

Metchosin Muse

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New Advice on Tsunami Hazard Zones in Metchosin

KEN FARQUHARSON

Events in Japan and Indonesia have made us all much more aware of the damage that can be done by tsunamis. However many in Metchosin do not appreciate that tsunamis pose a risk along our shoreline resulting from an offshore earthquake, as the geologic conditions west of Vancouver Island are similar to those that generated the latest devastating tsunami in Japan. When the "Big One" comes, the Metchosin coastline will certainly experience a tsunami.

Given the damage done by the tsunami in Japan, the BC Government decided to review the tsunami risk along our coast. It has recently completed a revised assessment of the areas at risk, and has now published maps to show these areas.

Our Firechief, Stephanie Dunlop, is responsible for emergency response in our community, including tsunamis, and, at the suggestion of the APRM, has agreed to present the new map for tsunami risk in Metchosin at the Firehall on 15 May at 7.00pm. This information should be of interest to all those living close to the sea and interested in responding to emergencies.

At this time, Metchosin has not yet followed the examples of Tofino, Ucluelet, and other coastal communities in BC and Puget Sound that have marked the at risk zones and escape routes with signs. It is hoped this will come soon, and Chief Dunlop may be able to advise when this will happen.



Witty's Beach has multiple personalities, depending on the weather, but we will see a very different side of her if and when the Big One strikes. A new map of tsunami zones will be presented by Stephanie Dunlop on May 15

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Editors Note: As could be expected, our mischievous April Fool cougar story generated as wide a response from our readers as the community is diverse, with most having a good chuckle. We found one letter particularly creative. A note to potential April 2014 pranksters – start working on your stories now. We hope to make this a regular feature.

Dear Editor,

After pawing to enjoy Dean's photo of the ewe and her lambs, I was shocked to read about the cougar. I'm not lion when I say that I was taken in by the article. Even on page eleven there was a purrfect picture of Mary Pimm and another cougar. As I usually read the Mews from cover to cover, I was delighted to find the rest of the story on page seventeen. What a great April Fool's tail! It's too bad some people have no sense of humour - just catty?

Yours faithfully, Natexa Verbrugge

Letters from Metchosin Technical Centre

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

~Maya Angelou

I have selected this quote this month as reflective of our theme of "learning through the people that have come into our lives". This month, at Metchosin Technical Centre, we have been fortunate to have many people teach us important lessons that have made some serious impacts. We have had the opportunity to attend the VIHA Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY) program. The entire program is run out of the Victoria General hospital by volunteers. I am always impressed by this program and the effect it has on my students is apparent from the letters they submitted into the Muse.

We were out running/hiking around Matheson Lake last week and we all noted how beautiful it was in the park. The grade 9 students at MTC engaged in a trust exercise where they lead each other to a tree, blindfolded. Hopefully, the cold weather is behind us and we can fully enjoy the outdoor educational opportunities. We were fortunate to have a rain free day at the Boys and Girls Outdoor Learning Centre where we learned to work as a team and practice our trust.

Jennifer Kivari and a group of MTC students have been working hard on completing an art piece for submission into an art show *Roots Sooke School District*. The theme is "The families of MTC". This has been a fantastic opportunity for my students to make connections between home and school and to allow them to reflect on the people who have had an impact on their lives.

Our community partnerships are ongoing. We are enjoying our connection with Pearson



Jennifer and Brandon working on the MTC Family Mosaic

areas. The students are taking a closer look into their consumer habits and we are thinking critically about reduce, reuse, recycle and REFUSE. That is "refuse" to consume and create garbage that is unnecessary.

*Dayna Christ-Rowling
Teacher at Metchosin Technical Centre*

This month at MTC we have been very busy working on our art project called Family@MTC. We've been creating a 4'X 4' mosaic and collage which will hopefully be completed on time for the SD#62 Middle/High schools art show at Royal Roads on Mother's Day. We used recycled glass to fill in the border and it was so amazing when we broke it. The pattern was beautiful! This project is really neat because a lot of people are adding pictures of their whole family and putting something on the art that represents something about them and the school as well. It takes lots of patience but it will be well worth it when it's done: D.

From Brandon G.F., Grade 10 MTC students

"The best way to learn if you can trust someone is to take a chance and trust them." ~Nishan Panwar
The whole idea of the trust walk at Matheson Lake was to gain trust in your classmates by blindfolding them and walking them around in the forest. My bud Josh and I took turns being blindfolded. When Josh blindfolded me then brought me to a tree and after I explored the tree he brought me back to where everyone was standing. I didn't find the tree but I remembered the tree was really small. It is amazing how when we are blindfolded our senses are heightened. I really trusted my partner and find the more we do these exercises the better we get at communicating with each other. I have noticed that people listen when I speak and give me respect. It makes me feel good.

Brad Blanchard Grade 9 student

This month we went to a hospital for a program to learn about drinking and driving and crashing. We also went to the morgue. We also were lectured by a man with a physical and brain injury that he got when he was hit by a drunk driver - it was sad. We also went to the Emergency Trauma Unity and we saw the tools they use to perform procedures on young people who are victims of accidents or overdose. We also got to participate in a Drivewise driving simulation; a lot of people had a very difficult time with all the impairments. In the end there was a draw to win a water bottle and Ben won.

*Sincerely Ben Macfarlane,
Aslan Hedberg, Zack O'Donnell*



Corwin with Sean at the PARTY program with the Drivewise simulator

College and have been visiting the school on a weekly basis with the grade 9 class. This past month we were lucky enough to bake pizzas in the outdoor oven with Galen and the Pearson activity participants. It is hard to say goodbye to our Pearson Buddies that are graduating and I would like to thank our leaders Galen and Lucas for sticking with us for these past two years. You will be missed! In related news, our partnership with Hans Helgesen is flourishing as it is a great opportunity for us to develop leadership skills for the grade 9 students with their Kindergarten buddies. We had a fantastic celebration on Taylor Road beach on the first day of our beautiful spring.

Finally, I would like to mention our Earth Day Clean up was a success with a focus on cleaning up Weir Beach and surrounding

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IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Winifred Triplett (nee Shadrake)

October 9, 1930—March 31, 2013

STUART TRIPLETT, SON

The eldest of three, Pat was born in the County of Essex, England. Her sister Christine still lives in England, but sadly her brother Terry died in 1964.

In 1949, while working as a bakery manageress, she met and married George Triplett, a dashing soldier then serving in the Grenadier Guards. They had two sons. Mark, born in 1953 and Stuart, born in 1955. Seeking better opportunity, they emigrated to Canada, George arriving in 1957, while Pat and the boys followed a year later.

The family settled on an acreage outside Edmonton, George having joined the police, while Mom was the homemaker. In 1961 the family moved to Edmonton itself, where over seven years they fostered more than twenty children in their home, and adopted son Richard and daughter Donna.

But the West beckoned, and in 1967, the family of six moved to Victoria where George became a guard at Wilkinson Road Prison, and they adopted three more children, Jean, Valerie and Margaret. 1971 saw a move to Glen Lake where Pat raised all seven children. Margaret sadly died in 1996.

In 1988 George and Pat decided to relocate to a property they purchased on Metchosin Road with son Stuart and wife Betty and immersed themselves in local activities. George was a Lion Club member and Pat a Lioness in the Women's Auxiliary Club for almost thirty years, in spite of being wheelchair bound with leg problems. This did not stop her, together with George, from also taking a very active role as Treasurer on the Committee of the Metchosin Community Association and other volunteer work.

Pat was a proud mother and nanny to her nine grandchildren, Ben, Ashleigh, Stephanie, Shauna, Ryan, Kaitlyn, Zachery, Michael and Danielle, who all loved her very much.

George and Pat had been married for fifty-nine years when he passed away in 2008. In 2011 Pat moved to Nanaimo to live with her daughter, Donna, but a year later, because of health issues, had to move to Malaspina Gardens Extended Care Facility. She passed away on Easter Sunday, 2013.

Pat had an incredible number of friends and will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

We love you Mom.



Pat helping out at the 2002 Mighty Garage Sale

The family has announced that the funeral for Pat will be held Saturday, May 18 at 1:30 pm at the Colwood Pentacostal Church, 2250 Sooke Road.



Pat and George soon after they were married

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Pat Triplett Receives Volunteer Recognition "Oscar"

JANET BARCLAY

"I never thought I'd win an Oscar" was Pat Triplett's comment when she was presented with a gold statuette on April 29, 2003, at the Twenty-first Annual Volunteer Recognition event of the *West Shore Parks & Recreation Society*, attended by some eighty people.

Pat was honoured for "being instrumental in helping the Metchosin Community Association develop its unique role of promoting a positive sense of community in Metchosin. Her fellow volunteers and the Metchosin community admire her judicious financial skills and keen personal interest in the planning and participation of virtually all MCA activities. Fellow Board Members attest that she is one of the most active and inspiring members of their group. She is also a thirty year long member of the Greater Victoria Lions Club Ladies Auxiliary, a long-standing member of the Juan de Fuca Arts & Crafts Guild and a recent singing programme volunteer at the Priory".

MCA GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm at the Community House

Dayna Christ-Rowling – "TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX"

If you read the "Letters from Metchosin Technical Centre", a special feature in The Muse, you will be familiar with Dayna's name, as not only does she contribute a letter, but her students often mention the energy she puts into her very "outside the box" style of teaching which involves them in community and physical activities plus learning practical skills. The three "R's" are covered too, but more importantly, Dayna teaches her students respect for the environment, for people of all ages and nationalities, and for themselves.

It was five years ago when Dayna was asked if she would be interested in starting this Project Based Learning Program, "Bridges to Your Future", at the Metchosin Technical Centre for some fifty students. This is a provincial pilot program and judging from how often "the best school I have ever been in" appears in the students' letters, it is certainly a success.

Dayna's talk will cover the principles which guide her teaching and will give examples of the programs and activities she uses to carry them out. Some of her students may also come along and talk about their experiences at the Metchosin Technical Centre.

If, like me, your school days were often dreary and regimented, come along and hear how exciting and inspiring teaching can be when it is done "outside the box".

The talk is free and there will be time for questions and refreshments. All are welcome to come and learn about this special program taking place right here in Metchosin.

Laura Farquharson, MCA Guest Speaker Program Coordinator



Dayna with her Grade 9 MTC students

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Stinking Fish Studio Tour Reinvents Itself!

JUDY DYELLE

Stinking Fish Studio Tour (SFST) is the Magical Mystery Tour of artists' studios in Metchosin and East Sooke. It has been going for twelve years, showcasing the work of one of the largest concentrations of artists in British Columbia. Among them, this diverse group of twenty-six artists have local, regional, national and international recognition and awards. They work in a wide variety of media.

Until now, only ten days in the summer and two days in the late fall were available to enjoy the experience of meeting the artists and exploring their workspaces. Many people have been disappointed that they have missed this opportunity or had the feeling that they were rushed or unable to see all the studios due to other events held at the same time. SFST members have decided to give the public the opportunity to meet the artists at any time of the year and in any order they choose. To do this, they have developed a beautifully illustrated guide of the studios that are open throughout the year. The guide may be picked up from a number of central venues such as the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, My Chosen Cafe, Art World, Sooke Museum or the artists' studios. It can be viewed online at

their website: www.stinkingfishstudiotour.com. The website also offers more detailed information about each of the artists. The map of the studios and the various dining facilities in the area can be printed. The visitor can now have a well-rounded, self-directed, personal experience in visiting the creative community of this gorgeous part of BC, getting to meet the artists in their workplaces and learning what is involved in creating their work.

With the new guide, visitors can arrange their own tour at their own convenience. See a few studios or many and visit them several times throughout the year.



Peace – Wall hanging – Kathy and Selby Saluke



Ceramic Mask – Ann Semple

All it takes is a call or email to any of the studios – twenty-six in all - to arrange a visit. This is necessary, as not all of the artists are in their studios at all times. This gives visitors maximum flexibility in planning, a more relaxed visit with one on one with the artist and the elimination of the mad-rush, steeplechase-like tours of the past twelve years.

The SFST Artists will also be having an exhibition at the Metchosin Art Gallery (MAG) 4495 Happy Valley Rd. It is titled "Ten Thousand Hours" and will be on from July 11th to August 4th, with an opening on Saturday, July 13 from 2 pm - 5 pm. MAG hours are Thursday - Sunday from noon until 5pm.

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Miles Lowry - Blue Mask - pigment on molded paper

ANDY GRAFFITI

In a recent TC column, Robert Amos pointed Victorian urbanites in the direction of a growing cultural outbreak centered in Metchosin's core. In addition to the famed *Stinking Fish* studio tour and the upcoming annual *Fired Up!* ceramic show, there is Robin Hopper and Judy Dyell's longstanding tenure at *Chosin Pottery*, and the former elementary school now houses the *Metchosin Art Gallery*. Almost equidistant between these is *Mercurio Gallery*. Since Kym Hill moved her operations last year from downtown Victoria to a new location far closer to home, the gallery has been established as one of the highlights of a Metchosin culture safari. Kym has been showing and selling art from the House Collection of Island artists, past and present, including the Limners, Jack Wise, Wayne Ngan, and more. This spring, a series of special exhibitions is being presented. The first, a retrospective of previously collected paintings by painter Ken Faulks was in April.

Coming in May is *Multiple Choice: Four Tellers*, an all-star event featuring painter and memoirist Phyllis Serota, print and collage maker Dorothy Field, potter/weaver Tobias Tomlinson and painter/sculptor Miles Lowry, four established Victoria artists whom *Mercurio* has presented in the past.

Field was originally a weaver, then began making silk paper and using it for collage and hand made books. Her lush collages look like the pages of a book read in a dream, rich with fragments of information and imagery.

Lowry uses mulberry paper as a base for his unique gouache paintings, and creates light-

weight and intensely pigmented paper body/mask sculptures. His subjects are primarily nature and the human face and body, and his work is infused with poetic beauty.

For years Serota has been incorporating a wide variety of materials into her paintings to create textured surfaces, and is known for her ongoing series of personally based narrative paintings, her glowing still lifes, and landscapes. She recently published a memoir, "Painting My Life", describing her journey so far as an artist and human. This show will incorporate some of her newest paintings, as well as some classic "vintage" works.

Tomlinson is best known for his unique pottery, which he has been creating for over thirty-five years. He is influenced by traditional Japanese firing techniques, the Arts and Crafts movement, and by an ancestral connection to the First Nations. He has also been a long time weaver, and will show some beautifully made wearable fabric pieces along with his turned and carved ceramic ware.

All four artists are intensely dedicated to process, craft, and experimentation, and all produce art that is powerfully connected to the tactile. *Mercurio's* hope is that juxtaposing their work in a variety of media will strike sparks around ideas of creativity, and the importance of the tactile sense in each of these artist's creations.

Sunday May 19 the artists will be present for informal discussion of process, materials, and creativity. The next weekend the show coincides with the annual *Fired Up!* ceramics show just down the road.

TALK AND WALK

Wildlife Trees

Please join Metchosin's Todd Manning: habitat forester, wildlife ecologist and arborist, at 7 pm, Friday May 24, at the Metchosin Municipal Hall.

Todd is the co-author of *Wildlife and Trees in British Columbia*. Find out why a dead or dying tree is a hotspot of opportunity for many species and crucial to forest health. Everyone welcome!

The Talk and Walk series will be on hiatus during the summer but we have lined up some wonderful speakers and topics for the fall. The newly minted "Dr" Andy MacKinnon will entertain and amuse in September on his new book about alpine plants of BC, and October will bring a special guest who will give a presentation on wolves!



Standing dead trees present a rich resource for a variety of wildlife.

Simon Fraser University recently announced that Metchosin's Andy MacKinnon will receive an honorary Doctor of Science at the June Convocation. Andy is a research ecologist with the BC Forest Service, an Adjunct Professor at SFU, and has co-authored six field guides on plants of western North America. For more information, see <http://www.sfu.ca/ceremonies/honorary-degrees.html>



ATV's Illegally Accessing Parks and Trails

COUNCILLOR JO MITCHELL

Over the past year Council has been waging a battle with unknown individuals using All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) who persist in removing large boulders from a trail entrance at the end of Deer Park Trail and accessing Eleanor Mann Park, presumably as a short cut to Arden Road. Given the amount of rain we have had over the past few months, this has resulted in a lot of damage to the trail and park, to say nothing of the danger to equestrians and dog and child walkers when faced with speeding motorized vehicles.

There are notices at the entrance explaining that all motorized vehicles are banned from using the trail. Replacing the boulders, which are put there to stop motorized access, is time-consuming and expensive, and becomes an additional taxpayer expense.

On the Easter weekend, a red ATV was spotted using the trail after the boulders had been removed.

If you see or have any knowledge of ATV users who persist in illegally riding on the trail and in Eleanor Mann Park, please call the Municipal Office — 250-474-3167 — and report the incident.



COUNCIL NEWS

2013 DRAFT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the 2013 budget include paving a portion of Kangaroo Road. The property tax proposed increase is 2.3%. Council will be considering adoption of the draft five year budget at its May 6 meeting.

DANGEROUS INVASIVE SPECIES

The Agricultural Committee has expressed concern as to the proliferation of the following species which are extremely poisonous to livestock. Anything a resident can do in removing these dangerous invasive species is greatly appreciated. Please note that it is the responsibility of the property owner to control noxious plants on private property.

Tansy Ragwort

Tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) - is an introduced, invasive species which is increasing its toehold on southern Vancouver Island and is present along many of our roadways and encroaching into fields and meadows. It is most noticeable in August when it sends its brilliant yellow, daisy-like, flat-topped flower heads shooting up to six feet in the air. One multiple stemmed plant can produce 150,000 long-lived seeds per season. The plants contain a toxic alkaloid that can poison livestock by causing cumulative liver damage, particularly in cattle, pigs, horses and deer. Tansy ragwort has a shallow, fibrous root system which can easily be pulled by hand but wear gloves and protective clothing whenever you tackle invasive species removal as some people are more susceptible to allergic reactions than others.

Poison Hemlock

In the first year, poison hemlock is a small seedling that resembles wild carrot. In the second, it produces numerous, umbrella-like clusters of white flowers at the ends of purple-blotched stems. Leaves are shiny, green, finely divided (almost fern-like), and have a strong musty odour. Mature plants can grow to three metres tall. Poison hemlock crowds out desirable forage species and can poison livestock and humans. All parts of the plant are highly poisonous, and must be handled with care.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON METCHOSIN TRAILS

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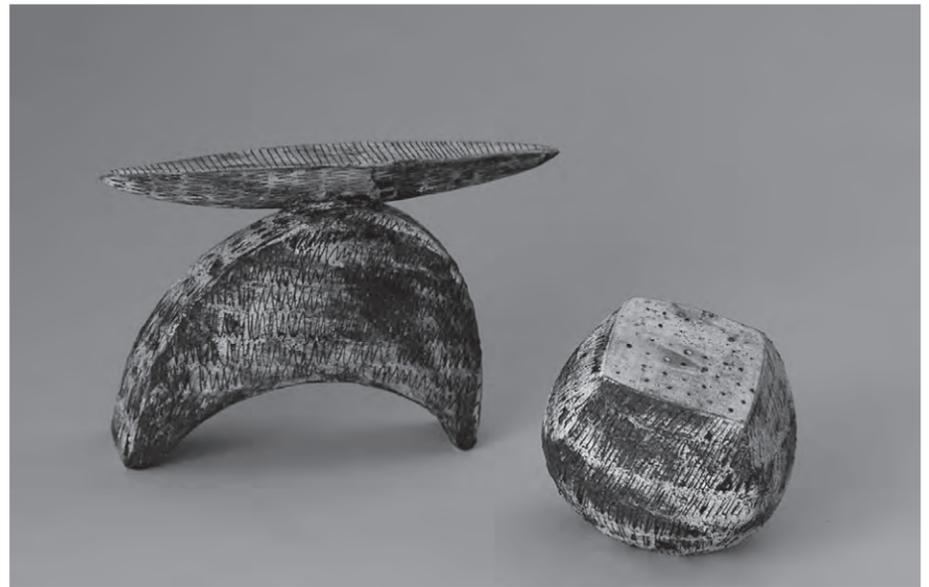


Fired UP! Contemporary Works in Clay Presents Salt of the Earth, "Vessels for Tasteful Living" Exhibition and Sale May 24-26, 2013

Exhibition of ceramic art explores the 500 year-old salt-firing method. The artists of Fired UP! Contemporary Works in Clay will present their **Salt of the Earth, "Vessels for Tasteful Living"** exhibition at the 29th Annual ceramics show in Metchosin.

The unique salt-firing method has inspired ceramic artists for centuries, including the potters of Fired Up! For the first time ever, nine Fired UP! core members have collectively fired their pieces in one kiln using the salt-fired method. The result is a lively expression of diverse ceramic artworks.

Joining Fired Up! members are five highly acclaimed guest artists. An elegant central gallery will feature the collection of dynamic salt-fired vessels, with potters' signature wares displayed in their respective individual booths. In addition, artists will shake it up with an exciting salt and pepper shakers theme to delight collectors. All artists will be in attendance.



These salt and peppers by Louise Card, are purely an exploration of relationship and form. The evolution from drawing to object is shown in the scribbly surface.

Fired UP! 2013

Gala Opening Friday, May 24 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm,
with sales starting at 6:30.
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Metchosin Museum Society's AGM

GAERT LINNAEA

The Metchosin Museum Society welcomes the general public and its members to their Annual General Meeting at the Metchosin Community House on Thursday May 30 at 7 pm.

A presentation on Cowichan Sweaters will be given by Jennifer Iredale who is currently the Director of the Heritage Branch for the Province of BC and has spent many years as a curator of the provincial historic sites.

Jennifer has a strong interest in women's history and a passion for things uniquely British Columbian, such as Cowichan Sweaters. Jennifer nominated Cowichan Sweater makers to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. This designation was approved in 2011 as "Coast Salish Knitters and the Cowichan Sweater National Historic Event". Jennifer hosts a Facebook group called *Cowichan Sweaters Friends* that allows people to post photographs of sweaters and knitters in honour of the iconic Cowichan Sweater and its makers. She will do a Powerpoint presentation and bring a small collection of sweaters and historic photographs, and invites others to do the same.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The second part of the evening will be the business meeting. The Museum Society is looking for nominations for directors to serve on the Museum's Board.

Museum News

The Metchosin Museum Society celebrated its fortieth birthday on February 22 at the Community House, where Dorothy Mindenhall gave an interesting talk and presentation on her book *Unbuilt in Victoria*.

Forty-two attendees enjoyed birthday cake and were entertained with the details of 100 years of Victoria architectural and city planning projects (some good, some not so much) – which never got built. Some examples are the proposed freeway and bridge to James Bay and the several unrealized concepts for Christ Church Cathedral.

Check out the School House Museum buildings as they have recently been given a significant upgrade paid for by the School District and a fresh look with new cedar shingle roofs on the main building and the side shed.



Gaert Linnaea and Margaret Roper with the Museum Society's fortieth birthday cake. Photo by Janet Gray

Museums Opening Hours

The School Museum will be open for the season on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm starting April 20. On Mother's Day (Sunday May 12) the School Museum's hours change to Saturday 1:30 pm & Sunday 11 am to 4:30 pm.

Please visit the Pioneer Museum and see the new book room. The Pioneer Museum opens on Sunday May 12 11 am to 2 pm, which is Mother's Day when Farmers Market season begins.

Mightier Than Ever!

JIM CHALLENGER, 2013 METCHOSIN MIGHTY GARAGE SALE COORDINATOR (250-474-2808)

The annual Metchosin Community Association's Mighty Garage Sale is the place to be on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Come and browse through the big tents for furniture, electronics, sporting goods, yard goods, tools, house wares, collectibles, antiques and my favourite: "mystery stuff". Be sure to participate in the silent auction inside the Community House for a chance to get some of the choicest donations. Items will be auctioned off on both Saturday and Sunday.

Visit the Pioneer Museum next door to check out their books and stock up for those lazy summer days of reading ahead.

Several local non-profit groups will also be selling their 'stuff' to help raise money for their organizations. Be sure to save time to scope them out in the yard area!

Hungry and need a break? Visit our concession stand in the Community House for delicious food and refreshments! This year the concession is being organized by the Hans Helgesen School PAC as a fundraiser for their programs.

On Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm, drop in to the Metchosin Farmers Market right next to us for deals on local produce, crafts and food.

Entry to the garage sale is by cash donation at the gate. Any amount you wish to give will get you VIP access to the tents full of bargains. We will also have a 'corral' for safe-keeping of your purchases while you shop for more. Remember - all proceeds from the event go to support the Metchosin Community Association and other local non-profit groups.

See you at the Mighty Garage Sale!

P.S. – Got stuff you want to get rid of? We are accepting donations from 10 am to 2 pm starting Saturday May 18 through to Friday, May 24.



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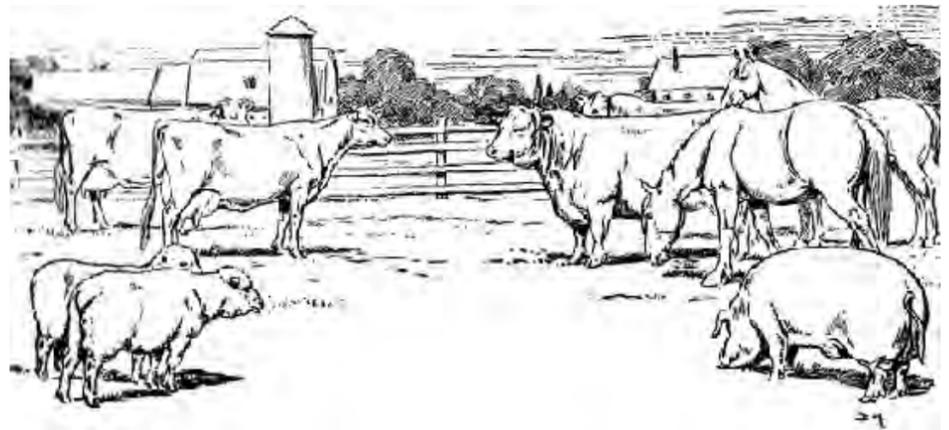
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Planning for Livestock Evacuations: Disaster preparedness is important to everyone and it is equally important for all animals, as well. It is especially important for livestock because of their size, but also because of the requirements needed to shelter and transport them.

Emergencies and disasters like wildfires, hazardous spills, floods and disease can occur with little warning and have devastating consequences. Livestock and large animal owners need to be prepared – whether you have one horse, or several flocks of sheep.

In planning for disaster, large animals and livestock need extra consideration. Transporting livestock to safety, when disaster strikes, can be difficult. Depending on the disaster, transporting animals may be the only option over releasing them or sheltering them in place.

If you own livestock, it is important to have an emergency plan and to be ready to protect your livestock in a disaster.

Things to consider for your livestock evacuation plan:

1. Is your farm/home insurance up to date and what does it cover? In general, insurance is available for livestock injuries or mortalities, temporary live-

stock relocations, infrastructure losses (barns, buildings, milking equipment, etc.) and for other farm losses. Check and confirm with your broker as to what is or would be covered.

2. Is evacuation of your livestock necessary? In many cases arranging for producer re-entry for the care, feeding and shelter in place (on farm or on range) may be the best strategy for your livestock. This will depend on the emergency; you should check with the Emergency Operation Centre.

3. If evacuation becomes necessary, and depending on the nature of the emergency, you should investigate shelter and feeding sites that may be available nearby and/or with neighbours.

4. Identify and record access and exit routes for your livestock, should they need to be evacuated. This will help responders who may need to implement an emergency evacuation from the property.

5. Make sure any relocation site is suitable to your needs, is readily accessible and of minimal risk to becoming a high risk zone if the emergency event were to extend to a larger area.

6. Purchase extra supplies for use at the relocation site – marking pencils,

rope halters, washtub for cleaning equipment, feeding buckets, etc.

7. Compile a list of resources you will need that can assist on short notice with evacuation – livestock trailers, loading chutes, portable corrals, etc.

8. Ensure all livestock have positive identification and these records are up to date – ear tags, brands or tattoos as a minimum.

9. Make plans to relocate any dangerous stock, such as a bull, well before evacuation becomes necessary.

10. Relocations can stress your livestock and reduce the animal's ability to withstand infections. Relocations may also require your livestock to be mixed with others thereby increasing exposure to possible infections to which they may have little or no resistance. In advance, discuss with your veterinarian how your livestock can best be protected if they have to be relocated and what medications you should have on hand. As well, review

the vaccination program and individual animal vaccination status.

Emergency Livestock Response in Metchosin:

The Metchosin Emergency Program is in the process of developing a district-wide plan to assist with livestock emergencies and response needs. We are searching for volunteers in our community who may be interested in helping to develop this plan. We are also looking for spare/old equipment to keep on hand, as well as trailers/vehicles for relocating, and anyone who may be able to provide emergency shelter for livestock in such an event.

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Notice of AGM – Metchosin Foundation

CAROL CARMEN

The Metchosin Foundation will be welcoming new members and old to its Annual General Meeting on Sunday May 5 at 7:00 pm. at St. Mary's Church, 4125 Metchosin Road.

Featured speakers will be two leaders of the Ancient Forest Alliance, award-winning photographer TJ Watt and environmental activist Ken Wu. The Alliance is a BC non-profit organization that works to protect endangered old-growth forests and to ensure sustainable forest jobs in BC. Their team is currently campaigning in support of the proposed *Old Growth Protection Act*, a science-based plan just released by the University of Victoria's Environmental Law Centre. The bill features timelines to immediately end old-growth logging in 'critically endangered forests'. Some of the oldest Douglas fir trees in the world exist in unique ecosystems in our municipality. One of the key values of the Metchosin Foundation is to preserve and safeguard our unique ecosystems within the context of a healthy, caring community.

The meeting will begin with a short summary by Chair Chris Pratt of the year's activities and introduction of the board members, followed by the presentation by Watt and Wu. An intermission will follow during which guests will have the opportunity to socialize, meet the speakers and enjoy a glass of wine. Donations to the Metchosin Foundation are tax deductible. Please see our website for further details. www.metchosinfoundation.ca



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The Rural Gardener

By Isabel Tipton

Rhododendrons

Rhododendron (from Ancient Greek *ῥόδον rhodon* "rose" and *δένδρον déndron* "tree")^{[2][3]} is a genus of over 1000 species of woody plants in the heath family, either evergreen or deciduous. Most species have showy flowers. The rhododendron is the national flower of Nepal.

Azaleas make up two subgenera of *Rhododendron*. They are distinguished from "true" rhododendrons by having only five anthers per flower. There are few gardens without at least one rhododendron as they are showy, available and some are always in bloom on Mother's Day!

They do well in our acid soils, and love the partial shade most of us have in our gardens. They are shallow rooted, so are easy to move even as quite large shrubs. They will break from old wood, so can be rejuvenated quite easily, just cut them back. Generally this is done over two or three years so that we do not miss a season's bloom, as they bloom on mature wood.

A tried and true method of keeping them bushy is to look at the buds in the spring - leaf buds are long and skinny, blossom buds short and fat. Carefully pinch out the leaf buds and the stem will then send out three or four buds at that point, thus keeping the plant shorter and fuller.

Rhododendron macrophyllum California rhododendron; Pacific rhododendron *Ericaceae* (Heath Family) is the local native, in very few locations and severely protected. Your only chance to own this is through native plant sales and you will need a bit of luck to get one. You can see them in bloom along the Hope-Princeton highway, generally in early June. Supposedly there are some on Mt. Arrowsmith too.

You will have noticed they belong in the same family as heather, magnolia tea, persimmon, blueberry, Brazil nut. Tea is of course a camellia and the tea specific one is around if you look for it. That is one for the locovore types - 100 yard tea!

There are countless hybrids available, and a few species at local nurseries, but if you really want a broad range you will have to join the Rhododendron Society. Victoria Rhododendron Society, www.victoriarhodo.ca

VicRS meets at 7:30pm on the second Monday of each month at the Garth Homer Society; 813 Darwin Ave., Victoria, B.C. Guests are most welcome to attend. These are the people to hang out with if you are seriously in love with rhodos. They have a couple of sales a year, this spring they are:

April 27, 2013	Rhodo Show & Sale	Tillicum Mall
May 11, 2013	Rhodo Sale	Abkhazi Gardens, 9:00 am - noon
May 25, 2013	Rhodo Show & Sale	WestShore Town Centre

There may be some locally developed hybrids available at these sales. Take cash and a box if you plan to buy. Choose with an eye to foliage as well as blossom, leaves are always there, flowers last a couple of weeks.

Rhodos have a wide variety of foliage; the fuzz on top of some leaves is tomentum, the fuzz on the underside indumentum. A lot of the 'Yakusimanum' hybrids have silver tomentum, quite a lot of varieties have a rusty indumentum. A rhododendron flower is called a truss, and the best have the florets arranged so that there are no spaces between them, with the leaves arranged in a circle, called a collar at the base of the truss. There are the drooping bell flowered varieties like Bow Bells, a pink hybrid with a flower that does not form a perfect truss ever, and a lot of the early flowering species have single flowers or small clusters.

The earliest we can grow here are 'Christmas Cheer' (and its near-twin 'Rosa Mundi'). They have no rivals in their bloom time of late winter. Sometimes they begin to bloom in late January, but more commonly bloom in February or early March. Both have a petite truss of palest pink and when mature, become a dome of pink on a well-behaved plant. Experts say that 'Christmas Cheer' has slightly shorter leaves and blooms a week earlier than 'Rosa Mundi'. There is one on Duke Road that is almost always in bloom by New Year's Eve, and in August Butchart's have a 'Polar Bear' in bloom. There are a few scented ones, but most are tropical. I have one called 'Angelo' which is scented, bought at a Rhododendron Society sale twenty years ago.

Many deciduous Azaleas are available locally. If either Northern Lights or Weston is in the name the plant should be scented.

In theory both azaleas and rhododendrons are deer proof, but don't count on it. I had one totally destroyed; they even stripped the bark off it, while others thrive in deer territory.

They require some water in summer, the leaves roll towards the centre vein under stress, and either severe cold or drought will do it, so keep an eye out. They like a mulch, and rotten wood is their very favourite, so if you have a rotten stump anywhere, mulch the rhodos with it and they will love you. Mild fertilizer is fine, and if you suspect your soil needs some encouragement, a top dressing of agricultural gypsum is appreciated by all rhodos. This adds calcium which they need without adding lime which they don't.

With some attention to foliage and booming times you can have colour in the shrubbery for easily seven months a year from rhododendrons alone.

See you at the rhodo sales.

There are many accounts of plant hunting in Asia, where most of the rhododendron species are found; these three are available at the Victoria Public Library and are a fun read if you like plants.

The Plant Hunters, Musgrave, Toby – two hundred years of adventure and discovery around the world.

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Volunteer Avril Yeochim stocking shelves at Metchosin Pioneer Museum's Old Barn Books.

OK, What's Black and White and Red all over?

BERT HARRISON

In this case it's the recently renovated *Old Barn Books* at the Metchosin Museum Society's Pioneer Museum.

This winter we have been busy improving and extending the Pioneer Museum to repair some structural defects. These changes have allowed us to bring the century old Parker Stagecoach indoors to protect it for future generations to see. The move gave us the opportunity to expand the book display areas for the *Old Barn Books*. It is from the sales of donated used books that the Metchosin Museum Society receives its largest source of revenue. We have been able to more than double the display area for the books, and improve the heating and ventilation for the book display area. These renovations were funded by the District of Metchosin and the Metchosin Museum Society. We are thankful for the many volunteers on our design/build team that made it happen.

You can help too, by continuing to donate your good used books. You are welcome to come by to check out the changes to the Museum, and of course buy a book or two!

The *Metchosin School Museum* will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm commencing April 20 and the *Metchosin Pioneer Museum* will be open on May 25 and 26 for Metchosin Community House's Giant Garage Sale, and then Sunday's, in conjunction with the Farmers Market.

Remember these are your museums and your heritage.



Jennifer Waelti-Walters' minimalist and elegant style.

Artwork inspired by Japan comes to the Metchosin Art Gallery

HAILEY FINNIGAN

Elegant Eye is a group show that highlights the unique aesthetic of the West Coast with an emphasis on the influences from Japan. The prints, photography, books and paintings of these four artists exhibit a Japanese influence in technique, material and subject matter. The exhibit features the art of Jennifer Waelti-Walters, Susan Underwood, Dale Horricks and Lorraine Douglas.

Jennifer Waelti-Walters uses bold brush strokes on raw canvas to represent the human figure in a minimalist and elegant way. Her scenes of figures in crowds provoke questions about body language and shared spaces. Susan Underwood's small prints highlight graceful lines and shapes found in nature. Dale Horricks' photographs document the ritual of the Japanese Tea Ceremony. The textures of rich fabrics and smooth ceramic surfaces are emphasized by the use of black and white. Colour and shine can be found

in Lorraine Douglas' art books, which have become a space for playful experimentation. Visitors are invited to leaf through the pages, and take in the luxurious papers and thoughtful compositions assembled by the artist. This exhibit will be an example of how different media can address a similar aesthetic tradition.

Show runs May 2 - June 2. Opening reception is May 4, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, and will feature green tea and goodies.

There will be artist talks June 1 at 2:00 pm. All are invited to attend and converse with the artists about their artistic journey, materials and plans for the future. The Metchosin Art Gallery is open Thursday to Sunday 12:00-5:00 pm.



Dale Horricks documents the ritual of the Japanese Tea Ceremony.



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Buddies Program – 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Buddies offers Reading and Math support as well as help with homework for Metchosin kids. Kids receive a ½ hour – 1 hour, one to one tutoring session with an adult or teen volunteer. Registration forms and contact info are provided to Hans Helgesen School. For more info you can call MCH at 250-478-5155. The program is finished for the season and will start again in September.

Pearson College Students Outreach – Helping seniors and youth in our community. Invite Pearson College students to visit or help with a project. Particularly aimed at Metchosin seniors, but call 250-478-5155, and leave a message for Jane Hammond or John Hollemans, to see if you might be eligible. The program is finished for the season and will restart in September.

Tuesdays

Drop In Painters Art Group. This friendly and supportive group of artists and hobbyists meet Tuesday mornings 9:30 am – noon at the MCH. Preempted May 21. Everyone is welcome.

Games Afternoon. Every third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Preempted May 21. Bring a game of your choice, bring a friend and a snack if so inclined and prepare to have some fun. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesdays

Vancouver Island Health Authority Adult Day Program – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (see Monday for details).

Fridays

Parent and Tot Program 9:30 am – 11:30 am – Calling all Metchosin Tots! The Parent and Tot Drop-In program invites Moms, Dads, caregivers and their young children to join us Friday mornings for our community Parent and Tot program. Children will enjoy our new toys, books and craft opportunities. Parents will enjoy our relaxed, supportive environment, parent resource library and opportunities to connect with other parents and kids. We hope to see you and your little one(s)! Preempted May 24. For more information please call Nina at 250-590-2540.

Pearson Student Teatime Drop-In 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Enjoy a cup of tea and conversation with international students from Pearson College. The program is finished and will restart in September.

Events:

Guest Speaker Series – Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Dayna Christ-Rowling Metchosin Technical School.

Mighty Garage Sale – Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, 9:00am – 3:00 pm. The garage sale is a fund-raiser for the Metchosin Community Association but it's also an annual community 'event' that enables families in Metchosin to support the Association's work by donating things to the sale. It's also become a cool place to stock up on 'stuff' at great prices. This year we are going to hold the sale a week after the May long weekend. Entry will be by cash donation at the gate.

Potluck Lunch – Thursday, May 30, 12: 00 pm – 1:30 pm. Everyone welcome!

Metchosin Mighty Garage Sale Donation Time - If you want to be part of the fun, start rummaging around and pulling together your donations for this year's sale. We need your unwanted 'stuff' that is still in good condition including: clothing, books, furniture in reasonable condition, antiques, small appliances in working order, tools, sporting goods, china, garden supplies and household goods. We are allowing used computer equipment to be donated this year. Please, no mattresses, exercise equipment, TV's, pillows, old shoes, soiled clothing, microwaves, typewriters, cribs, car seats, magazines, barbeques, or large appliances. Your donation of items for the sale can be dropped off to the tent in the Metchosin Community House parking lot, daily, starting Saturday, May 18 thru to Friday, May 24 from 10:00 am to 2: 00 pm. **If you are interested in being part of this fun event and have some free time to volunteer, please call the MCA office at 250-478-5155 to join in!**

Knitting Cafe

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Monday, 7: 00pm – 9:00 pm and the second and fourth Tuesday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm monthly. Looking forward to seeing everyone again and newcomers, whether experienced or beginning knitters, are always welcome. Preempted May 20. For more info. call Laura, 250-478-1197 or email laura.farquharson@shaw.ca

Foot Care Program – Every third Monday of each month a foot care nurse will be offering foot care services. Appointments are ½ an hour and cost \$40.00. Appointments are between 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. Preempted May 20. Please call 478-5155 to book.

Art On The Walls – May. Doug Gilbert in collaboration with the Metchosin School Museum Society has compiled and organized a show of eighteen historic photographs of Metchosin dating back to the early 1900's. They are hanging on the Community House walls for all to come and enjoy. Viewing times are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

The Art On The Walls program offers the House as a wonderful venue for artists to show and display their works. For more information please call the MCH at 250-478-5155.

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THE ROVING ARTS REPORTER

The next twelve months will see a series of artistic events inspired by and in honour of some of the greatest of twentieth century artists. The events will be at different locations in the Capital Region – but the kick-off was in Metchosin on April 14 and 21.

The “Homage” series is the brainchild of Colwood-based artist Will Gordon, whose retrospective occupied the Metchosin Art Gallery during the month of April. Those who were lucky enough to attend were all gobsmacked by the imagination Will brought to bear in translating all sorts of found objects into really exciting wall pieces.

But Will pushes us beyond wall art to engage with nature and feelings in other ways. The first of his “Homages,” “Getting into Earth – Homage to Walter de Maria,” was held on Sunday 24 April at the farm of Jo and Frank Mitchell. Walter De Maria, in addition to being a musician, also sought to confront people with reality through unconventional art (including, famously, acquainting New York urbanites with the reality of earth, by filling a New York gallery with dirt – a work which is now a museum piece in that city). Will didn’t replicate any particular de Maria work. Instead, visitors were invited to handle a pile of earth, and then, as they wanted or dared, to stand in three holes, with the deepest (at over five feet) providing a worm’s eye view. Participants were encouraged to describe the experience, or recall events which this activity brought to mind.

Afterwards, one Metchosin resident wrote: “My first impression was the dampness and the feeling that water was running through the earth beneath the lush grassy field ... and the immediate realization that living above ground is much warmer and preferable! ... I felt the urge to sing a song I had written many years ago, a prayer of sorts to the earth and sky. The next feeling which



“Talk dirty to me” meant something completely different at Will Gordon’s *Getting Into Earth* on April 24.



came over me was that of my ancestors who were clipper ship captains from the Baltic and how the element of water has been so much a part of my life ... a passion to be as close to water as I could.” Several others who had the courage to try also had memorable experiences. The second event was “Walking Silence – Homage to Hamish Fulton and John

Cage” on the grounds of Metchosin Art Centre (old Metchosin Elementary). The work was a riff on John Cage’s famous musical piece four minutes and thirty-three seconds, (normally written, 4’33,” during which the orchestra stays silent and the audience is left to focus on ambient sound; Victoria Symphony “played” this piece last fall). Will didn’t provide an orchestra, but instead had participants stroll without talking for four minutes and thirty-three seconds and then share their thoughts. Once again, this “weird” idea stimulated some powerful feelings and stories.

Future events will commemorate major figures such as Joseph Beuys, Marcel Duchamp, Constantin Brancusi, Yoko Ono and Felix Gonzalez-Torres. The complete list, notes on upcoming events, and contact information, can be found at <http://thehomageproject.ca/>.

Community House Knitting Café

LAURA FARQUHARSON

This drop-in program continues to be very popular, with the afternoon group attracting more participants, while the evening session has a smaller but loyal core of knitters. There is a great deal of mutual help within the groups, plus sharing of creative ideas and lots of appreciation when finished projects are shown. Some members, such as Doris Truscott, seen in an accompanying photograph, use their skills on behalf of good causes.

Our lone male participant, Barrett Fullerton, is a regular at the Café (and also a great help in setting and clearing up) and we are all very proud that as a beginner knitter he is now on to his third project. He completed two scarves. The first, in Harley Davidson colours, will be worn on his motor bike journeys, and his daughter, Meghan, is the delighted recipient of his second one. His new venture is a baby blanket for a great-niece. We haven’t got him to purl yet, but his garter stitch is first class!

In addition to all the laughter and chatter that goes on at each session, plus the clicking of busy knitting needles (and even some crochet hooks), we’ve also enjoyed some very creative and interesting speakers.

The first, Tea Scriven, is a one-woman rescue society for beautifully hand knit Aran sweaters which finish up lives in thrift stores. She carefully cuts out the intricate traditional patterns into squares or oblongs,

then crochets them together making unique and cosy blankets. But she doesn’t finish there. She then unravels the remaining parts of the sweater, makes the wool into skeins, dyes them in various flavours of Kool-Aid in the microwave and knits this now beautifully coloured wool into squares and makes more blankets. In addition, Tea makes and sells stuffed eye pads – popular for use in yoga and meditation classes. All this creative energy and skill has enabled Tea to donate some \$7,000 to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

In two successive sessions, we had speakers known respectively as the “Railway Knitting Lady”, Dela Wilkins, and the “Rag Lady”, Catherine Mick. In their retirement years, they are both employed by Via Rail, to sit in the dome car and to teach interested passengers a variety of yarn-associated crafts while all enjoy the scenic wonders of a cross-Canada journey.

Dela earns the “Railway Knitting” title not only for traveling on the train but because her speciality is Tunisian crochet, aka railway knitting, while Catherine cuts up the “rags” – discarded t-shirts, jeans, woolen garments, silk blouses, etc. - and makes the strips into yarns. Then, using her

skills of spinning, weaving and knitting, she works these recycled fabrics into fabulous garments such as jackets and skirts of her own design.

The Knitting Café, sponsored by the Metchosin Community Association and initiated by Wendy Mitchell, is open on the first and third Mondays of each month from 7-9 pm and the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 pm. All are welcome, including beginners.



Meaghan, wearing her father Barrett Fullerton’s second great piece.

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See you at The Metchosin Garden Club Spring Plant Sale Saturday, May 11, Mother's Day weekend!



More Events Planned for Metchosin Youth Following Success of Metchosin's Got Talent

GRANT SAWYER

The first ever "Metchosin's Got Talent" show was a fantastic night showcasing the many talents of our local youths. So the Youth Action Project is proud to announce that our communities will be able to look forward to another night of magic in the form of a talent show in the not too distant future.

The Youth Action Project (a sub-committee of the Metchosin Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee) is also looking forward to a number of other activities it would like to host — every thing from drop-in hockey nights, community soccer games and maybe even a live music night performed by local youth. We are also looking for ideas from the community on what different types of activities you might want to see available for the local youth.

A special thanks again to all those involved in the talent show, both performing and for those who volunteered their time and resources to help the night succeed, and many thanks to Pearson College for allowing us to host on their amazing campus. So please, if you have any questions about any upcoming events or activities, or any thoughts or ideas about fun local community oriented activities we might be able to help organize, please share them with us at metchosinsgottalent@hotmail.com.

HANS HELGESEN

Mad Science, Pennies and a Fair

JOANNIE CHALLENGER

What has been going on at Hans Helgesen School lately? Below are a few of the happenings from the past two months as well as an upcoming one:

Mad Science

Forty-two budding scientists, from kindergarten to grade six, have been taking part in the Mad Science program offered at the school. They've been meeting each Wednesday after school to explore "magic", or optical illusions, and the science behind them. Students have enjoyed the demonstrations, and are learning such skills as how to make objects "disappear". Another interesting endeavour was to make a ball, and discover what makes an object bounce. More fun activities continue throughout the month!

Pennies for Patients

Every year Hans Helgesen students join in the nation-wide campaign to raise money for blood cancers, and did so again this year. For three weeks students participated in fundraising activities such as Hat Day, Dress Up/Dress Down Day (up for the students, down for the staff) and "Guess the Baby". For the latter, students looked at baby pictures and guessed which teacher or other staff member was featured. Then there was the contest to become Principal for a Day, which was won by Mattais in Grade 3. On Pink Shirt Day, an anonymous person offered to donate money for each student who appeared in a pink shirt, this contribution added up to 100 dollars. And, as always, students collected pennies and other coins, which were put in bags and weighed. Ms Woods' class won the sundae party for the most money raised. The highlight of the event was when Brinks Security guards arrived to collect the money! In all, Hans Helgesen earned almost three thousand dollars for their efforts, currently the most money raised in Canada for Pennies for Patients this year. Great job, Hans Helgesen!

Spring Fair – May 9

The community is invited to come to Hans Helgesen's Spring Fair on May 9, from 5 – 8 pm. There will be the ever-popular barbecue and silent auction, along with many other fun events. Always an entertaining way to spend an evening!

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14th Juan de Fuca Beavers work on enhancing the Memorial Garden at the Municipal Hall

Scouttrees 2013

SCOUT SPENCER WILLOUGHBY

It was fun planting trees with beavers and cubs from other sections, and it will look very beautiful there in the future when we go back for a hike. We planted a lot of trees, probably more than eighty. The weather was nice and sunny for planting trees on Mount Douglas.

VENTURER SCOUT, BRIE WILLOUGHBY

It was a really great experience helping the younger scouts plant trees, it was character building and I can't wait to go back and see the trees after they are fully grown. It was cool to be restoring the environment around Mount Douglas Park.

Colony News!

TOBY VOSS

The 14th JDF Beaver Scouts have had a nice March break. Shortly after that, a couple of them along with their Keo (Cub) brothers got a tour of the Western Forest Products tree nursery and each got a chance to plant 140 cedar trees. It was pretty neat seeing the greenhouses which house over 150,000 seedlings each! In keeping with helping their community, they then worked on doing some spring cleaning and new planting in the Metchosin Memorial Garden (adjacent to the pavilion on the Municipal Grounds).

Some of the Beavers will soon be swimming up to join the Cubs, and that will leave lots of room for new Beaver Scouts. It is never too late to join the colony for lots of value based fun and games, so please contact the 14th JdF group if you are interested in joining. Open to youth five – seven years old, and we are always looking for adult helpers and leaders as well.

2013 Metchosin Services Auction - A Real Success

BETTY HILDRETH

It is with appreciation and gratitude that the Metchosin Community Association submits the following list of the local donors who contributed to our 2013 Services Auction. These are the generous community-minded business owners, home service providers, and artists who offered bargain-prices on their skills. These donations benefited both local residents who won the bids plus helping support the programs and facilities hosted by the Metchosin Community House. Over \$3000 was generated by the Services Auction.

This annual event is great fun for all. Participation starts out on-line (metchosincommunityhouse.com) for about three weeks and then culminates in the "Live Auction" held at the Metchosin Community House. This Live Auction finale includes exciting and edgy bidding encouraged by auctioneer-for-the-day, Laura Gramada.

The annual Metchosin Community Association's Services Auction is the brainchild of Board member, Marjorie Anderson, who has managed to orchestrate what has become a popular, well-organized, finely-tuned fundraiser.

Let's make a deal in early 2014 – you'll get more than you bargained for !!! The MCA is considering hosting the Silent Auction as an evening black-tie event – Metchosin-style. Stay tuned.

List of donors to the MCA 2013 Services Auction:

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- Mar 18 **Matheson Lake Park Road** - Medical - Shortness Of Breath
- Mar 19 **Olympic View Drive** - Brush/Grass - Smoke Smell / Sighting
- Duke Road** - Medical – Chest Pain
- Mar 20 **Arden Road** - Medical – Shortness Of Breath
- Mar 23 **Metchosin Road** - Open Burn - General
- Pedder Bay Drive** - Medical – Chest Pain
- Mar 26 **Happy Valley Road** - Assistance - General Public
- Mar 30 **Duke Road** - Medical – Chest Pain
- Apr 01 **Lombard Road** - Medical – Shortness Of Breath
- Duke Road** - Open Burn - General
- Apr 02 **Witty Beach Road** - Medical - Collapse
- Apr 03 **Sooke Road** - Medical – Stroke
- Apr 04 **Sutiacum Road** - Medical – Shortness Of Breath
- Apr 07 **Albert Head Road** - Assistance - General Public:
- William Head Road** - Medical – Respiratory Arrest
- Apr 09 **Rocky Point Road** - Haz Mat - Natural Gas
- Sutiacum Road** - Medical – Shortness Of Breath
- William Head Road** - Medical – Trauma
- Apr 10 **Sutiacum Road** - Medical – Shortness Of Breath
- Sutiacum Road** - Medical – Chest Pain
- Apr 11 **Aquarius Road** - Open Burn
- Apr 14 **Metchosin Area** - Brush/Grass - Smoke Smell / Sighting

RCMP Call-Outs MAR 15 – APR 15, 2013

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- Mar 15 **William Head Road** – Complaint of suspicious male, patrols failed to locate the suspect.
Happy Valley Road – Complaint of theft of bike.
Happy Valley Road area – Complaint of person with mental health issues.
Metchosin Road area – Complaint of person possibly in possession of stolen property, investigation continuing.
- Mar 16 **Taylor Road** - Complaint of theft from vehicle, window broken, several items stolen.
- Mar 17 **Glen Forest Way** – Complaint of loud party, homeowner warned.
William Head Road area – Complaint of domestic dispute.
- Mar 18 **Glen Forest Way area** – Complaint of stolen vehicle.
Challister Court – Complaint of loud noise.
- Mar 19 **Duke Road** – Assistance provided to ambulance service on possible overdose victim.
- Mar 20 **Kangaroo Road** – Complaint of domestic dispute.
- Mar 21 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of domestic/child custody dispute with threats, still under investigation.
William Head Road – Complaint of possible fraud.
Hi Mount Drive – Complaint of gun shots heard, patrols failed to locate anything.
- Mar 22 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of possible problem on transit bus, unfounded.
Rocky Point Road – Complaint to check on well being of a person, found to be alright.
Rocky Point Road – Complaint of speeding vehicle in school zone, registered owner given warning.
Metchosin Road – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night.
- Mar 23 **Metchosin Road** – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night.
Wootton Road – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night.
William Head Road – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night.
Lomax Road – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night – window of vehicle broken.
Metchosin Road – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night.
Tiswilde Road – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night.
Parry X Road – Complaint of possible theft of purse, found to be civil matter.
- Mar 24 **William Head Road** – Complaint of theft from vehicle during the night.
Liberty Drive – Complaint of vehicles being driven erratically.
- Mar 25 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of criminal harassment. One person warned.
- Mar 26 **Metchosin Road** – Complaint of injured person. One person taken to hospital.
Metchosin Road – Complaint of elderly disorientated person, located and taken to a family member.
- Mar 27 **Taylor Road** – Complaint of suspicious male in vehicle.
- Mar 28 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of possible impaired driver, patrols failed to locate vehicle.
- Mar 29 **Duke Road** – Complaint of intoxicated female on road, patrols failed to locate her.
Rocky Point Road area – Complaint of possible threats being made.
- Mar 30 **Kangaroo Road** – Complaint of loud party, one person warned.
- Mar 31 **Rocky Point Road** – Complaint of single vehicle accident, no injuries, vehicle damaged.
Badger Place – Complaint of mischief to private property.
- Apr 01 **Metchosin Road area** – Complaint of landlord/tenant dispute.
Kangaroo Road – Complaint of lost property.
- Apr 02 **Metchosin Road** – Complaint of a deer hit by a vehicle.
- Apr 03 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of possible impaired driver, patrols failed to locate vehicle.
- Apr 06 **Happy Valley Road** – Complaint of domestic dispute involving restraining order.
Sooke Road – Single vehicle accident, no injuries, driver tried to avoid hitting a deer.
- Apr 08 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of suspicious phone calls.
- Apr 09 **Ferncliffe Road** – Complaint of lost/stolen licence plate.
- Apr 11 **Sooke Road** – Complaint of an erratic driver, patrols failed to locate vehicle.
- Apr 13 **Liberty Drive** – Complaint of persons trespassing on private property.
Arden Road – Complaint of loud noise, people on quads, patrols made.
- Apr 14 **Glen Forest Way** – Complaint of people on bikes causing a hazard for vehicles.
Glen Forest Way area – Complaint of loud noise.
- Apr 15 **Arden Road** – Complaint of dogs barking.
Kangaroo Road – Complaint of break, enter and theft to house under construction, several tools stolen.
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WEST SHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor: Dr. Harold McNabb.
Sunday service 250-474-0452.

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EVENTS

Sixth Annual Emergency Fair and Display

Local municipal emergency programs, emergency support services and fire departments are sponsoring the Sixth Annual Emergency Fair and Display at the Juan de Fuca Seniors Centre on Sunday, May 5th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This will be an opportunity to meet your local emergency responders and learn more about emergency preparedness and safety.

- Learn the latest information on earthquakes and tsunamis.
- Learn the major risks for your area.
- Learn how to better prepare yourself and your family for those events.
- Meet Emergency Support Teams (ESS) that will provide assistance to you in the event of an evacuation.

Juan de Fuca Seniors Centre, 1767 Island Highway (by the hockey rink entrance)

Metchosin Garden Club

Annual Spring Plant Sale and Tea
Saturday, May 11, 2013 10 am to 2:30 pm (Mother's Day weekend!)

St. Mary's Anglican Church, 4125 Metchosin Road

Fired UP! Contemporary Works in Clay Presents Salt of the Earth, "Vessels for Tasteful Living" Exhibition and Sale

Metchosin Community Hall, May 24-26, 2013

St. Mary's Church is having a six night series of talks/exploration of various forms and traditions of Christian prayer. The community is invited to these free drop-in events. They are Mondays starting at 7:00 pm in the new Saint Mary's church on Metchosin Road beginning May 6, ending June 10. There will be guest leaders from conventional, more mystical, and contemplative traditions. The first will be an overview and history of the variety of forms of worship. Phone the church at 250-474-4119, for more information.

The family of **Audrey Jenkins** would like to invite you to help celebrate Audrey's 90th birthday - Sunday, June 9, 2013 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the Metchosin Community House.



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Monday to Friday - 6:30 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday - 8:00 am to 9:30 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

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Tuesday, May 14 is the date of our Provincial Election.

Polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm.

Mark your calendar, get informed on the issues, and VOTE!

If you are going to be away on May 14, contact the District Electoral Officer, Val Kowalko (250-391-2820) for information on Advance Polls, Absentee Voting and Alternative Absentee Voting. For democracy to work, it requires an informed electorate that participates!



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