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THE BELCARRA BARNACLE

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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to your community paper!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Barnacle this month. We appreciate your words, opinions, photos, and help. We hope you continue to send us submissions and that you will encourage others to pick up a pen or take to their keyboard.

Belcarra Day is on June 9. Please forward any pictures you take at this fun event. The front and back pages of the July issue will be all about Belcarra Day.

Happy summer everyone!

Dayna Fitz, Editor
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IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

- 2 SVFA Car Wash - Anmore (10 am)
- 3 World Bicycle Day
- 3 Regular Council Meeting
- 6 New Moon
- 9 Belcarra Day (10 am to 2 pm)
- 16 Father's Day
- 17 Regular Council Meeting
- 20 Summer Solstice
- 21 National Indigenous People's Day
- 21 Full (Strawberry) Moon
- 27 Summer Vacation for SD43

COVER PHOTO

On our cover is a photo of a beautiful path in the woods around Belcarra. The photo and haiku are by Corinna Goodman.

Go walk in the woods
Hear birds sing, watch the trees sway
Alone, peace, quiet ...

Do keep sending us your favourite local photos and artwork. It is a pleasure to share them.

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National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada.



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Notes from the May Council Meetings

This summary of May Council meetings is provided by the Editor. Please be sure to visit the Village website www.belcarra.ca for more details and recordings of these meetings.

Council Meeting of May 6

Council directed staff to explore an encroachment policy for the municipal lands within the boundaries of the Village of Belcarra to deal with existing encroachments and/or all private use of municipal lands.

Council approved an expenditure of an additional \$7,750 for next steps in the disposition of road ends.

Paula Richardson, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a report on Belcarra Day 2024. Village of Belcarra 2023 costs for Belcarra Day was \$5,125. CRAB has again agreed to split the costs of Belcarra Day, not including staff time, up to \$2,000.

Council adopted the Village of Belcarra 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 625, 2024.

CAO reported on a Firesmart hands-on workshop for water access properties to take place on May 25 at Belcarra Regional Park.

Council Meeting of May 21

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) presented an update to Council. The VFPA does not anticipate any changes to the current moratorium on the licensing of docks in Bedwell Bay. Questions from the public were deferred to the end of the meeting at which time the questions were collected by the CAO and directed to the VFPA.

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) approved a \$25,000 grant in response to the Village of Belcarra's 2023 (spring) Asset Management Planning Program request.

Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant, reported on Comparative 2024 and 2023 Property Tax Levies.

The CAO reported that the Short-Term Rental Accommodation and Bed & Breakfast Accommodation Policy No. 210 was amended to increase the fine for operating without a valid Business License to \$3,000 per day, a provincially directed change. The Village of Belcarra Business Licence Bylaw No. 227, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 628, 2024 was read a first, second, and third time.

Council accepted a report from Stewart Novak, Public Works and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, regarding the purchase of a new tractor in 2025 rather than 2024. He recommended that the capital budget allocation of \$160,000 for a new tractor be moved forward to 2025; and that the capital budget for the new tractor be increased from \$160,000 to \$260,000 to account for price increases and the addition of a flail mower attachment. Funding will come from the general capital reserve fund.

Council approved a donation of \$300 to the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation.



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Removal of Seven Historic Cabins from Belcarra South

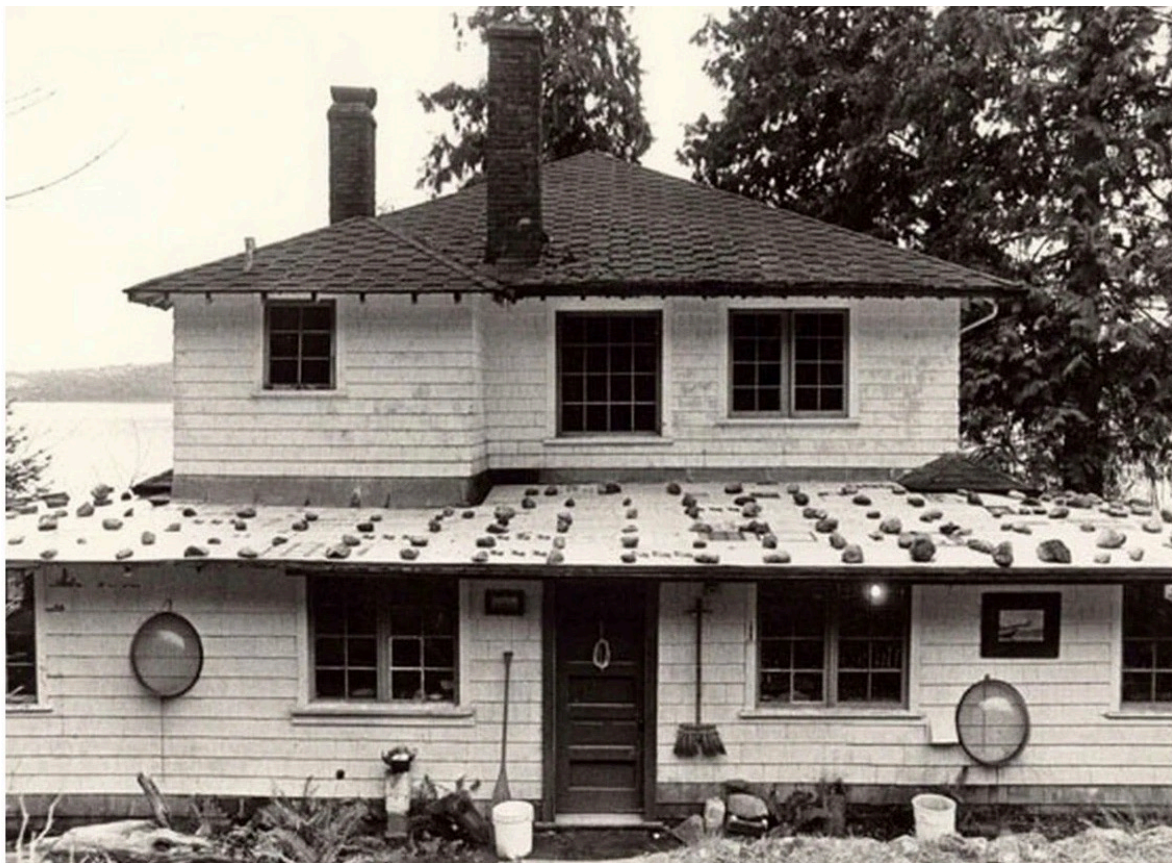
Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board has approved the removal of seven historic cabins in Belcarra South.

This is a change from the board approved plan in 2017, which included the retention of six cabins and the Bole House, in recognition of Port Moody's heritage designation of the buildings. One cabin located in the Village of Belcarra, not protected by heritage designation, was also retained in the 2017 plan.

In late 2023, at the request of the *səlilwətaɬ* (Tseil-Waututh) and after public consultation, Port Moody council rescinded the heritage designation for the six protected cabins. Only the Bole House retained a heritage designation.

A few months later, MVRD approved an amended plan for *təmtə́míxwtən*/Belcarra South which includes the removal of seven cabins (six protected plus one in Belcarra). The amended plan also allows for improvements to the existing road, new trail connections, the removal of invasive species, rehabilitation of an existing creek, improved beach access for the public, an open area for picnicking, and the addition of a small amphitheater. The Bole House will be retained and improved to allow for public and *səlilwətaɬ* (Tseil-Waututh) access and use. The seven cabins, described to be in poor condition, will be photo documented before removal.

The removal of the cabins is estimated to avoid approximately \$2.4 million in capital funding, which would have been required to upgrade the cabins, and \$85,000 per year in estimated annual maintenance expenses.



The Bole house was built between 1934 and 1942. John Percy Hampton Bole (1882-1966) was a war veteran and lawyer, and in the 1930s retired with his wife, Norah Kathleen, to the property. Photo: Belcarra South Preservation Society

Be Aware, Care, and Share

"Please be aware, share, and report, and most importantly, be safe" ended a recent email from CRAB's Liisa Wilder.

She was notifying the community of reports of suspicious activity and attempted (and successful) breaking and entering of property and vehicles all over Belcarra in the early hours of Wednesday, May 22.

Residents shared on the Belcarra Together Facebook page their videos of suspicious activity caught on ring cams between 1:05 am (Belcarra Bay Road) and 1:35 am (Main Avenue). RCMP were called to the village to investigate. The RCMP investigation is ongoing and they have asked the community to continue to forward any video or still photos from that night. If you or a neighbour was a victim, please report it to the RCMP non-emergency number: 604-945-1550.

In addition to house and vehicle mischief, residents have reported late night visitors to their docks. There was a report of breaking into a boat to steal tools and a report of strangers cruising by on the water late at night using flashlights to look for opportunities.

All of this serves as a reminder that we can improve the safety of our community by getting connected, paying attention to what is going on, and reporting any criminal or suspicious activity to the RCMP.

To My Community

By Penny Moen

Can I tell you how proud I am that we live in a community, not just a village! Our recent unwanted visitors have sparked a great deal of communication between our residents. In speaking to RCMP Constable Shah, he commented on what a great community Belcarra is and that he really appreciates the friendly reception he gets when doing his patrols here.

SVFD's Newest Lieutenant

Congratulations to Joe Nicholas for being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the SVFD. Joe is currently away at RCMP headquarters in Regina training to be an officer. We hope he finds a place back here once he graduates. His Aunt Dayna and Uncle Klaus couldn't be prouder!



Pictured above with Chief Jay Sharpe (left) and Deputy Chief Mike Bolam (right).

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SASAMAT LAKE WEEKEND DISORDER

📅 May 14, 2024 » [Community Updates](#), [News](#), [News Releases](#)

FILE: 24-2092, 2096, 2099, 2100, 2114, 2117, 2120, 2121 – Port Moody Police were kept busy over the weekend responding to calls at Sasamat Lake involving weapons and alcohol.

On May 10, 2024, just before 7 p.m., police responded to a report of a youth who had been pepper sprayed at the main beach. Both the victim and suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival. Police also dealt with hundreds of intoxicated youths at closing time who blocked parts of Bedwell Bay Road – some attempted to hail rides from strangers. Police notified *Translink* who dispatched a large bus to the park to transport the youths out of the area.

On May 11, 2024, police were kept busy with traffic gridlock issues as well as impaired driving. At about 5:40 p.m., frontline officers were called to the lake for a report of a male youth who had been shot multiple times with a BB gun and then pepper sprayed. The victim was treated on scene and the investigation remains ongoing.

"It seems a lot of these calls for service involve alcohol and unsupervised youths" states Constable Sam Zacharias. "Though these issues are not new to the lake, we once again remind parkgoers to leave the alcohol at home, plan a safe ride home, and to pack their patience."



Port Moody Police will continue to increase patrols at the lake as weather permits.

Stories From the Archives —
Part 2: William George Pinder, BCLS

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, April 2024.

Source: Corporation of Land Surveyors of the Province of British Columbia, Report of Proceedings of the Thirty-Second Annual General Meeting, 1937, Victoria, BC, pages 62-63.

In May 1874, William George Pinder (1850–1936), BCLS, wrote a report describing his observations of the area while surveying the north and south shores of Port Moody Arm (See Part 1 – The 1874 Port Moody Survey). It was during that assignment that Pinder also surveyed John Hall's Crown Land pre-emption on the North Arm of Burrard Inlet — District Lot 229, today known as 'Belcarra'.

Pinder was born in London, England, in 1850, to Emily (*née* Trutch) and Captain George Rideout Pinder of the 2nd Madras Light Infantry. Pinder grew-up for a time in India as his father was there during the Indian Mutiny of 1857 but about 1860 Captain Pinder brought his son back to England on a troopship by the old sea route around the Cape of Good Hope. Pinder was educated at Blackheath Preparatory School, then at Corsham, a small medieval town in northwest Wiltshire, and later studied in Heidelberg in Germany. While there he made a walking tour with two fellow students through the Black Forest and Switzerland to Lake Como in Italy and back.

In 1871, he was given an appointment on the survey staff of the C.P.R., reporting to Sir Stanford Fleming in Ottawa, who sent him West to join a party organizing to start surveying a trail line for the proposed C.P.R. railway from Lytton to Shuswap Lake. At the end of the year, the party returned to Victoria to plot their field notes. Pinder's uncle, Sir Joseph Trutch, the Governor of the 'Crown

Colony of British Columbia', was also in Victoria at the time. In 1872, he worked as a leveler, and for four years was employed on trail lines and locations up the North Thompson to Albreda Lake and Tête Jaune Cache, and from Hope on the Fraser River, up the Coquihalla River to the Summit. Later, he was employed by the C.P.R. on trail lines from the head of Dean Channel up the Kimsquit River and Dean River. When construction of the C.P.R. railway was commenced at Yale in 1880, Pinder was appointed Assistant Engineer and spent two years on that assignment.

In addition to his railway work, Pinder was engaged on the 'International Boundary Survey' of the 49th parallel at Point Roberts; was employed on the construction of the 'E. & N. Railway' from Esquimalt to above the Malahat, and the extension from Esquimalt to Victoria. After the completion of the railroad, Pinder had charge, including location, of the line from Nanaimo to Comox in connection with the Dunsmuir Collieries. He was then in charge of this line for sixteen years after its completion.

After severing his connection with the Dunsmuir Collieries on Vancouver Island, he went into general practice as Engineer and Land Surveyor, doing work all over the province. He made surveys at Kitsalas Canyon in 1904 for the Lands and Works Department, and also at Fort Simpson, Work Channel, Portland Canal and Graham Island, and in the Northern Interior.

In 1876, he married Anne Marie Henrietta Devereux, daughter of Captain John Devereux the dockmaster at Esquimalt, and they had four children. Upon his retirement in 1923, he moved in with his son Frank and remained with him until his death in May 1936, at the age of eighty-six. Pinder was a member of the 'Canadian Society of Civil Engineers' and his name first appeared on the first published list of Provincial Land Surveyors in 1891. In January 1936, a peak formally known as 'Province Mountain' by The Province Exploring Expedition of 1894, was called 'Pinder Mountain' after William George Pinder, but in 1950 the name was changed to 'Pinder Peak'.



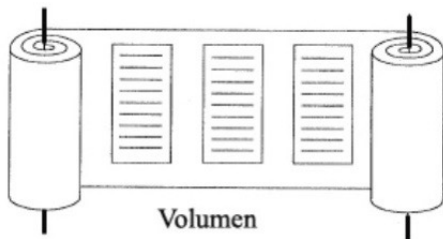
W. G. Pinder
(RBCMA I-78997)

On The Belcarra Reading Table

By Klaus Bever

The Belcarra Reading Table is a small table intended for a book and a cup of morning coffee or tea. The table is not intended for scrolls.

Scrolls are documents, instruments of record, in a rolled-up form. Scrolls are often large, heavy, and impractical for travellers. Scrolls are written in page format across their length.



Pages are rolled or unrolled as they are read. Referring back a few pages along the scroll length is easily done, referring back multiple pages is less practical. There are multiple solutions including the building of much longer tables to hold the scrolls or carrying multiple identical scrolls to cross reference. The solution that the Romans developed during their conquests of western Europe, was the codex.

The book in its modern form is a codex. A codex is a collection of rectangular leaves that are bound or held at one edge, usually the longer edge, and printed on both sides. The codex form is a more efficient use of paper and ink resources and became the standard form of record. Going from scroll to codex was a great improvement in permitting wider distribution of informations.

The introduction of the printing press some 1500 years later made the next enormous stride into popularizing reading and providing wider distribution of knowledge. While the codex form encouraged the accumulation of knowledge, and storing codices in libraries made information more widely available, it remained a costly labour-and-time-requiring process, that was largely unsuited to the needs of the increasingly mobile and inquisitive merchants of the Late Middle Ages.

In 1440, the Gutenberg press changed how quickly a page of information could be printed. This mechanized press could print 2000 copies of a page in about the same time that it took the same page to be hand copied. This made books much less expensive and within several decades made books widely available throughout western Europe. Ideas were then no longer confined to the elite and to clerics. Books were everywhere. Ideas were shared.

On the Belcarra Reading Table this month is *Straight Man* by Richard Russo (1997). It is an insightful novel of the interplay of social, political, and philosophical topics woven by a collection of diverse characters. The book is very funny and very clever on the nature of human interactions. Available in audio for those without a Belcarra Reading Table.



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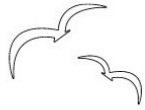
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Down by the Bay

by Clive Evans



Where the birds all sing and the flowers bloom,
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If you live on Main Avenue, chances are that you
have seen a bear in its underwear.

Well, not in the garden, but several reported
sightings of orcas and white-sided dolphins in
our area is extremely exciting. What an
amazing return of wildlife! Of course, the
resurgence of anchovies has attracted seals and
the larger predators.

I am always amazed at the foliage of the lenten
roses (hellebores) that provide a beautiful pink
colour in the garden as early as January and
continue to bloom even changing to green and
lasting into June.

This year seems to be special with the
proliferation of cherry, plum, and apple
blossoms as well as the wisteria, laburnum,
rhodos, azaleas, and kerria providing a glorious
array of colour. Snowdrops and bluebells have
also added to the palette. Kiwi fruit leaves are
starting to turn white and with this burst of warm
weather there is a proliferation in growth of
many plants in the garden, including the grass.

We have been sprinkling bird seed on our deck
handrail and enjoy watching our feathered
friends to and froing. Whilst the numbers
appearing are somewhat reduced at this time of
year with the odd Steller's jay, blackcap
chickadees, dark-eyed juncos, brown-headed
cowbirds, song, sulphur and white crowned
sparrows as well as house finches enjoying their
fill. Sure, the crows and squirrels muscle in now
and again, causing the spotted towhees etc. to
run for cover. The occasional Anna's and rufous
hummer buzzes by and a bald eagle is seen at its
favourite perch down by the bay this morning.

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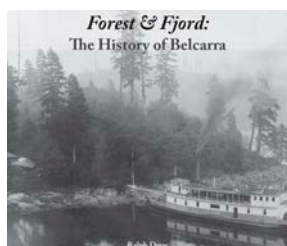
8 Corners Organic Tea Room on Camp Howdy Road, Belcarra, has donated gift packages featuring a selection of their speciality teas and olive oils. 8corners.ca



Thrifty Foods on Brew Street, Port Moody, has donated a gift basket.



Gabi & Jules on Clark Street, Port Moody, has donated a gift basket of some of their delicious treats. gabiandjules.com



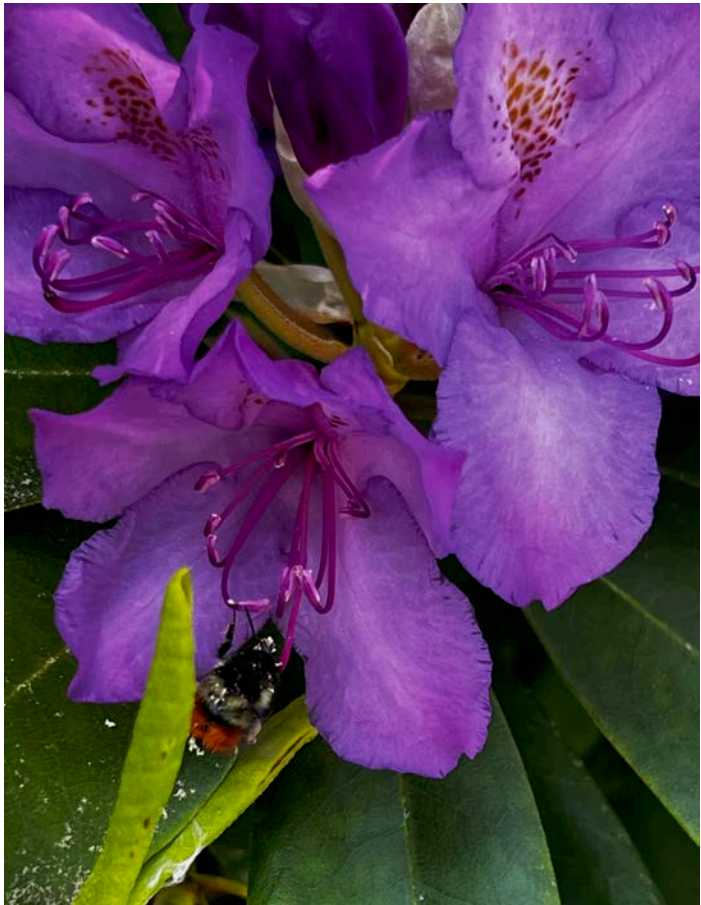
Local historian, Ralph Drew, has donated copies of his award winning book "Forest & Fjord: The History of Belcarra".



NORTHERN LIGHTS (ABOVE): GUILHERME CARVALHO (MR. GPHOTOGRAPHER)



NORTHERN LIGHTS (LEFT MIDDLE AND LEFT BOTTOM): BLAIR EVANS



BEE ON RHODO (ABOVE): BRENDA HOGG

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Village News



Before Game 7



After Game 7

Thank you Nora and Peter Boekhout for your photos of Turbo. He is a handsome boy and a Canucks fan! Here is hoping for next year...

The Belcarra Garden Club

By Les Bramley



Our June BGC meeting is on Monday, June 3, at 2 pm. It will be held at the Belcarra Park picnic shelters.

Tom Caprian, the Operations Manager of the Artisan Garden Group, will be giving us a course on soils, compost, landscape materials, and plants.

On Thursday, June 20, we are taking a trip to 'Gate 22 Winery' in Surrey. We will be having a behind the scenes look at their cellar, plus see all their barrels, and fermentation room for a closer look at their winemaking process. "Oh how could I forget"! We'll also enjoy a tasting experience at their tasting bar. Wine tastings are \$15 (benchmark) or \$25 (reserve) for five samples. Both fees give us the above mentioned tour.

We will be leaving the village hall car park at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

If you are interested in this trip or in joining the BGC, please contact us at lesbramley@shaw.ca or at 604-937-7103.



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CRAB Corner

By Penny Moen



Everything is green now, and we are looking forward to a beautiful summer here in Belcarra.

Our Spring Fling / Pub Night was a success. Everyone enjoyed their chicken dinner, wine and beer, and music, thanks to the great effort by CRAB directors and our volunteers.

Don't forget, Sunday June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is when the Village of Belcarra and CRAB will cohost Belcarra Day. We have organized lots of fun for the family. Please bring your cash for the hot dogs, provided by the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD). You will also want to get your raffle tickets for some awesome prizes, the proceeds to benefit the SVFD. Toonie candy bags will be available, and kids will want to try the games and join the races. There will be lots of things to pet and the little ones will want to ride the train in the park. Meet your neighbours and say hello to your local fire, police, park, and village staff who will be on hand to greet you.

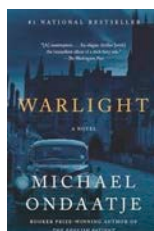


BOOK REVIEWS



Warlight by Michael Ondaatje

From the very first page, I was captured by this book. "Moth"... "ours was a family with a habit for nicknames, which meant it was also a family of disguises..." and that is the key to the book.



Taking place in London at the end of WWII, the book follows two youth through to adulthood, but never directly telling the story, rather providing hints and bits that all tie together. Kind of how real life unfolds. Excellent read! Cbap.

Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea

There are many books written about WWII, but this is the first time I have heard about the "Donut Dollies" who provided coffee, doughnuts, and companionship to the American troops on the front lines. Irene and Dorothy drove their "Clubmobile" around in the war zone, developed a lasting friendship and experienced the trauma of war. It's a meaningful historical fiction that Urrea's mother herself was a part of. You really admire these two women for their courage, their fortitude and their service! I listened to this book and loved it! CG



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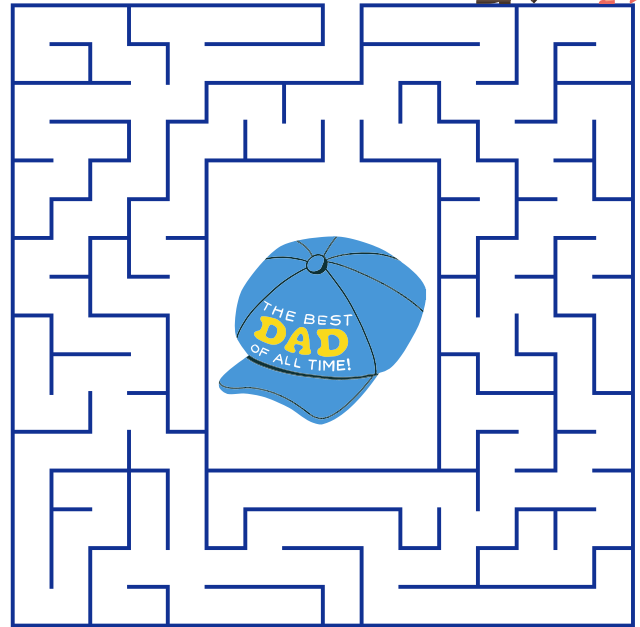


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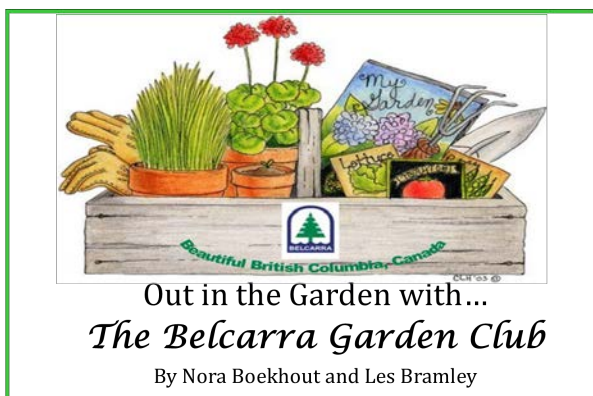
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10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

təmtəmíxwtən/Belcarra Regional Park Picnic Area



There are six common types of hydroponic systems. Les Verts Living chose an “ebb and flow” system as it is easy to use and efficient. A simplified explanation is that a tray is filled with plants in a growing media (such as rock wool), a timed pump floods the tray with water and nutrients on a schedule, and gravity drains the solution down to the reservoir to be reused. After the system is set up, maintenance takes about 10 minutes a week and 60 minutes every 2-3 months.

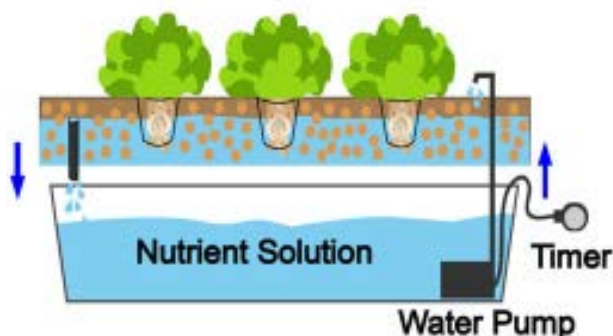


We were lucky to have Andrew Vickerson from Les Verts Living give our little club a great introduction! Hydroponics substitutes a water-based nutrient solution instead of our typical soil-

based substrates. It's more involved than just watching roots develop in a jar of water though! Rock wool, vermiculite, cococoir, and hemp are just some of the media that are used, and nutrients are also added to the water. Lighting may be natural sunlight or artificial LED lighting.

Andrew's summary of “The Grocery Store Experience” gave us a chuckle, but most of us had to plead guilty to buying less than perfect food and then having to discard most of it. Hydroponics, on the other hand, gives healthier, tastier, and in the long run, less expensive, food.

Ebb And Flow



When you are considering a hydroponic system to purchase, converse with an expert (like Andrew!) rather than just purchasing “off the shelf”. Andrew noted that you don't need a sunny window, hard plumbing or a green thumb. There are many factors to consider when choosing a system: available space, well-balanced and quality nutrition, light spectrum and intensity, an easy to clean watering system, airflow, warranties, guarantees, reliability, and reservoir capacity!

Despite these daunting elements there are many compelling reasons to “grow hydroponic”! Conventional field grown veggies have many drawbacks. They are grown for speed not nutrition; leafy greens can lose 50% of their nutrients; contaminants, pesticides, and waste are common! Andrew really gave us a lot to think about on our next trip to the grocery store! (There's more information on our webpage!)

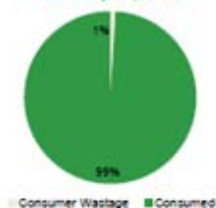
Full article, sources, and links are on our webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>

Wastage Comparison

Conventional Field California Grown (Best Case)



Indoor Hydroponics





Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Blessings to everyone from Belcarra Bay. Spring has certainly been bountiful with plentiful flowers and wildlife in and around the Village. Is it me, or are the rhodos especially vibrant and plentiful this year? Now if I could only remember if and when I removed the spent blossoms.

The promise of new life in the Spring continues to bring hope to many who have experienced losses. My heart goes out to so many in the Village who have had to endure loss. We have had a couple of years with many losses. My heart goes out to all the families and individuals left with grief.

Sadly, the reality is we will pass from this life one day. Nonetheless, it does not make it any less painful. The beauty of human connection across many differences is a gift. The beauty of shared smiles, laughter, meaningful conversation, and time together touch the soul. We don't see as much diversity in connections amongst other living creatures. Well, Nemo and the sea anemones are one of a few. Human connection is truly a gift.

I came across a lovely poem entitled 'Father's Day' that I just have to share. It is a beautiful piece that is meaningful whether we have lost a father, mother, child, sibling, grandparent, friend or anyone close to us. May the poem touch your heart and may you be reminded of many joyful, pleasant memories of that special person, filling your heart with peace.

Father's Day Poem

*You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye
You were gone before I knew it
And only God knew why.
A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried
If love alone could've saved you
You never would have died
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.*

Author unknown

The poem might not even be about a physical death for you. Perhaps a broken friendship, lost dream job or any number of things; grief comes. My hope and prayer is for life to abound; abundant life, that your sorrow does not outweigh the joys. Feel free to reach out if you would like prayer, or to simply talk. The old loco United Church offers a beautiful Taize service with contemplative silence and quiet worship. It may be the perfect solace for you. Keep an eye out for notice of the next service at the bus stops.

Much love, peace, and grace towards you.

	
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Welcome Pole Display at təmtə́míxʷtən / Belcarra Regional Park

On May 15, the Tsleil-Waututh Nation held a ceremony for the welcome pole installed at təmtə́míxʷtən / Belcarra Regional Park. Welcome poles are displayed at both təmtə́míxʷtən and Whey-ah-Wichen (Cates) parks. The one at təmtə́míxʷtən is titled 'Serpent Slayer' and the pole at Whey-ah-Wichen is titled 'Return of the Orca'.

About the Poles Chief Jen Thomas, sə́lilwə́təɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation): "sə́lilwə́təɬ Chief and Council are incredibly pleased to see the poles by carver Jonas Jones welcome everyone to Whey-ah-Wichen and təmtə́míxʷtən. These traditional village sites hold deep importance to our Tsleil-Waututh people, and we are pleased to have them connected in this culturally significant way. Our hands are raised in appreciation of the ongoing collaboration with our partners at Metro Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver for making this project a success."

About the Ceremony Gabriel George, Director of Treaty, Lands, and Resources, sə́lilwə́təɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation): "The work done today is an important traditional practice that has been passed down by our ancestors and represents who we are as sə́lilwə́təɬ people. It is significant because it brings these works of art to life and gives some separation between the artist and their work. We appreciate the work done by Jonas to represent our community."



Carver of the poles Jonas Jones, the carver of the poles: "I am thankful to share this gift of these welcome poles. These poles are for the next generations and for everyone to learn more about the rich history of the Tsleil-Waututh people. Carvings like this hold our history and act as a chance to pass down wisdom, and I am grateful to pass these back to the people."

The background of the welcome poles as told by carver TsukWalton (Jonas Jones)

Serpent Slayer

Carved by TsukWalton (Jonas Jones), 2023

Long ago, as the waters of the great flood receded, sʔi:ɬqə́y (the great two-headed serpent) lay across sə́lilwət (Burrard Inlet). sʔi:ɬqə́y was a sʔələ́qə́m (powerful being) and all other living creatures feared and avoided it at all costs. Its gaze was more deadly than the fire from lightning.

One day, a young sə́lilwə́təɬ (Tsleil-Waututh or person of the inlet) boy living at təmtə́míxʷtən was swept away by a seal while swimming alone as his sister watched. The seals began to raise him as their own. The sea world prepped the boy to become a great warrior who would face the most difficult task: slaying sʔi:ɬqə́y.

After a decade of travelling the world, training, learning, and living with his kin of the sea kingdom, he returned to təmtə́míxʷtən, ready to fight the giant two-headed serpent.

This was a gruesome battle and required the warrior to use carefully prepared arrows laced with pitch from a special tree. He struck the serpent twice, one arrow to each head. The serpent fell to its death and the warrior saved the land.

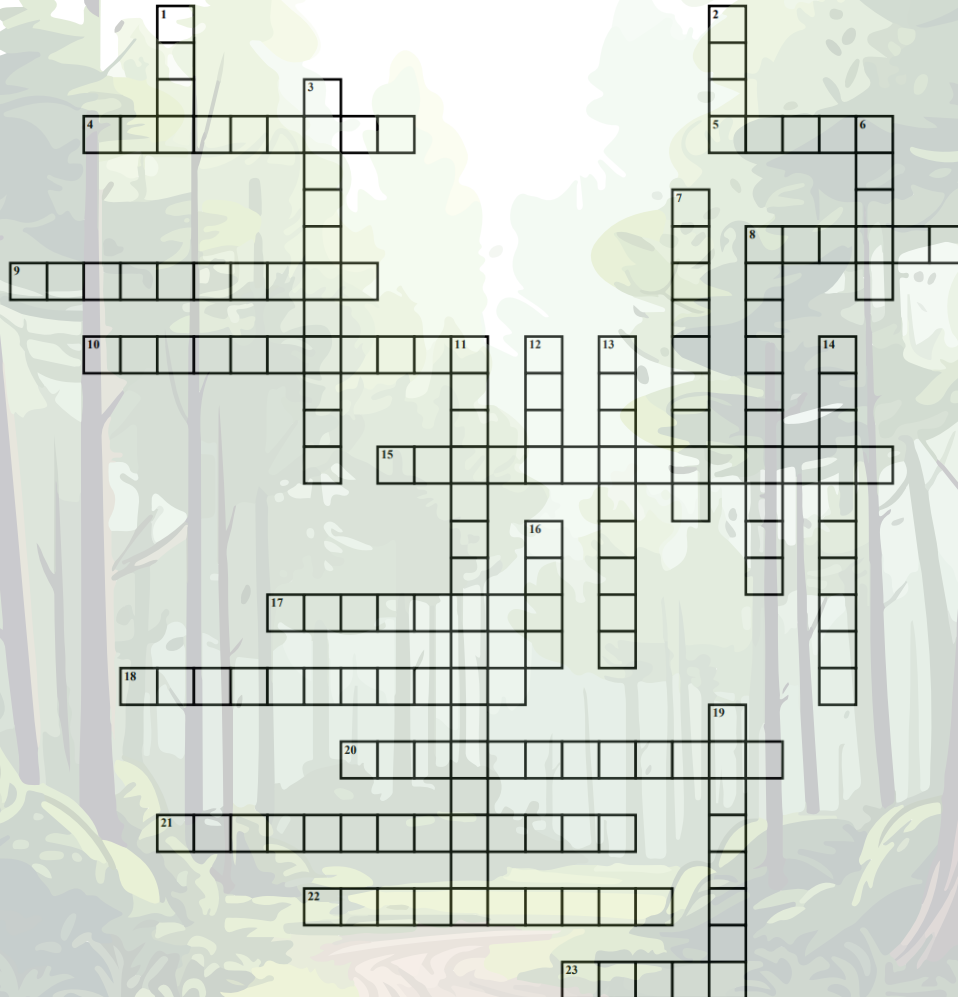
After his great battle with sʔi:ɬqə́y, the warrior returned to təmtə́míxʷtən and stabbed the ground with the two-headed serpent's fang, opening a freshwater spring and sparing his people from having to travel for their water.

sə́lilwə́təɬ / Tsleil-Waututh Nation

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BELCARRA DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

IN HONOUR OF BELCARRA DAY, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL HISTORY, FLORA AND FAUNA IN THIS BELCARRA CROSSWORD. SEE YOU ALL JUNE 9TH AT THE PARK!



Across

- [4] sælilwæt is the tseil-waututh name for this fjord
- [5] Hibernating animals
- [8] Group of starfish
- [9] Longest road in the village
- [10] Identical siblings in the fjord
- [15] Local sandy summer hangout
- [17] Sheltered bay to snuggle in
- [18] Anna who winters in Belcarra
- [20] Translates to “the biggest place for all the people” and in 2021 was added to the official name of Belcarra Regional Park.
- [21] 1979 Belcarra milestone
- [22] Slow road on the water
- [23] Mrs. Barrett, Belcarra's first mayor

Down

- [1] In 1978, this (much admired) volunteer service was formed to protect our community (acronym)
- [2] A delicious shellfish and a favourite community fun group
- [3] Known as Windermere lake prior to 1941
- [6] Native plant growing in our woods commonly used in floral arrangements
- [7] 1907 Dominion government original subdivision plan name
- [8] Diving ducks, frequently seen on Bedwell Bay, with bright yellow eyes
- [11] Skip along this logger-scarred forest pathway perhaps
- [12] Man credited with naming Belcarra (hint one of the remaining south cottages also bears his name)
- [13] Famous point originally a naval reserve and is now a favourite hiking destination
- [14] Prolific invasive species and makes a delicious jam
- [16] Fawns and stags
- [19] A place between forest and sea



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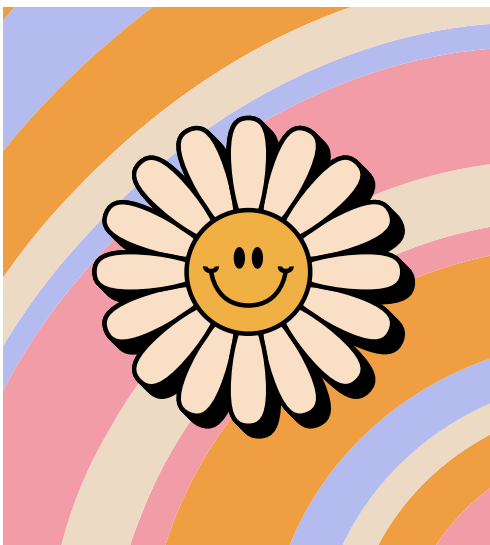


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- Assist in understanding government policies and services
- Receive information to attend community events
- Advocate on behalf of the community to government
- Provide congratulatory and greeting messages
- Provide government documents and other web-based forms if you don't have internet access

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