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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

Dec 5	Regular Council Meeting
Dec 7	Full Moon
Dec 8	Bodhi - Day of Enlightenment
Dec 10	Human Right's Day
Dec 10	Christmas Ships at Farrer Cove & Bedwell Bay
Dec 16	Last day of School.
Dec 17	Christmas Ships and Santa at Belcarra Park
Dec 18 - 26	Hanukkah
Dec 21	Winter Solstice and Yalda
Dec 23	New Moon
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 25 - Jan 6	12 Days of Christmas
Dec 26	Boxing Day
Dec 31	New Year's Eve
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 3	Back to School
Jan 6	Full Moon
Jan 21	New Moon
Jan 22	Chinese New Year
Jan 23	Regular Council Meeting



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COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022/2023

Council meetings are in-person at the
Village Hall.

Participation is also available via Zoom.
Meetings are recorded.

Please check the Village website for more
information.

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COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph
submitted by Dayna Fitzbever of Festive
Farley.

Do send your favourite local photos and
artwork to the Barnacle.

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Mayor's Report

Inaugural Meeting, November 7

This meeting was held in person, in the council chambers of the Village Hall. The meeting was opened by Paula Richardson as our new Chief Administrative Officer. Judge Robin McQuillan administered the oath of office to me and members of council Carolina Clark, Joe Elworthy, Janet Ruzyski, and Liisa Wilder.

From my inaugural address, council priorities, and mine, are:

- asset management
- development and maintenance of infrastructure
- sound financial planning
- completion of the Official Community Plan OCP
- support for the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department
- improvements to roadways and trails,
- aging in place
- completion of projects previously noted in the 2021 strategic plan

Council Meeting, November 21

Highlights included:

- new hybrid meeting format (participation in person and by Zoom)
- West Road name change to Marine Ave.
- Lisa Zwarn, Chief Election Officer, reviewed the October 15th Municipal Election

- Ken Bjorgaard, financial consultant, presented the 2022 Budget Variance Report and the 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan/ Budget Schedule
- Stewart Novak, Public Works and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented a Winter Snow and Ice Removal report and a recommendation for the installation of pedestrian activated beacons at the intersection of Bedwell Bay Road and Kelly Ave as a first step in follow up to the ICBC road safety review
- reappointment of members to the Official Community Plan Review Committee
- administrative appointment: Paula Richardson as Chief Administrative Officer

Details and recordings of these meetings are available on the Village website [www.belcarra.ca].

Finally, I would like to tell you about two things that for me clearly identify the spirit of the community in which we live. The first, a celebration of life for Carol Drew which was given with humour, love, honour and respect. This was well attended with standing room only. The second, the enthusiastic cooperative working relationship demonstrated by your new council in their first days together.

The future for Belcarra looks great.

Happy to chat,

Jamie

Hybrid Council Meetings

More details on the Village Website www.belcarra.ca

Council meetings may now be attended either in person or via Zoom. New technologies and procedures are being used for the first time. Please ensure you are patient and follow all instructions as detailed on the website.

November 21st was the first time a public meeting of Council was attempted with participation in person and using the Zoom platform.

In Person:

Residents are invited to attend Council meetings in person at the Village Hall. There are space restrictions so please arrive early to be able to get a seat. Please note that wearing a mask is a personal choice. Masks are encouraged but not required by public health.

Zoom Instructions and Tips for Joining a Meeting:

1. Click on the link that is provided on the Agenda
2. You may be required to enter the Meeting ID for the meeting (also provided on the Agenda)
Please ensure you have logged in by 6:50 pm.
Council meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm. If you arrive late, you may be in the waiting room for a period of time.
3. Please keep your video off and your mic muted.
4. To gain entrance to the Council meeting you will need to display your full name.

Order of Speaking:

During the meeting questions on agenda items from the In-person gallery will be dealt with first, followed by the Zoom gallery questions. Please limit your time to no more than two minutes. Staff will start a clock and your time will end at the two-minute mark. Individuals are allowed to speak once on an Agenda item.

In-person gallery participants: in order to speak please raise your hand and when recognized by the Chair, please stand and state your first and last name so all participants know who is speaking.

Zoom gallery participants: please follow the detailed instructions on the Village website.

Some key considerations:

Please do not interrupt Council discussion. Silent viewing only/mute your sound.

Keep the video turned off until you are invited to speak.

Interruptions will cause the participant to be removed from the meeting.

In-person Gallery:

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Thank you for your patience and understanding as staff learn how to conduct Council meetings in a hybrid format.

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Snow Removal

Frequently Asked Questions



Belcarra owns and operates two Ford F-550 4x4 trucks, each equipped with a front snowplow and salt & sander.

During the winter months staff actively monitor road conditions, and schedule 24-hour road clearing services.

Frequently Asked Questions during a snow event in Belcarra:

When will my street be plowed?

During a snow event, Village roads are plowed according to a priority system aimed at supporting the greater public safety and public transportation access.

Priority 1 – maintain accessibility for emergency vehicles and transit vehicles on collector, arterial and emergency and bus routes that connect major sections of the community.

Priority 2 – maintain safe travel routes and accessibility for vehicles on non-arterial and collector routes. Clearing these routes may be advanced or delayed depending on the weather event intensity, severity, or duration.

Why did the plow fill my driveway with snow?

Our plows are set to push snow to the right to remove it from the roadway. The best way you can ensure that snow doesn't get pushed back onto your driveway by the plow is to pile snow on the right side of the driveway (when facing the street) when shovelling.

(Please note that when an approaching snowplow is coming toward you, it is advisable to move yourself as far away from the road as possible. The driver may not see you when the snow is blowing.)

Why can't I just shovel snow onto the road for the plow to pick it up?

Shoveling snow onto the road contributes to unsafe driving and walking conditions and increases the cost of providing winter road maintenance. If you shovel your snow into the roadway, you may be subject to a fine under the Village Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 518 Section 53, Snow Removal.

“(a) No person shall deposit, pile, or spread snow or ice cleaned from roofs, parking lots, or garages or any other surface or property, on any highway, boulevard, or other public places, except the place designated by authorized Public Works staff.

(b) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting the Village from plowing snow to the property line of any highway or from removing such plowed snow.”

Why hasn't the Village plowed my street?

The Village only plows where safe to do so. Illegally parked vehicles on the side of roads and road ends create a hazard and they will not be plowed until it is safe to do so.

Why hasn't my road been salted yet? It's very icy!

All roads are salted according to the same priority route system as plowing. However, it is also possible that if there was any rain or wet snow, the brine mixture may have washed away. You may report an area of concern by using our emergency line.

Why hasn't the Village cleared the catch basin in front of my home? It is covered in snow!

During a snow event, the priority of Public Works staff is plowing the roads. If it is safe to do so, it is recommended that you clear the catch basin in front of your home to help prevent flooding when the snow melts.

Does the Village plow, white line to white line?

Yes, wherever possible, the Public Works staff will attempt to plow white line to white line or curb to curb. If residents can park their vehicles in their driveways during snow events, this will help to ensure that our plows can clear curb to curb.

What if I have a medical emergency and can't get out of my house?

If you have a medical emergency, please call **911**. Emergency services will coordinate with the Village, if required.

What if I have a regular medical condition and I need to be able to get out of my house to receive treatment or medical attention?

We sympathize with your situation. However, the Village must prioritize resources through the community to serve the needs of the greater community. We recommend that you plan ahead, as much as possible.

**In case of after hours emergency related to Roads, Water or WARD, please call:
604-917-0113**



Our new Council sworn in on Monday, November 7, 2022.

L to R: Carolina Clark, Joe Elworthy, Mayor Jamie Ross, Janet Ruzyski, Liisa Wilder

The date of the Chinese New Year depends on the Chinese lunar calendar.



In 2023, it will fall on Sunday 22 January, commencing the Year of the Rabbit.

More specifically, 2023 is the Year of the Water Rabbit.



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COATS FOR KIDS

By Liisa Wilder

On November 9, 2022, together with Mayor Ross and Councillor Ruzycki and other elected municipal officials throughout the region, we attended the annual Homebuilders Association of Vancouver (HAVAN) municipal dinner and awards evening. After much hardware was presented to HAVAN members, keynote speaker Mayor Mike Hurley from the City of Burnaby shared his successes in introducing some of the progressive approaches the City has taken to addressing housing, affordability and innovation.

On November 7th, HAVAN launched its 27th annual COATS FOR KIDS campaign which runs through to December 8th. This is in support of the Lower Mainland and Surrey Christmas Bureau, two groups whose many initiatives help to provide a warmer winter and brighter holiday season for families in need. HAVAN members have been "Warming Hearts Since 1995".



Members of our community are encouraged to drop off new and gently used coats, scarves, gloves, blankets and new unwrapped toys and gifts (hockey sticks, soccer balls and basketballs, and art supplies are always a hit) for children of all ages. Coats for teens are always in high demand. Even though some teens fit adult sizing, the coats need to appeal to their age group (hoodies are always a popular choice).

We look forward to your support with the COATS FOR KIDS campaign. Please drop off your donated items at the Village of Belcarra Hall.

Many thanks,
Councillor Liisa Wilder



As your representative in Victoria
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Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake

Christmas Safety Tips:

The holiday season with all its extra shopping, decorating and entertaining is well underway.

Here are a few safety tips to review when preparing your home for Christmas:

- Keep driveways and walkways clear of ice and snow. Visitors and delivery drivers will appreciate it.
- Keep indoor clutter to a minimum. The sudden addition of decorations, gifts and winter clothing can create unexpected hazards.
- Keep vigilant about home security. Break-ins and thefts increase in the holiday season. Lock doors and windows. Do not leave valuables in cars or in sight of windows.
- Keep pets away from poinsettias, holly and mistletoe - all plants that have proven toxic to animals.
- Keep decorations and Christmas trees well away from heat sources, especially natural fireplaces. Always ensure that fires and candles are out when leaving home, or going to bed. Check smoke alarms and have fire extinguishers handy. Keep matches in a safe place, away from small children.
- Do not keep cut Christmas trees indoors longer than three weeks. Keep the tree well watered - green and fresh - and away from all heat sources. Recut the trunk for better water absorption. Ensure that tree lights are off at night and when leaving home.

- All light strands - indoors and out - should be inspected for broken bulbs, loose sockets and fraying. Do not overuse extension cords.

- Always have a spotter when hanging lights, using ladders, lifting heavy boxes. (The US reported over 200 decorating related injuries a day during last year's Christmas season.)

- Keep porch pirates in mind and have deliveries made, whenever possible, at a time when someone is home, or make use of shipping lockers.

- Keep the possibility of online shopping fraud in mind and take added precautions.

- When travelling/visiting by car during the holidays, check the upcoming weather and allow extra time for possible changing conditions.

- Never drive under the influence. Always have a designated driver.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy
Christmas season!

WHAT IS WINTER SOLSTICE?

Winter solstice marks the exact moment when the Northern hemisphere is tilted the farthest away from the sun. It usually happens on December 21 or 22.

For Canadians this is the shortest day of the year ...but only if you measure days in hours of daylight.



Stories From The Archives —

Inauguration of New Steamboat Service

Source: Vancouver Daily News-Advertiser, Sunday, April 14th, 1907, page 5.

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

The 'Beaver' Starts on the Deep Cove Route
Tomorrow

"The passenger boat 'Beaver' of the 'North Arm Navigation, Land and Development Company, Limited', will leave Vancouver tomorrow morning [Monday, April 15th, 1907] at 8:45 o'clock on her initial trip between here and Deep Cove. The 'N. A. N. L. & D. Company Ltd.' which has recently received 'Certificate of Incorporation', proposes running the 'Beaver' between Vancouver and points on the North Arm of Burrard Inlet [Indian Arm] and 'Cook's Slip' until September 15th. The two main points on this new steamer route will be Vancouver and Deep Cove."

"The last-named place is situated on the North Arm, less than an hour's run from the City, and one of the loveliest spots on the whole length of the shore line of the Inlet. If there is anyone in Vancouver who has never been up the North Arm of Burrard Inlet, he should not fail to take advantage of the chance now afforded to see the wonderful beauty of the district through which the 'Beaver' will run."

"If he should be looking for a pleasant place to pitch his tent for a month or so during the Summer months, he will find it at almost any point on the Arm. The shore is admirably adapted for camping out, the opportunities for bathing, boating or canoeing rival those of the heretofore popular haunts."

The waters of Deep Cove are admirably sheltered from storms, and altogether it is one of the most-to-be-desired places for pleasure seekers to be found within miles of the City. As a residential section of Deep Cove, land is bound to become extremely popular. Already there is quite a demand for lots in the vicinity and it is said that prices are expected to advance soon. The 'North Arm N. L. & D. Company' will issue club tickets at \$3 each [about \$80 today], which will permit the holder to travel each way for 15 cents [about \$4 today]. When it is considered that the 'Beaver' can make the trip from here [Vancouver] to Deep Cove in less than one hour, it is highly probable that there will be a large passenger traffic done this year by the newly formed company."

After Note: In 1906, the 'North Arm Navigation, Land and Development Company, Limited' created the Deep Cove Subdivision (Plan 1194) and began marketing 53 lots in the townsite the same year. The company also chartered the steam launch 'Beaver' to operate a double daily passenger ferry service between Vancouver, Deep Cove and Indian River Park.

(See photograph on Page 12.)



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Source: City of Vancouver Archives (CVA Out P1183.3).

Steam Launch 'Beaver' at the Indian River Regatta, 1910.



Photo by Clive Evans



Photo by Nora Boekhout.

See her article - Bulbs to grow at Christmas (page 19)

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VILLAGE NEWS



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Reminder to update your contact information for the coveted directory expected out this spring. Many residents no longer have landlines, or may have changed their internet provider and, as a result, may also have a new email address. If you know of a neighbour who has moved, or someone who is new to the village, please contact us (c.r.a.b.4084@gmail.com) so we can reach out accordingly!

2023

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Christmas Ships Information:

If you would like to watch from shore, there are plenty of places to get a good vantage point on the Fridays and Saturdays in December. We will be at the Rocky Point Pier on December 3, 2022 which is a perfect place to get up close and watch. Hope to see you there!

The cruises all leave Reed Point Marina at 7:00 PM and typically get back to the marina around 9:00 PM.

Friday Dec 2 - DOLLARTON - Ioco shoreline, Admiralty Point, Cates Park, Dollarton shoreline, Grey Rock, Dollarton shoreline (2nd pass), Boulder Island, Belcarra Bay.

Saturday Dec 3 - HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE PIER - Rocky Point "Holiday Cheer at the Pier"

Friday Dec 9 - DEEP COVE - Admiralty Point, Belcarra Bay, Deep Cove, Grey Rock, Dollarton, Cates Park.

Saturday Dec 10 - FARRER COVE - Admiralty Point, Belcarra Bay, Jug Island, Camp Howdy, Bedwell Bay.

Friday Dec 16 - WOODLANDS & BRIGHTON BEACH - Admiralty Point, Belcarra Bay Lone Rock, Woodlands, Brighton Beach, Belcarra Bay

Saturday Dec 17 - BELCARRA BAY, & LIGHT SHOW - Admiralty Point, Belcarra Bay. Several passes in the bay while children visit Santa at Belcarra Park and enjoy the light show.

Friday Dec 23 - WOODLANDS & BRIGHTON BEACH LIGHT SHOW - Admiralty Point Belcarra Bay Lone Rock, Woodlands, Brighton Beach, Belcarra Bay. Light show from shore.



DATES OF OPERATION 2022:

December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th and 31st

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Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Christmas Blessings be upon you and yours.

It is the most wonderful time of the year. I love to see Christmas lights and decorations popping up all over the Village. My Village highlights remain: the Rietchel's spectacular Christmas tree on the high side of Bedwell Bay just west of Main Ave, our Village sign faithfully decorated by the Drakes and Barb Shelly's hand-made exquisite Handel's Messiah Advent wreath.

I don't know about everyone else, but my decorations are going out a bit slower this year.

I will be adding a couple of unique Nativity scenes that I have found at craft fairs; a Boyd's Bears tapestry and some handmade displays. Despite being slower, I will enjoy the pace and try to savour every minute. No fretting allowed, this is the season; the angels did say they came to bring 'tidings of Great Joy'. May we all lay a hold of that JOY!

May this year be one where you can enjoy family and friends and experience contentment. Sure, for some a gift longed for is nice, but so much more, the personal connections are important. If anything, the last few years have helped refine what is important in life.

The most important gift, is the gift given over two millennium ago, the gift of Jesus. He came not just as a baby in the manger, but to 'free us all from satan's power' so 'let every heart prepare Him room'. In the book of John 1:12 it says, "To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God." My hope and prayer is you do not leave that gift unopened, or toss it out.

See you December 17th at the park for the Carol Ships, Santa and more.

Merry Christmas to all!

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BELCARRA ARTISTS Participate in PORT MOODY ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

Every November the Port Moody Art Association hosts an Annual Exhibition and Sale for local artists. This year at their 53rd exhibition, our community members Daphne Douglas and Adrienne Peacock participated.



Daphne has a strong connection to our community through her family - Mike, Kelly and Tessa - and her many friends. At the sale, Daphne showcased some beautiful watercolours. This fairytale like forest painting was inspired by a photo Kelly took while out on a wintery Belcarra walk.

If you'd like to see more of Daphne's art,
please contact her at
songbird2@yahoo.com



Adrienne paints primarily in acrylics. Her paintings are of nature and wildlife where she tries to capture the many mysteries of our beautiful planet. There is a lovely piece at the base of her driveway, a joint effort by her husband Des, who did the carving, and Adrienne who painted the wildlife details. Adrienne's art is on display (and for sale!) until December 22nd at the Winter Treasures Artisan Market Blackberry Christmas Marketplace (Port Moody Arts Centre 2425 St. Johns Street)

<https://pomoarts.ca/artists/peacock-adrienne>





Recycle Ricky Reports

By Peter Boekhout

What do a mattress, a dishwasher, Styrofoam blocks, and wood boards with sharp nails have in common? They are all unacceptable items that were left at our Belcarra Ward this month!

Huge blocks of Styrofoam (maybe you know someone who bought a new TV or furniture?) have been clogging up both the Cardboard bin and the Household Garbage bin, despite the sign clearly stating "No Styrofoam". The bin for "Electronics" is NOT designed for large appliances! Also, did you realize that your bag of wine bottles could have been a donation to the CRAB bottle collection?

The person who shoved a metal rack into our Belcarra bin needs to give their head a shake... it had to be physically removed because it was jamming the compacter!



For those of you who are unaware (and hopefully are not just lazy neighbours) there is a Recycle Depot right on the Barnet Hwy that would gladly take all kinds of Styrofoam. There are also many "junk collectors" who would pick up your old appliances or furniture for a reasonable fee.



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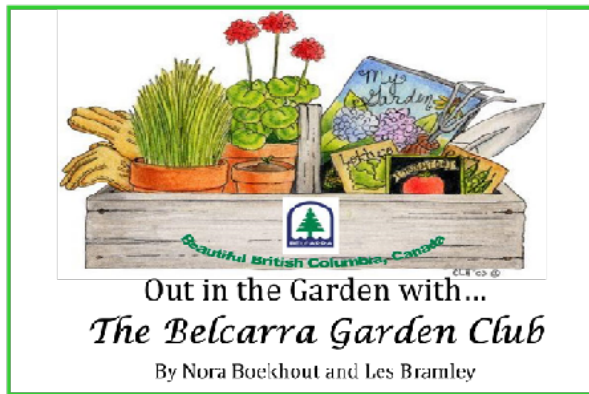
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For those large items, like piles of wood with sharp nails protruding, you really do have to make an effort to be a better community minded neighbour! If you lived in Port Moody, you certainly wouldn't leave those piles of wood on the curb, would you! You would get in your car and drive to the United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre. It's less than a half hour away!

So the next time you cheerfully gift yourself with some wonderful new item for your home, or do some home renovations, PLEASE include the price of having your old item taken to an APPROPRIATE facility or remind yourself that a short trip to the Recycle Depot or the Waste Centre is an important part of your purchase.

Stay tuned for Recycle Ricky's next report!



Bulbs to Grow for Christmas (by Nora)

Once your garden is packed away, your thoughts may be turning to those lovely flowers we see blooming at Christmas. Sorry to disappoint you, but if you didn't start in September/October, you will be too late to grow your own! For myself, I always preferred starting my Amaryllis in the New Year anyway. Christmas has enough action with all the decorations, lights, and poinsettias!

Here's an approximate timetable (for next year's bulb forcing!) from Almanac.com: 15 weeks + for crocus, iris reticulata, snowdrops, daffodils, tulips; 13 weeks + for hyacinths, muscari, scilla; 8 weeks + for amaryllis, paperwhites. <https://www.almanac.com/forcing-bulbs-indoors-winter-blooms>

On the other hand, you might be lucky to be gifted some started bulbs from Garden shops and wonder how to care for them.

Most of the bulbs (an exception is Amaryllis) appreciate a humid atmosphere, especially since our heated homes are often quite dry. Placing your pots or vases on trays filled with wet gravel is an option. Be careful that the base of the pot is not sitting in the water.

Bright light is a must but keep a check that the sun isn't burning the leaves. Also, don't let the leaves touch a cold window. Rotate your pots each day so that the stems are not bending towards the light. You may need to add supports if the stems are leggy. Do not place your pots in a drafty area or on top of a radiator. Careful- do not overwater!

People often wonder if these forced plants can be kept for another year. Be sure to keep the leaves healthy until they brown if you are planning to try this. These plants may need several years to recoup their energy before reblooming, so don't count on it! I have good success with my Amaryllis, however. After blooming, I replant them in large pots and fertilize throughout the summer. Then I dry them out along with my dahlia and begonia tubers. BTW, if you buy the fancy waxed Amaryllis bulbs, they are strictly a one-time plant.

Forcing branches is another topic to consider.

<https://www.almanac.com/forcing-branches-bloom-indoors>

There is an excellent chart on which are the best trees and shrubs for forcing indoors. Branches won't flower until they've had about 6 weeks of cold. Forsythias and witch hazels are popular to force in January to early February. Later on you can try eastern redbud, cherry, and red maples. By mid-to-late February, consider lilacs, honeysuckle, willows, and magnolias.

This is just a "quick look" into Christmas bulb care, so be sure to check out more detailed information online for your specific plants!

More links and article available on our webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>

Kid's Space

Jolabokaflod, or "Christmas Book Flood" in English, is the Icelandic tradition of giving and unwrapping new books on Christmas Eve, cozying up with family, and reading into the night.

Jolabokaflod has a rich history in Iceland, dating back to World War II when paper was one of the only commodities not rationed. Books were shared at Christmas with abundance and extra love, as other gifts were in short supply. Today, the tradition still stands: this "book flood" is responsible for most of Iceland's book purchases for the entire year.



VINTAGE PAPER ORNAMENTS

To make, draw ornament shapes onto card stock and cut them out. Decorate to your liking with glitzy pipe cleaners, snowflake cut-outs, paint, drawing... Finally, punch a hole in the top and add a ribbon. Festive ornaments to hang!

Templates for ornament shapes:

[<https://hmg-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/files/ghk-3dornament-templates-1607446670.pdf>]

Craft Ideas and photos from [goodhousekeeping.com](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com)

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Stock up on small and large craft sticks, then have the kids paint them three different shades of green. Glue the sticks to a 12" foam wreath, overlapping and mixing the shades of green as you go.

A red ribbon finishes the look.

The 2022 Santa's Christmas Ships schedule has been released! For the past 31 years since 1991, the Christmas Ships have been parading brightly lit vessels to spread holiday cheer throughout the Burrard Inlet.

The annual Santa's Christmas Ships flotilla will be arriving in Belcarra Bay Saturday, December 17th. Anticipated arrival into Belcarra Bay will begin approximately 7:15 pm with Santa and his trusty SAR elves (volunteer crew from Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue) docking at the Belcarra pier approx. 7:30 pm. Ashore, children will meet and greet Santa and have an opportunity to sign his Great Book, receive a Christmas treat and a photo op with Santa. Then, let the light show from Boulder Island begin!

CRAB is pleased to co-sponsor this event which is always enjoyed by many and, as is the usual custom, will serve hot chocolate to keep your bellies warm.

Please show your support to Santa and his Christmas Ships and the RCMSAR by blinking your porch lights and sounding the horns!

We wish everyone in the village and your families a bright and warm holiday season.



Lights at Lafarge

Nightly at Lafarge Lake in Town Centre Park
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Coffee Nog

(Makes about 10 cups or 2.5 L)

By Bonni Marshall

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsps. Instant coffee granules
- 2 Tbsps. Boiling water
- 8 1/4 cups Eggnog
- 1/3 cup Brown sugar (packed)
- 1/4 tsp. Ground cinnamon
- 1 cup of Kahlua or Tia Maria liqueur

Topping:

- 1 cup Whipping cream
- 1 Tbsp. Granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. Vanilla
- Nutmeg, sprinkle

Directions:

In a large bowl stir coffee granules into boiling water.

Add eggnog, brown sugar and cinnamon. Beat to dissolve sugar.

Stir in Kahlua (or whatever coffee liqueur you're using).

Pour into a punch bowl.

Topping:

Beat whipping cream, sugar and vanilla until thick and spoon over the top.

Sprinkle whipped cream with nutmeg.

TIP: If you want to keep the Coffee Nog cold, but not dilute the flavour, you can use coffee cubes. Just brew some coffee (or use instant coffee if preferred). Then cool the coffee and pour into ice-cube trays & freeze. Put the cubes in the punch bowl, or in individual glasses.

Salted Chocolate Caramel Bars

(Canadian House and Home)

These bars deliver a decadent contrast of delicate shortbread and chewy caramel under a roof of bitter salted chocolate.

Ingredients

Crust

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, cold, diced

Caramel and chocolate

- 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 tbsp corn syrup
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Coarse sea salt, to taste

Directions

Yield: Makes 16 bars

1. Lightly grease a 9" by 9" baking pan. Line with parchment paper. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. To make crust, combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Mix with a pastry blender until it resembles coarse crumbs. Press evenly into pan. Bake until lightly brown at edges, 15 to 18 minutes. Remove from oven.
3. To make caramel, combine condensed milk, sugar, butter and syrup in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring. When it comes to a boil, cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Pour over crust. Tilt baking pan to spread evenly. Cool completely.
4. Melt chocolate in heatproof bowl fitted over a pan of gently simmering water, stirring until smooth. Pour melted chocolate over caramel. Spread evenly. Sprinkle with sea salt. Cool completely. Cut into 2" squares. Store in airtight container in cool spot up to 1 week



Barbara Shelly Studio Exhibition

Barbara Shelly welcomes guests to visit the studio exhibition until December 24th.

Please call ahead to make sure Barbara is present when you plan your visit.

3440 Marine Avenue, Belcarra
Entrance at top of driveway beside carport
604-936-8495

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



ALTERATIONS



I've yet to meet a challenge too difficult, so don't be afraid to drop by to see if I can help with fitting or stylistic details that need a revamp!

I'm usually in the studio from 9-5, and can be available evenings and weekends.

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- 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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