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Words from the Editor:

Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

Thank you all for your continuing support of your local newspaper by sending us photographs and articles.

Please remember that the deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

Thanks to the residents who contribute, to the residents who proofread & to all residents who read the Barnacle!

Michelle Montico, Editor
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IMPORTANT DATES

October 2022

Oct 1st	National Senior's Day
Oct 3rd	Belcarra Garden Club Mtg
Oct 5th	Election Advance Poll
Oct 9th	Full Moon
Oct 10th	Thanksgiving
Oct 15th	Election General Voting Day
Oct 24th	Diwali
Oct 25th	New Moon
Oct 29th	CRAB Children's Halloween Party
Oct 31st	Halloween and Fireworks at the park

Save the Date

Nov 7th	New Council Inaugural Mtg.
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COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2022

Council meetings are currently available on Zoom.

Please check Village website for more information.

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Our front cover features a photograph, submitted by Megan Shelly.

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Mayor's Report

Belcarra Council met on September 6. Please refer to the Village website for more detail.

Highlights:

- Sasamat Lake outlet dam effecting Windermere Creek. Follow up to be provided.
- Invasive plant species' distribution in Belcarra. Control work planned for this October.
- West Road name change.
- Belcarra Online GIS map to include lot sizes.
- Water system model analysis and forward planning options.
- Translink major road network funding update.
- Emergency Mass Notification procedure/app
- Reopening of Village Hall for public use.

Council, chaired by Councillor John Snell, was given an update of the work of the Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Committee and received further recommendations. These were accepted by Council.*

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the members of the OCP Review Committee for the outstanding work that they did in such a short time. Thanks to Chair Ian Devlin, Vice Chair Ralph Drew, and members Larry Carlsen, Paul Degraaf, Jol Drake, Kevin Ferris, Tracey McRae, Mary-Ann Pope, Sandra Rietchel, Janet Ruzyski, and Angela Yin. Theirs was a remarkable achievement and of enduring importance to our Village. My most enthusiastic thank-you for your work and sincerest regrets that I was limited in how I could contribute.

Events I attended on the Village's behalf:

- Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Mayors' BBQ.
- Anmore's Ma Murray Day, (with Councillor Liisa Wilder).
- Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference in Whistler.
- Coquitlam Search and Rescue's 50th Anniversary BBQ.
- Metro Vancouver PNE showcase.

On behalf of our Council and as requested by Nora Boekhout (Belcarra Garden Club member), I issued a proclamation for our Village to be part of the "Canada Year of the Garden 2022".

In October, the Village elects a new Council to guide us for the next four years. All eligible voters may request a mail-in ballot or vote at either the early poll on October 5 or on regular voting day October 15. Please consider your choices and please vote.

Happy to chat,

Jamie

* Pursuant to Supreme Court Decision S 2110770 this agenda item was presented, discussed and completed without the Mayor present [see item on village web site under Municipal Hall/Legal].



Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake
and Carol Drew

Here are some tips from Block Watch for a safe Halloween:

- Do not use masks. Masks make it hard for children to see what's around them, including cars. Make-up is a better choice.
- Make or buy costumes in light-coloured material.
- Place strips of reflective tape on the back and front of costumes, so that drivers can better see your child.
- Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Avoid items such as oversized shoes, high heels, long dresses and long capes.
- Dress your child for the weather.
- Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult for trick or treating.
- Keep in mind that gum and hard candy can pose a choking hazard.

If your child is going out without an adult:

- Make sure your child is in a group of at least 3 people.
- Give them a flashlight. A cell phone is also a good idea.
- Discuss in advance the route they should follow. Ask them to call you if they plan to go off the discussed route.
- Set a curfew (and make sure they have a watch or phone with them).
- Tell your children not to eat anything until they get home.
- Carry a white bag to carry the candy to increase visibility.

- Don't visit houses that are not well lit. Never go inside a stranger's house.
- Use the sidewalk whenever possible. If there's no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Don't criss-cross back and forth across the street. Work your way up one side of the street, and then start on the other side.
- Once home, ask your parents to look through your treats with you to make sure everything is okay.

For homeowners:

- Turn on outdoor lights, and replace burnt-out bulbs.
- Remove items from your yard or porch that might trip a child.
- Sweep wet leaves from your steps and driveway.
- Use alternative to candles in your pumpkins, such as a flashlight or a battery-operated candle.
- Some children have food allergies. Consider offering alternative treats such as stickers or a small toy.

Alternative spots to trick-or-treat:

- Local community centres sometimes offer Halloween night activities.
- Local shopping centres often have trick-or-treat nights for young children in a more controlled environment.
- Plan a Halloween night at home with themed games and movies. Invite friends to join in.

Have a fun, safe All Hallows' Eve!

VILLAGE OF BELCARRA ELECTION

Nomination Period: Tuesday August 30, 2022 – Friday September 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm
Campaign Period: Saturday September 17, 2022 – Saturday October 15, 2022
Advance Poll: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
General Voting Day: Saturday, October 15, 2022 – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Chief Elections Officer: Lisa Zwarn – email address: Belcarra Elections elections@belcarra.ca

For more information:

The Village website has an “Election Information” page where notices and information will be posted <https://belcarra.ca/elections/>

Per the Public Notice Bylaw (see link) <https://belcarra.ca/assets/media/2022/07/602-2022-Village-of-Belcarra-Public-Notice-Bylaw.pdf> the Village may use any 2 of the following; the Village Website, a newspaper; the Resident/Owner email notification list. If you are not already on the email notification list, please provide an email address and [request](#) to join the list.



Jamie Ross
Candidate for Mayor

Born, raised and educated in British Columbia, and internationally, Sylvia and I have lived in Belcarra since 1989 and raised our daughter Katherine here.

First elected to council in 1990, I served continuously until 2018. In the January 2021 by-election, I was elected Mayor.

Post secondary education includes a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Special Education. I am a chartered Human Resources professional.

Until my retirement in 2015, I worked in BC public education, in a variety of roles over thirty-two years beginning as a teacher and with a final assignment as Director of Human Resources.

Currently I serve on a number of regional governmental committees including the Metro Vancouver Board, Regional Parks, Water committee and TransLink.

As Mayor my focus was, and if elected will continue to be; an open, respectful, and collaborative approach to community governance. Most important for the coming Council will be asset and infrastructure maintenance and development. These are the lifeblood of any community. These plans will be built on our sound financial base and wise forward planning. Other key efforts for council will be aging in place, support of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department, improved safety for our roadways and trails, and completion of important projects already in process.



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DR. COLE FOR MAYOR

For twenty-seven years, my home in Belcarra has been a happy place of refuge. When I first arrived in 1995, I knew I would retire here. It is a very special place that deserves to be respected and managed properly

I have always achieved big results on a shoestring budget. My resume and lifestyle are proof of this. I encourage you to visit my website www.coleformayor.ca to learn more about my background

I have the skill set, experience, and compassion to lead. I want to ensure that we have services that are managed properly, respecting the taxpayer. It's your money. I never waste mine and I'd never waste yours. Let's have a more inclusive, less divisive Belcarra where the input of every villager is facilitated and appreciated

Let's Build A Better Belcarra Together

PRIORITIES

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- The Village urgently needs a Financial Sustainability Plan.
- Our financial position currently ranks 157th worst out of 162 BC Municipalities.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Fire Prevention and Protection.
- Water Supply Issues and Firefighter Support.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- New Fire Hall Planning
- Improve the road to Farrer Cove

Immediate Commitment

- Council Meetings that are inclusive, modern, concise, focused, efficient, shorter, and even fun. (that last bit will be difficult)
- More contribution from the Villagers. They make the decisions with Council leading them to a consensus

REASONS TO VOTE FOR DR. COLE:

COMMITMENT: WITHIN FIRST YEAR

1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

2. WATER SUPPLY DECISION

3. NEW FIRE HALL FINANCIAL PLANNING TO ENSURE ADEQUATE RESERVES

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VOTE BEN SHOOLESTANI FOR BELCARRA COUNCILLOR



Photo: Ben & Brooklyn @ Bedwell Bay

My Promises to You

- ★ Fairness and Equality
- ★ Transparency and Accountability
- ★ Beach, Dock and Parking Access
- ★ Remove Council from Port applications and licence renewals to END Favouritism ...
- ★ Open and Optimal Property Views
- ★ Lower Taxes and Fees
- ★ Water system capacity, Street lights, Sidewalks, Garbage pickup, Wastewater Management, ...

My Qualifications

Projects Risk Specialist & Cost Risk Analysis Lead

\$16 Billion Site C Clean Energy Project - BC Hydro
Risk Management Portfolio: Environment, Regulation, Public Affairs, Community Impact, Properties, Project Management, Human Resources, Project Control, Risk and Services, Labour, Worker Accommodation, Infrastructure, Reservoir, Transmission and Highways.

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Carolina Clark
Candidate for Council

I was Born and raised in Brazil and have been living in Canada since 2005. My husband and I bought our property in Belcarra in 2014, we fell in love with this peaceful and quiet community and plan to raise a family here.

I'm a small business owner. I served in the Zoning Bylaw Committee prior to being elected to council in 2018. Since being elected I served in some committees outside of Belcarra such as Childcare Taskforce, Metro Vancouver Electoral Area, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, Metro Vancouver Board and Metro Vancouver Water Committee.



Janet Ruzycki
Candidate for Council

As a long time, member of this amazing community and recent retiree, I have both the energy and capacity to help move Belcarra forward in a positive, productive way. I have been a member of this community for over 60 years have witnessed it change and am passionate about helping Belcarra evolve in a positive way.

My career consisted of 41 years in senior roles across 2 large organizations (TELUS and BC Hydro) where my success was based on my ability to build and nurture positive relationships with partners including large commercial, industrial and government organizations.

I was also the councillor liaison for the Belcarra OCP Review committee and the Tree Committee.

In addition to that I was one of the council lead for the Parking project and regulations in place.

I hope our Village remains an independent semi-rural quiet and peaceful community which is what brought so many of us here in the first place.

To help serve my community, it brings me great pleasure to be able to give back to a place that brings me and my family so much joy.

Maintain existing infrastructure, continue to make cost effective improvement on our water system and save as much as we can to pay for the Fire Halls that will need replacement in the near future. Focus on the needs before the wants. I believe in small government and freedom of private property, and you will see this reflected on what I bring forward to Council.

For Belcarra to evolve in a positive way, it too needs to work collaboratively and build strong relationships with partner organizations.

In addition to volunteering at Eagle Ridge Manor, and raising money to cure breast cancer https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/RunfortheCure/RFTCNWodd?px=8968681&pg=personal&fr_id=28558&s_locale=en_CA. I

recently had the opportunity to be part of the Official Community Plan committee which afforded me a firsthand view of the top "emerging priorities" identified by residents of Belcarra. The top 3 priorities, 1. Emergency Preparedness 2. Infrastructure and 3. Financial Sustainability are very aligned with my own and I would look forward to tackling them as part of Belcarra council.



Liisa Wilder
Candidate for Council

Born and raised on Vancouver Island, Graham and I moved to the Tri-Cities in the mid-80's. I am a wife, proud mother and stepmom to 6, grandmother of 7, great-grandmother of a 10-year old, and a loving dog mom to our dear Finnegan.

Since 1977, I have worked in the real estate field and am recently retired as a paralegal. Graham and I started our forklift business in 1991.

We discovered beautiful Belcarra, "Between Forest and Sea" over 20 years ago.

It was an absolute pleasure to have been elected and to serve this Village. Many have encouraged me to seek re-election to complete our unfinished business: improvements to our water system, financial management and sustainability, discussions with Metro Vancouver and Anmore over a new fire hall, emergency preparedness, Marine Ave road improvements, the multi-use court, the OCP and Farrer Cove; to name a few.

Not afraid of hard work, I have integrity and passion. If re-elected, I will work in the coming term with the same enthusiasm and openness for issues that concern every resident. Communication is key, I have listened, will continue to listen and will always vote the way my conscience says is best for the whole community.



Joe Elworthy
Candidate for Council

Catherine and I are Belcarra residents for 26 years. Our son Joseph and two granddaughters live in Vancouver.

I am a 43 year retired Translink / Coast Mountain Bus Company electronic technician and labour representative and served on multiple executive committees, trusts and boards. I am currently an elected board member for several large organizations.

The overarching issue that Belcarra faces is the availability of financial resources required to implement a strategic plan, enabling us to continue as a viable and independent municipality.

Many Village projects are at the "decision making stage", others require further cost / benefit analyses.

A sound financial plan / budget is required for funding. Tough decisions, based on sound data and research are required. We need reasonable and responsible financial decision making, with immediate, short and long term projections to achieve our goals.

Recently retired with time to give back, I offer my skill set to Council. "TOGETHER" we have the spirit and talent to succeed in our goal of a healthy, caring and inclusive community.

I want to contribute as part of an elected team. I have participated regularly at Council meetings; and review agenda items, reports and presentations. I have experience, knowledge, skills and continuing education that are of value to Council. Please contact me for details.



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Start New Logging Camp

Source: Vancouver Province, Monday, May 8th, 1905, page 12.

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, B.C., September 2022.

'Ironsíde, Rainíe & Campbell' Will Cut
Timber on North Arm

"A new logging camp is to be started shortly on the North Arm [Indian Arm] of Burrard Inlet that will give employment to a large number of men."

"Although the well-known contracting firm of 'Ironsíde, Rainíe & Campbell' has just finished one of the largest contracts undertaken in the Province since the early days of the C.P.R. construction, that of the power tunnel between Lakes Beautiful [Lake Buntzen] and Coquitlam, the shores of the North Arm of the Inlet will continue to be the scene of activity with the firm for some years to come. The firm owns a large area of valuable timber growing on the slopes and mountainsides along the west shore of the North Arm. According to the statement of Mr. William Rainíe, it is the intention to establish a camp there shortly and get the timber out."

"While nearly all the timber is sitting many feet above sea level, it will be comparatively easy to get it to tide water for transportation to the mills. To accomplish this, a number of log chutes will be constructed running from the waters of the inlet to a considerable height up the mountains. The timber, while not of very large growth, consists of mainly cedar and fir, and would command good prices."

"In the logging operations, a portion of the firm's plant which was used in the drilling of the power tunnel, and is now at the Lake Coquitlam and Lake Beautiful [Lake Buntzen] portals of the tunnel, will be employed. The plant at the Coquitlam portal of the tunnel will be brought through the tunnel in a few days, before the water is turned-on, and trans-shipped to the site selected for the establishing of a logging camp [most likely location being Buntzen Bay]."

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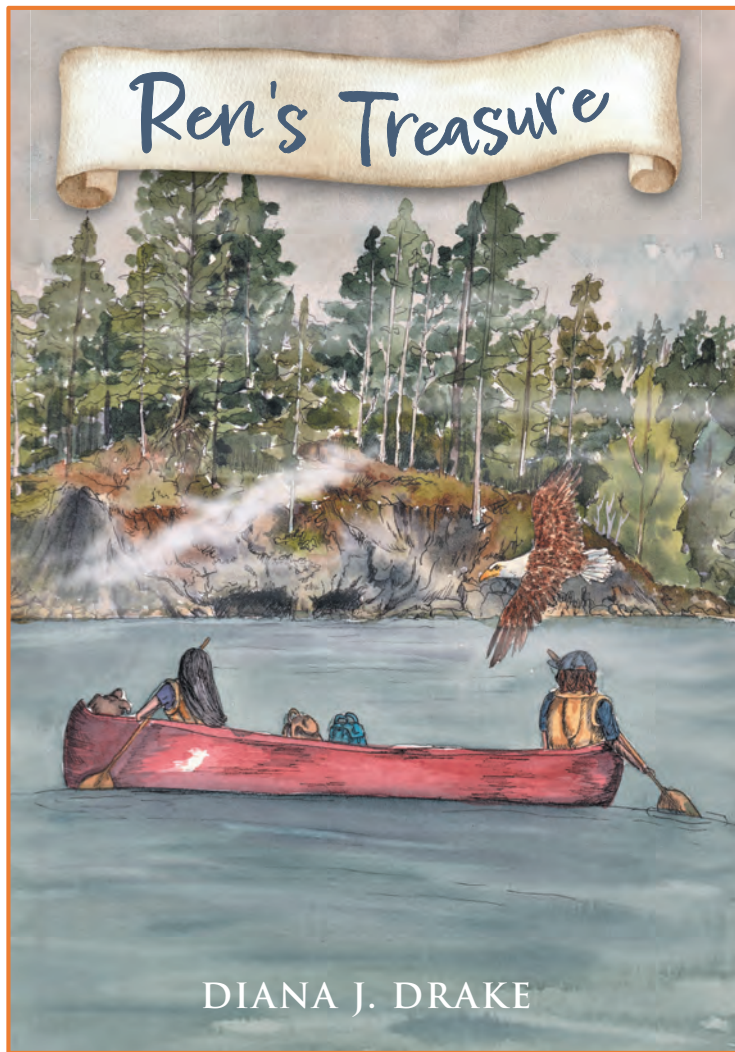
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Hounded by a dangerous villain, the Snake Man, Ren and Bean set out to decipher a series of hidden clues. The story that lies behind these six riddles takes the children on an exciting adventure; one that involves sacred Indigenous sites, mysterious islands, a derelict and haunted power station and secret caves.

"More than anything else, Ren, we are story people. Stories tell us who we are and who we want to be. And the good ones last because they're true."

What does the Keeper of the Dream Stone mean when she calls Ren a "warrior"? Will Ren and Bean find Jonesy's fortune before the Snake Man? What else will they discover in the hidden cave of Say Nuth Kway, the two-headed serpent?

For anyone who has struggled with loss this is a story about the healing power of hope. It reminds us that, in the universal search for a life well-lived, there is more than one kind of treasure.

VILLAGE NEWS



NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS

Following the notice in last month's edition we have received advertising orders that will allow us to print at least four more issues and with the hope of further renewal of adverts we will be back to business as usual.

Thank you to all who have given advice as to how we might continue in the future.

Clive Evans

THE BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

Hi everybody.

After a successful year of sociable meetings offering gardening tips and information, a field trip to Shangrila Farms, live presentations, and seed/plant exchanges, we are taking the winter off!

BGC meetings will resume in April. There is also the possibility of a field trip even earlier in spring!

You can review the fun at our webpage <https://www.tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>

If you have any gardening questions or wish to become a member, please contact us at 604-937-7103 or email: lesbramley@shaw.ca.

HAPPY GARDENING



THE END OF ERAS

By Dave Warren

The passing of Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is the end of the longest ERA in many of our lifetimes. On a smaller scale the coming civic election with the changing of the guard is an end of an ERA. The Barnacle's financial concerns also appears to reflect the end of an ERA.

This brief is my last submission to the Barnacle behalf of CRAB;- this ERA is over, as I have ceased to be a director. CRAB will continue to flourish and it will strive to benefit the Belcarra community by offering social programmes and events as before COVID.

A children's Halloween Party is scheduled for Saturday 29th October between 1:30 PM AND 3:30 PM at the Village Hall.

And on the evening of Monday 31st of October fireworks will be ignited for all to enjoy at the park. Sometime in November a social resembling a 'Pub Night' is planned.

Please continue to support CRAB by donating your discarded beverage containers to the appropriate bins at the WARD. For this I thank you and I request, that you remind CRAB that the Barnacle is also volunteers who could benefit from a donation.





Norman Gisli Arnason died peacefully September 16, at age 88 of lung cancer, with his Yvonne at his side. He was father to Terra [Troy], Stefan [Julie], Kristjan and Glenn [Mel].

Grandfather to

Coryn, Alexandra and Simon. Norman was married 53 years to his beautiful bride Yvonne.

Norm was a 1858 graduate of UBC electrical engineering followed by life long employment in BC Hydro (BC Electric) until full retirement in 1993. The youngest and last of 12 siblings and Uncle and Great Great Uncle to many nieces and nephews. He loved travelling, golf, gardening, playing his ukulele (Evergreen Ukes) and his lovely wife Yvonne. Norm was so proud of his Icelandic roots and his family.

Norm and Yvonne were proud to call Belcarra their home for decades. They were both very active in CRAB. Norm loved swinging his clubs at the famous Jackie Brain Master's Golf Tournament. They also loved the CRAB pub nights. Norm's smile would light up any room. He was often quietly playing his ukulele in the corner at parties. He was a kind and gentle soul who thought before he spoke. Seven years ago they moved from their lovely home in Belcarra to reside in Courtenay.

Norm will be sorely missed. He was known as "Yvonne's Knight in Shining Armour".....except when he was in the doghouse.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Thankful, Thankful, Thankful

As I write, the weather going into October is beautiful; glorious sunshine with a wee nip of fall crispness. A divine. Not sure how many others still love wearing white on the hotter days. I do, the old 'don't wear white after Labour Day' is pish posh as some would say.

I have enjoyed getting my Harvest Season decor up and getting outside on the trails or on my bike. It is pretty exciting to see more people riding bikes, notably ebikes. My favourite loop is the Woodhaven, Sasamat, Marine Drive route. How can we not love where we live?

I am very thankful for all the wonderful people that live, and have lived in Belcarra. On Sept. 17 Dave Hunter's family hosted a celebration of Life at the Belcarra picnic shelter. Many enjoyed reconnecting with family and friends across the Village. Jackie Brain really enjoyed connecting with the family. "They babysat my boys." It was wonderful hearing stories of Dave. He was such a heartfelt resident and neighbour.

In early September I trekked to the island to visit my 'mom'. While there I was very blessed to visit with the illustrious Yvonne Arnason. She and I taught together and she had nudged me, years ago, out of my comfort zone, (as only she can do) to be a cancan dancer at a CRAB Pub night. On this visit Norm was in hospital in palliative care. Yvonne's Knight in Shining Armour was ailing. So it blessed my heart to at least be able to see her. We received the sad news Norm passed into glory at age 88, September 16, 2022.

So, though I am thankful, I am grieved with so many I know who have died in the last several months. It is a reminder to live with a thankful heart, redeeming the time and knowing how much our Heavenly Father loves each and every one. I look to the Lord and His strength, He gives me peace.



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Flower Arranging 101 by Megan Davis

How lucky to have Carol's daughter, Megan, demonstrate flower arranging for our little club. Wow... she is an incredible flower artist, an amazing environmentally conscious small business owner, and a delightful teacher too!



Megan demonstrated flower arranging using one of her favourite types of vases, the pedestal bowl. We learned that the florist terminology for the ugly underpinnings is called the "mechanics"! Megan suggested using a flower frog which has some weight to it, to counter balance the flowers. No matter what you use, make sure that your mechanics are hidden. That includes the hard rim of the vase itself.

When starting your arrangement, know your viewing level. Is it a dining room table with 360 degrees viewing or a side buffet with only one side? It will be more comfortable (for you!) to use a high countertop and a lazy Susan when constructing your artistic creation!

Choosing your flowers can be simple or complex... do you have a specific plan or are you using a variety of flowers from your garden?

Don't be afraid to mix in some purchased blooms as well! Colour choices range from one featured hue to a riot of colours. Ombre arrangements are planned with light to dark shades or vice versa.

Cut off the bottom leaves of your chosen flowers. For woody stemmed flowers such as hydrangeas, do a cross cut on the bottom and dip it in Alum. If you see wilting in your arrangement, recut the stem and dip it in hot (not boiling) water. You will see bubbles come out. Here's an interesting tip: Megan uses a turkey baster for watering her delicate arrangements!

Don't be afraid to use older flowers as a base in between or below your newer ones. Megan effectively used a sunflower whose petals had fallen off! Dahlias and zinnias are particular good choices as cutting the flowers encourages more blooms. Long flowers, such as gladiolas, can be used full-size or can be cut in half with the top, unopened flower stem adding an interesting feature. Grasses add softness to lighten the visual weight. Ornamental hops are attractive and airy. Vines add a touch of movement and whimsy.

Megan's love of flowers and gardens is intimately connected to her respect for the environment and nature. She admires the Jane Goodall perspective: You can't protect something you don't love and you can't love what you don't know. Megan's small business is active in "giving back" and she supports many important causes.

Links: Megan's fantastic website!

[Perennial Gatherings](#) | [Vancouver Florist](#) | [Local Florals](#)

For the full article and links:
Belcarra Garden Club webpage
<https://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>





Year of the Garden
Année du jardin
2022



Photos Needed!
Gardens, Plants, Veggies!

Canada's Year of the Garden has come to Belcarra!

Our first photos of our lovely Belcarra Gardens are now up on the website, but we are looking for more input from YOU!

Have you taken photos of a special plant or yummy veggie this year?

Do you still have some flowers blooming? Please send in 4 to 12 photos to norab604@gmail.com and I will add them to our Belcarra collection and celebration!

(Only first names and no addresses will be posted.)

Check out the progress so far!
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"The Election"

By Klaus Bever

During the by election for mayor in January 2021, the local candidate succeeded. The same twosome are on this year's ballot.

What has changed? What to do?

Like us, the Village is some nearly two years older. Some trees have fallen down. A few bits of roadway were paved. The hummingbirds still visit. The water skiing, paddle boarding and swimming start most quiet summer mornings. The boats cruising about this little port seem fewer and slower. A few have died, a few were born. Several villagers have moved away, and a few have joined us. Many words and books were read. Masks and hand washings were more numerous for awhile. Autumn leaves fell once and soon will fall again. Flowers, and especially Dahlias, continue plentiful. Barbecue aromas drift tantalizingly. Council meetings are on Zoom and more peaceful. The quiet at night is still mesmerizing.

The local who was my mayor, these past nearly two years, let all this happen. And maybe, just maybe, it was because he was here the whole time.

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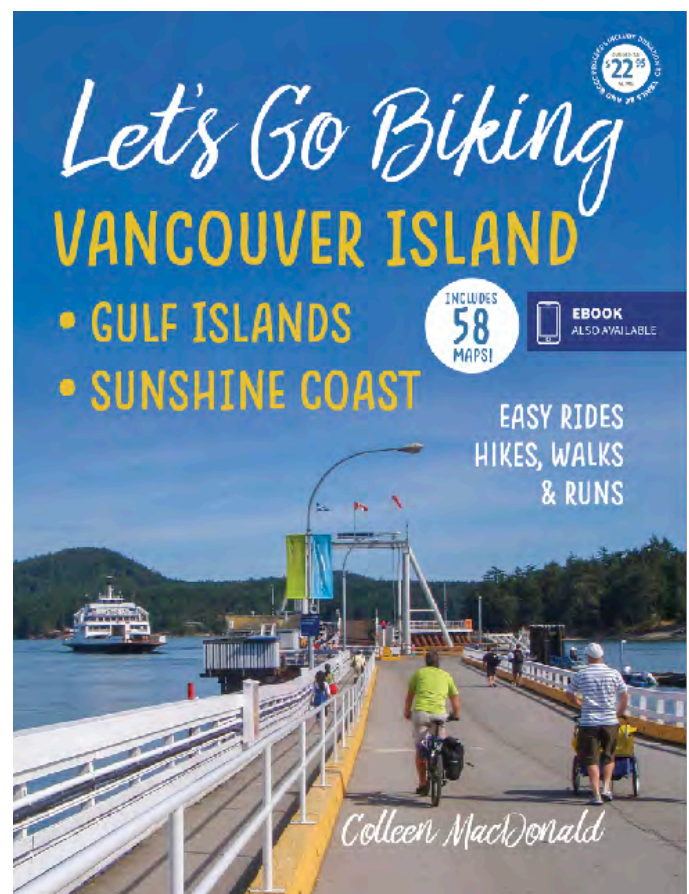
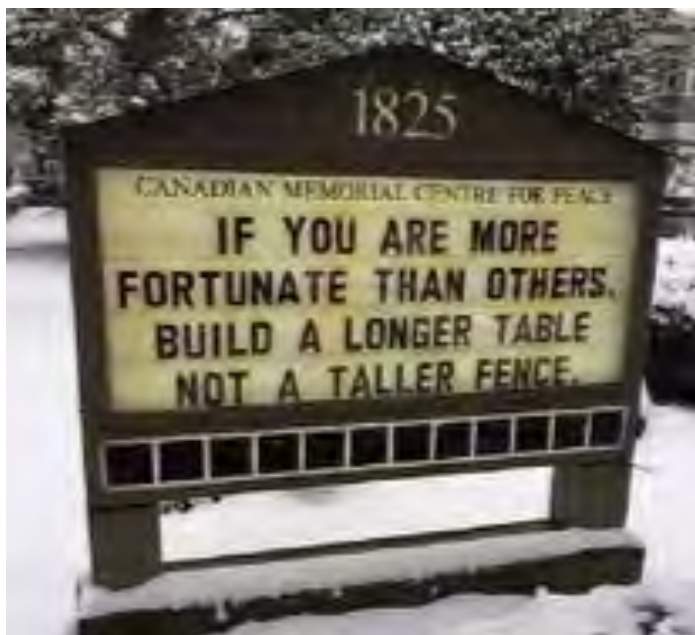
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Just let me know what time is best for you!

Call Barbara @

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My constituency office is here to address the needs of the community and I encourage you to reach out if you require assistance.

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What my Community Office can help you with:

- Address issues you may be having with federal ministries or agencies
- Provide information on locating government services and contact information
- Assist in understanding government policies and services
- Receive information to attend community events
- Advocate on behalf of the community to government
- Provide congratulatory and greeting messages
- Provide government documents and other web-based forms if you don't have internet access

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