wrap-around care that is needed in our communities.

Last year the government announced funding for a new Foundry centre here — aimed at providing integrated health and wellness services, including mental-health and addiction supports for young people.

Vancouver Coastal Health is also looking into the best possible re-purposed use for Totem Lodge in Sechelt, which could include mental health and substance use programming.

PHARA recently filed a petition in BC Supreme Court challenging BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. They are concerned the provincial government has overstepped its constitutional authority in granting BC First Nations legal powers over Land Act decisions. Do you agree?

I recognize that many residents feel left out of this process, and that the complexity is around reconciliation, land back, ownership, and relations between different governments and communities is difficult for many.

Things are changing and we all feel the disruption.

But, it is our collective journey and I strongly believe that there is an opportunity to move forward together through learning and listening, shared values, dignity and respect.

Yes, I agree with the court challenge.

It's become apparent over the years that the NDP have failed to provide inclusion for all stakeholders that are affected by the interpretation and enforcement of this act.

DRIPA, and its interpretation by the NDP, has created a high level of uncertainty and angst throughout the province pertaining to private property rights.

The court challenge will hopefully give some clarity and reduce the incertitude of the use of all lands within our province.

DRIPA was unanimously passed in BC in 2019, following several Supreme Court decisions that ruled First Nations never ceded land to the Crown.

That means, under the current law, any decisions made on Crown land must include First Nations input.

I think the better alternative is to work together, similar to what the dock management advisory group did, to come up with solutions as a community.

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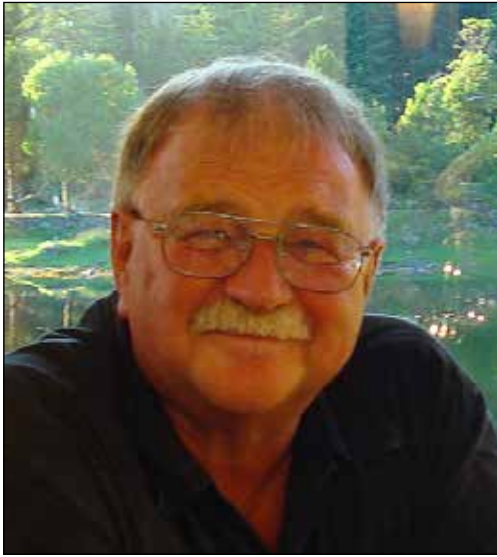
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Barrie David Wilbee

JUNE 27, 1941 — AUGUST 14, 2024



Barrie Wilbee died peacefully on Aug. 14 at Silverstone Care Centre in Sechelt at the age of 83.

He was born in Vancouver to Clifford and Maude Wilbee (Wills).

Wilbee and his younger sister Valerie enjoyed a marvelous childhood with many summers spent at the family cottage in White Rock.

Clifford's family was in the grocery business and in the 1940s founded Wilbee's Stores in Vancouver.

Though he followed a different life path, Wilbee always had a love for the family grocery business.

In 1959, he graduated from Vancouver Technical School and went to UBC obtaining a master's degree in science before moving on to the PhD program in electrical engineering.

In 1970 his life took a dramatic turn with the loss of his parents.

Together with his wife at the time, Judy, and friends Larry and Linda Curtiss, they purchased Lowe's Resort in Madeira Park in 1971.

He would spend the next 33 years there.

In 1985, Wilbee married Beverly who became the "other mother" to Rose and Jeff.

He loved sports of all kinds, both

as a participant and a spectator.

He loved to fish, cook and solve NYT crosswords.

He was a lifelong Canuck's fan and an avid stamp collector.

April trips to Kihei, Maui was a highlight of the year for the couple.

Throughout his life, Wilbee was a dedicated and passionate volunteer.

In 1972 he joined the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District filling roles as firefighter, trustee and chair of the board for over 40 years.

In 1985 he was the founder of the Sunshine Coast Employment Development Society where he was a member and chair for 10 years.

He was also a founding director of the Sunshine Coast Community Futures, where he held various positions for over 30 years.

He was a sport fishing advisor to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for over 35 years and served on the board of the Sunshine Coast Foundation and Deiner Cultural Foundation.

He was the SCRD alternate director for Area A for six years and was a member of various committees relating to Area A.

In 2011, Wilbee received the Community Futures Don McMillan award.

In 2012, he became one of the founding directors of the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association.

Wilbee sat on the board of directors of the Sunshine Coast Salmon Enhancement Society, and was a member of the Sakinaw Lake sockeye salmon recovery team.

In 2016 he was honoured by Community Futures Sunshine Coast and the Sunshine Coast Foundation with the creation of the Barrie Wilbee Bursary for Sunshine Coast Entrepreneurs.

In 2017, Wilbee received PHARA's Pender Harbour lifetime achievement award.

In June 2021, his failing health resulted in him spending his last three years in long term care, first in Shorncliffe and then at Silverstone.

Prior to going into care, he received amazing care and support from home care services.

His family is grateful for the kindness and compassion shown by all care workers involved in his care as well as doctors Timothy McDowell and Julie Baxter.

Wilbee will be remembered for his caring and gentle spirit, his storytelling, his compassion, his infectious laugh, his collaborative nature, and his love of helping others.

He always had time to listen and to offer honest advice.

He was a mentor to many and excelled at empowering people to reach their potential.

Barrie Wilbee will be lovingly remembered by Beverly, his wife of 39 years, daughter Rose (Sean Courtenay), son Jeff (Anna), granddaughters Josephine and Charlotte, sister Valerie, a niece, three nephews, two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law and so many friends who became family.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the Barrie Wilbee Bursary for Sunshine Coast Entrepreneurs (ed@sunshinecoastfoundation.org), the Pender Harbour Food Bank (pend-erharbourfoodbank@gmail.com) or a charity of your choice.

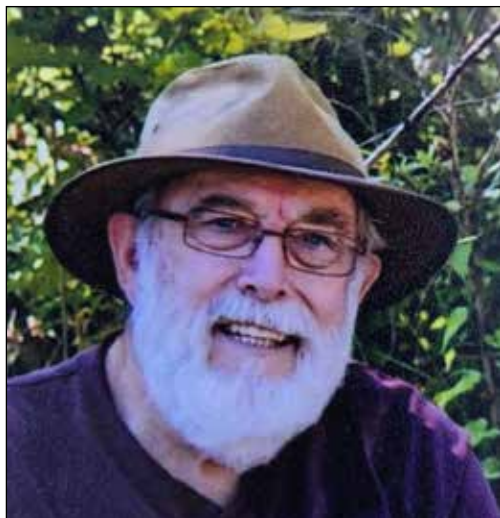
A celebration of life will be held at the Pender Harbour Community Hall in Madeira Park on Oct. 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

His family welcomes all in celebrating his life.

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Douglas “Doug” Allen Elliott

AUGUST 18, 1948 — AUGUST 20, 2024



Douglas Elliott of Egmont, died peacefully on Aug. 20, two days after his 76th birthday, after succumbing to his injuries from a motor vehicle collision.

He was born in Pittsburg, CA, on Aug. 18, 1948, to parents Bruce and Shirley (née Briggs) Elliott as the youngest of four children.

Elliott loved to tell a tall tale, whether for the amusement of his audience or himself, one could never

be sure.

But the truth of his life’s adventures needed no embellishment.

At age 19 he was drafted in the U.S. Army and served a tour in Germany, where he met his wife of 42 years, Andrea Hummel Elliott.

He travelled the globe for many years in his youth, including living on a kibbutz in Israel and delivering beer in Germany, before returning to the U.S.

He later pursued his true passion as an electrical engineer and worked on fascinating projects including Iridium satellites, Apache helicopters, and the International Space Station, as well as a brief stint in the medical field at L.A. County Hospital.

Elliott and his wife Andrea raised two children, a son and daughter.

He enjoyed sailing and introduced his children to the sea life during summer sailing trips along the Pacific Northwest coast.

Having fallen in love with the

BC coast on one of his sailing adventures, he built himself a small paradise for his retirement in Egmont, where he lived for 15 restful years.

Always proud of the grudges he held, he had his revenge on the U.S. Army for drafting him into service by becoming a naturalized Canadian citizen in 2016.

Though remembering birthdates may have eluded him, he always showed up when it mattered, ready and willing to lend a hand if needed well into his retirement, including volunteering with the Egmont Fire Department for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea Hummel Elliott, his children Aaron Elliott and Sabrina Elliott, grandchildren Leon, David, Marcel, Ellie and Robin, and his siblings Katherine Hammer, Lawrence Elliott, and Fredrick Elliott, as well as his chickens and beloved dog, Bella.

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Drop-in activities are a great way to fit more activity into your day.

No registration required – show up and enjoy!

Admission is included with your MYPASS or pay admission at the door.

\$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+)

MYPASS DROP-IN

- **Land Meets Water**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30am
- **Mat Pilates**
Wednesdays, 9:30am

- **Mix It Up**
Thursdays, 8:45am
- **Aquafit Class**
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am

REGISTER FOR OUR FALL PROGRAMS!

- **Iron Goddess: Women's Weight Training**
Monday at 11:45am
- **Beginner Total Body & Core:**
Tuesday or Thursday at 1pm

Pender Harbour Community School

PICKLEBALL

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:30-7:30

Where: Pender Harbour Secondary School Gym

Who: All Ages

Cost: \$5.00 Drop in Fee
Discount for full term membership

YOUTH DROP IN!

When: Last Friday of each month (Excluding December)
5:00-9:00 PM

Where: Pender Harbour Community Hall

Who: For students grades 6-12

What: Snacks and Dinner provided
Movies
Games
Arts & Crafts

THANK YOU!

A big thank-you to the Madeira Park Legion for their substantial and on going support to the:

-  MPES Breakfast Program
-  MPES Hot Lunch Program
-  PHSS Breakfast Program
-  PHSS Hot Lunch Program

UPCOMING

- Cooking classes
- Art Classes
- CFSC / CORE
- Drop In Volleyball
- Craft Fair
- Spanish Lessons

Call Pender Harbour Community School with any questions!

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Seniors activities for October!

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

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

Oct. 3 – Armchair Travel to "Alaska"

Oct. 10 – A visit from the Pender Harbour Pipe Band

Oct. 17 – To be announced later in the month

Oct. 24 – Free Lunch for those who attend the event — come play a game of Scrabble, Rummoli, Dominos or Yahtzee

Oct. 31 – Celebrate Halloween — come in costume if you like

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Oct. 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25 & 28

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

CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES OCTOBER

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

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

1. 10:48 AM -L, 5:07 PM +L
2. 11:25 AM -L, 5:27 PM +L
3. 12:04 PM -M, 5:23 PM +L
4. 12:46 PM -M, 5:43 PM +L
5. 1:41 PM -M, 5:54 PM +L
6. **8:12 AM +XL**, 2:26 PM -S
7. **8:59 AM +XL**, 3:14 PM -S
8. **9:08 AM +XL**, 4:07 PM -S
9. **9:52 AM +XL**, 5:06 PM -S
10. **10:48 AM +XL**
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12. **2:29 PM +XL**
13. **2:46 PM +XL**
14. 8:22 AM -L, **3:24 PM +XL**
15. 9:24 AM -L, 3:56 PM +L
16. 10:17 AM -L, 4:17 PM +L
17. 11:23 AM -L, 4:42 PM +L
18. 12:22 PM -L, 5:05 PM +L
19. 1:14 PM -M, 5:41 PM +L
20. 2:04 PM -M
21. **8:55 AM +XL**, 2:55 PM -M
22. **9:53 AM +XL**, 4:01 PM -M
23. **10:52 AM +XL**, 5:16 PM -M
24. **11:52 AM +XL**
25. **12:50 PM +XL**
26. **1:43 PM +XL**
27. **2:28 PM +XL**
28. 8:45 AM -M, 3:03 PM +L
29. 9:39 AM -M, 3:30 PM +L
30. 10:30 AM -M, 3:49 PM +L
31. 11:23 AM -M, 4:11 PM +L

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COVID

104,673,730

Through May 2023, the number of COVID cases recorded in the U.S.

1,187,952

Total deaths resulting from COVID in the U.S.

4x

The death rate of unvaccinated Americans versus those who received at least one vaccination.

81.1%

Percentage of Canadians who have received one dose of a COVID vaccine.

107,216,820

The total COVID vaccine doses administered in Canada as of June 30 (since Dec. 14, 2020).

0.056%

The percentage of COVID vaccine doses administered in Canada in which "adverse effects" were reported. The top two adverse effects were paraesthesia (tingling and prickling) and vaccination site pain.

0.011%

Percentage of COVID vaccine doses administered in Canada in which "serious adverse effects" were reported, a total of 11,702.

17.5x

During the Delta emergence period, unvaccinated Canadians were 17.5 times as likely to die due to COVID-19 compared to people who completed a primary series.

~ Government of Canada, New York Times

OCTOBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in October is 12.8 C and our average daily low is 8.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 10.7 C. Our average first-frost date (at sea level) is Oct. 30. The highest October temperature recorded was 21.1 C (Oct. 1, 1975); the lowest October temperature recorded was -0.4 C (Oct. 31, 1984).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

October has an average of 115 hours of bright sunshine and averages 16 days with measurable rainfall and a total of 108.8 mm for the month. The highest October daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island in October was 62.2 mm (Oct. 21, 1963). The Canadian record for the greatest rainfall in a 24-hour period is 489 mm (Ucluelet BC, Oct. 6, 1967).

OCTOBER ASTROLOGY

LIBRA: September 22 – October 23



Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. This month, the sun will be in your sign until Oct. 23. It's time to express your authentic self as the sun's spotlight will accentuate your natural contours. Get dating as members of any sex will find you irresistible. Also, this month, Mars moves into Scorpio crowding out any opportunity for financial gain. Don't worry about that, the earning setback will be temporary so focus your efforts on going out and getting some.



SCORPIO: OCT. 24 – NOV. 22

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. With Pluto as the ruling ex-planet, people born under this sign are considered to be dynamic and extreme in their opinions. Something big is about to happen. From Sept. 1 to Nov. 19, Pluto will visit Capricorn, but this celestial event will not take place for another 230 years. So make use of it. Never again in your lifetime will you find a similar momentum to push gains in every facet of your life.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Sept. 14

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.

1. **Today is Orange Shirt Day** by Phyllis Webstad, illustrated by Natassia Davies (Medicine Wheel Publishing)
2. **Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays** by Wade Davis (Greystone Books)
3. **Untold Tales of Old British Columbia** by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press)
4. **Lightning Strikes the Silence** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
5. **Always On Call** by Marion McKinnon Crook (Heritage House Publishing)
6. **A Perfect Day for a Walk: The History, Cultures, and Communities of Vancouver, on Foot** by Bill Arnott (Arsenal Pulp Press)
7. **Crushed Wild Mint** by Jess Housty (Nightwood Editions)
8. **The Curve of Time: New, Expanded Edition** by M. Wylie Blanchet (Harbour Publishing)
9. **Mushrooms Know: Wisdom From Our Friends the Fungi** by Kallie George (Greystone Books)
10. **A Flock of Gulls, a Chorus of Frogs** by Lucky Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 1 ~ **Cory Cavalier, Don Macdonald and Lyn Watters.**
- Oct. 3 ~ **Maureen Parrott.**
- Oct. 6 ~ **Rick Higgins.**
- Oct. 7 ~ **Sharlyne Niemela.**
- Oct. 9 ~ **Jolaine Percival.**
- Oct. 10 ~ **Daryl Hegyi, Mitch Jones, Katrina Woodard, Val Silvey and Kate Daniels.**
- Oct. 11 ~ **Bruno Cote and Sarah Silvey.**
- Oct. 12 ~ **Bricin Lyons.**
- Oct. 13 ~ **P. D. Smith and Judy Sim.**
- Oct. 14 ~ **Nicole Forsyth.**
- Oct. 15 ~ **Courtney Hanna, Kaiden Bosch and Richard Norrish.**
- Oct. 16 ~ **Ursula Hardwick and Dane Hanna.**
- Oct. 17 ~ **Peter Vaughan and Leo Wilen.**
- Oct. 18 ~ **Karen Stiglitz, Tommy Gamble, Sandy Matches, Tessa Rand and Cody Honeybourne-Kincaide.**
- Oct. 19 ~ **Doug Hardwick.**
- Oct. 20 ~ **Lonny Edwardson and Doug Richardson.**
- Oct. 22 ~ **Susan Foreman, Kathryn Kelly, Alysa English and Mark Clay.**
- Oct. 23 ~ **Diane Dennis.**
- Oct. 24 ~ **Roxanne Gregory and Larry Honeybourne.**
- Oct. 25 ~ **Kerry Rand.**
- Oct. 27 ~ **Dave Malcolm and Cindy Rayko.**
- Oct. 28 ~ **Eric McDermott and Rob Metcalfe.**
- Oct. 29 ~ **Colleen Silvey and Nicholas Silvey.**
- Oct. 30 ~ **Donna Johnson**
- Oct. 31 ~ **Richard Mills and twins Savannah & Sawyer Cote.**



Join the 2024 Sunshine Coast BioBlitz!

Oct. 19–Nov. 1, 2024

A BioBlitz is a large citizen science based event, organised to catalogue and record as many species as possible from local parks, reserves, beaches and the ocean to help better understand local biodiversity!

Kick-off event: Oct. 19

10AM at the Tranquility Garden behind the EarthFair Store in Madeira Park. Join Loon Foundation staff to learn how to use the **iNaturalist App** and to see some exciting examples of local biodiversity.

Everyone is welcome!

If you can't make the kick-off, don't worry! **Join us virtually using the iNaturalist App and/or in person at our mini-events over the two week period.** Participation helps improve our natural spaces by gaining a deeper understanding of our local biodiversity.

+ *there's a PRIZE draw for participants!*

Mini-events between Oct. 19–Nov. 1:

Salmon Walk at Anderson Creek
Smelt Survey at multiple beaches
and more!



To learn more about the 2024 Sunshine Coast BioBlitz, and to RSVP to our mini-events:
loonfoundation.org/sunshine-coast-bioblitz

Educators!

We have special resources for you.

Follow the "Educators" link on our BioBlitz webpage for info, worksheets, and more!



Thank you for your support:



SUNSHINE COAST ART CRAWL

The 2024 Sunshine Coast Art Crawl on Oct. 18-20 once again features artists from Gambier Island to Earls Cove.

The Crawl is a free, self-guided tour you can take at your own pace, a perfect opportunity to bring your family and friends together to experience Coast life and uncover some unique, often hidden, spots.

Over the three days, the Coast transforms into one large interactive art show — a celebration of displays, demonstrations and it provides an opportunity to meet the artists behind the amazing creations. The Sunshine Coast Art Crawl was recently listed as one of the top 20 Autumn festivals and events in North America by Wanderlust Magazine.

Explore the online listings at coastculture.com/art-crawl or pick up a printed brochure to plan your visits.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN’S CONNECTION

The Pender Harbour Community Hall is a valuable community asset providing a venue for regular activities such as Harbourbourside Friendships, carpet bowling and chair yoga. It is also a venue for community events such as the Christmas and spring markets and events, school concerts and activities, and musical performances put on by the blues festival. On Oct. 8, Women’s Connection will host Marlene Cymbalist who will give us the history of our local building.

On Oct. 22, the Women’s Connection is honoured to present distinguished artist, Hiroshi. Shimazaki was born in Japan in 1943. After gaining a PhD from Simon Fraser University, his career led him to the University of Lethbridge from 1979 to 2009 where he taught cultural geography and international management.

Shimazaki’s love of watercolour painting developed in tandem with his academic interests. His watercolour paintings illustrate his deep understanding of the geographical landscape he is representing. Come meet this extraordinary man who now call s the Sunshine Coast his home. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with a drop-in fee of \$4 and complimentary refreshments are included.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEEHOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month’s School of Music Coffee House on Friday, Oct. 11.

The musicians this month are the duo of Rebecca and Jeremy and a quartet, WAG - Westerly A Cappella Group.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

- Community Policing.....(604) 883-2026
- Egmont Community Club(604) 883-1379
- Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department.....(604) 883-2555
- FLAIR Cancer Support Group.....(604) 883-0660
- FOKUS (10:30 a.m., Fridays @ PHHC).....(604) 740-1151
- GRIPS (Recycling Society)(604) 883-1165
- Garden Bay Sailing Club.....(604) 883-2689
- Girl Guides (Guides, Sparks and Embers).....(604) 883-2819
- Harbour Artists(604) 883-2807
- Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)(604) 883-9900
- Health Centre Society(604) 883-2764
- Health Centre Auxiliary.....(604) 741-2646
- InStitches (last Thursday of month, 10 a.m.).....(604) 740-1151
- Lions Club, Egmont.....(604) 883-9463
- Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.)(604) 883-1361
- Men’s Cancer Support Group.....(604) 883-2393
- P. H. Aquatic Centre Society.....(604) 885-6801 (ext. 6691)
- P. H. and Area Residents Association..... (604) 883-9205
- P. H. Blues Society.....(604) 741-1186
- P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday)..... (778) 227-8430
- P. H. Community Club.....(604) 883-9900
- P. H. Community School Society(604) 883-2826
- P. H. Garden Club.....(604) 883-9798
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- P. H. Hiking Club (8:30 am, Mon. & Wed.).....(604) 883-2274
- P. H. Living Heritage Society.....(604) 883-0748
- P. H. Music Society (bookings)(604) 883-9749
- P. H. Paddling Society (dragon boating)(604) 399-9596
- P. H. Piecemakers (quilters).....(604) 883-2573
- P. H. Pipe Band.....(604) 883-0053
- P. H. Power & Sail Squadron(604) 883-2086
- P. H. Ramblers (hikers, every Tues. a.m.).....(604) 883-1191
- P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening).....(604) 883-9011
- P. H. Reading Room (library)(604) 883-2983
- Rotary Club (noon Fri. RC Legion No.112)(604) 883-2843
- Royal Canadian Legion No. 112(604) 883-2235
- RCM SAR Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61(778) 240-3151
- Ruby Lake Lagoon Society(604) 883-9201
- Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....(604) 883-9994
- S. C. Health Care Auxiliary (2nd Wed.,1:30 p.m.).....(604) 741-8413
- Seniors’ Housing Society(604) 883-2819
- Serendipity Child Care Centre.....(604) 883-2316
- Sunshine Coast Better At Home.....(604) 989-6171
- Sunshine Coast Women’s Outreach Services(604) 741-5246
- Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS)(604) 883-9853
- Women’s Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.).....(604) 883-0444



PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE

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High quality, team-based health care
for the people of Pender Harbour
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Alternate Thursdays, 10am – 12 noon

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FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER: (604) 984-5070

Annaliese Hasler, NP

Tuesdays, 9:30am – 3pm

- Women and Youth Health Services

PHYSICIANS: (604) 883-2764

- By appointment, Tuesday & Thursdays only

BETTER AT HOME PROGRAM: (604) 212-2232

Haida Bolton – Program Co-ordinator

Helping Seniors Remain Independent

- Email: betterathome@penderharbourhealth.com

SOCIAL WORK: (604) 740-2554

Neora Snitz, Social Worker (Wednesday – Friday)

- Email: socialworker@penderharbourhealth.com
- Drop-in Social Work Clinic, Wednesdays, 11am – 2pm

Supplementary services:

DENTISTRY: (604) 883-2997

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A non-profit society governed by local volunteers dedicated to the health and wellness needs of our community.

Local health matters

New collaborations at the Health Centre

PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

In August, the PHHC began the first stage of Primary Care Network implementation by welcoming Eric Kosiuk, the new PCN Community Pharmacist to the PHHC. Eric will be providing bi-weekly 60-minute appointments on Wednesdays at the PHHC for medication management and patient education.

To access his services, patients need to be referred by their physician or the PHHC care team, please speak to your physician or the PHHC team for more information.

Once referrals are received an appointment will be scheduled with Eric at the PHHC.

The PHHC is proud to partner with the Sunshine Coast PCN to bring more access to healthcare resources locally at the PHHC.

We look forward to building on this relationship and welcoming more PCN staff to the PHHC.



Eric Kosiuk

new office at PHHC, strengthening the ongoing collaboration between the two organizations. This move enhances connectivity and access for VCH teams to the Pender Harbour and surrounding communities, improving service delivery and support for local residents.

The PHHC is dedicated to enhancing our collaboration with VCH and the home care team to better serve the Pender Harbour community. If you would like to reach out to the VCH Home Support team at the PHHC, you can contact them by calling 604-741-0726 or emailing cghhcslpnsupervisors@vch.ca.

These new collaborative relationships at the Health Centre aim to improve patient care by integrating services and resources, fostering teamwork among healthcare providers, and introducing specialized roles like community pharmacists.

This collaborative approach ensures more comprehensive support for patients, enabling seamless communication and efficient resource utilization, ultimately leading to better health outcomes for the community.

Nick Gaskin

Executive Director PHHC

VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH HOME CARE AT PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE

In August, the PHHC warmly welcomed leadership and staff from VCH Home Care Services to their

Celebrating Better at Home Volunteers and Contractors



As we pass the six-month milestone of this year's Better at Home program, we wanted to acknowledge the wonderful volunteers and contractors who support our seniors and make the Pender Harbour Better at Home program a success:

THANK YOU CONTRACTORS! Allen Phillips (Eaves to Earth Property Maintenance), Janeen Weir (Light Yard Work), Lee Nadeau (Light House Cleaning), Sorrel Tomkies (Light House Cleaning), Brian Peterson (Driving), and Joe Crocker (Minor Home Repairs).

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! Alex Pernat, Betty Spanza, Dave Davies, Don Spanza, Elise Rudland, Harry Drost, Janet McIntosh, Mark Young, Maureen Richmond, Naz Mistry, Pamela Young, Pat Thibodeau, Pia Sillem, Richard Biggar, Ron Seymour, Sage Robson and Val Ridsdale.

To join the Better at Home Team, contact Haida Bolton at 604-212-2232 or haida.bolton@penderharbourhealth.com

Special book excerpt: *The Curve of Time, New expanded edition*

Excerpted from The Curve of Time by M. Wylie Blanchet, Harbour Publishing, 2024. Reprinted with permission by the publisher.

Towards the end of June, or it might have been July, we headed up Jervis Inlet.

This inlet cuts through the Coast Range of British Columbia and extends by winding reaches in a northerly direction for about sixty miles.

Originally perhaps a fault in the earth's crust, and later scoured out by a glacier, since retreated, it is roughly a mile wide, and completely hemmed in on all sides by stupendous mountains, rising from almost perpendicular shores to heights of from five to eight thousand feet.

All the soundings on the chart are marked 100 fathoms with the no-bottom mark . . . right up to the cliffs.

Stunted pines struggle up some of the ravines, but their hold on life is short.

Sooner or later, a winter storm or spring avalanche sweeps them out and away; and next summer there will be a new cascade in their place.

Once you get through Agamemnon Channel into the main inlet, you just have to keep going—there is no shelter, no place to anchor.

In summer-time the wind blows up the inlet in the morning, down the inlet from five o'clock on.

In winter, I am told, the wind blows down the inlet most of the time—so strong and with such heavy williwaws that no boat can make against it.

I know that up at the head of the inlet most trappers' cabins are braced with heavy poles towards the north.

For some reason that I have forgotten, probably the hope of trout for supper, we decided to anchor in Vancouver Bay for lunch.



Blanchet family collection

The Blanchet family together before Geoffrey's disappearance in 1927. Left to right, top: Elizabeth, Jan, Frances. Bottom: Capi, John, Peter, Geoffrey.

Vancouver Bay is about half-way up Jervis, and only makes a very temporary anchorage good for a couple of hours on a perfectly calm day.

It is a deep bay between very high mountains, with a valley and three trout-streams.

You can drop your hook on a narrow mud bank, but under your stern it falls away to nothing.

After lunch I left the youngsters playing on the beach, and taking a light fishing line I worked my way back for perhaps half a mile.

The underbrush was heavy and most uncomfortable on bare legs, and I had to make wide detours to avoid the devil's club.

Then I had to force my way across to the stream, as my trail had been one of least resistance.

It was a perfect trout-stream, the water running along swiftly on a stony bottom; but with deep pools beside the overhanging banks, cool shade under fallen tree-trunks.

The sunshine drifted through the alders and flickered on the surface of the running water.

Somewhere deeper in the forest the shy thrushes were calling their single, abrupt liquid note.

Later, when the sun went down, the single note would change to the ascending triplets.

Except for the thrushes, there

was not a sound — all was still.

I didn't have a rod — you can't cast in this kind of growth, there is no room.

I didn't use worms, I used an unripe huckleberry.

An unripe huckleberry is about the size and colour of a salmon egg — and trout love salmon eggs.

Almost at once I landed a fair-sized one on the mossy rocks.

Another . . . and then another. I ran a stick through their gills and moved to another pool.

But suddenly I was seized with a kind of panic. . . I simply had to get back to my children.

I shouldn't be able to hear them from where I was, if they called.

I listened desperately. . . there was just no sense to this blind urge that I felt.

Almost frantic, I fought my way back by the most direct route — through the salmonberry, salal, and patches of devil's club.

"Coming, coming!" I shouted.

What was I going to rescue them from?

I didn't know, but how desperately urgent it was!

I finally scrambled through to the beach, blood streaming down my legs, face scratched, hands torn — blood everywhere.

Five wondering faces looked at me in horror.

The two youngest burst into tears at the sight of this remnant of what had once been their Mummy.

"Are you all right?" I gasped — with a sudden seething mixture of anger and relief at finding them alive and unhurt.

After an interval, the three girls took my fish down to the sea to clean, the two little boys helping me wash off the blood as I sat with my feet in the stream.

October 2024

Devil's club spikes are very poisonous and I knew their scratches would give me trouble for days.

"There's a man along at the other end of the beach," volunteered Peter. "He's been watching us."

"All day!" broke in John.

"And he's all dressed in black." I glanced up — a tall figure was standing there, against the trees, up behind the drift-logs at the top of the beach.

Just standing there, arms hanging down, too far away to be seen plainly.

Peculiar place for a clergyman to be, I thought inanely; and went back to the more important business of washing off the blood.

Then I put on the shoes I had washed.

"Mummy!" called Elizabeth.

I glanced up.

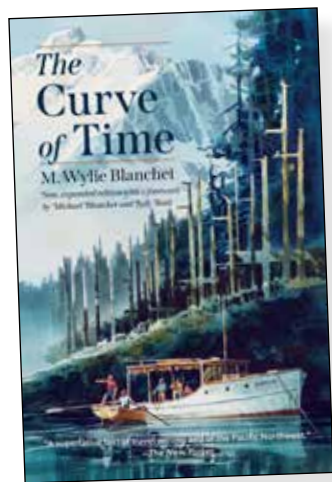
The three of them were looking towards the other end of the beach.

"The man is coming over," said Fran. "He's. . . !"

"Mummy!" shrieked Jan.

Widowed at the age of thirty-five, Muriel Wylie Blanchet packed up her five children in the summers that followed and set off aboard the 25-foot *Caprice*. For 15 summers, in the 1920s and 1930s, the family explored the coves and islands of the BC Coast, encountering settlers and hermits, hungry bears and dangerous tides, and falling under the spell of the region's natural beauty.

Now available from Harbour Publishing, this updated and expanded edition features a new preface by Howard White, detailed maps illustrating the family's journey on the Coast, 20 new, previously unpublished photos and an essay on the life and biography of Blanchet by celebrated writer Edith Iglauer.



About the author:

M. Wylie Blanchet (1891-1961) was born in Montreal and spent her childhood as an avid seeker of the natural world. Her adventurous and independent spirit led to extraordinary summers with her children exploring the coastal wilderness of BC, and her recollections of the landscape have earned her memoir, *The Curve of Time*, a place in Canadian literature as an enthralling West Coast must-read. Blanchet passed away at her home near Sidney at the age of 70.

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OCTOBER

Thu. Oct. 3.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Armchair Travel) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
 Fri. Oct. 4.....Live music at the Legion with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 5.....Thanksgiving ham & turkey meat draw and pie auction - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 3 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 6.....Family Safety Day - Madeira Park IGA back parking lot, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 6.....Pender Harbour Fall Faire - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 6.....Live music at the Legion with Them Ordinary Things - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 2-5 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 7.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
 Tue. Oct. 8.....P. H. Women's Connection (P. H. Community Hall history) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 10.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 10.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (P. H. Pipe Band) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 10.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
 Fri. Oct. 11.....Live music at the Legion with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri. Oct. 11.....SoM Coffeeshouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 13.....Live music at the Legion with Mad Cow - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 2-5 p.m.
 Thu. Oct. 17.....SCRD electoral area service committee - SCRD boardroom 9:30 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 17.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (TBA) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
 Fri. Oct. 18-20...Sunshine Coast Art Crawl (3 days) - various locations
 Fri. Oct. 18.....Live music at the Legion with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 19.....Provincial election
 Sat. Oct. 19.....2024 Sunshine Coast BioBlitz kicks off - Tranquility Garden (Madeira Park), 10 a.m.
 Sat. Oct. 19.....Celebration of life for Barrie Wilbee - P. H. Community Hall, 1:30 to 4 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 20.....Live music at the Legion with Blue Western - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 2-5 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 20.....P. H. Music Society presents Siobhan Walsh - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 21....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
 Tue. Oct. 22.....P. H. Women's Connection (artist Hiroshi Shimazaki) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 24.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 24.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (free lunch/games) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 24.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
 Fri. Oct. 25.....Live music at the Legion with Eddy Edrik - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 26.....P. H. Blues Society 14th Halloween Howl - P. H. Community Hall, doors at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 27.....Live music at the Legion with Them Ordinary Things - Royal Cdn. Legion 112, 2-5 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 28.....Pender Harbour Garden Club presents Alisha M'Lot - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
 Thu. Oct. 31.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Halloween) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
 Thu. Oct. 31.....P. H. Volunteer Fire Department Halloween fireworks - Madeira Park wharf, 7:30 p.m.

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



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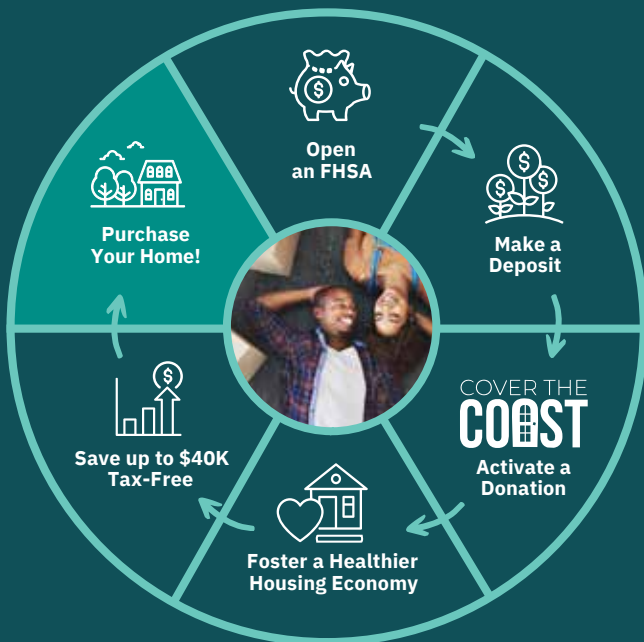
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