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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

Thank you for your continuing support of your local newspaper. Please keep sending us your photographs and articles.

We will be taking a break in January. Our first issue of 2024 will be at the bus stops at the beginning of February. If you have something to contribute for the February issue, please send it to us by January 20.

To our contributors, volunteers and readers — a Happy Holiday Season and Joyous New Year!

See you in February!

Dayna Fitz, Editor
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To ask questions while watching livestream, please email prichardson@belcarra.ca. Your questions will be read at the appropriate time in the meeting.

Please check the Village website for more information www.belcarra.ca

IMPORTANT DATES**DECEMBER 2023**

- 4 Regular Council Meeting
- 7 CRAB AGM and Holiday Social
- 7 Hanukkah begins
- 12 New Moon
- 15 Hanukkah ends
- 16 Santa in the Park (Santa Ships)
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

**JANUARY 2024**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 11 New Moon
- 14 Orthodox New Year
- 22 Regular Council Meeting
- 25 Full Moon

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COVER

Our cover photo features the new welcome totem pole at təmtəmíxwtən/ Belcarra Regional Park. Totem poles can be placed at the edge of a saltwater beach to welcome guests to the community.

Do send your favourite local photos and artwork to the Barnacle. It is a pleasure to share them.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

In November we had another beautiful and touching Remembrance Day ceremony in the park with the placing of wreaths on the water and participation from veterans and members of our SVFD.

There was the CRAB-hosted Winter Market and Fair — an opportunity to see the products of Belcarra and Anmore's talented authors, artists and artisans.

Sadly, with the passing of Diana Drake, we have lost a good friend to our community. She will be missed. On behalf of our Council, staff, and Village, I extend our deepest sympathy to Bruce and family — Jol, Anna, and Emily.

Here are the Council meeting highlights since my last update.

Council Meeting, November 6, 2023

Council supported an application by the Evangelical Layman's Church to process a development application pending the completion of additional work and consultation with other groups, including the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation.

Council referred Schedule A, of the Official Community (OCP) Bylaw No. 615, 2023, back to the OCP Committee for further review.

A repair recommended by WSP to the Senkler Road bridge was approved by Council.

Council defeated a recommendation to purchase and install a new seismic sensor for the Tatlow Station.

Council proceeded with the notification requirement for the adoption of Council Procedure Bylaw No. 617, 2023.

Council Meeting, November 20, 2023

Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant, presented a staff report regarding Village of Belcarra Municipal Policies and Procedures, Policy No. 227. Council requested "that staff provide a report including further detail on a policies and procedures policy which includes examples and outlines the foundation of the differences legislatively within the Community Charter or similar legislation."

Stewart Novak provided a written report and answered Council questions on Public Works operations. He highlighted the following: the internal empty tank inspection of the Tatlow Reservoir is scheduled for spring 2024 and will include required maintenance and repair; the geotechnical investigation of Marine Avenue is complete and a report is pending; the surveying work, as part of the Kelly Road and Bedwell Bay Road upgrade project is complete and a report is pending; and new culvert and catch basins were installed in the 3600 block of Bedwell Bay Road.

Council supported a budget for the development of a privacy management program and related training.

On the recommendation of staff, Council read for a first, second, and third time the Public Notice Bylaw No. 618, 2023.

Council Meeting, December 4, 2023

KPMG presented the Audit Planning Report for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Council read a first and second time without amendment a Council Indemnity Increase. A Fire Suppression System for Belcarra Municipal Hall was received into the record for information. The Trustees to the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Board of Trustees were appointed.

Blasting Regulation Bylaw No. 619, 2023 was read a first and second time.

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Council amended the Bylaw to add time limits on a blasting project. The amendment will be written into the Bylaw before the third reading.

The CAO reported that staff are training on the use of the Alertable Emergency Notification system and it will be in full service in the near future. Please watch the website and resident/owner email notification for further details on signing up for emergency alerts for the Village. If you require assistance, please call the office and staff will try to assist.

More details, and a recording of these meetings, are available on the Village website [www.belcarra.ca].

The Finance Standing Committee met in early December. Our work to finish up the calendar year is complete and our plans for January are well underway. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Santa Ships and Light Show in the park.

Happy Holidays!

Jamie Ross



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Obituary

Diana Joan
DRAKE

May 20, 1951 -
November 8, 2023

Diana Joan Drake of Belcarra, British Columbia passed away on November 8, 2023 at McKenney Creek Hospice in Maple Ridge, BC.

Diana was born on May 20, 1951 to Evelyn Irene Kenward and Kenneth George Kenward in Woodbridge, East Suffolk, United Kingdom. As a young child, she emigrated to British Columbia with her family.

Diana attended Simon Fraser University earning a BA ('73) with combined majors in History and English Literature. She married Bruce Drake on August 10, 1974 and they had three children: Jolyon (Jol) Kenneth Wilson, Anna Evelyn Gray, and Emily Diana Margaret. A loving and kind wife, mother, and grandmother, Diana had a lifelong interest in literature and the world of imagination and stories, particularly for children. She could find magic in our community of Belcarra as well as in later travel to global locations steeped in history. She partnered with three friends to write and publish a local community history and, during the COVID period, completed a pair of children's adventure stories based in the areas of Belcarra, Deep Cove, and Indian Arm/səlilwət: where she raised her family and lived for over four decades.

Diana is survived by her husband Bruce; children Jolyon, Anna, and Emily; grandchildren Chelsea, Owen, and Ruben; siblings John Kenneth Kenward, David Victor Kenward, and Peter George Kenward; globally distributed nieces and nephews, especially Elizabeth (Beth) Norton, and lifelong friend Dana Coukell. She was preceded in death by her parents Kenneth and Evelyn Kenward and her beloved grandson Samuel Marcos Valdez Drake.

Per Diana's request there will be no formal ceremony. She asked that her family scatter her ashes in the ocean "as it touches on all the world", with a portion being placed "between forest and sea" for those of us wishing to have a site to visit.

Donations may be made to The Cure Starts Now in the name of Sammy Valdez Drake:

<https://donate2csn.org/SammyVD>

and to: bccancerfoundation.com

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Vancouver Sun and *The Province*



Salty Science: Rowing for the Ocean

By Isabelle Côté

By the time you read this, I will be somewhere in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean!

I am writing this from La Gomera, in the Canary Islands, nine days before the start of the race that will have me and three other women marine biologists row 5,000 km, unsupported, across the Atlantic to Antigua in the Caribbean.



It's been a nearly three-year journey to get to this point and we cannot wait to hop on Emma – our trustworthy ocean rowing boat – and leave land behind. Before then, we still have a bit of work to do. Two days ago, we had our final inspection, which entailed pulling out all the gear and food we are taking with us. We passed with flying colours (of course!). One final confirmatory row in the next few days to test all of our systems and we will be ready to go on the 12th of December!

After that, we will be rowing on a two hours on/two hours off schedule, around the clock, with our bodies eventually adapting to the physical exertion and broken sleep. We will be enjoying dehydrated meals and endless snacks to make up the 4,500 calories a day we need and will be wishing for a little more privacy when using the 'honey bucket'! We're looking forward to spectacular sunrises and sunsets, shooting stars on moonless nights, and bioluminescence that will make each oar stroke glitter. As the four of us are marine biologists, we will be particularly excited to encounter all manner of offshore animals (think whales, sharks, marlins and ocean sunfishes). Of course, there will undoubtedly be moments when we will wonder why we ever decided to do this...

A few days from the start of the race, we are still a little short of our ambitious goal of raising \$500,000 for marine conservation, so if you wish to help us by donating any amount or sponsoring a mile, thank you! All donations are eligible for Canadian or US tax receipts. Please check our website: www.saltyscience.org.



Stories From The Archives**Port Moody & C.P.R. Land Entitlement**

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, November 2023.

Source: The Port Moody Gazette, Saturday, January 12, 1884, page 2.

"Those people who have been most bitterly opposed to this city [Port Moody], and its progress as likely to detract from the importance of the present capital [Victoria], are now, by the unfailing argument of facts, compelled to accept the position and begin to argue on the amount of foreshore the Canadian Pacific Railway company will be entitled to, as laid-down in the Act passed in their behalf. [emphasis added] It is argued by some that the right to land as belonging to the railway belt, ends with the line, so that the company cannot interfere with the land below the wharf at this port."

"Others insist that the title to the land will extend twenty miles in front of the terminus, and that, consequently, the company will be entitled to claim all lands unoccupied when the route was declared in 1878, which would extend their limit to the Fraser [River]. These people go still further and insist that the company will lay claim to the foreshore, all round our port, upon which they will build their railway to encircle the harbour. This we can hardly think will be the case."

"It is true that all the foreshore between the high and low water marks belongs to the Admiralty [the Crown], and the rights of the latter have evidently been conveyed to the company by section (a) of the eighteenth clause of the Act [1879 Consolidated Railway Act, as amended in 1881], which reads thus: 'The company shall have the right to take, use and hold, the beach and land below the high water mark, in any stream, lake, navigable water, gulf or sea, in so far as the same can be vested in the Crown, to such extent as shall be required by the company for its railway and other works, and shall be exhibited by map or plan thereof deposited in the office of the Minister of Railways.'

"We need hardly say that a very great interest was shown by the surveyors, not only in the [tidal] flats which were carefully measured and staked, but in the foreshores all the way down our port. Of course, the Crown will take all that may be required for fortifications and arsenal if it be decided to place one in Port Moody; but exclusive of such requirements, the company will take all that they can in fairness."

"The entire frontages round this port will all be immensely valuable, and if the company did take the foreshore, the proprietors of the adjacent lands would not lose anything; as, so far from loss they would really be the gainers by the increased value of the land abutting upon the railway wharves."

"We have previously pointed-out that the great majority of the vessels entering Port Moody will be large steamers, and owing to the great value of the time of such vessels and their heavy expenses, each company must have a wharf to themselves in order to secure every facility for discharging and unloading. It will be seen from this, that every inch of frontage from the sea wall, by which they will reclaim the [tidal] flats."

"It was stated some time ago, that they [CPR] intended to place three lines of steamers on the routes, probably, to Australia, New Zealand and China, the moment the through [railway] line is in running order, and this we think is very probable. It must be remembered that our brethren in the eastern provinces manufacture many articles that command a ready sale in the countries above mentioned."

"It is well-known that Americans buy Canadian goods and sell them in the above-named markets as their own productions. It must also be patent [obvious] to everyone who takes an interest in our railway, that we shall be able to lay our manufacturers down in those ports cheaper than the Americans, because the rates for railway and ship will be much less, the handling less, and the time from manufacturer to the market less, hence a considerable saving.

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It will, therefore, be seen that steamers owned by the company [CPR] would not only be profitable to the corporation, but of great advantage to the Canadian people, for whom they will provide and retain the markets against all competitors."



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Look Up to See — Jupiter and the Moon

According to NationalGeographic.com, there are nine "spectacular" night sky events to look forward to in 2024.

First up is on January 18 — Jupiter will appear alongside a glowing half-moon.

"If you miss the January pairing, don't worry, as Jupiter and the moon will meet again in the sky on February 14, March 13, and April 10 in a series of conjunctions that follow the moon's monthly cycles around the Earth. Each pairing will be unique in its own right, with the moon presenting itself in various phases and orientations next to the Jovian giant. Train binoculars on Jupiter to spy its own retinue of four large moons lined up beside it."

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WINE, WINE, WINE

By Clive Evans

The science and art of wine is ever evolving, almost as much as the increase in appreciation and expansion of the industry throughout the world. Many people have incredible knowledge about wine from the growing, harvesting, production, and appreciation. There are many more who profess to have great knowledge of the grape and probably even more who just enjoy the product.

A few of us in The Village enjoy making wine, from buying the grapes to consumption, with varying degrees of knowledge and experience. A frequent comment from our local winemakers, after we have purchased wine at varying prices in a store or restaurant, is that they are not necessarily as good as or any better than those that we produce. If you read the comments of wine gurus in the press describing the wide variety of flavours in a wine, you may get a feeling of inadequacy. No matter your knowledge in choosing a wine, you might consider a comment by the BC Amateur Wine Association's chief judge as he ends our tasting sessions with "it is not what I like it is what you like".

What is your favourite wine varietal? I was introduced to Malbec just a few years ago and have been a fan ever since. My first taste was from an Argentinean winery and at that time you could get an acceptable bottle for between nine and thirteen dollars. I have made Malbec from grapes for the last few years and have very much enjoyed each result. I am given to understand that the prices in the LCB (Liquor Control Board) have risen according to the increased popularity of this and other wines from the far south.

Have you experimented with blended wines? One popular blend is Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. I have difficulty in attempting to blend a varietal, although it has turned out to be very satisfying. One of our former local wine makers with more cooking experience than I does an excellent job of blending. After one local wine seminar, I was convinced to blend a Cabernet Sauvignon with 2% of Petit Verdot and a Zinfandel with 10% of Petit Syrah with great results. Not ever considering these blended wines as drinking wine, I found a Petit Syrah by Girard from the Napa Valley on the list on my last night in Waikiki this last January. It was superb, but then at \$60 a bottle it had better be.

Do you have a wine to recommend?



From the Archives of the Barnacle

On the facing page (page 11) is an article about the Belcarra Winemakers Club originally published in the December 2003 Barnacle (Vol.24, Issue No. 10). This month's Wine, Wine, Wine columnist, Clive Evans, has been a long time member of this club.

In the 20 years since the article was published, the membership has changed but their wines continue to be award winning!

Most recently, at the 2023 Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association (VAWA) annual competition, Belcarra's Liisa Wilder won a bronze medal in the Bordeaux Style category for her 2018 Merlot.



Belcarra Winemaking ~ “A Vintage Year”



Back row: Brendan Frith, Joe Kecskes, Gerrit van Staalduijn
Middle row: Frank Adriaensen, Walter Frith, Tony Mikes
Front row: Norm Arnason, Bram Vandenberg, Clive Evans
Missing: Wayne Porter, Ken Shaw

Just over a year ago, 11 local winemakers, at **Walter Frith's** and **Tony Mikes'** prompting, got together to form the “**Belcarra Winemakers Club**” and became members of the B.C. Amateur Winemakers Association.

Some have been making wines in their basements and garages as a hobby for years, others are just beginners, and they now make some wines jointly to share equipment and reduce costs. They all wanted to increase their knowledge of the art and share information, and they were curious to see how their “home brew” stacked up against that of other vintners around the province.

Last February Walter and Tony entered some wines in the Chilliwack Invitational Competition and came home with 3 bronze medals. But how about the big city? Well, at Vinovan's 31st Annual Invitational Competition in North Vancouver on November 15th, they found out... Amongst 200 entrants, 3 members of our little club won bronze and silver medals (no gold medals were awarded at the competition).

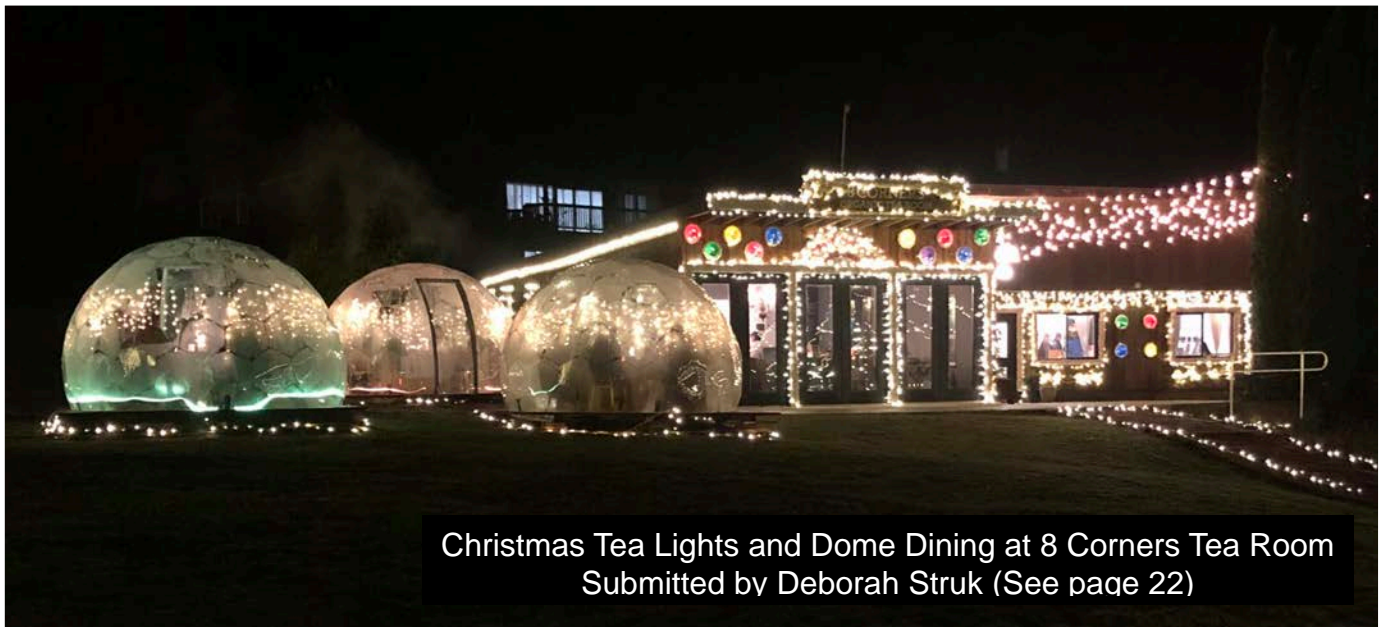
Gerrit Van Staalduijn and **Tony Mikes** won bronzes for their Ruby Cabernet and Lemberger wines, and **Joe Kecskes** walked off with a silver and the coveted trophy for the best Chardonnay at the competition. Congratulations, guys! Well done!

They make their wine the old-fashioned way from fresh juice or grapes; u-brews and kits are a “no-no”. Although they don't do any foot-stomping, they follow age-old traditional methods. This year the club is experimenting with a “whole berry” (not crushed) wine, which involved plucking 1000 lbs. of grapes off the stems by hand. It took two days. Now that's dedication!

Their friends and families sometimes get a little tired of hearing about *specific gravity*, *cab savs*, *zins*, *oaking* and *malolactic fermentation*, but they are enthusiastic about the results! They are gradually becoming “oenophiles” (or is it winos?) and, of course, they all feel Belcarra wines are equal to or even better than those available on the market.

Cheers!
Rita Kecskes

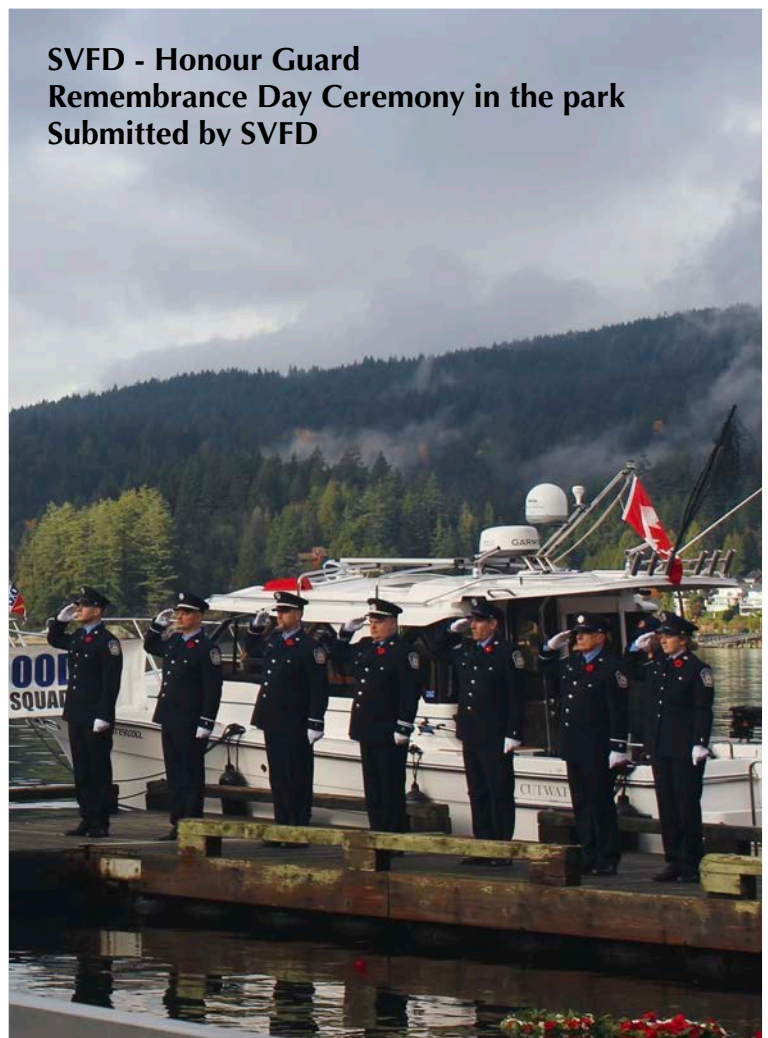




Christmas Tea Lights and Dome Dining at 8 Corners Tea Room
Submitted by Deborah Struk (See page 22)



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VILLAGE NEWS

CRAB Annual General Meeting and Holiday Social



CRAB Directors (L-R): Sue Brain, Liisa Wilder (Treasurer), Andrea Jauck, Penny Moen (President), Deborah Struk, Jim Chisholm, Dayna Fitz (Secretary)



It was a party! Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a fun night. We added a couple of new directors — welcome Andrea and Sue! We reviewed 2023 events, CRAB finances, and looked towards 2024.

Special thanks to our volunteers Cathy Fong, Deneige Davis, Sue Brain, Lyle Mills, Penny Moen, Deborah Struk, Liisa Wilder, and Betty Lewendon. The night was festive, the food looked like art, the drinks were plentiful, and the Village hall sparkled when you were done.



Photos by
Cathy Fong





CRAB Corner

By Penny Moen

CRAB is happy to report that we had a great year.

Our Easter pancake breakfast was a wonderful event and kids enjoyed hunting for eggs in the park. Pub night sold out and the chicken dinner was delicious. Belcarra Day was a beautiful sunny day and kids and adults enjoyed the hot dogs, games, pets (furry and not so furry), and fun. There was a big turnout to Ralph Drew's history talk to hear about Belcarra's extensive history. Lots of people came to the Potluck in the Park in September which was a great time to share recipes and visit with neighbours. Lots of little trick or treaters came to get their treats and play games at the Halloween kids party. The fireworks display on Halloween night was fantastic and the addition of music really elevated the experience. We hosted our local artists, authors, and crafts people for a winter market and fair. And what a great turnout to our CRAB Annual General Meeting! It is wonderful to see our neighbours participating in the community of Belcarra.

On December 16 Santa will be coming to Belcarra Park. Please come out to the park and enjoy the Carol ships and fireworks. CRAB will be providing hot chocolate to help keep you warm.

We are looking forward to 2024 and providing opportunities for neighbours to come together and celebrate this great place and the people who live here. We have added two new Directors — welcome to Andrea Jauck and Sue Brain.

All of us at CRAB wish all of you a happy and safe holiday!



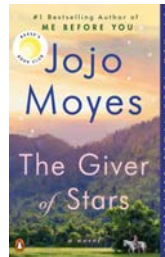
The Every by Dave Eggers

This is not the best written book, but wow did it make me think! A fictional, but very plausible look into the not too distant future — the impact of technology on people as we use it to 'improve our lives'. A fast, powerful read, guaranteed to generate interesting conversations. CB



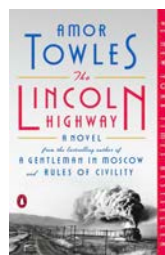
The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes

This is an historical fiction novel about pack horse librarians in a remote area of Kentucky set in Depression era America. It follows five extraordinary women and their journey on horseback through the mountains of Kentucky. Not only are their journeys treacherous, but it's also relevant that here are women working alone away from their husbands and families. Something we may take for granted, but the "independent woman" had an uphill battle against the backdrop of a male dominated world. CG



The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

Amor Towles is a very enjoyable author. His books are well written and captivating. I've enjoyed *A Gentleman in Moscow*, *Rules in Civility*, and now recommend *Lincoln Highway* as an amazing read. If you have a subscription to Audible, consider listening to this story as the narration is exceptional. A very well planned and executed book with lots of twists and turns, Amor Towles 'does it again' with this fine book. CM





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WINTER
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A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who collected for and donated to this year's Coats for Kids campaign - it was a huge success!

Two big boxes of warm winter wear have been donated to this worthy cause sponsored by HAVAN (Home Builders Association of Vancouver) in support of the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau.

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CANDY CANE LANE

December 8 - January 7

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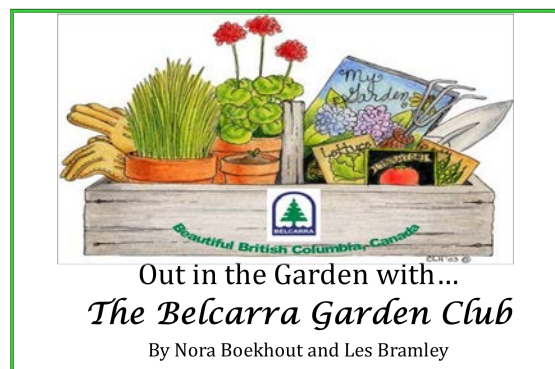
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& join in the holiday cheer!

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Access is from the Bedwell Bay Road gate near Midden.
The gate will be opened at 7 PM and promptly locked again at 9 PM.



Christmas Cactus Mystery by Nora B.

Have you ever wondered why the “Christmas Cactus” you bought last year doesn’t seem to follow the December calendar? I used to think that mine were just a little bit oddball as they consistently start blooming in early November. I finally ended up calling them my “birthday cactus” instead! Of course, the ones in the garden shops are always in colourful array in time for Christmas hostess gifts. (Spoiler... I just bought a little one that is yellow-orange! A new colour for me!)

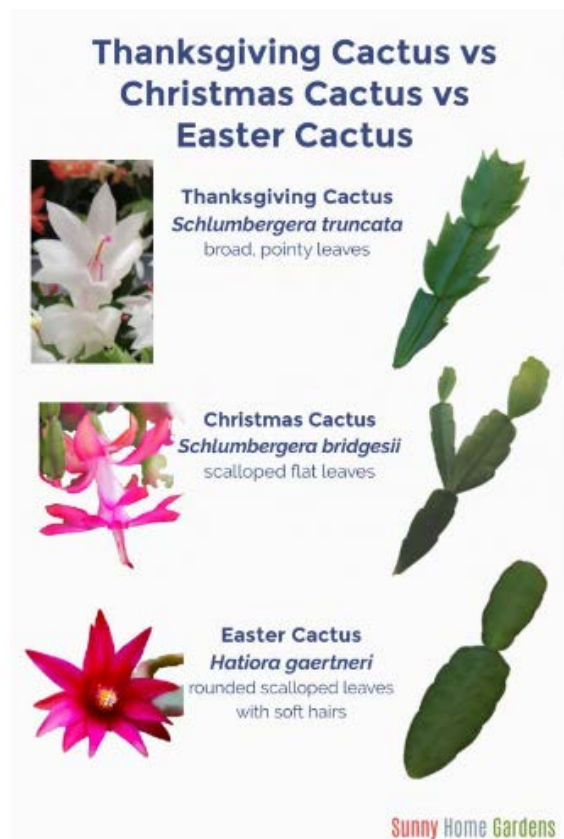
Guess what... I eventually discovered that my cacti are also known as “Thanksgiving Cactus” (American holiday calendar) (*Schlumbergera truncata*) and the “real Christmas Cactus” (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*) is different.

Take a look at the tips of the cactus “leaves”. Thanksgiving cacti have “claws” at the tips and Christmas cacti have rounded tips. The Thanksgiving cactus has flowers that bloom outwards and the Christmas cactus has blooms that face down. However, with today’s gardening genetic manipulation, there are hybrids in the mix as well.



BTW, there is also an “Easter cactus” (*Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri*), which blooms in late winter and spring!

Two years ago I bought a little Christmas cactus in the summer, just to see what might happen. We were delighted at the beautiful blooms (at Christmas!) which were quite different than all my others. Last year I was disappointed as no blooms appeared. I read up on it, and it seems that a cold period of a month is needed to encourage blooming. My little plant has spent November in a cool, protected area and I brought it upstairs December 1st. However, after writing this article and looking for good images, I actually think that I have an Easter cactus after all! Oh dear! Wish me luck because I just hope that it blooms once again, whatever it turns out to be!



To read more about these three types of cacti, check out our BGC blog! I have included some interesting links with great photos. See if you can identify your own special plants!

tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85



Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

A thrill of hope
The weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
A new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born

Yes, the world can rejoice even though there is much to be weary about. A little baby?! The angels rejoiced! They knew He wasn't an ordinary baby.

King Herod knew too, hence he wanted him killed. Why would a king want a baby killed? The Old Testament foretold about this King who would be born in Bethlehem. It foretold of the One who would teach, be an example, die, and rise again; King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The One who's Kingdom never ends. The One who will overthrow evil. The enemy still cringes. The name above all names, Jesus or as some call Him, Yeshua.

Ah yes, the thrill of hope. Let every heart prepare Him room. His love and redemption is the best gift. He came to give abundant life.

Let every heart prepare Him room. He loves you. Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Here are links from two local churches with a lot to offer this Christmas season.

<https://www.cachristmas.ca/>

<https://www.inletunited.ca/events/inlet-united-church-christmas-services/2023-12-21>

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Ralph Drew - Author - www.ralphdrew.ca

Tammy McCormick - Artist - mccormickmakes.ca

Devon Mitten - Buildable Fidgets - legitbuildables.com

Adrienne Peacock - Artist - *Instagram* peacock.adrienne

Janet Ruzyski - Jewellery Maker

Barbara Shelly - Textile Artist - bshelly@shaw.ca

Pascal Teste - Furniture Maker - www.pascaltestefurniture.com

CRAB would like to hear from you! Let us know if you enjoyed the market and if you have any suggestions for future markets.

Please email us at
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Belcarra South Cottages Repeal of Heritage Designation

By Dayna Fitz

On November 7, Port Moody Council approved third reading and adoption of a bylaw that repeals the heritage designation granted in 2015 to six of the seven cottages that are in the southern part of təmtəmíxwtən/Belcarra Regional Park (Belcarra South Cottages). The Bole House, the seventh cottage, is not included in the repeal.

Further, a motion was carried for Port Moody staff to investigate ways “to ensure that the historical record and archival information of the Belcarra South Cottages are retained in the heritage register and by the historical society”.

The heritage designation was part of an effort to preserve the cottages, that had been built in the early 20th century as summer homes for family members of New Westminster judge and MLA, William Norman Bole.

In March 2023, Tsleil-Waututh Nation requested Port Moody rescind the protection of the cottages under the heritage designation bylaw in recognition of the environmental and cultural importance of the area.

On October 10, 2023, Port Moody Council agreed to begin the process of repealing the heritage designation of the six cottages.



Thank you Savita and Landon!

Great-grandparents John and LaVaun Willms are very proud of Savita and Landon for raising \$1170 for the BC Children's Hospital. The kids raised funds by renting parking spaces during Golden Spike Days.

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

- Iran's Yalda festival marks the day when Mithra, an angel of light, was thought to have been born.
- China's Dōngzhì festival celebrates when winter's darkness begins to give way to light. Families observe this time with special foods, such as rice balls known as tang yuan.
- Scandinavians (people who live in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden) gather for Juul, or Yule, a multi-day feast when ancient people would welcome the return of the sun god.
- In Britain, some people still observe the ancient tradition of cutting mistletoe, which is considered a sacred plant with healing properties.

Adapted for Nat Geo Kids by Christine Dell'Amore. Original article by Brian Handwerk.

Squash, Apple and Pecan Casserole

By Bonni Marshall

Ingredients:

- 4 Acorn Squash (approx. 8 cups of mashed squash)
- 2 Granny Smith Apples (optional)
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 tps. salt

Optional: Add a little Poudre Douce type spice, or some cinnamon & nutmeg.

Pecan Topping:

1/4 cup butter
 1/2 cup brown sugar (packed)
 1/4 cup All-purpose flour
 1/2 cup chopped pecans (if you don't have pecans, you can substitute walnuts)

Cut squash in half lengthwise. Discard seeds. Place cut side down on greased baking sheet with sides. Bake uncovered in 350 F. oven for about 50 minutes, until tender. Cool until you can handle. Scoop out pulp into saucepan.

Mash pulp with butter, egg, salt (and other spices if using). Mash with a fork for coarser texture, or food processor for smoother texture. Turn into 3 quart (3 L) non-greased casserole dish.

If you are using the apples, you can either bake them in the oven with the squash, and then mash them and stir them into the squash pulp; or you can slice them thinly and put half the mashed squash in the casserole dish, layer the sliced apples on top, and then cover the apples with the balance of the mashed squash.

Directions for Pecan Topping:

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in sugar, flour and pecans. Sprinkle over top of casserole. Bake, uncovered in 350 F. oven for about 30 minutes.

This casserole feeds about 16 and I usually make it in a lasagne type pan.

Holiday Event at 8 Corners Tea Room

By Deborah Struk

As a Belcarra resident who tries to venture out to the tea house every couple of months, I decided one afternoon visit to 'stay a while' by the ocean. Since darkness sets in earlier now it allowed me to experience the amazing holiday event at 8 Corners. I stayed later and experienced beautiful lights, a peppermint hot chocolate, and exquisite pizza. Sadly, because of Metro Vancouver rules, Belcarra residents cannot book this experience and simply drive in to the tea house. I would love to experience the fine dining in the domes, but logistically driving to Port Moody to take the boat out and back does not make sense for me.

It was a delightful evening, definitely a holiday destination.

For more information:

<https://www.tricitynews.com/local-news/this-new-holiday-event-includes-a-boat-ride-from-port-moodys-rocky-point-park-7810395>

www.8corners.ca



Deborah's photo of the Tea Lights and Dome Dining holiday event is on page 12.

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