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THE BELCARRA BARNACLE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to your community newspaper.

We have new contributors this month —
Bonni Marshall tells us about her fabulous stay in the Onion House. Tessa Augustyniak invites us to reflect, with her poem set in Bedwell Bay.

Cecily talks to Shelley Herron and Dan Greenwood about their community involvement. Nora Boekhout sends us on a fern identification hunt. (Farley and I enjoyed looking for and identifying the ferns on our latest walk around Woodhaven Swamp.) Klaus is back with another water closet story ;-)

Just a reminder that July, our next issue, is our last for the summer. Look for our graduates page and some smiling faces from Belcarra Day.

See you on the trails!

Dayna
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COVER PHOTO

Sunshine and boating season! A photo by Jol Drake looking towards the smaller twin of Twin Island.

Villagers, we love your photos. Please do keep sending them.

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Canadian Multiculturalism Day

On June 27, Canadian Multiculturalism Day honours the many cultural communities that help build a strong and vibrant Canadian society. Take this opportunity to celebrate the cultural diversity that enriches us collectively and reaffirm your commitment to equity, inclusion, and mutual respect.

**Fire Trustees Meeting
Thursday, June 5**

Time and place to be announced
(likely 7 pm at the Anmore Hub)

Watch Facebook and the Anmore Village website for updates.



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IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE

- 1** Belcarra Day! 10 AM to 2 PM
- 5** Fire Trustees Meeting
- 9** Regular Council Meeting
- 9** Belcarra Garden Club Meeting
- 11** Full "Strawberry" Moon
- 15** Father's Day
- 18** Deadline for SVFA Award Application
- 20** Summer Solstice
- 21** National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 23** Regular Council Meeting
- 25** New Moon
- 25-26** Islamic New Year
- 26** SD43 Last Day of School
- 27** Canada Multiculturalism Day

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Editor's Notes from May Council Meetings

For copies of the reports and detailed minutes, visit the Village website at www.belcarra.ca. Recordings of Council meetings are available on [the Village YouTube site](#).

May 12 Council Meeting

The Office of the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs advised that the Village has been approved for an infrastructure planning grant in the amount of \$10,000 to review and update storm water collection.

Fraser Health provided information to help the community prepare for the projected hot and smoky periods during summer 2025. Their information can be found at this link: [Fraser Health Wildfire Smoke Preparedness](#).

Council received a copy of the Statutory Approval (*Under section 349 of the Local Government Act*) for the Sasamat Fire Service Conversion bylaw. The bylaw will be presented for adoption at the June 5, 2025 Fire Trustee Board meeting.

In response to a resident letter (page 22 of this issue), the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) reported on meetings held with Metro Vancouver on the subject of the installation of a septic system on Midden Road (location of the former caretaker's residence). Our new CAO, Melony Burton, advised that Metro Vancouver is currently at the investigation stage of finding a location for a replacement septic system. She advised that application for change would be required.

Council approved a budget of \$46,650 for the repair of the Waste and Recycling Depot (WARD) exit driveway and replacement of gate sensors.

The CAO provided a Belcarra Day budget summary. The Village and Community Recreational Association of Belcarra (CRAB) agreed to split the cost of Belcarra Day in 2025, with CRAB contributing up to \$2000.00 (excluding staff time). The Village has budgeted \$4000.00 (in addition to staff time).

Council adopted the Village of Belcarra 2025 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 634, 2025 which raises property taxes by 8%. Councillors Ruzycki and Clark voted in opposition.

The CAO outlined work by staff since the April 14 Council meeting:

- Annual Report preparation
- Tax notices to be mailed in the following week to avoid any potential mail strike.
- Water system work including blow offs and blow down maintenance and inspection of the back-flow preventer.
- The Village received a permit from Fraser Health for the water chlorination system at the Tatlow reservoir. Next step is a Request for Proposals to install the system.
- A new recycle bin has been received but not yet set up. The new bin will be used for mixed recyclables (not including cardboard).

May 26 Council Meeting

Stewart Novak, Manager, Municipal Services presented and Council accepted for information the results of the Tatlow reservoir inspection and repair. The reservoir was installed in 1999 by Western Tank & Lining LTD (WTL). The same company was contracted in March to complete the inspection and repair work. No corrosion pits or advanced corrosion was found on the tank floor, walls, or roof. The interior tank ladder had deep set in corrosion. Repair work included the cleaning of all rust spots followed by application of epoxy paint. The contractor installed a new stainless steel ladder and stainless steel tank hardware. The project came in under budget. WTL recommends a regular 5-year maintenance cycle for the Tatlow and Dutchman Creek reservoirs. Inspection of the Dutchman Creek reservoir is scheduled for 2026.

The CAO outlined work by staff since the May 12 Council meeting:

- Continuing preparation of the Annual Report
- Inspection of check-valves on the water system
- Trail inspection and maintenance
- Ditch maintenance

The CAO highlighted low snow pack this year and that warm weather is expected with forecasted drought conditions. She provided a reminder to reduce wildfire fuels on private and public property. Staff has been tree trimming along roadways and at the Tatlow reservoir. To a Council question about trees on Government land behind houses on Main Avenue, Novak reported that he met with Ministry of Forests staff and received information about additional grant funding availability.



COQUITLAM RCMP BLOCK WATCH FAN OUT ALERT

These incidents occurred the weeks prior to: May 21

Residential Break and Enters: None

Theft of Vehicles: None

Theft from Vehicles:

2025.05.14 – Near Whiskey Cove Lane

2025.05.14 – 4100 block Marine Ave

2025.05.15 – 3900 block Bedwell Bay Rd

Editor's Note: On 2025.05.27 a resident in the 4000 block of Marine Ave reported the theft of their pick-up truck from their property. The truck was later recovered in Aldergrove.

Auto Theft Info & Tips

Did you know?

Leaving your car doors unlocked may attract criminal attention to your neighbourhood?

Criminals who break into vehicles are known as opportunistic offenders. That means that they tend to look for easy targets like vehicles with valuables left in the open or vehicles that have been left unlocked. It also means that if these criminals find a target-rich environment—like a neighbourhood or parking lot with a lot of unlocked vehicles—they will keep coming back. Be a good neighbour. Don't be the reason criminals target your neighbourhood.

Do:

- Lock your doors and roll up your windows. Even if you don't have anything valuable in your car, a locked door and rolled up window will discourage thieves looking for an easy target. It will also deter those who would go into an unlocked car to look for a trunk or hood release button in order to steal parts or the contents of the trunk.

- Park in your garage, if you have one, and lock both your vehicle and your garage.
- Wait for the gate. When entering or leaving underground parking garages, wait for the automatic gate to close before proceeding.
- Park in well-lit/well-populated areas where "natural surveillance" can serve as a deterrent.
- Take your garage opener, house/business keys, and vehicle registration papers out of your vehicle when it's parked. If thieves stole these items, they could use them to commit other crimes including identity theft and break & enter.
- Check on your vehicle. Even if you're not driving it regularly, a daily check can help ensure that we get information of criminal activity in a timely manner. If you're away on vacation, have a trusted friend or neighbour check to ensure it hasn't been broken into.

Don't:

- Leave your valet key, spare key or house keys inside the vehicle.
- Store car keys, or spare keys, in visible spots in your home. Keep keys in a secure spot, where they aren't visible through a window.
- Leave your car running. Whether to cool it down in summer and warm it up in winter, leaving your vehicle running with the keys inside is extremely high risk.
- Leave briefcases, purses, and backpacks that may contain wallets, identification, laptops, cell phones, and other valuables unattended in your vehicle... not even for a moment... not even locked in your trunk or glove box. You never know when a criminal is around looking for an opportunity. But you can rest assured that thieves know to check the trunk and glove box if they don't see anything out in the open.
- Leave the security of your vehicle to chance. If your vehicle doesn't come equipped with an immobilizer, consider having one installed or buying and using an anti-theft device.

If you see something, say something!

Public safety is everyone's responsibility — and it's easy. The best way to do your part for public safety is to get connected to your neighbourhood, pay attention to what is going on around you, and report any criminal or suspicious activity to the police. Find out more about reporting criminal and suspicious activity to the Coquitlam RCMP.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

The Village hosted a Volunteer Appreciation night In May. Thank you to everyone who volunteers in our Village! You are the spirit of our community.

Belcarra's volunteers are involved in the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), the Community Recreational Association of Belcarra (CRAB), Block Watch, the *Belcarra Barnacle*, and serve on Council committees. Volunteers even keep our Village Hall and entrance beautiful with changing planter arrangements.

Belcarra 2023 Annual Report: 'The Village of Belcarra is a better place to live thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers working throughout the community. It is with sincere appreciation that we say "thank you" to our volunteers who generously give assistance to make the Village a beautiful place to live, grow, and prosper.'



təmtəxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park Woodhaven Loop Updates

Hurray! It's back in service.

Bridge construction at the east-end of the Woodhaven Swamp trail loop is complete. With metal supports and thick planking, it looks like it is built to last.



Unfortunately, it's still not a perfect loop trail.

The bridge in the south-west corner of the loop trail remains out of service. It was damaged this year in a storm. On a recent Village visit, Metro staff weren't able to confirm a repair date but did indicate that there is a bypass. Do use care if you decide to use the bypass. It's rough going as you climb down from the trail, cross the (dry) creek bed, and then climb back up to the main trail.



Buntzen Lake: Reserved Parking May 15 to September 1

BC Hydro's free online parking reservation system is back in effect. To park at Buntzen Lake from May 15 to September 1, you need a reservation. To reserve a parking spot, visit bchydro.com/buntzen or use the Yodel app. Parking passes are released daily at 7:00 a.m. for the following day, and visitors can choose a morning, afternoon, or full-day pass. Drivers are encouraged to cancel their reservation if they are unable to attend, allowing others to secure a spot. Reservations are linked to vehicle license plates and mobile phone numbers and are non-transferable.

Each reservation is validated through a unique QR code. Drivers will need to present a screenshot or a printout of their QR code to be scanned at the Buntzen Lake gate. Those arriving without a reservation or without their QR code, will not be able to enter. Your vehicle may be towed if you remain parked in the Buntzen lot after your parking pass has expired.

Visitors entering the park by foot, bike, or public transit do not need a reservation to access the site.

For more information, visit bchydro.com/buntzen.



Fire Preparedness It takes all of us

On Sunday, May 11, three houses burned down in Countryside Village, Anmore. The blaze began around 11:30 pm on Saturday night. Per a CBC article published on May 12: When the SVFD responders arrived on scene the fire was 'extremely intense'. One person was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Our SVFD Fire Chief, Jay Sharpe, commented that there had been recent rain before the fire, but had conditions been drier, the fire could have spread to more homes in the vicinity and to the nearby forest.

Photo Nick Allan, CBC



We asked Jay if there was further information he could share and received the following:

"It will be a bit before we will be releasing any details. I can tell you that the fire was not intentional and that only one person had injuries. There were no firefighter injuries. This is a sobering reminder for people to take FireSmart initiatives seriously and to become more personally prepared for fire events or any other type of emergency."

Jay got us thinking about that ongoing question we have: How do you thank and support the SVFD for the hours they spend training, the sacrifices they make to be on call, and their risk to personal safety on responding to emergency situations. What can we do?

Raffles, donations, and a heart-felt thank you are great and always appreciated by our volunteer department. But maybe there is more ... Jay directed us to FireSmart and we let their website be our guide. So many things we, the Villagers of Belcarra, can do. Wherever you are in your FireSmart efforts, it's either time to "get cracking on your Emergency Ready Plan" or time to review FireSmart's information and make sure you are current on best practices.

It takes all of us.

Do your part this wildfire season (FireSmart)

"Wildfire preparedness and response are at their best when we all play our part. By completing FireSmart tasks around your property, you're doing your part to reduce the risks surrounding your home and strengthen your community's resilience. Every step, no matter how small, can be the difference when it's needed most."

FireSmart BC Begins At Home Guide:

https://begins-at-home-guide.firesmartbc.ca/?gl=1*1t1buj4*_gcl_au*MTc2NTQ0MDkyOC4xNzQ4MTA0OTI4

Make your Emergency Ready Plan (FireSmart)

Knowing where to go, and what to do, will reduce stress and help keep you focused and safe during a disaster.

The BC Government has made it easier than ever to complete a home emergency plan — just follow the prompts on their interactive website.

Home Emergency Plan:

<https://blog.gov.bc.ca/emergencymanagement/emergencyready>

Home Ignition Zone Assessment (FireSmart)

It's still free! Local FireSmart Representatives will assess your risk from wildfire using the Home Ignition Zone. By answering the questions in the assessment they will be able to recommend changes that will make the greatest difference in defending against structure ignition.

<https://firesmartbc.ca/resource/home-ignition-zone-assessment/>

Community Stars By C Baptist

What do these things have in common? - Variety Children's Charity and the Variety 'Boat for Hope' in Vancouver, the Belcarra and Indian Arm Santa Ships, the annual Remembrance Day ceremony in Belcarra, CRAB's Halloween fireworks, the annual Flotilla Music party out at Boulder Island.

Local Residents and Long Time Volunteers: Dan Greenwood and Shelley Herron!

Early on, Dan became involved in community organizations. Back in 1981, he was a member of a local car club that chose to support the Variety Children's Charity and ever since he has been actively engaged in that organization. An annual highlight is the "Boat for Hope" event. For the last 27 years, this event has invited some 500 (children) "pirates" and their families on a grand adventure in False Creek. Some 25 privately owned boats are involved, carrying their "crew" from spot to spot where pirate attacks are staged — and bags of booty seized... a grand adventure!

Dan has worked in the Marine Industry for many years, currently with Greenwood Yacht Services. He is a longtime inhabitant of this area, having lived on Grey Rocks, Deep Cove, Woodlands, and for the past 14 years - Boulder Island. Throughout this time, he has been very involved with the community activities in Vancouver and Belcarra. Thanks to his leadership and work with the local Power Squadrons, the annual Santa Ships and memorable Remembrance Day activities are very successful and popular. And our Halloween fireworks... Dan is a pro!

Shelley is also actively involved with the Port Moody Power Squadron and can often be seen on the water. In fact, that is how she and Dan first met, as she piloted her boat by Boulder Island some 7 years ago. Shelley co-leads these local events, in particular organizing and managing the culinary and logistics side of things.

And as if they weren't busy enough... Shelley has started a new venture: Deep Cove Adventures, offering corporate team outings. This program fuels team spirit through adventure, using outdoor activities to foster and build team connection which is particularly helpful in the current work world of remote and hybrid work teams.

When asked about their ideas for the future, there were two themes: making our local events even more fun and encouraging others to join the fun. They have many creative ideas for enhancing the Santa Ships experience, the Remembrance Day ceremonies, as well as other possible community events. Dan and Shelley also note that it takes people to make it happen! They mentioned that community participation has not fully recovered since the Covid days, especially among younger generations. The question is how to animate people into discovering the benefits of being personally involved. From the outside, individuals may not see how incredibly gratifying and fun it is to bring people together in live events, building community and friendships as a result.

So here are some upcoming events that are definitely fun and may also spur you into helping ensure they continue to happen in the years ahead!

June 14 — The Annual "Boat for Hope"

August 23 — The Flotilla music party

... just paddle or kayak out to Boulder Island to hear some great music and enjoy the Hard Dock Café (only open one day a year!)

October 31 — Halloween fireworks

November 11 — Remembrance Day

December — Santa Ships and Santa in the Park

Thank you, Dan and Shelley!



Our unforgettable visit to The Onion House on the island of Hawaii (a.k.a. The Big Island)

by Bonni Marshall

About a year ago I found this most amazing home online. We were looking for a private home to vacation at during the winter of 2025. I found The Onion House and, although the home is on many online booking sites, I also found a way to get directly to the owners' booking person! Following some preliminary discussions, we booked our month long stay :-). We are so grateful that we did. We enjoyed a fantastic stay for a month (Feb/Mar. 2025) at this incredibly unique home. The organic architecture of the home is absolutely fascinating! There are no walls ... only screens. It's an indoor/outdoor house. The owners refer to it as 'Glamping'. It's so much more than that!

The Onion House was the brainchild of Auntie Dofeen of McCormick spice fame. This incredibly unique home has a very unique story to go with it. The story was so intriguing that I felt Brian and I absolutely "needed to be a part of the story".

As an aside: We have always enjoyed our winter vacations in Hawaii, and specifically the island of Moloka'i. We understand if you aren't familiar with that island. It's a well-kept secret. The last time we visited Moloka'i was in the winter of 2020. We departed for home on February 20, 2020, only a couple of weeks ahead of the Covid pandemic travel restrictions and lockdowns. Whew!!

We did not return to Hawaii until this winter ... and we were so excited to return!!

Although we vacationed in great private homes in Sayulita, Mexico in 2023 and 2024, Hawaii has always been our first love.

The Onion House was built in the early 60's, and Beth McCormick ultimately purchased it from her Auntie Dofeen many years later. The home was in disrepair, to put it mildly, and Beth had a huge project of restoration on her hands. Beth is also a very accomplished artist, and much of her art was inspired by her years visiting her Auntie at the Onion House, and then while she was restoring and living in it herself years later.

Beth McCormick sold the Onion House to Harry and Barbara Last in 2017. They are a Canadian couple who originally lived in Vancouver, but have resided in California for some time now.

If anyone is interested in looking at this unbelievably unique home, and reading the story of how it came to be built, I've included a link below.

www.bethmccormick.com

This is Beth McCormick's website with links to her art, as well as links to the 'Onion House' and the 'Story' of the Onion House.

We very much enjoyed Beth's art, and we believe the artists in our Village will as well.



We referred to the house as the 'big Onion' and the 'little Onion'. The big onion is the main living area of the home, and two small bedrooms. The little onion is the master bedroom and ensuite. The 70 foot lap pool was lovely. See page 13 for a colour photo of the Onion House.

National Geographic:

This month's full moon is known as the "Strawberry Moon." Unfortunately, it won't take on the red hue of its namesake fruit, but will be lovely nonetheless. The nickname is derived from Indigenous traditions in North America that link full moons to annual harvesting and hunting events. In June, it's the harvesting of wild strawberries.

"As the anthem reminds us: The True North is indeed strong and free!"
— King Charles

Bedwell Bay Without Him

By: Tessa Augustyniak

The view is hushed—
cedar decks,
a boat that nods to every dawn
like it knows the silence hurts,
like it knows your name better than you do.

But you still pace the glass hallways,
past imported stone and fruit too perfect to eat,
waiting for it to answer back.

The chandelier hums.
The rain holds its breath.
You think stillness means peace—
but it's just waiting
for you to notice the absence.

Even here,
where the sea holds its shimmer
like a pearl behind glass,
you are not full.

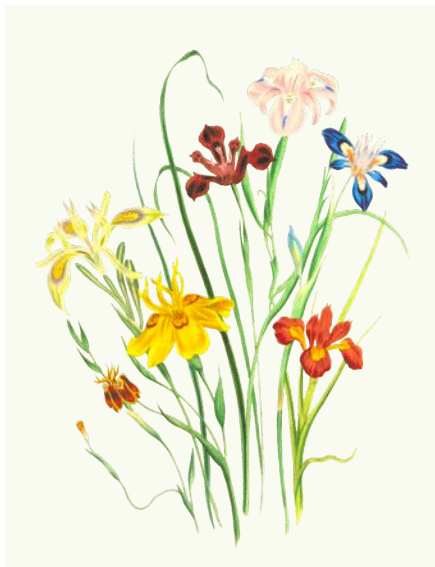
Not without the one
who made the water speak.

Tessa Augustyniak is a local poet and resident with a deep appreciation for the quiet beauty and atmosphere of Belcarra. In addition to this poem she has shared with the *Barnacle*, two of her poems appear this month in the Mid-Atlantic Review.

<https://midatlanticreview.com/2025/05/two-poems-by-tessa-augustyniak/>.

For Tessa it means “even more to share something rooted in the place I call home”.

“The piece is set in Bedwell Bay and explores themes of stillness, longing, and the contrast between outward beauty and inner emptiness. This is something I suspect many folks in the community could resonate with. The poem invites the reader to reflect on where peace truly comes from.”



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GARDEN CLUB



Our June meeting is at the Belcarra Park picnic shelters at 2 pm, on Monday the 9th.

Our first trip of the year is on June 16; we are going to the Chaberton Winery in Langley. Unfortunately this tour is available for only 12 people, so it is limited to members only — first come, first served.

Our second tour is of the West Coast Seeds facility in Delta. All are welcome to join us. This free guided tour is on Monday, July 21. West Coast Seeds donates to charities, those wishing to contribute after the tour are welcome to do so.

The third tour is on Monday, August 18, at the VanDusen Botanical Gardens, Vancouver. All are welcome to join us.

Please note that we carpool for these trips. We meet at the Village Hall parking lot. For those leaving their cars at the hall, please ensure that you have your Belcarra resident parking sticker on your vehicle.

To become a garden club member, please contact us at 604-937-7103 or email: lesbramley@shaw.ca

Happy Gardening!



Block Watch®

Engraving Event

Belcarra Block Watch will be at the Village Hall on Saturday, June 14, from 1 pm to 3 pm.

We will have an RCMP engraving tool available. Anybody wishing to engrave their bicycles or other valuable possessions, please bring them to the hall.

In the event that your possessions are stolen, having them engraved with a unique code makes it easier for the RCMP to return them to you. The RCMP recommend using your BC Drivers license number for this purpose. The RCMP also recommend that you record bicycle serial numbers to aid in recovery.

We will have Block Watch stickers, information on Block Watch, plus a little RCMP swag to hand out.

Hope to see you there.



Property Taxes Due July 2, 2025

Village of Belcarra Tax Notices were mailed out on May 13. They were sent early to avoid potential Canada Post disruptions.

The deadline for payment of property taxes is July 2.

Residents are reminded to submit electronic payments three (3) business days in advance to avoid late payment penalties.

Cheques can be dropped off in the mailbox or in person at the Village Hall.





The 2025 Belcarra Directory is ready. Liisa Wilder will be distributing copies in the next weeks. She has done another great job and has included some lovely photographs by Belcarra residents.

It's not too late to become a member of CRAB and receive your copy.

Just email crab4084@gmail.com

A membership costs \$30 per family. We use the funds to host fun community events throughout the year.



Speaking of fun events... Belcarra Day is on Sunday, June 1. This event is co-sponsored by CRAB and the Villlage. Come and join us for a big community BBQ with lots of fun activities for the kids. We hope we will see you in the park!

Our next CRAB event is in September, the community potluck in the park. Our tentative date is Saturday, September 6. Look for more details in the summer issue of the *Barnacle*.

It looks like we are in for a very Bear-y Summer

White Pine Beach/Sasamat Lake was closed for a couple of days in May to give a bear time (with encouragement) to leave the area. The beach and popular hiking trails were re-opened with restrictions on bringing food into the park. Metro's staff is aware of three adult bears in the area, one with three cubs.

Please... Be Bear Aware.

For more information regarding bears and other wildlife visit: www.wildsafebc.com



***Knife: Meditations after an attempted murder* by Salman Rushdie**

A fatwa against Salman Rushdie was issued by Ayatollah Khomeini in February 1989. The fatwa, a religious decree, condemned Rushdie to death for his novel "The Satanic Verses" which seemed blasphemous to their Muslim faith. On



August 12, 2022, Salman Rushdie was standing onstage at the Chautauqua Institution in upper New York State, preparing to give a lecture on the importance of keeping writers safe from harm, when a man in black - black clothes, black mask - rushed down the aisle towards him, wielding a knife.

This is basically an autobiography: Rushdie relives the traumatic events and his miraculous recovery. He delves deeply into the love and support of his wife, Eliza. And he speaks frankly about his life, loss, and literature's capacity to make sense of the unthinkable.

Just this week, an American-Lebanese man, Hadi Matar, has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for the attack, which left Rushdie blind in one eye. CG






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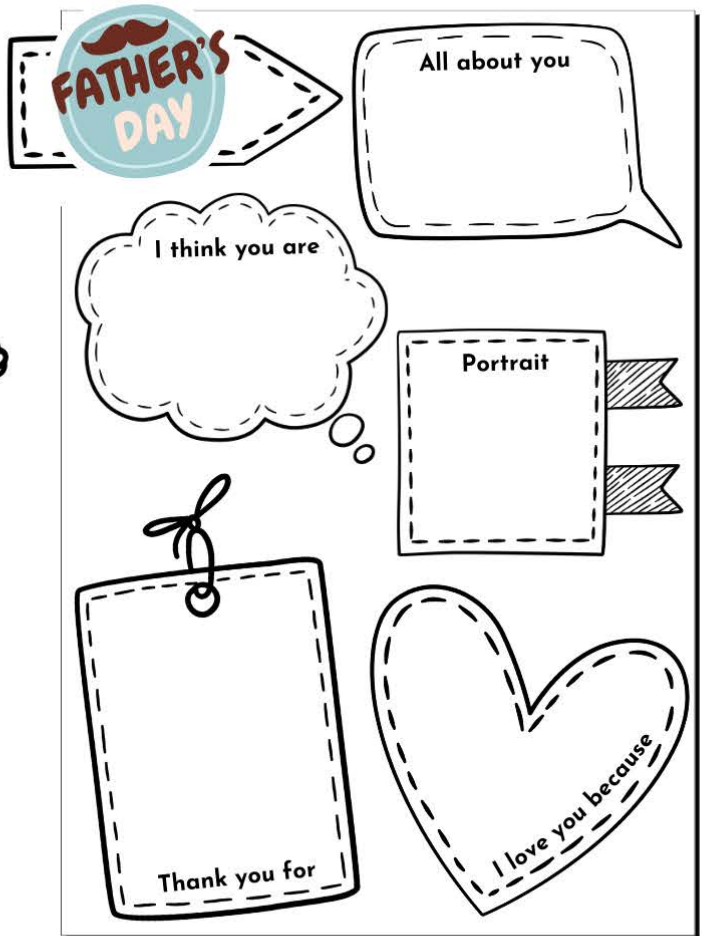
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**A Private Visit with
Maurice Haycock and A.Y. Jackson
by Klaus Bever**

If you've lived long enough and broadly, the likelihood of meeting up with the famous and influential is almost a certainty. And so it is. Whether the events that follow are of historical significance or even of any importance to anyone, are questions of little weight here. I leave it to the historians amongst us to argue the significance, merit, and truth of what follows.

Maurice Hall Haycock was born in 1900 and lived a full life of eighty-eight years. He is now known principally as a Canadian artist of the remote and distant parts of Canada. Maurice worked as a geologist for the Geological Survey of Canada, a federal agency headquartered in Ottawa which provided geological information and mapping. The Survey publications became information resources for universities and mining companies. Haycock's work in the Northwest Territories was widely read and used by Canadian mining companies to guide their exploration interests. Haycock used his regular mapping expeditions to the high north of Canada to document what he saw. He did this with his writings, his camera, and also with his paint brush. In his paintings, Haycock's arctic palette is a broad panoply of blues, greys, and browns. And everywhere in his sketches are the limitless shades of snow, ice, and cloud. The Haycock style is "arctic impressionism" and not unlike in painting style and temperament as his southern peers, the Group of Seven, with which he spent his time in the off-season. Haycock had been befriended and tutored by the Group of Seven's A.Y. Jackson.

During the summer field season, Haycock worked outdoors in the Canadian Arctic. During the long winters in Ottawa, where Haycock lived and worked: he also cataloged his arctic sketches, painted local scenes, and did woodwork. He played the French horn, and very well. Not just any French horn; he was first horn in the Ottawa Civic Orchestra and National Arts Centre Orchestra.

It was his importance as a horn player that led to our first meeting. Before anyone concludes that my talents also extend to the French horn, let me be very clear, they do not. My pursed lips on a brass instrument produce sounds more like a Canadian goose in dire straits, or laying a very uncomfortably large egg.

We met because Maurice played horn for my former father-in-law Ed. Ed had to speak to Maurice about an upcoming event at the National Arts Centre, and Ed hadn't been able to reach him by phone. Ed didn't think that was at all unusual and wondered if I'd like to come along on a drive to meet a fellow arctic geologist. Arctic geology was my job at that time.

Maurice lived on a large semi-rural acreage in Ottawa west. There may have been a few goats or sheep in the yard. And if there had been, they wouldn't have looked out of place. The house had the warmth of a farmhouse. It beckoned one to come in and share a cup of tea. And so we did. Inside the house, the walls had pictures, lots of pictures, some framed and some not. There were many wooden shelves and curio cabinets hanging about and filled with teacups, saucers, plates, and other bits and bobs. The wall decorations were not the ones you could have bought at a Hudson's Bay store or at an Eaton's. They looked useful, handmade, and well loved.

We had our tea. Ed had his chat with Maurice. We were, too soon, ready to head home. The drive would be more than half an hour. I had had a lot of tea. There would be no opportunity for any relief from that pressure for at least the next half hour.

"May I use your bathroom, please?"

I was directed down the hallway to a smallish wallboard-lined water closet that held a small, inconsequential porcelain toilet with an oak lid. I raised the lid and felt that a more fulsome visit would have merit. So I sat down.

There I sat, and in front of me was what I felt was almost certainly an A.Y. Jackson painting hanging indecorously on the back of the pine door. So, soon after, I quickly returned to the tea room down the hallway and asked Maurice if I had just been exposed to the very famous Canadian painter. Maurice did not reply but motioned for me to follow him as we returned back up the hallway. We both stood in that water closet, so recently visited, and Maurice had me sit again where I had sat.

"Yes", he said, "that is Jackson's painting, perhaps not his most interesting" and with that he reached over the top of the painting, suspended by two simple cords, and turned it over to show me another A.Y. Jackson....

"This one, is perhaps, more interesting."



Belcarra Blessings By Deborah Struk

Greetings and salutations, fellow Belcarrians

This is being written after one powerful May storm had passed: the light, the dark, the torrential rain and winds followed by glorious sunshine piercing through the dark clouds; tiny shards growing to wide swathing beams casting gold and bronze upon the water, windows, and houses. The smell of the fresh spring rain cleansed the air anew. So very powerful and glorious. This can be a snapshot of life; storms followed by better days. We are blessed.

Belcarra is a wonderful place to call home. This last month many of you reached out via phone, email or on the streets to say how you appreciate this 'column'. I thank you, from the bottom of my heart. We are so blessed to live in a country where freedom of speech and freedom of the press remains.

We hope it stays that way. It is a privilege to go into libraries or stores and choose what we want to read. Our own little (and amazing) Barnacle has always been a delightful publication where residents can share their hearts and stories. Over the decades (aha yes, decades) I have encouraged many to please share their own stories and poems. So once again, I invite you to add a recipe, photo, poem, or story. Please, share your creativity, no matter how simple, so you can bless others. It would be so lovely to see some of our younger residents add something. Perhaps you have a junior artist or photographer in the family, or an amazing year-end project. Please don't be shy.

Were any of you as amazed with how much more vibrant the flowers have become? Last year the plant life seemed to flourish and thrive. Last month they looked spectacular and as the month went on they exploded in size and colour. Already this year has outshone last year. Going for walks and admiring gardens or soaking in the peace of the forest is good for the soul. A night time pleasure is listening to the frogs rejoicing so loudly. The tiny 'swamp' east of the picnic shelters is a loud symphony that echoes and can easily be heard up the road. You have to wait until deep dusk or dark, but it sounds just lovely.

Enjoy the beauty of colours, sights and sounds all around. May your soul be well.

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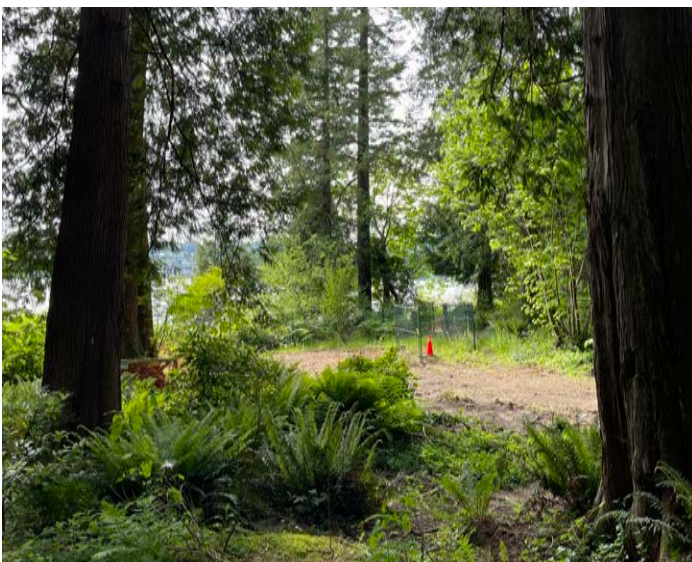
I wish all of you a joyous June.



Belcarra South Cottages demolished



Seven historic cottages built a century ago in what is now təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park have been demolished. The cottages lost their Port Moody heritage designation in 2023 at the request of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, who have been involved in co-managing the regional park since 2020. The cottages were demolished as part of Metro Parks' plan to provide more public access (picnic, beach, and trail) and recognize the long history of the site. All that remains of the cottages are some bits of broken glass, fragments of gardens, and some peaceful ocean views. The Bole House (pictured above), the largest of the Belcarra South Cottages, remains. The house, which was built in 1934 by John Bole as a residence for him and his wife Kathleen, will be restored and used for interpretive programs.



If you've been lucky enough to be at a Belcarra potluck when Sue and Liisa's crab cakes are served, you'll already know just how delicious these are ... Enjoy!

Ingredients

- 11 oz crab meat
- 1/4 cup minced red onion
- 1/4 cup minced red pepper
- 1/4 cup minced celery
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan
- 1 tsp finely grated lemon rind
- 2 cups panko crumbs (divided)
- 1 egg
- Splash of Worcestershire
- 1 Tbsp Old Bay seasoning
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise (the real stuff)

Instructions

1. Mix ingredients using 1 to 1 3/4 cup of the panko crumbs (depending on consistency).
2. Form into 1/3 cup pucks which is large for dinner size (makes about 8) or small scoops for appetizer size (makes about 20).
3. Dredge the pucks in a 1/4 cup panko crumbs blended with 1/4 parmesan cheese.
4. Pan fry the pucks in a mixture of oil and butter to brown both sides.



Stories from the Archives — “Summer Resort on North Arm”

Researched: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, April 2025.

Source: [Vancouver Daily World, Tuesday, August 28th, 1906, page 6.](#)

Holiday Homes to be Built at Belcarra Bay

“Nine miles up [‘Burrard Inlet’] is the North Arm [a.k.a. ‘Indian Arm’], east of ‘Barnet’, under the gentle protection of lofty mountains to the north and south, is the charming ‘Bay of Belcarra’. ‘Belcarra’ means ‘beautiful land of sunshine’, and the land that borders on the shores of the bay is beautifully described by those eight letters. All about it are big dark mountains covered with nature’s wilderness, but below them is furnished warmth and shelter. About half an hour’s walk from the shore, a mountain stream [a.k.a. ‘Ray Creek’] trickles down the mountainside, and though one may espy [catch sight of] the brook, the tinkling sound is everywhere. Strolling through the bushes one finds the remains of many by-paths, used by lowing kine [cows] on their way to and from pasture.”

“It was with a view of exploiting this primeval forest, to see what advantages were offered for making it into a summer resort, that a party, under the auspices of Messrs. Loewen and Harvey [Vancouver real estate agents], engaged the steam launch ‘Beaver’ on Saturday afternoon [August 25th, 1906] for a trip up to Judge Bole’s ranch. That the possibilities of converting it into a resort are favourable, everyone in the party was convinced, and operations for clearing the land and laying it out into lots will be inaugurated as soon as possible.”

“Endowed with beautiful scenery and possessing all the advantages of a resort that appeal to the comfort-seeker, this charming bit of landscape is bound to become the summer home of many of Vancouver’s pleasure seekers. Eight acres will be reserved for hotel sites and the beach frontage will be occupied by cottages.”

“About three-quarters of a mile [~1.2 km] or more from the frontage on Belcarra Bay is another bay called ‘Bidwell’ [a.k.a. ‘Bedwell Bay’]. This magnificent bit of land and sea resembles numerous lochs [lakes] of the old country, and is linked with other little bays in the vicinity, thus reproducing in some considerable degree the wonderful picturesqueness of the harbour of Sydney. [Sydney Harbour, Australia??] The bay is a mile and a quarter [2.0 km] long and is about one-eighth of a mile [200 m] wide.

Its shores are entirely unbroken and are walled by precipitous mountains, which tower thousands of feet above. As a haven for a fleet of yachts, launches and other pleasure craft the bay’s usefulness is unsurpassed, and for bathing the shores can be easily cleared of obstacles.

Launch owners would enjoy the daily cruise to and from the city, the run down the inlet being easily made in half an hour. But the lack of a launch need not bar any one locating there, for within a half-an-hour’s walk [to Port Moody??], the early morning’s train into Vancouver may be caught. As North Vancouver grows, the tram line [from Lonsdale] will be extended to Deep Cove, and a few minutes row from Belcarra Bay will land one at the [tram] car’s door.” [What a sales pitch!]

Afternotes:

1. In 1904, Florence Blanchard Bole (1860–1928), wife of William Norman Bole (1846–1923), sold District Lot 229 (a.k.a. ‘Bole’s Ranch’) for \$5,000 (about \$135,000 today) to Captain John Andrews (‘Jack’) Cates (1866–1942), owner of the ‘Terminal Steamship Company’, although land title records indicate that title to the property was not transferred until 1906. The ‘Terminal Steamship Company’ retained the right to use the wharf and picnic grounds.
2. In May 1904, Capt. Cates constructed a 150-foot by 40-foot floating wharf at ‘Bole’s Ranch’ designed to accommodate the many large picnic parties that visited the ranch during the summer months.
3. In 1905, Florence Blanchard Bole applied for the western portion (96± acres) of the old 1870 Bedwell Bay Timber Lease ‘M’, located immediately south of District Lot 229, which was sold to her and title officially transferred in 1907.
4. In 1906, Arthur Charles (A.C.) Ray (1864–1936) of Vancouver obtained an option on DL229, formed ‘The Bidwell Bay and Belcarra Land Company’ and subsequently purchased the property for \$10,000 (about \$270,000 today). Frederick Coate (F.C.) Wade (1860–1924), KC, was president. The ‘Terminal Steamship Company’ retained the right to use the Belcarra wharf and picnic grounds.

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5. In 1908, 'Bole's Ranch' was subdivided into about 118 lots, most of which were waterfront. The 'Belcarra Subdivision' was marketed by the 'Loewen & Harvey' real estate firm and went on sale at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 29th, 1909, beginning with the sale of "26 beautiful summer homesites on Belcarra Peninsula [a.k.a. 'Turtlehead Peninsula']."
7. The lots were placed on the market at a price of \$200 and up (today, about \$5,400 and up). All of the \$200 lots were purchased the first day by real estate agent J. Eades Ward (1878–1940) and subsequently resold within a couple of weeks for about \$100 more. The prices continued to increase until some of the lots were sold at \$1,000 each (about \$27,000 today).
8. In 1908, F.C. Wade bought four lots (9 to 12) immediately behind 'Turtlehead Island' (a.k.a. 'Hamber Island'), which (at low tide) is joined to the Turtlehead Peninsula by a sandy isthmus. In 1909, F.C. Wade applied to the 'Dominion Government of Canada' to purchase both 'Turtlehead Island' and the sandy isthmus.
9. In 1922, F.C. Wade sold his cottage and properties to Eric Werge Hamber (1879–1960), who became the 'Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia' in 1936. The small island ('Turtlehead Island') in front of the property was subsequently named after Hamber in 1951.
10. In 1927, 'The Harbour Navigation Company' bought 12 acres of 'reserved land' at Belcarra Bay (Lots 'A' and 'B', Plan 4072) from 'The Bidwell Bay and Belcarra Company' where the ferry company developed the 'Belcarra Park' resort facilities including a large wharf, picnic grounds, 10 rental cabins, a dance pavilion, and a small store.

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Letter to the Editor
Parks' Septic Field Plan
By Sherry Chisholm

I am writing this letter to bring attention to the Mayor, Council, and my fellow Villagers, that Metro Parks is considering the installation of a septic system for Belcarra Park on the Midden Road caretaker's property.

The property is owned by Parks, however, it is not zoned as park land. It is zoned residential and it also includes a 100 foot buffer to Belcarra Park as agreed to by the Park's board and our Council many years ago.

Belcarra Park is approximately three times the size of Stanley Park so surely enough land can be found within the park to disperse their sewage rather than dispersing it in the residential area of the Village.

This property is zoned residential and should remain so and then be developed for a home that will continue the residential single family dwellings as has been the established norm in the area.

During any warm day, the park is full of many hundreds of visitors and so there is a very large volume of septic sewage to be dispersed as opposed to a single family daily sewage disposal. The park will require a massive area as over the years the Tri-city area population has been expanding at a great rate and this is where the apartment dwellers come for their sunny day where there is space in beautiful Belcarra Park.

I believe that before the planners at Parks get too far into this plan they should be advised that although they own the lot, it is zoned residential and is not suitable or zoned for park usage as a sewer disposal field.

My suggestion to Parks is they could sell the lot so that a family could build their dream home. This type of development would fit in with the residential area and the Village would benefit from the property taxes.

I am asking for the support of Mayor, Council, and my fellow Villagers to stop this project from even being considered by Parks.

I hope that Council will clearly, and soon, inform Parks that it is an absolute 'No' to this project.



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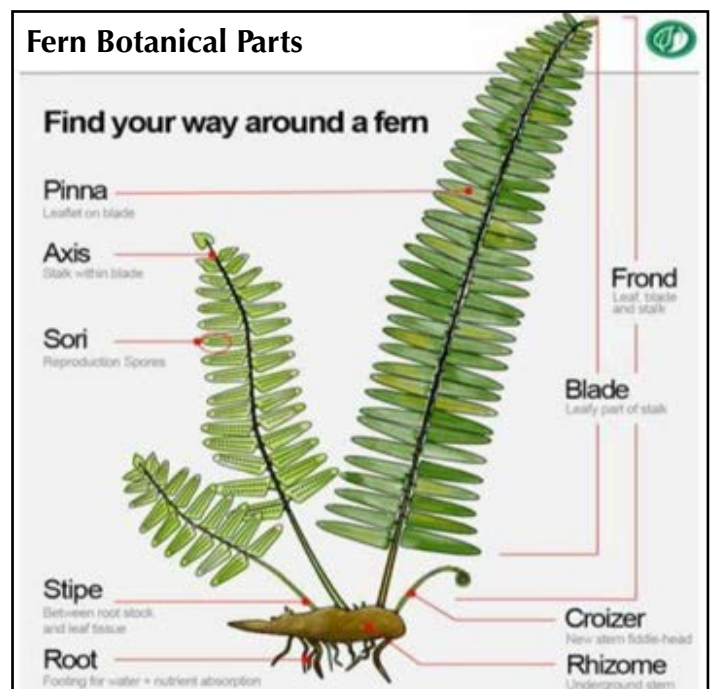
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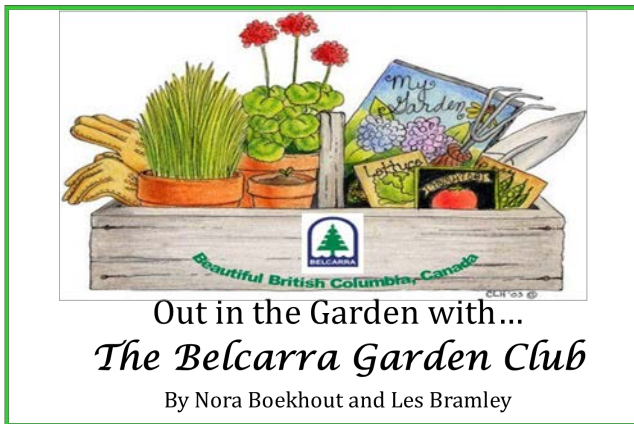
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Sword ferns are perhaps the dominant species here, but it is fun to look closer and identify others as well. Ferns have been around for over 350 million years, and some haven't changed at all! Although ferns possess soft stems and true leaves, similar to flowering plants, they lack flowers. Pteridophytes, including ferns, horsetails, and club moss, reproduce via spores; in ferns, these are typically located on the undersides of the fronds. Accurate identification of some species requires a microscope, but general characteristics exist. The overall shape, leaf structure, and patterns of the sori (clusters of spore sacs) are important factors to notice. The following only "suggests" identifications. Use iNaturalist (for on-the-spot IDs), a book, or a website photo.

See how many you can identify on your next walk!

Western Sword Fern (*Polystichum munitum*):

- the most adaptable of our local ferns
- large, erect, and toothed fronds that can grow to 1.5 m (4.5ft) tall
- scaly reddish crown of rhizomes
- alternate, pointed, leathery leaflets with a small, pointed lobe at the base
- large sori in two rows on the underside.

Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*):

- feathery, graceful fern.
- bright, yellow-green fronds to 2 m (6.5ft) tall
- fronds taper at both ends (diamond shape), being widest .25 m (10") in the middle

Shield or Male or Spiny Wood Fern (*Dryopteris*):

- similar to the Lady Fern but the fronds are triangular with a wide base
- lowest pinnates are also triangular
- grow to about 1 m (3ft)

Licorice Fern (*Polypodium glycyrrhiza*):

- smallish evergreen often grows on tree trunks and branches
- roots have a licorice flavour
- may be 70 cm (2ft) or smaller
- leathery leaves with rounded tips which are lobed to the midrib

Deer Fern (*Blechnum spicant*):

- one of our smaller ferns
- has two distinct types of fronds, spore-bearing fronds are narrow and tube-like reaching 1 m (3ft) high from centre with non-fertile fronds forming a low rosette 80 cm (2ft)
- fronds taper toward both ends

Bracken Fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*):

- large, solitary fronds reaching 1-2m (3-5ft)
- blades and leaflets are triangular
- stipes are very stout

Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*):

- a delicate, palmately branched fern
- fan shaped fronds
- blackish, solitary stems
- grows in clusters

Oak Fern (*Gymnocarpium dryopteris*):

- fronds are singular but they grow in clusters
- a smaller sized fern, often under 40 cm (1ft)
- fronds are triangular
- stipe is shiny and straw coloured

Maidenhair Spleenwort Fern

(*Asplenium trichomanes*):

- distinctive blades are very narrow
- small roundish leaflets
- stipes are reddish brown at base

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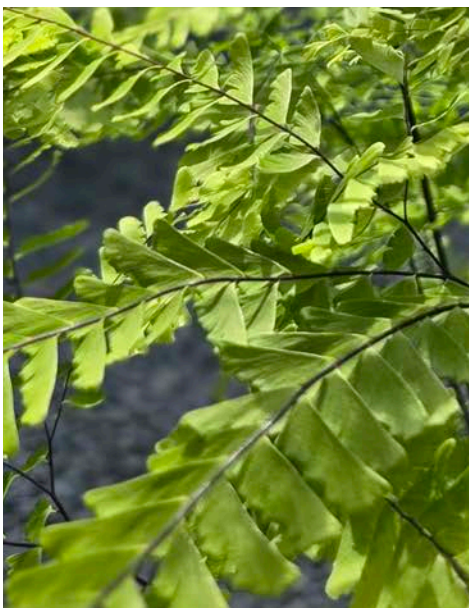
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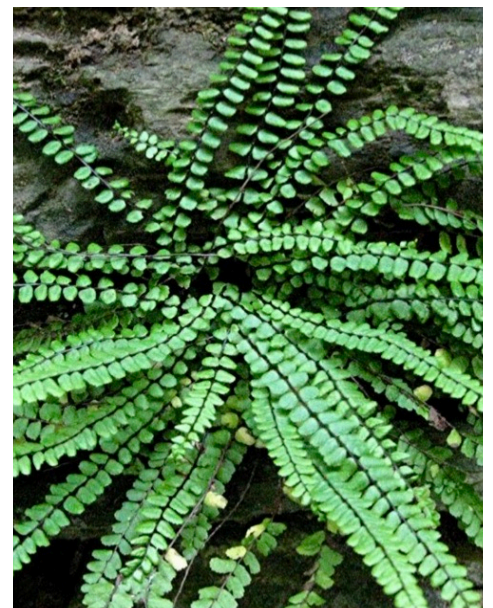
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